

WHAT ABOUT DRUGS?

This question causes more parents to lose sleep than any other concern. In this day and age, no one can guarantee that they have a "drug-free" environment. We feel, however, that drug and substance abuse, including smoking, is minimal in our middle schools. We are quite aggressive in addressing this problem. We supervise and monitor our classrooms, corridors, and restrooms. Students are provided with many opportunities to become involved in school clubs, sports and other positive activities. If we find a problem, we inform the parents and the authorities and work together to resolve the situation.

STUDENT RECORDS

We invite you to review your son or daughter's official school file at any time if you have questions about what is contained therein. Generally speaking, the official student records file includes attendance data for each year, grades and other achievement information, standardized test score results, and medical information such as inoculations, immunizations, vision, dental and hearing screening profiles.

STUDENT SALES

Students may not sell any items at school unless they are for a school-sponsored fundraiser. Door-to-door sales are prohibited by District Policy.

LOST AND FOUND

Textbooks and personal articles found in the building should be taken to the counseling office. If a student loses books or personal articles, he should check at the counseling office.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Public Health Laws and School Code of the State of Michigan require that all students be immunized for Polio, D.P.T., Measles, Rubella, and Mumps. Unfortunately, we must exclude any student from attending school if he or she does not comply with these requirements. As of January 2001, all new enrolling students must also be immunized for Hepatitis B. To enter school in the Fall of 2002, 6th grade students and students new to the district, must also be immunized for Chickenpox, or verify that the student has had the Chickenpox. The Macomb County Health Department can answer any questions you may have regarding immunization requirements or procedures, or you can contact our school office.

INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

While mumps, chicken pox and other childhood diseases don't concern most of us as much as they once did, they can be deadly serious business to some of our students who have little or no resistance to them. If your son or daughter comes down with such a disease, please call us as soon as possible. We, in turn, will contact the parents of any students with special needs.

A second cause for concern lies in our ability to deal with some of the nuisance diseases, such as scabies or head lice. It is no shame to contract these diseases. They need to be dealt with in a speedy and efficient manner. Here, too, we can be of assistance, but you must let us know as soon as possible. We rely on the Macomb County Health Department for assistance in our student health program.

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AUGUST 2009						

TEXTBOOK DEPOSIT

Due to the high cost of textbook replacement, it is necessary to charge each student a deposit of \$40.00 prior to issuing any textbooks. Students are obviously expected to use textbooks and are not charged for normal wear. However, when books are abused, a fine will be assessed against the deposit. Students who have lost a textbook must pay for the book before another book will be issued.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

L'Anse Creuse Board of Education Student Residency Policy requires that the legal guardian of a student, be it the natural parent or a court-assigned custodial situation, reside in the L'Anse Creuse School District. Further information regarding this policy may be obtained from the administration at the middle school.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The first concern of all those involved with the transportation of students is the safety of each and every passenger. Students should be aware that the L'Anse Creuse School District provides them with the privilege of being transported to and from school. Students who ride buses are to obey their bus driver and observe all regulations. Violation of bus regulations may result in the suspension of bus privileges and the loss of the student bus pass.



INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students representing our middle schools in interscholastic sport and team activities are required to maintain high academic and citizenship standards. These standards should be evident both on the venue of athletic competition and daily throughout the school day/year.

To this end, the following requirements have been established to insure the #1 priority of education and the importance of extracurricular activities.

Fall sport eligibility (football, girls' basketball) will be determined by the June (prior school year) report card. Winter sport eligibility (boys' basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball) will be determined by the first marking period report card. Spring sport eligibility (track) will be determined by the third marking period report card.

Students are expected to maintain acceptable 'grade' and 'citizenship' levels throughout their sport season. Failure to do so may result in loss of playing time or removal from a team. Each school will post their Athletic Eligibility Requirements.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, our district adopted new athletic eligibility requirements. Please review the Athletic Handbook for this information.

