Setting a Course for a New Adventure!

Welcome 5th Grade Students and Parents
Mrs. Lisa Bachner, Principal
Leonardtown Middle School
The LMS Administrative Team

**Assistant Principals** -
Ms. Rebecca Amstutz
Mr. Donald Hollaway
Ms. Andrea Smith

**Guidance Counselors** -
Ms. Christen Doerrrer
Ms. Alissa Douglas
Mr. Dalton Johnson
The Navigators for this Adventure

This year there are two teaching teams. Each team has:

- 2 Language Arts Teachers
- 2 Math Teachers
- 1 Social Studies Teacher
- 1 Science Teacher
- 1 Special Education Support Teacher

Each team “shares” a group of students and are generally located in the same area in the building.
This is a model of what your schedule could look like. It will list what classes you have during each period. Some classes are on an A day/ B day schedule. This means you will have one class on an A day and a different class on a B day. Some classes you will have on both days. When in doubt, ask a teacher, they always know!
The Home Access Center program allows you and your parents, using your own personal login information, to check your school grades and assignments. This is a great way to keep track of your academic progress in middle school.
How are students placed on teams and in classes?

- Students are divided equally among teams while considering balance of gender, ethnicity, and ability.
- Accelerated placement for Reading and Math is determined using multiple data sources: teacher recommendation; report card grades; and benchmark assessments averages.
Join the Crew with LMS Clubs!

Think about becoming an active member of:

» Student Council
» NJHS
» Jaguar Pals
» FLOW
» Running Club
» Jazz Band
» FEA
» Christian Club
» Art Club

» Chess Club
» Math Counts
» Intramurals
» Drama Club
» Green Team
» ASL (Sign Language) Club
» Yearbook
LMS is an Award-Winning Crew!

State Finalist, National Geographic Bee – Harry Baumann

SMCPS 2013 Educational Support Professional of the Year Nominee – Mrs. Bonnie Kessler

SMCPS 2013 Teacher of Year Nominee – Mrs. Dawn Pipkin

SMECO 2013 Math Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Erica Samuel

LMS Destination Imagination 8th grade team placed 1st at the regional competition and advanced to the state competition.

LMS Orchestra earned Superior ratings and qualified for the State Competition where they earned an Excellent rating!
LMS is Active in the Community

Student Clubs and Organizations have sponsored community services including Math-a-Thon and Harvest for the Hungry.

The LMS Drama Club entertained us with a performance of *The Music Man*.

The *Music Department* hosted the Toys for Tots Collection as one of the largest collection sites in the county for the last 8 years.
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The National Junior Honor Society has raised more than $1,800 for Relay for Life through activities including the Talent Show and they supported the student community as peer mentors to 6th and 7th grade students.

LMS Band played for the Special Olympics events earlier this month, the County Fair, and other local events.

LMS Running Club participated in the Jingle Bell Run to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation as well as the Run for Hospice and other local races throughout the year.
Parents – Jump Aboard the LMS ship!

Think about all the ways to be a part of the action:

• In the copy center.
• By assisting students with reading or other subjects.
• By being a guest speaker.
• By chaperoning a field trip or dance.
• By joining PTA.
• By sharing your wonderful ideas with us.
Communication with the Team

• Visit the school’s website
• Attend evening events for the Arts
• Monitor Home Access Center (HAC)
• Email teachers via HAC and the school website
• Talk to us – we can not help what we do not know.
The students at LMS follow the rules and expectations of the SMCPS Student Handbook for the Secondary Schools beginning on the first day of school.

To preview the Secondary Schools Code of Conduct, please access the 2013-2014 SMCPS Student Handbook located on the SMCPS website at http://www.smcps.org/ss/student-handbooks
Art Rooms offer natural light for student artists
Four computer labs and mobile laptops are available for students and classes.

Courtyard with tables where students can enjoy lunch outside!
Exploring Frontiers with Technology

At LMS, technology is all around. Beyond the computer labs throughout the building, students have access to:

• SMART Boards in the classrooms
• Laptops
• iPads/iPods
• Gmail* Accounts/Apps
• Moodle
• BYOD access (Bring Your Own Device)
• School-wide WiFi for student use

*SMCPS Students are assigned a limited access account with parent permission
Start of the Year Frequently Asked Questions:

• When do I get my locker?
  – August Open House or First Day of School

• When do I get my schedule?
  – It will be mailed to you and posted on HAC about one week before school starts

• When do I get school supplies list?
  – The school supplies list will be posted on the LMS school website this summer
Thank you for joining us this evening!

For additional information throughout the spring and summer, please visit our school website at http://schools.smcps.org/lms/