

2023-2024

LAUREL

SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALENDAR AND PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND HANDBOOK

The Laurel School District 2023 – 2024 School Calendar and Handbook is your guide to school activities and information. Corrections or questions can be directed to Mr. Kirk Lape, Middle High School Principal, at (724) 658-9056. Check the Laurel School District Website for updated information throughout the school year at www.laurelspartans.com. A District Newsletter is also available on the Laurel website.

Mission Statement

Laurel, a community dedicated to excellence, is committed to challenging and equipping students to become knowledgeable, responsible, and engaged contributors to an ever-changing global society.

Belief Statements

- Education is a shared responsibility.
- All students learn at different rates and in different ways.
- Education is an investment in the future.
- Learning and relating are life-long processes.
- Educational and social growth are the primary reasons for attending school.
- Education is enhanced by creating a safe environment supportive of learning.
- The student is the focus of education.
- Effective two-way communication facilitates involvement.
- Each student is unique in abilities, interests, needs, and goals.
- A diversified education should be offered to all individuals.
- All students must be active participants in their education.

Policy

The Laurel School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, union membership, or any other legally protected category. This policy is in accordance with state law, including the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and with federal law, including Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Laurel School District employees and participants who have an inquiry or complaint of harassment or discrimination, or who need information about accommodations for persons with disabilities, should contact Mr. Leonard A. Rich, Superintendent, at the Laurel District Office, 2497 Harlansburg Road, New Castle, PA, 16101, (724) 658-8940.

Vision Statements

We envision the Laurel School District as a district in which:

- Each student is a life-long learner who contributes to an ever- changing and increasingly diverse world.
- Each student is actively engaged in developing the relevant skills, knowledge, and abilities to successfully negotiate the endeavors of life.
- Each student is well-rooted in basic principles and can think beyond parameters.
- Each student is inquisitive, questioning, and curious about the world around us.
- Every staff member promotes research-based educational principles in order for each student to reach his/her potential.
- Every staff member is able to problem-solve, work collaboratively, and utilize resources effectively in order to meet student needs.
- Every staff member is able to support students in their educational, social, and emotional growth.
- The School District provides the skills for student understanding that are relevant in a changing society.
- The School District partners with families and the community to provide a nurturing and supportive environment.
- The School District creates responsible world citizens through shared civic responsibility at all levels.

School Contact Information

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Superintendent's Message

The 2023-2024 presents a chance of hope, growth, and opportunity. COVID has been declared to be in the rear view mirror. Student achievement continues to improve. Our students have the chance to spread their wings and develop into well-rounded young citizens.

Our students give us hope! The community of Laurel is optimistic about the future. Laurel educators are inspired by their students. The graduates that leave these hallowed halls give us hope that the better days of our history are in front of us, not behind us.

Our students continue to achieve at some of the highest levels in Lawrence County and have some of the most improved scores (over the last decade) in the state of Pennsylvania. Their performance is indicative of a mission that was completed successfully by a community of stakeholders including educators, administrators, students, and parents. Our students' achievement deserves recognition and celebration.

Our students have opportunities! The Laurel community should be proud of the academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities that students can participate in and grow as an individual. Your child wants to earn college credit while attending school, yes we do that. Your child wants to compete at a high level athletically, yes we can do that. Your child wants to focus on the visual or performing arts, yes we can do that. Laurel values the well rounded students and seeks to advance each child mentally, physically, and spiritually.

We, the Laurel community, will continue to work in partnership to develop our young children. As a body of educators we look forward to your communication and feedback. Have a great year. May this year be the best your child has ever had as a Spartan!.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Rich Leonard A. Rich Superintendent

Laurel Board of Education

Tim Redfoot, President

Jim McGee, Vice President

Alan Carlson

Robert Dicks

Korie Enscoe

Jeff Hammerschmidt

David Kuth

Lance Nimmo

Michael Parker

Additional Board Information:

- School Board work sessions are held first Wednesday evening of every month at 7:00 PM.
- Regular School Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise posted.
- The School Board President is a member of all committees.
- Additional Committees may be appointed as needed.
- Committees meet when needed.