IMPORTANT: All students intending to try out for a sports team **MUST** have a physical completed and on file prior to the activity.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Eagle Day 10:00—3:00 and 4:30—6:30	2 GBB Open Gym MSE 3-5 p.m.	3 GBB Open Gym MSE 3-5 p.m.	4	5
FOOTBALL CONDITIONING BEGINS						
6	7	8 School opens	9 2:05 Dismissal	10 8th grade GBB Tryouts Parent Open House 6:30 p.m. Football Parent Meeting 8:00 p.m.	11 Green and White Day!	12
13	14	15	16 2:05 Dismissal P.A.T.H.S. Meeting And Annual Report 7:00 p.m.—MSE	17 Instrument Night MSE 6-8 p.m. GBB Parent Mtg 5:00 p.m.—MSE	18	19
20	21	22 Football Scrim- mage v. Fraser Home	23 2:05 Dismissal Student Council Elections Today!	24 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m.	25 Eagle Walk! Wear Green and White!	26
27	28 GBB v. AB North Home 3:30 p.m.	29 FB @ Romeo 3:30 p.m.	30 2:05 Dismissal			
SEPTEMBER 2009						

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Good attendance is a very important aspect of each student's education and has many carry-over implications for later life. For this reason, it is extremely important that students strive to be in school and on time for all classes.

MICHIGAN SCHOOL LAW requires that all students between the ages of 6 to 16 attend school on a regular and consecutive basis. Regular and consecutive has been defined by the court as meaning everyday, on time, unless excused for medical reasons acceptable to the school. Macomb County Juvenile Attendance Office considers 10 absences in a year to be excessive.

If a student must be absent from school, the parent should call the attendance office before 9:00 a.m. to report the absence for the day. If a phone call is not possible, the student should present a note explaining the absence on the day of their return to school. We prefer, for the safety of our students, however, that parents utilize the telephone call-in procedure.

If parents find it necessary to take students out of school for an extended period of time, a "Request for Leave of Absence" form should be picked up at the attendance office and properly completed by parents and teachers at least two days before the leave is to begin.

DISCIPLINE

Our disciplinary school policies at L'Anse Creuse Middle Schools are designed to protect the learning environment and help keep our schools safe for students and staff.

Discipline policies and sanctions are listed in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. As part of the due process accorded each student and parent, a copy of the L'Anse Creuse Code of Conduct will be given to you.

ZERO TOLERANCE

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools has a Zero Tolerance Policy for:

- ◆ Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or weapons
- ◆ Physical or verbal assault
- ◆ Bomb threats

Students who violate this policy will be suspended/expelled from school and the police authorities will be involved. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct.

DETENTION

Detention is the assignment of an additional period before or after the regular school day. Primarily, students are assigned to detention to make up class time lost as a result of truancy or excessive tardiness. Failure to serve detention can result in suspension.

NUISANCE ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Laser pens/pointers, pagers, CD, MP3, tape players, cell phones or similar articles are too often disruptive to the learning process and thus, are not permitted in class. Violation will result in the confiscation of the item and notification of the parent who will be asked to pick it up at the school.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER 2009				1 GBB @ AB South 3:30 p.m. Pastries with Parents 7:30 a.m. Auditeria	2 School Party 3:05 -4:30 p.m.	3
4	5 GBB v. New Haven Home—3:30 p.m.	6 FB v. MSC Home—3:30 p.m.	7 2:05 Dismissal	8 GBB v. MSC Home—3:30 p.m.	9	10
11	12 GBB @ MSS 3:30 p.m.	13 FB v. Iroquois Home—3:30 p.m. Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m. Adv. Band performs at FB Game	14 2:05 Dismissal P.A.T.H.S Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m. GBB v. MSN Home—3:30 p.m.	16	17
18	19 GBB @ Romeo 3:30 p.m.	20 FB @ MSS 3:30 p.m.	21 2:05 Dismissal	22 GBB v. Powell Home—3:30 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27 FB v. Powell Home—3:30 p.m. Beginning Band Concert MSE—7:30 p.m.	28 2:05 Dismissal	29 GBB v. Iroquois Home—3:30 p.m. Int./Advanced Band Concert MSE—7:30 p.m.	30 11:20 Dismissal Records Day for Teachers	31

STUDENT RETENTION OR FAILURE

Unfortunately some students fail to achieve at an acceptable academic level and as a result, must face failure and/or retention. Grades of D or F are considered unacceptable. Teachers are required to communicate with the parent(s) of any student who is doing unacceptable work. In addition, formal written notice of unacceptable student achievement will be provided to the parent by the school administration at the end of each marking period. The final decision as to student retention or promotion will be made by the building administrator at the end of the final marking period. Parents are urged to stay in close communication with the student's teacher in the event that a failure notice is received.

