Cougar Tracks

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L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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8:00a.m. to 4:15p.m.

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Message from the Principal

Dear Cougar Families,

I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year. I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer with family and friends. The staff and I look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a positive and productive school year. Working together, we can achieve our goal of student success.

To all of our returning families and on behalf of the L.A. Ainger staff, I would just like to say "Thank You" for supporting us in what was a positive and successful 2018-19 school year. We have much to be proud of, earning a school grade of "A" for the second consecutive year! This would not have been possible without your support, our community, and our dedicated staff.

6th grade students and parents are cordially invited to attend our 6th grade Open House on Thursday, August 8th from 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. Please report to our school gymnasium 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 2:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. on August 8th 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 call or stop by anytime. Your child's success and positive experience at L.A. Ainger are our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Jeff Harvey
Principal

Is There A Dress Code?

L.A. Ainger follows the guidelines outlined in the Charlotte County Public Schools student code of conduct. All shirts should have sleeves. Shorts/skirts/dresses should go to the knee. 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:

- 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.
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What Do I Need To Bring On The First Day Of School?

Seven (7) 1 Subject Notebooks, Seven (7) pocket folders, Pencils, Highlighters (at least 2 different colors), and Notebook Filler Paper 8 ½ x 11

Keep An Eye On Your Student's Education!!!

Focus Parent Portal - www.focus.yourcharlotteschools.net

- Stay informed of your student's grades & attendance, grade are updated bi-weekly.

L.A. Ainger's Website - http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam

- Up to date information about Ainger activities, postings from the principal and more.
- Teacher's Websites - weekly updates on class and homework assignments, etc.

Bullying Hot Line - http://yourcharlotteschools.net/bullying

- L.A. Ainger does not tolerate bullying. Please report any type of bullying instances on our "bully button" located on our school website.

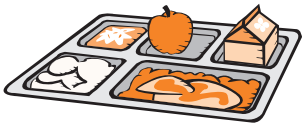
How Will I Know What Bus?

Student bus schedules will be mailed to home addresses 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 L.A. Ainger?

Breakfast and lunch are **FREE** for every student. 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.



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
- Custody Sign In/Out Sheet
- Student Health Assessment
- Assessment
- Emergency Paper
- FOCUS Parent Portal Log-In
- Transportation Brochure
- Optional Student Insurance

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

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What Happens When I'm Absent?

If a student is going to be absent, a parent 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.

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Before & After School Programs

The Boys and Girls Club currently offers an after school program. Please call (941) 235-2472 for more information. School clubs and activities are sponsored by individual representatives. After school clubs and programs run from 4:15pm - 5:15pm.

Exploratories/Electives Supply List

Purchase only if your student is scheduled in any of these courses.

- **Advanced Art:** (full year): 8 1/2x 11 or 9x12 sketchbook, erasure, colored pencils, sharpener, pencil, disinfecting wipes, 2 Sharpies, 11X14 canvas.
- **General Art:** (18 wks): 8 1/2x11 or 9x12 sketchbook or duo tang folder with printer paper, erasure, colored pencils, sharpener, pencil, disinfecting wipes, printer paper.
- **Family & Consumer Science:** (18 wks.)- duo tang folder, loose leaf paper, pencil/pen, tissues, sewing projects (notified at pre-school open house)
- **PE:** printer paper, band aids, disinfecting wipes, athletic tape, painters tape, tissues, hair ties and socks.
- **Band:** (full year) Pencil and colored highlighter
- **STEM:** (8th grade) tissues, pencils, loose leaf paper, printer paper

Important Dates

OPEN HOUSE: AUGUST 8TH

- 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. Please report to our school gymnasium where you will receive your child's schedule. After our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of your child's teachers.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: AUGUST 12TH

- Students are permitted on campus daily at 8:30 am.

