Message from the Principal

Dear L.A. Ainger Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. We are excited to begin the new school year. This year we will be implementing several new policies here at Ainger.

First, students will be required to wear name badges every day. This is to help identify students and is a safety requirement throughout the district. Also, students will need to keep their cell phones in their bags during the school day. With new legislation, students will not be able to use their phones during the school day. Please see our website for further details on other changes coming for the new school year as well as changes to the “Code of Conduct”. We appreciate your support as we enter the new school year.

6th grade students and parents are cordially invited to attend our 6th grade Open House on Tuesday, August 9th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We are tentatively planning on meeting in the gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. where you will receive your child’s schedule, and after our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of your child’s teachers. 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to come by anytime between 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on August 9th to pick up class schedules in the cafeteria and meet your teachers.

Again, we look forward to working with you. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to make an appointment or email us. Your child’s success and positive experience at L.A. Ainger is our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Fourman
Your Proud Principal
**TDAP Booster Info**

Florida Statute (F.S. 1003.22) requires students to have the TDap booster immunization before starting 7th grade. Students entering 7th grade who do not have the TDap booster before the first day of school on August 10, 2022, will not be permitted to attend school until the TDap booster is administered and documentation (Form HD 680 Certificate of Immunization) is received by the school. Please contact your child’s physician or the Charlotte County Department of Health at 941-624-7200 to schedule an appointment for the TDap booster.

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**Important Dates**

**OPEN HOUSE:** August 9th

- 7th and 8th grade students and parents: anytime between 2:00pm-4:30pm. Pick up class schedules in the cafeteria and meet your teachers.
- 6th grade students and parents: 5:30pm-7:30pm. We are tentatively planning on meeting in the gymnasium where you will receive your student’s schedule. After our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of your student’s teachers.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS:** August 10th

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**L.A. Ainger Middle School Bell Schedule 2023 - 2024**

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Is There a Dress Code?
L.A. Ainger follows the guidelines as outline in the student code of conduct. All shirts should have sleeves. Shorts/skirts/dresses should go to the mid-thigh. All pants/shorts/skirts should be worn at the waist. Midriffs and undergarments should not be exposed. Cell phones cannot be seen or heard!

It is expected that the students will NOT wear the following:

• Caps, hats, or sunglasses while on campus. No hoodies will be allowed on heads while in classrooms/campus buildings.
• Attire that promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, violence or other illegal activities.
• Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could cause injury or disruption.
• Halter, backless or sleeveless dress or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscles shirts, pajama pants/tops/dresses, tops with low or revealing necklines, midriff shirts, or short shorts or skirts. No jeans with tears above Mid-thigh

Keep an Eye on your Student’s Education!!!
Focus Parent Portal –
www.focus.yourcharlotteschools.net
• Stay informed of your student’s grades & attendance. Grades are updated bi-weekly.

L.A. Ainger’s Website –
www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam
• Up to date information about Ainger activities, postings from the principal and more.
• Teacher’s Website- for any individual classroom information

Bullying Hot Line – www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lan
• Click the “Bully Reporting” button
• L.A. Ainger does not tolerate bullying. Please report any type of bullying instances on our “bully button” located on our school website.

What Do I Need to Bring on the First Day of School?
• Pencils
• 7 – one subject notebooks
• 2 – Highlighters (2 different colors)
• Notebook filler paper (College ruled or Wide ruled)

How Will I Know What Bus?
Student bus schedules will be mailed to home address in early August. Additional information may be found online:
• For Charlotte County Bus riders go to www.yourcharlotteschools.net and click the following tabs: Departments>District Support Services>Transportation>Bus Stop Information
• Sarasota County residents go to www.sarasotacountyschools.net

What Are Lunches Like at L.A. Ainger?
Breakfast and lunch are FREE for every student at Champs Cafe. There are three lines in the Ainger cafeteria. One line serves the hot lunch listed on the monthly school lunch menu. The other lines serve either pizza, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, or salad.

What Happens When I’m Absent?
If a student is going to be absent, a parent/guardian should call the attendance hotline (941)697-5800 (Option 1) to report the absence. It is the student’s responsibility to request make-up work and to set up a time to make up quizzes or tests. Students will receive 2 days to make up work for excused absences.

1st Day Materials Students Will Receive
The following materials will be given to your child on the first day of school:
• Code of Student Conduct: Available ONLINE
• Custody Sign In/Out Sheet
• Student Health Assessment
• Emergency Paper
• FOCUS Parent Portal Log-in
• Transportation Brochure
• Dress Code Policy and Cell Phone Policy
• Optional Student Insurance

Please sign and return these documents to school with your student as soon as possible.

*materials received may change before first day
L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

PTO is a volunteer organization that gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience for our Ainger students. PTO uses its resources to support the efforts of teachers and to provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our students. The PTO helps to fund educational trips, classroom equipment & supplies, special events for students and teachers, end-of-the-year class field trips and more! We hope you will be able to join us in our efforts to make this school year a success! We look forward to meeting you!