DRESS

The way we dress often determines the way we behave. We expect parents to monitor the attire their children wear to school as to its appropriateness for their task of learning. Skirt hemlines should ensure that the student retains an acceptable modesty. Any student dressing in such a way as to be a disturbing influence upon the normal operation of the school, or dressing in a manner that creates a safety or health hazard for him or herself, other students or any school employee will not be admitted to the class. Students will be sent home for inappropriate apparel.

The following are some examples of clothing that will not be allowed:

- ◆ Spaghetti strap tops
- ◆ Tank tops
- ◆ Tops that expose any area of the midriff. If the top cannot be tucked in, it should not be worn to school.
- ◆ See through blouses and beach apparel
- ◆ Pajama Bottoms
- ◆ Hats or bandanas
- ◆ Sagging pants
- ◆ Shorts or skirts shorter than mid-thigh
- ◆ Inappropriately low-cut or skin-tight tops
- ◆ Chains hanging from pants
- ◆ Shirts with inappropriate logos or messages

STUDENT ILLNESS AND/OR ACCIDENTS

When students become ill during the school day, we make every attempt possible to locate the parent and request that they take the student home. We do not have the facilities or training required to handle the vast range of student illnesses and/or injuries, which may occur. Because of this, we feel that it is essential that each parent fill out the emergency care card as completely as possible. In an extreme emergency, which requires hospital treatment, we call 911 for ambulance service and transport to the hospital designated on the emergency care card.

DISTRICT MEDICATION POLICY

No medication of any type may be administered to a student unless an approved medication form has been completed by the parent or guardian and is on file in the school office. All approved medication will be stored in the school office and administered from there.

LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a locker. The student is responsible for the condition of his locker. Please keep it clean and organized.


- It is the student's responsibility to keep his locker locked.
- Do not leave valuables in the locker.
- Do not share lockers or locker combinations with friends.
- No stickers or tape. Please use magnets to adhere pictures, etc.

The school maintains the right to search student lockers under reasonable suspicion.

Students are required to clean out all gym lockers at the end of each week of school. Items left in gym lockers over the weekend may be discarded.

RELEASING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

Students may be released to their parents' custody during the school day. Parents must sign the student out on the release list located in the counseling office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 GBB @ MSC 3:30 p.m. 7th FB-Home vs. MSN 3:30 p.m. 8th FB @ HSN 6:00 p.m.	3 No School for Students	4 2:05 Dismissal	5 GBB v. MSS Home—3:30 Football Banquet 6:00 p.m.—MSE	6 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m. End of 1st marking period	7
8	9 GBB v. MSN 7th grade—3:30 p.m. @ MSN 8th grade—6:00 p.m. @ HSN	10 Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m.	11 Veterans Day Celebration! 2:05 Dismissal	12 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m.	13	14
BOYS BASKETBALL BEGINS						
15 	16	17	18 2:05 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00—8:00 p.m.	19 11:20 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m. 5:00-8:00 p.m.	20 No School	21
22	23 Boy's Basketball Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m.	24	SCHOOL CLOSED THANKSGIVING RECESS			28
29	30 School reopens		NOVEMBER 2009			

BREAKFAST AND STUDENT LUNCH PROGRAM

Breakfast is offered to middle school students daily. Students should report to the cafeteria.

The middle school student lunch program is designed to offer students greater variety and larger portions than are available in the elementary programs. The "Type A" hot lunch consists of a main dish (meat/meat alternative), two fruits or vegetables, one bread serving and milk. The hot lunch provides one third (1/3) of the student's daily caloric and nutritional requirements.

An ala carte selection, consisting of popular food items, may be purchased in addition to the hot lunch or to supplement lunches brought from home.

Under the National School Lunch Program, free and reduced priced breakfasts and lunches are available for children whose families are eligible under the published criteria. Applications are available at the school office.

Please be sure to take advantage of the very convenient way of depositing and viewing your student's lunch account activity by visiting www.lunchdeposit.com.