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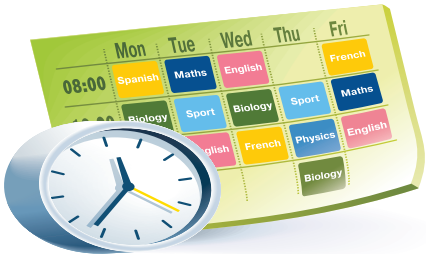
L.A. Ainger Middle School 2019-2020 Bell Schedule

Announcements	9:05-9:10
1st Period	9:10-10:01
2nd Period	10:05-10:56
3rd Period	11:00-11:51
4th Period (Lunch)	11:51-1:23 **A Lunch** 11:51-12:21 **4th Hour** 12:25-1:23 **4th Hour** 11:55-12:22 **B Lunch** 12:22-12:52 **4th Hour** 12:56-1:23 **4th Hour** 11:55-12:53 **C Lunch** 12:53-1:23
5th Period	1:27-2:18
6th Period	2:22-3:13
7th Period	3:17-4:10



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Summer is here. Kids are getting excited for their summer plans and extra time with friends. Summer can also be a great time for families to reconnect without the hustle and bustle of the school year routines. Connecting to your kids on a regular basis can help to create a relationship that consists of trust and can allow you to address big topics with your kids like safety, finding good friends, and even staying away from drugs and alcohol. Creating a fun summer family tradition can be a great way to strengthen family bonds and appreciate each other. One great family tradition can be creating a summer fun bucket list together. Not all fun needs to break the bank and can still be something everyone can enjoy. Here is a list of some ideas for a family summer bucket list.

- Play a board game or card game together
- Pop some popcorn and pick out a movie everyone will enjoy
- Visit the beach
- Head to a spring for a swim
- Go camping - even backyard camping can be fun
- Make s'mores
- Bake something
- Have a water balloon or squirt gun fight
- Check out a local public pool or park
- Walk some trails - you can even pack up a lunch and make a whole day of it
- Make homemade ice cream
- Have a watermelon seed spitting contest
- Go for a bike ride or walk around the neighborhood
- Build something
- Create an invention - you can even turn this into a contest
- Re-arrange bedrooms, maybe even spruce up the paint
- Take some classes at the local community center
- Play a sport
- Drive somewhere new
- Have a device free day
- Plant a garden
- Create a healthy meal plan
- Visit the local library

Did you know that Drug Free Charlotte County also offers a free Strengthening Families Program? For more information about the Strengthening Families Program please email jen.bernardi@yourcharlotteschools.net. For more tips and information please visit us online at www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org or on social media; Facebook: Drug Free Charlotte County, Twitter: @DFCCTweets, Instagram: drugfreecharlottecounty.

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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- The FortifyFL Reporting APP or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1

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Remind App

L.A. Ainger uses the Remind app. to communicate with the stakeholders in our community by sending text messages to their phones. We are in the process of streamlining our communication using the Remind app. To subscribe to any of the classes, simple text the "@ code" listed below to the number 81010.

- **L.A. Ainger Middle School Families** text: @dhc693
- **L.A. Ainger Middle School Extracurricular** text: @d337hch
- **L.A. Ainger Middle School Charlotte Buses** text: @g33g3g
- **L.A. Ainger Middle School Sarasota Buses** text: @kk43ga

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G1 Crew Garden News

News Flash from University of Florida that has a partnership with our school garden:

Because your garden is so valued at L.A. Ainger, I wanted to share about the National Farm to School Month celebration called the Florida Crunch, held annually in participating schools in October. This event raises awareness of Florida grown produce by highlighting one fruit or vegetable for students to learn about and sample in a taste test. It also encourages schools to procure more Florida grown produce in the cafeteria throughout the year.

This will be a fabulous learning event for L. A. Ainger! Please stop by our garden and sample some fresh produce!