Standing Board Committees

* denotes committee chairperson

ATHLETICS/ TECHNOLOGY

ACTIVITIES *Carlson
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*Kuth Kuth

Parker

CURRICULUM TRANSPORTATION/

Carlson BUILDING & GROUNDS

*Nimmo Hammerschmidt

McGee *Parker

FINANCE/CAFETERIA

Dicks

*Hammerschmidt

Nimmo

LCCTC REP

Hammerschmidt

PERSONNEL

Enscoe

LCCTC ALTERNATE

Hammerschmidt

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PSBA LIAISON

Carlson

SAFETY

Carlson

*Enscoe

Kuth

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Leonard A. Rich	Superintendent
Ms. Nicole Bell	Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Jennifer Conrad	Business Manager/School Board Secretary
Mr. Robert Lee	Director of Administrative Services
Mrs. Rebecca Medved	Accounts Payable

PRINCIPALS

Mr. Daniel Svirbly - Elementary School

Mr. Kirk Lape - Middle High School

Mrs. Nichole Columbus - Elementary/Middle High School

PUPIL SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Matthew Pertile	School Counselor, Grades 9-12 / HS Gifted Support
Mrs. Michele McClelland	School Counselor, Grades 7 & 8
Mrs. Jessica Neofotistos	School Psychologist
Ms. Anna Antuono	District School Nurse
Mrs. Amber Jacobs	Speech Therapist
Mrs. Melissa Nagel	Elementary Registered Nurse

SECRETARIES

ictrict	Office

Mrs. Cameron Nicholson

Mrs. Mallory Quinn

Middle High School Counselors' Office

Mrs. Linda Barletto

Middle High School Office

Mrs. Brenda Bessell

TBD

Elementary School Office

Ms. Regina Manos

Special Ed./Psych. Office

Mrs. Dianne Callahan

TRANSPORTATION

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Mr. Daniel McC	ormick	Mechanic

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Mrs. Karla Durnell	Ms. Brenda Ritt
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Mrs. Kelli Lanham	Mrs. Jill Smolnik
Ms. Jodi Lombardo	Mrs. Carol Thomas
-	Mr. Rodney Webster

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Mr. Edward Novad	. Director of Buildings & Grounds
Mr. Charles Boyer	Maintenance
Mr. Roger Phipps	Events Manager

Custodians:

Mr. John Brashere	Mr. David Magliocca
Mrs. Peggy Cox	Mrs. Sue McDanel
Mr. Tom Drane	Mr. Frank Rickman
Mr. Michael Gill	Mr. Ronald Rodgers
Mr. Brad Glen	Mr. Richard Sager
Mr. Antarra Jordan	Ms. Angelina Shuler
-	Mr. Rick Stelter

FOOD SERVICE

Ms. Carrie Bonyak	Food Service	Director,	Nutrition, Inc.
Mrs. Mallory Quinn		. Food Ser	vice Secretary

Cafeteria Staff:

Mrs. Silvia Bhattacharya	Mrs. Buffy McConahy
Mrs. Jill Bennett	Ms. Rebecca Miller
Mrs. Bethany Christley	Mrs. Carolyn Ritchie
Mrs. Toni Dando	Mrs. Michelle Schweikert
Mrs. Sondara Golba	Mrs. Sherry Sinibaldi
Mrs. Jolene Houston	Mrs. Carol Thomas
Mrs. Kristin Kingston	Mrs. Taylor Wetzel
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Mrs. Sherrie Kreitzer

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Mr. William Allmann	Science
Mrs. Kelly Bintrim	L.S./Itin. E.S.
Mr. Scott Boyer	Music
Mr. Jason Burkes	Phys. Ed./Health
Mrs. Jenna Burkes	Learning Support
Ms. Madisyn Clark	Math
Mrs. Kaylin Clingensmith	Art
Mrs. Kristen Clingerman	Music
Mrs. Emily Discello	English
Mr. Sean DeBiase	Social Studies
Mrs. Elizabeth Ernst	Spanish
Mrs. Emily Garner	English
Mrs. Lori Hites	Family & Consumer Science
Mr. Jacob Holzhauser	Social Studies
Mrs. Jennifer Horodyski	Science
Ms. Deana LaGamba	Math
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Mrs. Jennifer McGarrah	Social Studies
Mrs. Jessica Miles	Learning Support
Mrs. Cherith Morrison	Math
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Mrs. Stephanie Rambo	Math
Mrs. Nicole Scott	Social Studies
Mr. Richard Serignese	Social Studies
Mr. Timothy Shelenberger	Science
Mr. Ryan Shevitz	Math
Mr. Patrick Silhanek	English
Mrs. Dawne Skerbetz	Business
Mr. Steven Skerbetz	Science
Mr. Greg Walzer	English
Mrs. Heather Walzer	Science
Mrs. Cynthia Wolfe	
Mr. Ryan Wypych	
Mr. Dennis Wysocki	Drivers Theory/Health