Listed below are sample menus offered in the middle school:

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| Chicken Nuggets | Pizza | Hamburger |
| Green Beans | Salad | French Fries |
| Sliced Peaches | Pears | Salad |
| Milk | Mixed Fruit | Milk |
| | Milk | |

PARENTS AND TEACHERS HELPING STUDENTS

The partnership between parent and educator is both critical and essential if children are to succeed in school. Each L'Anse Creuse Middle School has a parent group which works with the building administrators and staff to improve programs.

Join MSE parents at our P.A.T.H.S meetings! Meeting dates are listed on the calendar.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in school. Population Committee, Superintendent's Parent Advisory, fundraisers, T-shirt sales, chaperones for parties and field trips are just a few of the opportunities to become involved.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The Middle School Guidance and Counseling Program is based on the assumption that middle school is really a bridge between elementary and secondary school. It's a transitional stage in which the students are undergoing physical, emotional, social and psychological development. With this in mind, the guidance and counseling staff have a program, which we feel, will meet the needs of the middle school student.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS

Parents requesting homework for s student must provide at least 24 hours notice so teachers have time to prepare the needed materials.

Parents can contact the counseling office to request homework for an absent student. Please limit requests for absences of at least three school days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DECEMBER 2009			2 2:05 Dismissal	3	4 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m.	5
		Chesterfield Good fellow Fundraiser - During Lunchtimes				
6	7 BBB @ AB North 3:30 p.m.	8	9 2:05 Dismissal	10 BBB v. AB South Home—3:30 p.m.	11 School Party 3:05—4:30 p.m. All Bands! Winter Concert JAPAC 7:30 p.m.	12
13	14 BBB v. New Haven Home—3.:30 p.m.	15	16 2:05 Dismissal	17 BBB @ MSC 3:30 p.m. All bands perform for grade levels during school!	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS						
27	28	29	30	31		
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS						

HOMWORK

Get your child in the “homework habit”. Homework is a valuable part of the student’s instructional program and is the bridge between school and home.

You can expect that your child will have homework every night. These assignments provide opportunities for students to reinforce skills learned in the classroom, accept responsibility, develop good study habits, learn time management skills in planning and meeting deadlines, learn to use resources outside of school, and share information with parents about what has been learned.

Each middle school student is required to use a student AGENDA, which is provided by the school. Daily completion of the Agenda helps students to become more organized and turn work in on time. It also helps keep parents informed about daily assignments.

How can you help as a parent?

1. Check your child’s Agenda each night. Talk about school.
2. Set side a specific time for study. This is one of the most effective strategies for homework completion.
3. Talk to your child about assignments and projects. Help them plan their time.
4. Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework.
5. Assure that homework is complete and done neatly.
6. Help your child learn how to find information from a variety of sources.
7. Follow up. Was the homework turned in?
8. Contact your child’s teachers with questions or concerns.

Your child will benefit from your involvement and support.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The student activities program for middle school is designed to meet the special needs of the “emerging adolescent”. The activities change from year to year and school to school as the interests of the students and staff members vary. All activities are open to all students unless otherwise noted.

POSSIBLE CLUB OFFERINGS

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| Art | Cheerleading (gr. 7 & 8) |
| Bowling | Science Olympiad |
| Communication | Ski Club |
| Computer | Student Council |
| Drama | Science Club |
| Lego | Yearbook |
| Math Olympiad | |
| National Junior Honor Society (gr. 7 & 8) | |

POSSIBLE INTRAMURAL OFFERINGS

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| Basketball | Volleyball |
| Floor Hockey | Cross-Country |

INTERSCHOLASTIC OFFERINGS (7th & 8th grade only)

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| Football | Volleyball |
| Girls’ Basketball | Track |
| Boys’ Basketball | |