PTO News

L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO would like to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff who are all dedicated to the successful education of our students. PTO uses its resources, both volunteers and fundraising, to support the efforts of teachers and provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our students as well as promote LAAMS Cougar spirit at events held throughout the year. The PTO funds educational trips, classroom equipment and supplies, special events for students and teachers, and end-of-the-year class field trips. We are looking forward to meeting you at our next PTO meeting on Monday, August 26 at 6:00pm in the Media Center.

Save the Date!

- PTO Meeting - August 26 at 6:00pm, Media Center
- Cougar Color Run - Fall 2019 (date/time TBD)
- Annual Golf Tournament - November 16, 2019

Stay Informed!

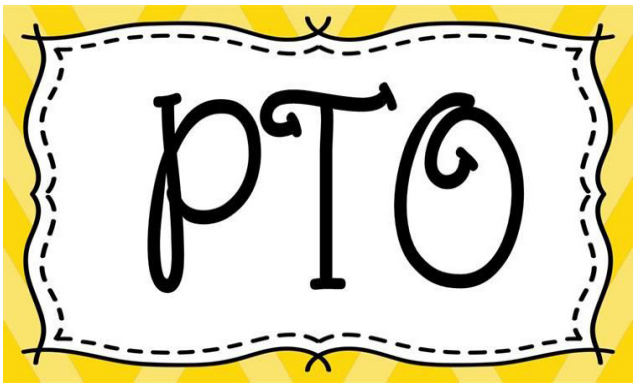
Facebook – Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAAPTO/

Remind – to receive messages from PTO, Text to: 81010, Message: @aingerp

Email Us – aingerpto@gmail.com with questions or suggestions

Get Involved!

Join us at PTO Meetings - Attending meetings is a wonderful way to find out what is happening at our school and to share new ideas. Meetings are casual; stay as long or short as you like. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month (third Monday in December and May) in the Media Center at 6:00pm.



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.

Box Tops for Education – Send in your Box Tops for Education! Students can drop off Box Tops in the office or give to one of their teachers.

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Middle School Athletics Schedule 2019-2020

Basketball (Boys/Girls)

Games 5:30pm/6:30pm

9/12	LAA @ PCM / MMS @ PGM (Girls/Boys)
9/19	PGM @ PCM / LAA @ MMS (Boys/Girls)
9/26	PCM @ MMS / PGM @ LAA (Girls/Boys)
10/3	PCM @ LAA / PGM @ MMS (Boys/Girls)
10/10	MMS @ PCM / LAA @ PGM (Girls/Boys)
10/17	PCM @ PGM / MMS @ LAA (Boys/Girls)
10/19	Playoffs at PCHS at 9am (Saturday)

Volleyball

Games 5:30pm

11/14	MMS @ PCM / LAA @ PGM
11/21	PCM @ LAA / MMS @ PGM
12/5	PCM @ MMS / PGM @ LAA
12/12	LAA @ MMS / PCM @ PGM
1/16	LAA @ PCM / PGM @ MMS
1/23	MMS @ LAA / PGM @ PCM
1/25	Playoffs at LBHS at 9am (Saturday)

Wrestling Dual Matches

Match Time: 5:30pm

4/15	PGM @ PCM / LAA @ MMS
4/22	MMS @ PGM / PCM @ LAA
4/29	PGM @ LAA / MMS @ PCM
5/2	County Tournament Time: 10am Start @ Charlotte High School (Saturday)

Track and Field

Meet Time: 9am Start

5/16	@Charlotte High School (Saturday)

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Physical Education

Fall into fitness this year as Physical Education classes get up and running. Students should expect to sweat while engaging in sports, fitness, and while being challenged. With that in mind, physical education uniforms will be sold during our school open house. Please bring cash or check in order to purchase shirts for the year. Cotton shirts available for $10 and dri-fit for $15 or purchase both for $20.00. Items to donate this year include bandaids, athletic tape, painters tape, Kleenex, and/or Clorox wipes. Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

