

## Dates to Remember

3/04 ~ Site Council meeting @ 3:15  
3/10 ~ End of trimester  
Spring Pictures  
3/11~ Clerical day no school  
3/13 ~ All School Dance  
3/17 ~ PTO meeting 5:30 p.m.  
3/23 ~ Spring break begins  
3/30 ~ Return to school

## Track

Track season begins March 2. Practice will be Monday thru Friday 3:15~5:00. Activity busses are available please see the attached list of dates the bus will run this spring.

## ART

Lincoln Savage Middle School will be participating in 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Art Night. You can see the artwork March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse Gallery.

## Thank You

The Boy's bathroom has been painted this month. We'd like to thank Roger Milligs, Suzanne Kahl, Kim Procknow, Chet Albin, Gary Coon, and Allen Lawrence for making this happen. Cascade Glass donated a new mirror for the bathroom too!



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## A note from the Principal

LSMS' mission is to academically prepare and transition ALL students for high school success! With that mission in mind, the standards for LSMS are rising, and it is no longer acceptable just to do time. During recent assemblies, we have discussed, publically, the expectations about grades and are now implementing as part of our *prepare* mode of education, the concept that passing grades equate to credits. If a student earns an A, B, C or D in a class, that student earns .33 credits per class, per trimester. Every trimester, a student who is taking six classes and on track, should earn 2 credits (6 classes X .334 credits). A student, who earns 6 credits (2 credits per Trimester X 3 Trimesters) per school year, has shown proficiency at their current grade level and is prepared for the next step in their education.

This "reality check" is being rolled out in a Guide Group activity the week of February 16th. For eighth graders, the reality is this: If an eighth grader wants to participate in all the eighth grade activities at the end of the school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, 8<sup>th</sup> grade fun day, adventure day, having their name called at our celebration ceremony etc.), then, that eighth grader needs to earn credit in every class they take during the third trimester.

Because we care, the expectation is: we recognize success, and students attending LSMS will be successful if they choose to. Everyone has a choice; I just hope your son or daughter makes the correct choice.

## Student of the Month

Congratulations to the Student of the Month winners for January.

6<sup>th</sup> Zack Carter  
Cecilia Pitts

7<sup>th</sup> Michael St. Germain  
Kristina Shone

8<sup>th</sup> Skyler Anderson  
Courtney Hoglan

## Drama Club

### *A Christmas Carol*

by Charles Dickens

I will hold auditions for this year's spring play, ***A Christmas Carol*** on Monday, March 2 from 3 – 5:30 PM in my room (#1). The Activity Bus will/can take you home that day.

The play is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will have to choose *between spring sports* (e.g., track, soccer, softball, baseball, etc.) *and the play* because rehearsals and practices are at the same time. It is not fair either to coaches, your fellow cast members, or me to try to be in both.

**Rehearsals will begin Thursday, April 2, and run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:10 – 5:30 PM.** Performances will be in late May or early June (date to be determined soon). You may ride the Activity Bus home on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but you will NEED A RIDE home on Wednesdays.

*I am looking for talented, dependable, mature, responsible, and dedicated students to "become a team" to bring this play to life.* You and your parents will sign a contract to become part of the cast. The experience will be a great

deal of fun, but it will also take a lot of diligent work.

Audition forms will be available in the office or from me on February 27 (Thursday). Your audition speech does not need to be memorized! After your audition on Monday, March 2, you are welcome to leave prior to 5:30 PM, if you have a ride from a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions, stop by to see me, call me, or email me at [joanne.taylor@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:joanne.taylor@threerivers.k12.or.us).

## Yearbooks

**Yearbooks are on sale now!** This year, the yearbook will be a hard back and all color. The cost will be \$18.00 until the end of March. Starting April 1 the price will go up to \$23.00. So buy your yearbook now.

## Honor Society

On March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Honor Society will host an all school dance. The cost will be \$5.00 at the door. Student I.D. card will be required.

The Honor Society Induction will be held on April 28, 2009 at 6:00 in the gym. Applications for new members will be given out the week of March 16, 2009.

An Honor Society workday will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> @ Lincoln Savage from 8:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. This is a good way to earn the required service hours required by NJHS.