Students who participate in interscholastic athletics **MUST** successfully pass a physical examination administered by a physician prior to participating in the sport.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY 2010				SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS		
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3	4 School reopens VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS	5 BBB v. MSS Home—3:30 p.m.	6 2:05 Dismissal	7 BBB @ MSN 3:30 p.m.	8 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m.	9
10	11 BBB v. Romeo Home—3:30 Choir Concert JAPAC 7:00 p.m.	12 Student Council <u>Officers Mtg.</u> 7:25 a.m.	13 2:05 Dismissal P.A.T.H.S .Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m. BBB @ Powell 3:30 p.m.	15	16
17	18 No School for Students	19 Solo and Ensemble Festival 6:00 p.m. - MSE	20 2:05 Dismissal	21 BBB @ Iroquois 3:30 p.m.	22 No school for students End of 2nd marking period Teacher Records Day	23
24 31	25 BBB v. MSC Home—3:30 p.m.	26 GVB Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m.	27 2:05 Dismissal	28 BBB @ MSS 3:30 p.m.	29	30 Solo and Ensemble Festival 8:00-5:00 p.m.—Away

STUDENT GRADING AND MARKING POLICY

Classes are evaluated within an A, B, C, D, or F grading scale, with plus or minus divisions of these grades applied also. In special circumstances, a grade of "I" will be given to indicate that information was incomplete at the time the grade was awarded. Quite often this is done when a student is ill for an extended period of time.

Exploratory classes may be marked "credit" or "no-credit"; however, the teacher may exercise the option to apply a letter grade to either an individual or an entire class. Five-week exploratory classes will receive a "credit" or "no-credit".

GRADE POINT AVERAGING

A+= 4.00	A = 4.00	A- = 3.67
B+ = 3.33	B = 3.00	B- = 2.67
C+ = 2.33	C = 2.00	C- = 1.67
D+ = 1.33	D = 1.00	D- = .67

Grade point averages are computed on the following basis:
The cumulative score for each student is divided by the number of graded classes.

HONOR ROLL

The honor roll is computed and published every ten weeks and is based on all classes in which a letter grade is given. The student must attain a 3.00 (B average) to qualify for the honor roll each ten weeks.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society is composed of those eighth grade students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service during their careers at middle school.

Students are eligible for membership consideration during the second semester of their seventh grade year. Eligible candidates are then evaluated by the teaching staff in terms of their contributions to our school. The seventh grade students, who qualify, are inducted into the Society during a banquet each spring.

Eighth grade students, who did not qualify in their seventh grade year, are re-evaluated in their eighth grade year after the first semester. If they qualify at that time, they are asked to join in March.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

The Celebration of Excellence is designed to recognize the outstanding academic performance of the middle school students in L'Anse Creuse. Each spring, the top students in each grade, with a 3.7 GPA or higher, are honored at a "Celebration of Excellence". Students are selected based on their cumulative grade point average from the first three marking periods of the school year. We look forward to celebrating the academic achievements of our outstanding middle school scholars



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BBB v. MSN 7th grade—Home 3:30 p.m. 8th grade @ HSN 6:30 p.m.	2	3 2:05 Dismissal	4	5 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m.	6
7	8	9 GVB v. AB North Home—3:30 p.m.	10 2:05 Dismissal GVB - Home vs. AB South 3:30 p.m.	11 Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m.	12 School Closed	13
14	15 School Closed	16 School reopens GVB v. New Haven Home—3:30 p.m.	17 2:05 Dismissal	18 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m. GVB v. MSC Home—3:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 GVB @ MSS 3:30 p.m.	24 2:05 Dismissal	25 GVB v. MSN Home—3:30 p.m. Beg. / Int. Band Concert MSE—7:30 p.m.	26	27
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FEBRUARY 2010

L'ANSE CREUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

The Board of Education, Central Administration, and the middle school staff recognize the unique characteristics and needs of middle school students as learners. Our mission is to work cooperatively with parents and the community to provide a quality and equitable education, where each student will grow intellectually, physically, and socially in a safe, positive environment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VISION

1. Students and staff are part of an educational team.
2. Increased exploratory opportunities for students.
3. The core curriculum is language arts, science, math, social studies. Reading and writing are taught across the curriculum.
4. Teachers integrate technology and instruction.
5. Differentiated instruction – meeting the needs of all learners.
6. Thematic and integrated instruction
7. Integrated health and physical education required for all students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL—EAST MISSION STATEMENT
 “Education Today for Opportunities Tommorrow!”