ELEMENTARY FACULTY

KINDERGARTEN	-
	Mrs. Lisa Harrington
	Mrs. Carrie Mason
	Ms. Nadine Mezan
GRADE I	-
	Mrs. Jennifer Changoway
	Mrs. Stephanie Hennon
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	Mrs. Tracie Nicholudis
	Mrs. Patricia Panek
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	Mrs. Leigh Ann Canciello
	Mrs. Susan Hardisky
	Mrs. Wende Litrenta
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	Mrs. Kelly Jones
	Mrs. Christina Lorelli
GRADE 5	Mrs. Jennifer Hileman
	Mrs. Bethany Kwiat
	Mrs. Michelle Rodgers
GRADE 6	Mrs. Morgan Richards
	Ms. Gina Santini
	Mrs. Amanda Wade
TITLE I	_
IST	Mrs. Kim Stewart
GIFTED/RESOURCE/EMOTION	
	Mrs. Angela Murmann
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LEARNING SUPPORT	
	Mrs. Melissa White
LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT	Mrs. Monica Rich
ART	Mrs. Diane Downing
LIBRARY	_
MUSIC	•
	Mr. Nathan Daubenspeck
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Mrs. Erin ShafferE.S.
LIBRARY AIDE
Mrs. Kimberly RandH.S.
Pirs. Rimberly Rand
TITLE I PARA-EDUCATOR
Mrs. Pamela BowdenE.S
TBDE.S
Mrs. Amy Karki

State Truancy Laws

Act 138 & Act. 39, the new state truancy law, extensively changed the penalties for truancy from school. Under the new law, parents are fined up to \$300 and required to pay court costs or complete a parenting education program or perform community service. The District Judge can also fine students or assign them to an adjudicated alternative program. Driving privileges can be revoked and application for a learner's permit can be prohibited.

Attendance

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires children to attend school regularly until they are eighteen years of age. We ask for parents' cooperation in carrying out this state regulation that Laurel School District must enforce.

EXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDY—Illness, quarantine, death in the immediate family, exceptionally urgent reasons, impassable roads, and inclement weather.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDY—Unapproved employment, truancy, parental neglect, oversleeping, missing the bus, shopping, babysitting, visiting relatives, hunting, fishing, working at home, and remaining at home to do school work. MAKE UP WORK (INCLUDING TESTS) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FOR ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. After three days of such unexcused absences, the student's parents will be notified. A fine may be imposed for any day over the three days of unexcused absences.

WRITTEN EXCUSE—Within three (3) days of returning to school from an absence, the student is required to present a written note from the parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence. A student may receive credit for a day for which no excuse has been submitted.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences are a problem that contributes to poor academic performance and student failure. The following guidelines will be enforced:

- After three (3) days of unlawful or unexcused absences, you will be considered truant and a letter will be sent home as a notice.
- After six (6) days of unlawful absence you will be considered habitually truant. A mandatory attendance improvement conference will be scheduled.
- On the first day of an unexcused absence or unlawful absence following the mandatory attendance improvement meeting, a referral will be made to Children and Youth Services and charges will be filed with the local magistrate.

Cumulative Absences

- At seven (7) days of cumulative absences, a warning letter will also be sent home.
- After ten (10) days of cumulative absences, not withstanding vacation allowance, a doctor's excuse will be required for any subsequent absence(s).

SCHOOL DAY START TIMES

Middle High School:

7:45 AM - Report to 1st Period

8:13 AM - Warning Bell

8:15 AM - 1st Period

2:55 PM - Dismissal

Elementary School:

9:00 AM - Classes Start

3:45 PM - Dismissal

Unexcused Absences (Cont'd)

- A maximum of ten (10) cumulative days will be accepted with a parental note. All additional absences require an excuse from a licensed practitioner or physician.
- After ten (10) days of cumulative absences in a semester class, or twenty (20) days in a year-long class, minus medical exemptions and vacation allowance, a student will not be given credit for the course, and or may not be promoted to the next grade level.