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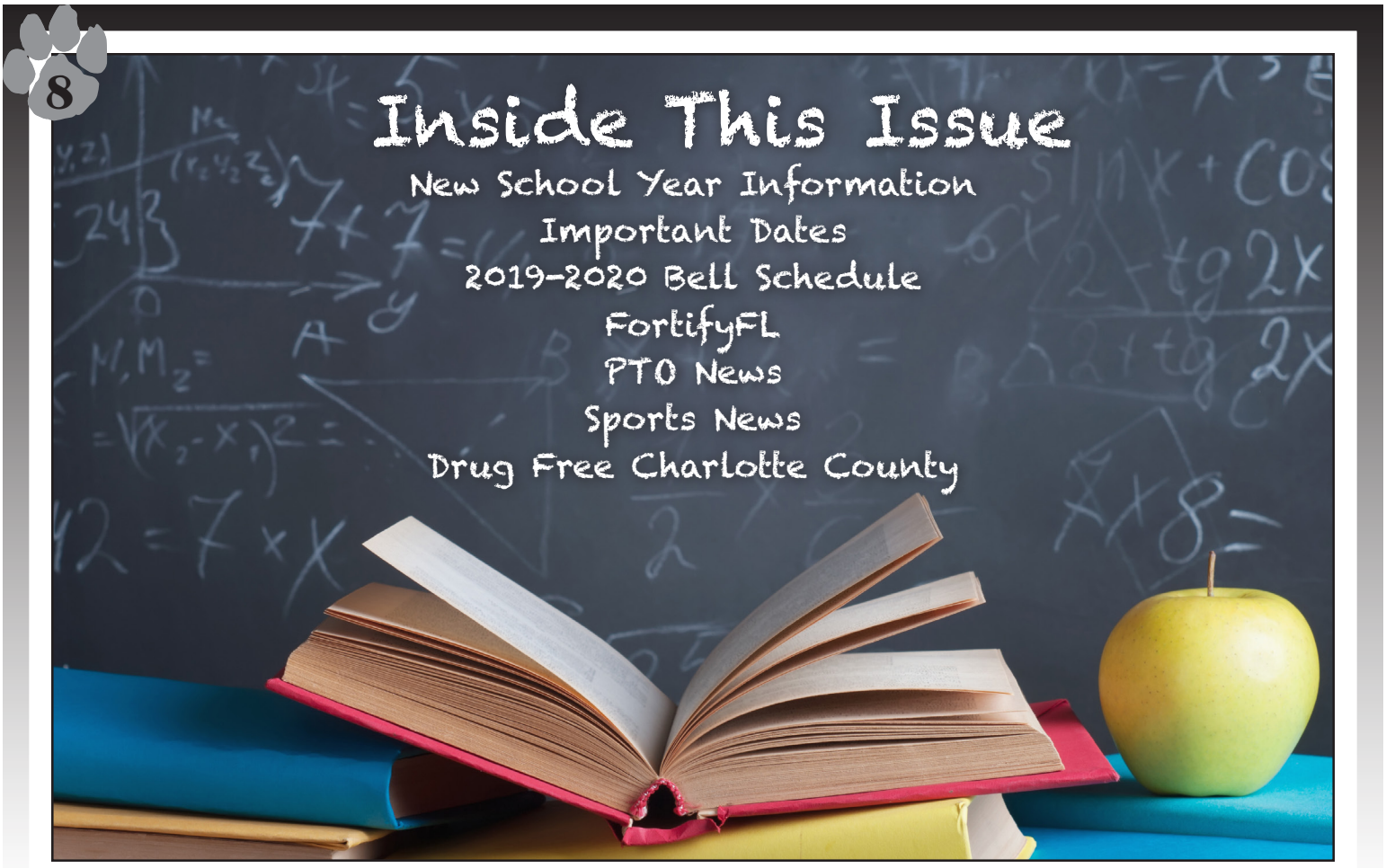
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