CURRICULUM

REQUIRED COURSES

- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Social Studies
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Language Arts
- ◆ Reading Across the Curriculum

EXPLORATORY COURSES

- ◆ 2-D Art
- ◆ 3-D Art
- ◆ Computers
- ◆ Technology Education
- ◆ Physical Education *
- ◆ Instrumental Music
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Health *

* All students are required to take health and physical education each year.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Talent Show</div>	2 GVB @ Romeo 3:30 p.m. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Auditions!</div>	3 2:05 Dismissal	4 GVB v. Powell Home—3:30 p.m.	5 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m. School Party 3:05—4:30 p.m.	6
7	8	9	10 2:05 Dismissal P.A.T.H.S Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11 11:20 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m. 5:00-8:00 p.m.	12 11:20 Dismissal	13
14	15 Advanced Band Concert JAPAC 7:30 p.m.	16 Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m. GVB @ MSC 3:30 p.m.	17 2:05 Dismissal	18 Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m. GVB v. MSS Home—3:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 GVB @ MSN 7th—3:30 p.m. 8th—6:30 p.m @ HSN	24 2:05 Dismissal	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m. Talent Show MSE—7:00 p.m.	MARCH 2010		
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">TRACK PRACTICE BEGINS</div>						

HISTORICAL REVIEW

MIDDLE SCHOOL-SOUTH

The opening of Middle School-South on September 3, 1975, was the culmination of eight years of intensive planning by the L'Anse Creuse parents and educators toward the implementation of the middle school philosophy in our school district. A teaching staff of 36, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas G. Scullen, welcomed 666 students to their new school on that day.

Prior to the current administrators, Dr. Richard Benedict and Gregory Dixon, MS-S has had Dr. Thomas G. Scullen, John R. Armstrong, Arnold A. Kummerow, Ron Johnson and Patrick Mulcahy as principals.

During its years of operation, MS-S has truly become a facility which is utilized by all segments of our community day and night.

Middle School-South is well respected by the State Department of Education as a result of its many innovative approaches to providing a quality educational program for its children. The exciting and innovative co-teaching model by which special education and general education students and staff are integrated was started at MS-S in 1987. This unique program is of great interest around the state and nation and is the cause for many school visitations by interested educators. MS-S staff member, Charlene Pike, was runner-up in 1986-87 for State Teacher of the Year honors.

During the 1997-98 school year, MS-S was proud to be recognized as a Michigan Exemplary School and a National Blue Ribbon School. In 1995, we became an accredited member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1999 MS-S completed the NCA process and became fully accredited.

For the 2001-02 School year Mr. Dixon was appointed Principal after Dr. Benedict resigned to take a University position

MIDDLE SCHOOL-EAST

The newest middle school in the district is Middle School-East. It opened its doors on August 28, 2000 with a student population of approximately 620 and 40 staff members. Mr. Erick Alsup was appointed to the position of principal and began his responsibilities in January of 2000. Mr. James Hansinger was the first Middle School-East associate principal. Mr. Alsup retired in 2007. Mr. Michael Van Camp was appointed to take his place.

Middle School-East is a State-of-the-Art facility, which allows the staff, students, and community to experience a variety of learning experiences and activities. In March 2002, Middle School-East hosted the Michigan Association of Middle School Administrators (MAMSE) State Conference.

Over the past few years, Middle School—East have experienced many wonderful moments, including: steadily rising MEAP scores, Grade A on Ed. Yes report card, undefeated athletic teams, excellent parent participation rates, and is continually a show place for other districts planning to build a new middle school facility.

Middle School—is currently home to approximately 810 students and over 70 staff members including teachers, secretaries, custodians, food service workers, and other support staff.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL 2010				1 11:20 Dismissal Student Pancake Breakfast End of 3rd marking period	2 School Closed	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCHOOL CLOSED—SPRING BREAK						
11	12 School reopens	13 Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m.	14 P.A.T.H.S Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Student Council Mtg. 7:25 a.m.	16	17
18	19	20	21 2:05 Dismissal	22	23	24
25	26	27 NJHS Induction Ceremony MSE—7:00 p.m.	28 2:05 Dismissal	29	30	1

HISTORICAL REVIEW

MIDDLE SCHOOL-CENTRAL

Middle School-Central is the oldest of the four L'Anse Creuse middle schools, first opening its doors in the fall of 1958. A staff of approximately 40 and a student body of over 500 immediately began establishing a quality educational program and some rich traditions under the guidance of Mr. Edward Smith, the building's first principal. Other principals who served in the building were Dr. Robert Lutz, Mr. Bueford Rickman, Mr. Robert MacElliott, Dr. Tom Scullen, Mr. Ron Johnson, Mr. Gary Galatioto, and Dr. Marna Beard. In the fall of 1994, Patricia Rabenburg was named principal.