Students who experience extended illness, hospitalization, family emergency or other mitigating circumstance will be handled on an individual basis. Contact should be made to his/her School Counselor, School Nurse or Building Principal.

A STUDENT MUST BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN OR ATTEND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

Laurel School District Tardy Policy

All students at the Laurel Middle-High School must report to 1st period by 8:15 AM each school day. All students at the Laurel Elementary School must report to their classroom by 9:00 AM. Those students reporting to school after the start of the day must sign in with an excuse at the Attendance Office. Students arriving late without an excuse or with an invalid excuse will be categorized as unexcused. STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 10:30 AM WITH AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

The following guidelines will be enforced for students for each **quarter** of the school year:

- 1. On a student's third (3) tardy, a warning will be given.
- 2. After four (4) tardies, a detention will be issued.
- After six (6) tardies, a Saturday Morning Behavior Modification Seminar will be assigned.
- 4. After eight (8) tardies, a day of Re-Assignment will be issued.
- After ten (10) tardies, a student will be suspended for three
 (3) days out-of-school and a parent re-entry meeting will be held.

College Visits/ Job Interviews

All juniors and seniors who want to be excused from school to visit post secondary institutions or to have a job interview must obey the following:

- A written parental permission request to be absent from school must be presented to the guidance office for approval a day or more in advance of the visit.
- After returning from the scheduled visit, the student must present a note to the Guidance Office from the school's admissions counselor or the interviewer stating the student was present.

It is strongly recommended that a parent accompany students visiting a post secondary institution.

Family Vacation During the School Year

The State Board of Education, in its regulation Chapter XI, Section II.26, provides that upon receipt of a written request from the parents of a pupil involved in an educational tour or trip, the pupil may be excused from school attendance. Parents must assume the expense for the tour or trip.

Vacation Forms are provided at the back of the calendar and are also available in the school offices. Vacation Forms should be completed by the parent/guardian and approved by the school principal one week prior to the vacation. Students will be excused for a maximum of five (5) school days during the school year. Any additional days will be considered unexcused or unlawful.

It is the responsibility of the student to secure assignments from teachers prior to leaving for vacation. School work missed during the vacation must be made up.

Assignments Due to Extended Illness

In case of extended illness (3+ days), assignments may be collected for students. Parents are to notify the building office to make the request. Students are responsible for collecting assignments during absences of less than three (3) days.

Work Permit

A work permit is required of all young people under the age of 18 before they begin work. Students and a parent/guardian must apply for the work permit in the Middle High School Office before securing work for after-school hours, on weekends, or during vacation periods. A copy of the student's birth certificate is necessary for completing the working papers.

AUGUST 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	School Board Work Session	3	4	5	
			Meeting 7:00 PM				
			Band			10	
6	7	8 Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	
		Project Hope Mtg. @ Christ United Church -Nesh. 4:00 PM	ard Meeting	7th Grade Orientation 6:00 PM-8:00 PM	VG vs Mohawk Jr/Sr 3:30 PM		
			Band Camp				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Marching Band Practice 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	VG @ Riverside HS 3:30 PM		VG vs Shenango HS 3:30 PM		VFB Scrimmage @ Ellwood Cit Lincoln Jr/Sr 10:00 AM	
			Lawrence County Fair				
20	Kindergarten/ New Student Orientation 9:00 AM New Teacher Orient. 9:00 AM Marching Band Practice & Fall	VCC Scrimmage @ Beaver Area HS 4:00 PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	24 1/1 / A Scrimmage @ West Middlesex Hs VB Scrimmage @ South Fayette		SAT 8:00 AM	
	Preview VG @ Neshannock Jr/Sr 3:30 PM Project Hope Back to School Dist. @ United Srethren Church 6:00 PM	TEACHER IN-SERVICE	TEACHER IN-SERVICE	HS 5:00 PM First Day of School for Students	VFB @ New Brighton HS 7:00 PM	JVFB vs New Brighton HS 10:00 AM VB Scrimmage @ Avonworth HS TBA	
27	28 3 / 3 / C					no IbA	
	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM		Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	DB vs Eliwood Oily sinol 110 0.40			
	VB vs Knoch HS 6:00 PM	GJHBB Scrimmage @ New Brighton HS 3:30 PM	JHFB Scrimmage @ Rochester Area Jr/Sr HS TBA	VG @ Mohawk Jr/Sr HS 3:30 PM			
NOTES:			VB @ Greater Latrobe 6:00 PM	DAILY	CODE:		
			Day of School)	/ear / Middle High School Sch		ool Schedule Day	
			50, 0, 00, 00, 1		TS CODES:		
			VFB - Varsity Football JVFB - Jr. Varsity Football JHFB - Jr. High Football	JVVB - Junior Varsity \ VG - Golf VCC - Cross Country	VCH VB -	- Varsity Cheerleading Volleyball BB - Girts' Jr. High Basketball	

