



Larkspur Lions: Powerful *PRIDE*
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Essential Information for 2009-2010

Bus/Transportation Information

Bus transportation is provided for Virginia Beach City Public Schools' students to and from school, based on each school's transportation zone. Students riding a bus to school must be at their stop no earlier than five minutes before regular pickup time. The [Code of Student Conduct](#) outlines the conduct for all students while riding a school bus. Bus routes, pickup times, and safety tips are posted on www.vbschools.com and are available at every school prior to the beginning of the school year.

Cell Phone Policy – 2009-2010

By School Board [policy](#), middle school students may possess, display, and use Portable Communication Devices before or after the instructional day; however, such devices may not be displayed, used, or activated during the instructional day. The "instructional day" includes, but is not limited to, study hall, lunch break, class changes and any structured or non-structured instructional activity that occurs during the normal school day. School officials shall take possession of portable communication devices for twenty-four hours for any violation of this regulation, and parents/legal guardians must make arrangements with school officials to claim such devices. Confiscated Portable Communication Devices will not be released to students under any circumstances. In addition, students who violate this regulation shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the *Virginia Beach City Public Schools Discipline Guidelines* as specified in the [Code of Student Conduct](#): First Offense – ISS (1 day), Second Offense – ISS (2 days), Third Offense – OSS (1 day), Fourth Offense – OSS (3-5 days). The school assumes no responsibility for the loss, damage, or theft of these devices.

Daily Planner/Agenda Book

Each student will receive a daily planning calendar/Agenda Book at the beginning of the school year. Agendas will be distributed to students free of charge; however, there is a replacement fee for those lost or damaged. Using the Agenda will allow you to organize class work, class assignments, test dates, as well as school activities. Please note that each student is expected to have an Agenda with them for every class as a daily part of instruction and classroom expectations.

The Agenda contains essential school information including behavior expectations and guidelines, dress code, attendance policies, grading scales, and daily activities. We ask that parents review these guidelines with students and if questions develop, please contact the school for clarification.

Larkspur Website

The LKMS website is kept up to date with useful information. Our site is located at www.larkspurms.vbschools.com. Please take the time to log on when using the site.

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SchoolNet Parent Portal

The *SchoolNet Parent Portal* is a powerful online resource that provides parents the opportunity to monitor their child's progress in school and view historic academic and enrollment information dating back to the 2004-2005 school year. To learn more about the *SchoolNet Parent Portal*, to login to your account, or to set up an account, go to the LKMS home page or the school division's website www.vbschools.com.

School Pictures

Please mark your calendars! School pictures are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29th**. Your child should dress appropriately for the occasion. Additional information will be available during Orientations and Open House.

Sports and Athletic Information

Athletic Physicals for Participation

Physicals for **FALL and WINTER** Sports will be on **Tuesday, August 25th** at Larkspur Middle. There will be NO physicals given prior to Basketball Tryouts in November. Our next physical date will occur in January of 2010. Physical Times on the 25th of August are as follows:

Girls: 6:00pm

Boys: 6:30pm (approximately)

The cost for the Middle School Athletic Physical is **\$10.00**. Please make checks payable to Dr. John Thomas – please note that Cash is preferred.

Students in Grades 6-8 who have not reached their 15th birthday by August 1, 2009, and who are eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, are required to have a physical examination given after May 1, 2009. Only physicals completed on the Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physical Examination Forms [Rev. 4/08] will be accepted. Copies of this form may be found in the school's main office, on the school's website - www.larkspurms.vbschools.com, or on the school division's website www.vbschools.com (click on the Athletic/Academic Schedules link). The middle school form is available as a downloadable PDF file. Please note that the blue "School Entrance Health Forms" are not accepted as athletic physicals and the Recreation Physical Form is also not accepted.

Fall Sports Tryouts – Football and Soccer (Girls and Boys)

Tryouts for Fall sports will begin on Monday, August 31 at 3:30pm.

Activity buses will be available to pick-up students and drop them off near their home. On Monday – 8/31 – students must have a ride to school for tryouts. From that point forward, buses will be available to transport students home and also bring them to practice. It is a good idea to allow students to ride the Activity Bus the first day so that they can learn where their stop will be located. Please be reminded that Activity Runs are not like the regular bus runs. In some cases, students may be required to walk up to a mile to get home. Students should be at the bus stop an hour early the first day to catch the bus. Activity Routes will be similar to the 08-09 school year. Students not trying out for a team are not permitted to ride the Activity Bus or watch practice.

Tryouts are closed to all spectators!

Additional questions regarding student activities may be directed to Ms. Julie Spurgeon, Student Activities Coordinator, at 757-648-4821.