MS-C enjoyed a rich history of academic and athletic successes during the first 25 years of the building's existence. The professional staff made the change from a junior high structure to the middle school concept at a very early stage. Their efforts were rewarded in 1977 when MS-C served as a demonstration school for the Michigan Middle School Educators (MAMSE) Annual Convention.

Declining enrollments in the district forced the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education to close MS-C at the end of the school year in 1983. Sadly, this was the 25th anniversary for the building. The Board leased the building to the Catholic Diocese. After a period of seven years, the District reacquired the building and, because of rising enrollments, reopened MS-C in the fall of 1990. Dr. Beard and Mr. Galatioto were named co-principals. During the 1993-94 school year, MS-C was recognized as both a Michigan Exemplary School and a National Blue Ribbon School. In 1995 we became a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In the 1999-2000 school year, MS-C completed the NCA outcomes accreditation process and was fully accredited.

MIDDLE SCHOOL-NORTH

Middle School-North first opened its doors in September of 1966 with a teaching staff of 22 and a student body of 424. MS-N is the oldest middle school in continuous service to the L'Anse Creuse district! Mr. Bueford Rickman, MS-N's first principal, helped the staff and students establish high standards in all areas of the instructional program.

Dr. Roy Cloud followed Mr. Rickman as the MS-N principal and during the seven years he served in that capacity, established very positive, close-knit ties between the school and its community. At the end of the 1993-94 school year the third principal of Middle School-North, James Dooley, retired after serving in that position for 20 years. MS-N thrived under Mr. Dooley's leadership. In the spring of 1994, Mr. Erick Alsup was named principal. In the 1999-2000 school year MS-N was selected as a Michigan and National Blue Ribbon School. In January of 2000 Mr. John DaVia was appointed principal to MS-N.

Middle School-North has truly been a leader in educational efforts on a district, county, and state level. The school was selected as one of Michigan's 10 exemplary middle schools in 1989-1990. Other significant events or experiences, which have involved the school, include its participation as a demonstration school in the 1977 MAMSE State Conference and its selection as one of 25 Michigan elementary and middle schools to pilot the Michigan Department of Education MAPS program in 1986-1987. Mr. Mel Miller, a MS-N social studies teacher was selected as the 1981 Michigan Teacher of the Year and was the first runner-up for National Teacher of the Year honors that year. MS-N also completed the NCA accreditation cycle and was fully accredited in the 1999-2000 school year. That same year, MS-N earned recognition as a Michigan Exemplary School and a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. On March 24, 2000, MS-N hosted the Vice President of the United States, Mr. Albert Gore, as a guest for the day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Track @ New Haven—3:30 p.m.	4	5 2:05 Dismissal Track @ MSC 3:30 p.m.	6	7 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m. School Party 3:05—4:30 p.m.	8
9	10 Track v. Iroquois Home @ 3:30 p.m.	11 Student Council Officers Mtg. 7:25 a.m.	12 2:05 Dismissal Track v. MSS Home @ 3:30 p.m.	13 Celebration of Excellence! MSE—7:00 p.m. Student Council Meeting 7:25 a.m.	14	15
16	17 Track @ Romeo 3:30 p.m.	18 Spring Band Concert JAPAC-7:00 p.m.	19 2:05 Dismissal Track @ Seneca 3:30 p.m. 6th Grade Choir Concert-MSE 7:00 p.m.	20 7/8th Grade Choir Concert MSE—7:00 p.m.	21	22 Cedar Point Trip for 8th grade Band members!
23	24 Track v. Algonquin Home @ 3:30 p.m.	25 All Bands perform for grade levels during school	26 2:05 Dismissal Track v. MSN Home @ 3:30 p.m.	27 8th Grade C.J. Barrymore's/ Dance	28 School Closed	29
30	31 School Closed					

