

The Charger Wire

September 1, 2026

Notes from Administration



Welcome Back!

Welcome back, Leman Families!

We are off to a great start this year. The first day of school is my very favorite day of the year! There is always so much joy among our staff when we welcome our students back to school. It is such a privilege for us to educate your children during their middle school years. Thank you for entrusting them to us during the school day!

In the coming months, there will be opportunities for our parents to engage with our staff at Curriculum Night and Parent Teacher Conferences. These are very important events, and we hope you will attend. However, building a home-school connection happens beyond those special events. I highly encourage you to build a strong relationship with your child's teachers. Whether it be through phone call, email, or Parent Square, you are encouraged to reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions about their progress or just want to check in on how things are going. If you are having trouble connecting or if there is anything that my administrative team and I can do to support your child here at Leman, please do not hesitate to reach out to my team or me! We work every day to ensure your child feels safe, loved, and empowered at school, so our students can achieve their very best! We appreciate your feedback and support.

Sincerely,
Maggie Lay

Principal

Important Dates

Upcoming Important Dates

9/7: No School: Labor Day
9/9: 6th and 7th Grade Curriculum Night
9/14: 8th Grade Curriculum Night
9/15: Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
9/17: Fall Sports Pictures
9/28: AVID Family Night
9/29: Trimester 1 Midterm



Wear It Wednesday - September

Each week, our students and staff dress up for Wear It Wednesday. Here are our themes for this month:

9/2: Sports Day: Show your support for your favorite sports team.

9/9: Hat Day: Wear your favorite hat to school. It cannot cover your face.

9/16: Mexican Independence Day: Wear red, white, or green.

9/23: West Chicago Day: Wear anything from your elementary

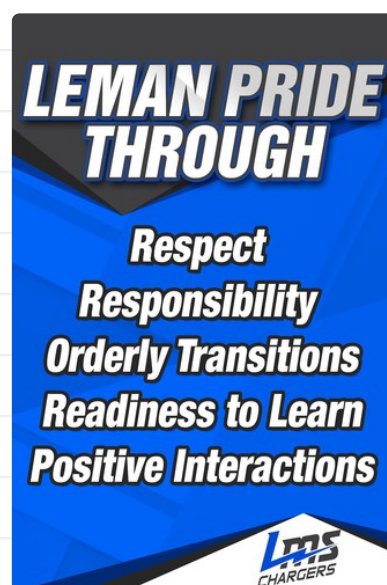
school, the high school, or a local business to support the community.

9/30: Squad Day: Wear matching outfits with a friend or group of friends. Twinning!

Chromebook Care and Use

Chromebooks are school-provided devices that serve as the primary learning tool (equivalent to a textbook) for many classes. Students are responsible for caring for their Chromebook. Families will be responsible for the cost of any repairs needed because of damage. Repeated damage or misuse may result in the student losing Chromebook privileges. As soon as an issue arises with their Chromebook, students should notify an adult immediately. Chromebooks are intended for academic use only. Please remind your child not to use the device for games, music, movies, or non-school videos. All activity on District 33 devices is monitored, and uses that violate district policy may lead to consequences.

Talk with your child about proper care and responsible use so you can avoid repair costs and consequences. Thank you for supporting safe, focused learning.



Curriculum Night



Join us September 9th and 14th

Our 6th and 7th grade Curriculum Night will be held on Wednesday, September 9th from 6-8pm.

The administration team will have a presentation for families.

After the presentation, parents and students will attend curriculum

presentations from teachers. They will then have an opportunity to visit teachers individually in classrooms.

Our 8th grade Curriculum Night will be held on Monday, September 14th from 6-8pm.

This year there will be a presentation from Dr. Hector Garcia who will guide parents on the steps necessary for high school readiness. He will also empower parents to be a partner and advocate for their child on this journey.

Additionally, parents and students will have the opportunity to hear curriculum presentations from their teachers and visit classrooms.

All information will be provided in both English and Spanish.

We look forward to seeing all of our Leman families there!

WICOR

At LMS, we have been successfully implementing WICOR strategies across all content areas for the past two years. WICOR stands for:

- **Writing**
- **Inquiry**
- **Collaboration**
- **Organization**
- **Reading**

Each area of WICOR is supported by a building-wide strategy. We will go over a different strategy each month to share and demonstrate how these strategies are being utilized at LMS.



Collaboration: This year we are introducing the Sage and Scribe strategy for classroom collaboration. Sage and Scribe is an interactive cooperative learning strategy in which two students work together to solve problems. One student takes on the role of the "Sage," explaining their thinking and the steps involved, while the other student serves as the "Scribe," listening and recording the work. After completing the question, the Scribe provides feedback. The students then switch roles and continue with the next question.

We are looking forward to seeing how this strategy will reinforce our students' problem solving, listening, and writing skills!

West Chicago's Fit4Fall 5K

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Join us for our annual community event, Fit4Fall 5K, hosted by our partner, Healthy West Chicago. *The money raised directly impacts our students.* For example, they help fund the elementary Cooking Club, and right now they do not have enough funding to offer this program at all our schools.



- Help us welcome Fall at West Chicago's Fit4Fall 5k!!! The 5K & 1 Mile Youth Race will start and finish at Reed-Keppler Park by Zone 250 ([250 W National Street, West Chicago](#)). This is a 5K Certified course on the Prairie Path! We will have a fun post-race event that you won't want to miss!
- 5K runners will receive a Fit4Fall 5K shirt. The first 75 5K runners to pick up the registration package will receive a swag bag!
- Families running the 5K with 4 or more people will receive \$5 off the total at checkout!
- **Must [register](#) by September 5th to be guaranteed your shirt/size**

Instructional Coach Corner

MAP Test Score Reports

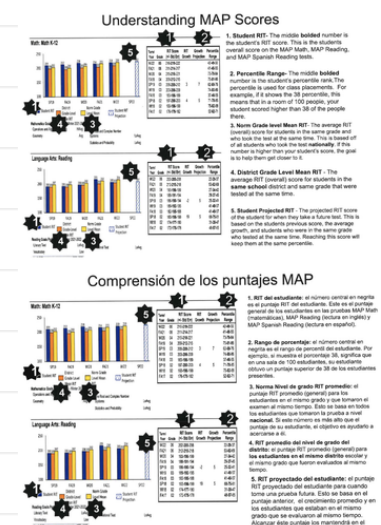
Dear Parents,

Your child took the MAP Growth test from NWEA on the computer last week. Students take the MAP test three times a year to measure academic growth over time. MAP Growth scores help teachers evaluate student performance by measuring achievement and growth.

MAP Growth tests adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores who are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

Your student and their teachers will work together to create goals. Students are tracking their progress and determining if they met their goals. Ask your student if they met their goals on their Reading and Math MAP test. If they met their goal, ask them how they were able to achieve their goal. If they did not meet their goal, ask them what they are working on to meet their goal on the next MAP test.



MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. You will receive a Progress report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically at Parent Teacher Conferences. For more information on reading your student's MAP Progress report click [here](#) for a sample report in English and Spanish.

Please talk to your students about the importance of testing and always doing their best.

Thank you



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