Elementary Arrival/Early Dismissal

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 8:40am and students are not dismissed until 3:45pm. Any student leaving prior to 3:45 PM must have a lawful excuse. The arrival and dismissal procedures described in the following sections will be followed for all students.

Arrival Procedures

All students arriving on the bus will be released from the buses to enter the building at 8:40am. Any parent who wishes to drop off their student must leave their student off at the front of the building by the main office. No student may be dropped off prior to 8:40am. Upon arrival, students will report directly to their homeroom unless they are going to breakfast. All students must be in homeroom by 9:00am.

Elementary Dismissal Procedures

In order for a student to be picked up, they must submit a note to the office in the morning or utilize the "PickUp Patrol App." All notes should include the date, child's name, homeroom teacher, and dismissal change. Changes to pick-up cannot be made over the phone, unless it is an extreme emergency.

<u>Pick-up:</u> Parents will enter building through the Main Lobby at 3:45 PM and sign in with Security then Parent/Guardian will proceed to the Cafeteria where staff will release student. **BE PREPARED TO SHOW ID.** All Dismissals and changes to dismissals must be submitted in PickUp Patrol or a note sent with the student. All changes must be to the office by 2:45 PM.

Policy/Procedures: Each student will have only one AM and one PM bus stop, which is their primary residence as it is recorded in our system. Parents or guardians may request one permanent change to their student's AM and/or PM bus stop, within the boundaries of the Laurel School District. This request must be submitted to the transportation department by July 31st. Students will have one consistent stop for every day of the week. Monday through Friday. We will not make changes for specific days of the week. We will not be issuing daily bus passes for students to ride to a different stop or to a friend's or relative's house. We will honor any court documentation that necessitates a student to be transported to another custodial parent/guardian's residence within the Laurel School District based on court ordered custody. It is the parent's responsibility to provide this court documentation. The parent must also provide the school a signed note with the student's name, address of the new stop, and the day (s) this change is to occur.

Early Dismissals: A parent should submit the early dismissal in the PickUp Patrol App or submit a note to the office in the morning. Students must submit excuses for the early dismissal upon return. The student will be added to the early dismissal list and the homeroom teacher will be notified. There are dismissal forms available in the back of the calendar. Parents/guardians will sign their student out in the main office at the time of dismissal. BE PREPARED TO SHOW ID. All PickUp Patrol entries and notes must be to the office by 2:45 PM.

Middle High School Arrival/ Early Dismissal/Dismissal

Other than a supervised activity, no student may arrive at school earlier than 7:45am. The doors will not be unlocked until 7:45am. All students will report to their first period class or if the student is eating breakfast, they will report to the cafeteria.

If a student becomes ill at school, he/she may be excused only through the nurse's office. If the nurse excuses a student early, the student must sign out in the School Office. In situations other than emergencies, the following procedure shall be employed for early dismissals (i.e. for a medical/dental appointment, etc.):

- Parents/guardians must send an early dismissal note to the school stating the reason for the early dismissal. Students must provide the School Office with the early dismissal note prior to the start of the school day. Early Dismissal Forms are provided for parents at the back of this calendar. If the dismissal is because of a medical appointment, the student should obtain an excuse from the physician to bring back to school. The school reserves the right to confirm all early dismissals.
- Students will be issued a slip to leave early for the day and time of the dismissal. When students return to school they must sign in at the School Office before returning to class.
- 3. Between the times of 7:45 8:15 and 2:45 3:00 students are restricted from being dropped off or picked up in the bus lane. Please use the student parking lot during these times for drop off and pick up.