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“IT MUST BE A PHASE THEY’RE GOING THROUGH”

We know you have uttered these words at some time if you have a middle school-aged son or daughter. For many youngsters, this is the “make it or break it” time in their lives. Our Middle School Handbook would not be complete without a few words in general about these pre-adolescent years. Without getting too heavy, let’s look at some of the things your son or daughter needs to accomplish before leaving the middle school. He or she needs to:

- ◆ Learn to get along with classmates.
 - ◆ Learn an appropriate and comfortable masculine or feminine role.
 - ◆ Continue to develop intellectual skills.
 - ◆ Become a more independent individual.
 - ◆ Assume a greater responsibility for his or her actions and behavior.
 - ◆ Explore possible career choices and give thought to the question, what could I make the future hold for me?
 - ◆ Identify personal values and understand their importance.
- The family, the school, and the youngster’s friends will hopefully all help each student in his job of “getting his act together” and becoming a young adult.

Let’s look at the situation for a moment. Your pre-teenager is either on or ready to get on a big roller coaster of change. The three years of middle school will see great physical changes as each boy or girl runs smack dab into puberty and his or her body goes through some great physical changes.

At the same time, you’ll notice strong emotional feelings, new moods, new interests and new desires. One day he or she is a child, the next day a responsible adult, the next day a child again. Some days these pre-teens like themselves; some days they are convinced that they’re awful and no one likes them and they don’t even like themselves.

Friends become all important and parents are sometimes pushed away. As an adult, you will be expected to accept this “new” person. At the same time, you must remain the stable core of the family and you must not be too nose-y or pushy. You must accept all kinds of complaints when you inevitably fail to be the perfect mother and father. Quite often, your son or daughter will turn to friends for the support and understanding, which you gave previously. The old personality of the child dissolves and a new and more unique adult-like personality begins to emerge. This is a time of natural conflict between parent and child. Compromise becomes the key to keeping the lines of love open. Things do get better. You may find your child becoming more understanding and tolerant. Interest in the opposite sex may answer some of the battles over personal hygiene and grooming. Success breeds success and pre-teens are quite apt to work a little harder or cooperate a little more if they can see the benefits of doing so.

Patricia Rabenburg
Michael Van Camp
Greg Dixon
John Da Via

Kirk Carolan
Angela Szczepanski
Paul Lasala
Mark Brown

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		1 School reopens High School North Graduation	2 2:05 Dismissal 7th / 8th grade Academic Awards MSE—7:00 p.m.	3 6th grade Academic Awards MSE—1:30 p.m.	4 Student of the Month Breakfast MSE—7:30 a.m.	5
6	7	8 Metro Beach Day!	9 11:20 Dismissal 8th Grade Auction	10 11:20 Dismissal Last Day of School	11	12
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The L'Anse Creuse Public School District takes great pride in its middle schools. As your superintendent, I look forward to the opportunity to work with the entire staff in ensuring the best educational experiences for your young adolescent.

This time in your son or daughter's life is indeed unique. It is a time when he/she will continue to explore boundaries, a time when your child wants approval from peers, and a time that he/she is incurring many physical and emotional changes. I am particularly pleased that we have a staff that is nurturing and compassionate, a staff that is committed to educational excellence, and a staff that is willing to meet these needs.

Your child spends the better part of his/her day in our school building. While we cannot be all things to all people, we are concerned that we are meeting the needs of all of our students. Much thought has been put into the design of our middle school programs. Our expectation is that this program addresses the specific academic and developmental needs of this age group, while simultaneously preparing them to enter the next phase of their educational life.

Today's students must be life-long learners and they must be challenged and motivated in order to be successful. We will strive to provide experiences, both academic and exploratory, that will challenge and motivate your child.

I urge you to be involved with your child and his/her school. While I recognize that many parents do not have as much time to spend with their kids, as they would always like, your love, support, and involvement will show them that you are there for them. Cherish these years, as they will provide many precious memories.

Dr. DiAnne Pellerin
Superintendent of Schools

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Cathy McWatt
Learning Consultant: Diane Vigneron
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Media Specialist: Kathy Hilton
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