

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 22, 2022

From the Principal's Desk

I am so proud to announce that our Academic Challenge Team won the Regional Championship at Francis Marion University on Saturday, February 26th. They have advanced to compete in the State Championship on Friday, March 25 in Camden, SC. These students have worked so hard to prepare, and I wish them the best as they go represent Latta Middle School and the Pee Dee Region.

I am also proud to announce that we will induct 56 new members into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, March 24. This is the most prestigious honor that is offered at Latta Middle School, and these students have met all the criteria for academics, behavior, attendance, and character.

The students of Latta Middle School continue to amaze me each week with their progress and growth toward their goals. Your child's math and ELA teachers have met with them once again on an individual basis to discuss their progress on the iReady test, their personalized learning, and their grades. They also discussed their goals that we are striving to achieve by the end of the year. Many students have surpassed their typical goal for the year and are working toward their stretch goal (see report enclosed with report card). Please encourage your child to pay attention, complete their work, and do their very best in all that they do. It WILL pay off! 😊

State testing is upon us, and teachers are finishing up their standards and moving to reviewing skills, good test taking strategies, and trying to build stamina for these rigorous tests. We need your support and your encouragement each day as your child comes to school to prepare and especially on the day of each test. It is important that students are present every day for instruction and testing.

Please feel free to contact me via email (Stephanie.ard@lattavikings.com) or by phone (843-752-7117) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephanie J. Ard, Principal

Office Reminder

- Please be sure to send a note or medical excuse if your child is absent. You may send a paper copy or email an electronic copy to Brenda.goodwin@lattavikings.com.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 22.....	Report Cards
Mar. 24.....	NJHS Induction @ 6:00 (Ticketed Event)
Mar. 25.....	Academic Challenge State Tournament
Apr. 11-15.....	Spring Break
Apr. 16.....	Latta Springfest on Main Street
Apr. 26.....	Progress Reports
Apr. 28-30.....	<i>Guys and Dolls</i> Musical at EPAC
May 10.....	SC READY Writing (5 th -8 th grades)
May 12.....	SC READY Reading (5 th -8 th grades)
May 17.....	SC READY Math (5 th -8 th grades)
May 19.....	PASS Science (6 th grade only)
May 20.....	Algebra EOC (8 th grade only)
May 24.....	Awards Day-8:30-7 th & 8 th grade 9:45-5 th & 6 th grade
May 25.....	Half Day-Dismiss at 12:20
May 26.....	Last Day of School-Half Day-Dismiss at 12:20

(See all Sports schedules on our website

<http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/athletics.php>)

State Testing

Your child is required to participate in the South Carolina College and Career - READY Assessments (SC READY), South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) and/or End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP) in May. These statewide assessments will assist us in monitoring your child's academic growth and comprehension of the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards.

All assessments will be administered online for math, science, reading, and writing via Chrome books. You may view online sample test questions at the following website: <https://wbte.drccdirect.com/SC/portals/sc>.

- May 10-SC READY Writing (5th-8th grades)
- May 12-SC READY Reading (5th-8th grades)
- May 17-SC READY Math (5th-8th grades)
- May 19-PASS Science (6th grade only)
- May 20-Algebra EOC (8th grade only)

Virtual students will receive a letter about testing dates.

Reading Tip

- Ensure your child has a good reading space that is one of their choices. Make sure it is well lit and inviting so they will want to stay a while. The feeling one gets while reading is one they will choose to match all of their lives.
- Keep up with what your children are reading. Read a few pages yourself so you can talk to them about what they are reading. Your interest goes a long way...more than you know.

Academic Challenge Team: Going for Gold

The LMS Academic Challenge team is comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students coached by Mrs. Cristin Langley Britt and Mrs. Paula Williamson. Team members are Daniel Jones (6th), Trystan Graham (6th), Avery Kirby (7th), George Roberts (7th), Lydia George (8th), Kate Gasque (8th), Clay Lee (8th), Abigail Jones (8th), and Lana Lassiter (8th). The Vikings attended the 2022 Middle School Pee Dee Academic Challenge Regional Tournament at Francis Marion University on Saturday, February 26, 2022. During this tournament, the Vikings played five round robin matches which consists of 50 questions, buzzer rounds only -- meaning every student for himself, no conferring, no sharing answers.

Match 1 Latta defeated Johnsonville 28-15

Match 2 Latta defeated Hemingway 32-1

Match 3 Latta lost to East Clarendon 22-23

Match 4 Latta defeated Hannah Pamplico 32-9

Match 5 Latta defeated CE Murray 23-8

By the end of the round robin matches, Latta earned a total of 137 points!

The LMS Vikings went on to compete against East Clarendon (who had earned a total of 122 points) in the finals. Latta defeated East Clarendon with a final score of 38-22, making the LMS Vikings the 2022 Division II Regional Champions. The Vikings earned a total of 175 points during the regional competition, and they have earned 412 points total for the entire season. This team will go on to compete in the Academic Challenge State Competition in Camden, SC on Friday, March 25, 2022. Good luck to our LMS Vikings!

Attention 6th Grade Parents

DHEC wants to assure that all children and teens receive recommended vaccines to prevent disease. DHEC reminds parents and guardians that South Carolina law requires that all students entering 7th grade receive one (1) dose of **Tdap vaccine**. Don't forget to make sure you get an updated SC Certificate of Immunization to give to your school nurse. This certificate is required by state law for school attendance. Your local DHEC health department also can provide these vaccines. Call 1-855-472-3432 to make an appointment. For more information about vaccinations in South Carolina, go to scdhec.gov/Health/Vaccinations/.

Yearbooks for Sale

Basic yearbooks are still on sale on a "first come first serve" basis. Anyone who wants to purchase a yearbook needs to fill out an order form and pay \$40. Make checks payable to Latta Middle School.

SCHSL Eligibility to Play Sports

Any student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade interested in playing sports in the fall of 2022 must have a passing average of 60 or higher at the end of this school year in order to participate. This is a high school league rule that we, at Latta Middle and Latta High School, must follow. You must also have a physical on file in order to tryout or participate in any type of sport/workouts.

Positive Office Referrals

Kam Galloway-Being Responsible
Savion Anthony-Being His Best
Mariah Melton-Being Responsible
Liston Sarvis-Being His Best
Abby McRae-Being His Best
Fabien Mitchell-Being His Best
Brandon Owens-Being Responsible
Marcus McCall-Being Responsible
Danny McDowell-Being Responsible
Jayla Cox-Being Respectful
Caden Hyatt-Being His Best
Conley Erwin-Being His Best
Daniel Jones-Being His Best
Tristan Roberts-Being Responsible
Savion Anthony-Being Responsible
ZaMarion Monroe-Being Ready
Jhy'Meir Cook-Being His Best
Zaari Thomas-Being His Best
Zack Gray-Being His Best
Williams Smith-Being His Best
Hayleigh Green-Being Her Best
Peyton Davis-Being Responsible
Za'Kiah Blakely-Being Responsible
Rozie Sellers-Being Responsible
Emma Page-Being Respectful
Liston Sarvis-Being Responsible
Brad Yarborough-Being Responsible
Hayleigh Green-Being Ready
Abby King-Being Responsible
Jayden Solter-Being His Best
Gavin Grant-Being His Best
Triston Freeman-Being Responsible



**Great job ladies and gentlemen!
Thank you for going above and
beyond what is expected!**