NEW Middle-High School Policy/Procedures:

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Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Compulsory School Age Law, all children in the Commonwealth are required to enroll in school no later than age six(6).

- To enter Kindergarten, the child will be at least five (5) years of age on or before September 1st of the school year.
- A screening for vision, hearing, and speech will be conducted during the beginning of the school year.
- A copy of current immunization records must be on record prior to the first day of school.

Visitors

ALL visitors must pass through the secure main entrance, and obtain a visitor's pass from the main office by signing the visitors' book immediately upon entering. All visitors must have a state-issued photo identification card ready to scan to enter the building. Upon leaving the building, the visitor must return the visitor's pass and sign out.

VISITORS PLEASE NOTE:



All buildings, facilities,
grounds, buses and vans of the Laurel
School District are TOBACCO AND
DRUG FREE
including electronic cigarettes and
similar devices.

Cumdou	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	wonuay	Tuesday	weunesday	Inuisuay		
					7th Annual Community Tailgate 5:00 PM to Kickoff VFB vs Neshannock 7:00 PM	VCC Hornet Harrier Invitational @ Hickory HS TBA
					TEACHER IN-SERVICE	JVFB @ Neshannock 10:00 AM
					NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
3	4 Labor Day	5 7 / 1 / B Homecoming Nominations	6 8 / 2 / C NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	OPEN HOUSE High School 5:00-6:30 PM Elementary 6:00-7:30 PM	8 10 / 4 / E VG @ Shenango HS 3:30 PM	9 ACT 8:00 AM JVFB vs Mohawk 10:00 AM
	VACATION DAY	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	VG vs Riverside HS 3:30 PM JHFB vs Neshannock 4:30 PM		VFB @ Mohawk Jr/ Sr 7:00 PM	VCC Big Red Invitational @ West Middlesex HS TBA
	NO SCHOOL	GJHBB vs Mohawk 3:45 PM VB @ Shenango 6:00 PM	School Board Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM	GJHBB @ Wilmington HS 3:30 VB vs Neshannock 6:00 PM		
10	11 11 / 5 / A Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	12 12 / 6 / B VG AA HS MAC Golf Tournament @ Fox Run 9:00 AM	13 13 / 1 / C NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM	14 14 / 2 / D MAC Golf Tournament @ Fox Run	15 15/3/E	VB AA High School MAC Volleyball Championship @
		VG vs Neshannock 3:30 PM GJHBB @ Shenango 3:30 PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	GJHBB vs Neshannock 3:45 PM		Montour HS 9:00 AM
		VCC Cross Country Meet @ Rochester HS 4:00 PM VB vs Beaver Falls HS 6:00 PM	JHFB @ Mohawk Jr/Sr 4:00 PM	VB @ Mohawk Jr/Sr 6:00 PM	vs Berlin Brothers Valley HS 7:00	
		. 3:00PM ES Beginner Band Par				
17	18 16/4/A	VG @ Union MS/HS 3:30 PM GJHBB vs Riverside HS 3:45 PM	Extra Hour (Faculty) Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	MS/HS School Pictures	22 20 / 2 / E	ES Grandparents Breakfast A-M 8:00 AM N-Z 9:30 AM
	action Qualifier @ Country Club 9:	VCC vs Cross Country Meet 4:30 PM VB vs Ellwood City Lincoln Jr/Sr	JHFB @ Union MS/HS 4:00 PM Lawrence Co. Band Festival 7:00 PM	VG vs Eliwood City Lincoln 3:30PM GJHBB @ Union MS/HS 3:30	(Homecoming)	VCC Blue Devil Invitational @ Sharpsville High School TBA
	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	6:00 PM	PTO Meeting 4:00 PM	PM VB vs Beaver Area HS 6:00 PM		ng Dance 7:00
		gional CDE Competition	27 23 / 5 / C	28 24 / 6 / D	29 25 / 1 / E	20
24	MS/HS	26 22 / 4 / B VG AA HS Tam O'Shanter Invitational 10:00 AM MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:00PM GJHBB @ Eliwood City 3:30 PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM JHFB vs Ellwood City Lincoln		Jr./Sr. College/Career Day 9:00	VB (JV) @ Beaver Area HS Beaver JV Tournament 9:00 AV
	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM		Rain Date for Lawrence Co. Band Festival	VB vs Shenango HS 6:00 PM	VFB @ Rochester Area Jr/Sr 7:00 PM	
	VB vs McDowell 6:00 PM	VB @ Riverside HS 6:00 PM		FFA Mum Sale		
NOTES:					CODE:	
			Day of School	Year / Middle High School Sch		ol Schedule Day
			VFB - Varsity Football	FALL SPOR	RTS CODES:	- Varsity Cheerleading
			JVFB - Jr. Varsity Football JHFB - Jr. High Football	VG - Golf VCC - Cross Country	VB -	Volleyball 3B - Girls' Jr. High Basketball