Save the Date!
• 1st PTO Meeting – August 21st at 6:00pm in the Media Center; SAC meeting starts at 5:30pm – come for both!
• 10th Annual Golf Tournament – November 11th at the Hills Golf Course in Rotonda
• Cougar Color Run – Family Walk/Run – Date/time TBD

Stay Informed!
Facebook – Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAAPTO/
Remind – to receive messages from PTO, Text to: 81010, Message: @laaingerp
Email Us! – aingerpto@gmail.com

Get Involved!
Join us at PTO Meetings – Attending meetings is a great way to find out what is happening at our school and to share new ideas. Meeting schedule is to be determined.
Volunteer for an Event – It takes many volunteers to ensure the success of events for our students. Sign up for Remind or check our Facebook page to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Student Council
Ainger Student Council is eagerly preparing for an exciting new school year, and they are inviting all students to join in on the fun. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th, at 8:15AM in Mrs. Dausy’s room E2. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and contribute to planning various school activities such as monthly socials, dances, and much much more. Becoming a part of the Student Council Club, students can play an active role in shaping the school’s social calendar and creating memorable experiences for their peers. So, mark your calendars and come join the enthusiastic club of Ainger Student Council to make the upcoming school year a truly unforgettable one.

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L.A. Ainger uses the Remind App to communicate with the stakeholders in our community by sending text messages to their phones. To subscribe to any of the classes, simple text the “@ code” listed below to the number 81010.

“L.A. Ainger Middle School Families”
text: @laaingermi

“L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO”
text: @laaingerp

You may un-subscribe from any of the classes listed above at any time.
Our physical education department is very excited and looking forward to working with our students this year. You can expect us to be transparent, consistent, open-minded, and willing to assist our students in any way possible to help them succeed. We, in turn, will expect our students to be respectful, prepared for class and demonstrate good judgement and sportsmanship. Active participation in P.E. is a requirement and each student will earn daily points based on their involvement and adherence to classroom rules and school policies. Scores and comments will be posted twice a week on your student’s FOCUS account for your review at home.

The seventh and eighth grade physical education program is made up of two parts: (1) active participation and (2) tests/quizzes. Students will receive weekly scores for their active participation each day/week. Scores and instructor notes are provided weekly in your student’s school FOCUS account. We encourage parents/guardians to review these scores and notes with your student each week.

Dress: Appropriate attire for participation in physical activities is strongly encouraged. This provides freedom of movement and safe participation for all our participants. Students are required to wear tennis shoes/sneakers both in the gym and on the field. Students may not wear sandals, crocs, slides or boots. If a student needs to borrow appropriate footwear, they may contact their coach for assistance. Students should plan to bring a water bottle with them to each class.

Phones/Earbuds: Students may not have cell phones, or earbuds, out during P.E. class. These items must be stored in the students’ bookbags during the class period. They may not be brought out to the field under any circumstances. If a student wishes to secure their cell phone, they may also turn it over to their coach prior to class.

Finally, good discipline is an absolute must for us to have a great physical education program. Any disruptive behavior which impairs our ability to teach will not be tolerated. Severe disruptive behavior will be redirected to the school’s disciplinary team.

Best Regards,
Coach Stier and Morton

Ainger Athletics
L.A. Ainger Middle School athletics is gearing up for an exhilarating and action-packed season of sports. Students can look forward to engaging in a wide variety of sports activities including basketball, volleyball, track and field, and wrestling. There will be opportunities for everyone to highlight their skills and passion for competition in our intramural sports as well. Our coaches and staff are dedicated to fostering a positive and inclusive environment, encouraging teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth. From thrilling matches against other Charlotte County schools to games with friends, Ainger athletics promises an exciting season filled with unforgettable moments and achievements for all participants. Get ready to cheer on your athlete or friend and be a part of the vibrant and energetic spirit of Ainger. Be sure to have your athletes’ physical up to date for them to participate.
Beginning Band
Welcome to our 2023 exploratory Beginning Band Members! This is a unique class that is being offered for the first semester of 6th grade with the option to continue second semester into “normal band”. Since students don’t have band in elementary school, this is their opportunity to try it and see if they like it!

A few highlights of the program:
• No experience is necessary. You’ll learn to read and play music on an instrument of your choice.
• There are no outside of the school day commitments the first semester. You can do band AND other things.
• Instruments are provided by the school including flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and percussion. Accessories to play them (cleaning supplies/reeds) will also be included by the band boosters. Students will “audition” for their top two choices.
  — Students that continue into semester two will also be able to play sax, oboe/bassoon, French horn and tuba
• Band is fun! We will have some after school events and performances, but you are not obligated to attend them the first semester… but you might want to!
  — The famous Band Lock-in takes place in November
  — The EOY Band Trip will take place in May. Last year we went to Busch Gardens!

7th and 8th Grade Ensembles
Following our spring concerts in April, students completed a band retention google form. Students that indicated that they wanted to continue next year were given a placement letter and spoken with individually by Mr. Ostrow. For the new school year, our rising 6th and 7th graders were placed in Intermediate and Advanced Band. If they excelled and wanted to be in jazz band, they were also placed in jazz band. Students that are percussionists were placed in our percussion ensemble class.

Congratulations to everyone! Placement was based on instrumentation (balance of instruments), performance achievement (Beads), and daily class attendance (FOCUS). For example, if there are 23 returning clarinetists, the split was 11 and 12 in order from highest to lowest scores.

Please note, the class lists provided to the office do not guarantee placement in these ensembles as other factors such as TAG classes, FAST scores, and other student requests might interfere. If you have a concern with your child’s placement, please contact Mr. Ostrow immediately at tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net.

Band Calendar
Our first event is our annual Band Parent Pizza Social and Informational in the cafeteria on Thursday, August 17th beginning at 6pm. A free dinner will be provided for 6-8th grade band families. At this meeting, a general overview about band will be presented. Family and friends will also be invited to sponsor the band or sign up to assist throughout the school year.

To see all of the events and performances, check out our band calendar at https://www.aingerband.org/calendar.html
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