School Closing and Emergency Dismissal

As winter approaches, we must anticipate inclement weather conditions that may require school delays or closings. A school closing may occur because of unsafe roads, furnace failure, the lack of water, or other unforeseen circumstances. Should this be necessary during the 2023-2024 school year, the district will make an emergency announcement beginning at 6:00 AM or as soon as conditions determine that an emergency exists. Information regarding delays, cancellations, or emergencies will be disseminated through the School Messenger, district website, and parent/ student emails. For the 2023-2024 school year Laurel School District will continue to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FID) on the days school is cancelled. Please see the District website for details. www.laurelspartans.com.

In the event that make-up days are required, the school calendar will be followed. The first make-up day will be January 16, 2023. Additional make-up days, if necessary, will be utilized as follows: February 20th, March 17th, and April 10th, 2023.

The school may utilize a two-hour delayed starting schedule during heavy fog, icy roads, or heavy snowfall in order to give highway crews more time to salt and clear roadways. These announcements will also be made through the School Messenger, district website, and parent/ student emails.

If an early dismissal from school is required due to the forecast of heavy snow or the approach of other unsafe conditions, the information will be disseminated through the School Messenger, district website, and parent/ student emails.

During the winter season, parents are requested to be alert for changing weather conditions and the possibility that their children may be dismissed early. Parents who are working, shopping, or away from home during the day should instruct their child about what to do if he/she arrives home early. Arrangements should be made with an adult relative, friend or neighbor to look after the child until a parent returns home. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's building principal.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Buses will transport secondary students first, then immediately return to the Elementary School for dismissal of Elementary students.

Please remind your children to dress properly during the winter months and to wait at the bus stop for a reasonable period of time before returning home. This will depend on the severity of the weather. It is important that parents remind children to wait for the bus a safe distance from the highway since it is often difficult for drivers to see the road during a snowstorm. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Although students are expected to attend school when possible, parental discretion may determine whether or not the child can get to the bus stop safely under severe weather conditions without endangering his/her health. Under such conditions, students will be given a legal excuse from the Compulsory Attendance Laws of Pennsylvania.

Open House

During the first grading period, each building will hold its annual Open House. This is an opportunity for parents and the Laurel community to meet their children's teachers, and to learn more about Laurel's curriculum and the expectations of the staff.

The Elementary Open House will be held on Thursday, September 7th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for parents of students in Kindergarten through Grade 6.

The Middle High School Open House will be held on Thursday, September 7th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM for parents of students in Grades 7-12.

School Wide Positive Behavior

Be Kind — Be Safe — Be Responsible!

Laurel School District participates in a School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program in grades K-12. School Wide Positive Behavior Support is a research-based approach to promote appropriate student behavior and increased learning across all educational environments. Research has shown that changes such as: differentiated instructional practices; improved instructional delivery; consistent non-punitive discipline practices; opportunities for students to learn prosocial and self-management skills; consistent, clear rules and high performance expectations; and consistent enforcement of rules contribute to high achievement and pro-social behavior in children and adolescents. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of SWPBS in our schools.

Environmental Stewardship Page 9

The Laurel School District places significance on environmental education and stewardship of our natural resources. Since 2000 the district has implemented a state-approved Stewardship Plan. This plan involves a 38-acre tract of land between the Middle High School and Elementary buildings. This tract includes a five acre lake, numerous wetlands, and forest land. These resources provide an opportunity for hands-on, real world learning activities for our students.

Project HOPE

Project HOPE provides aid to families in need within the Laurel community. If you or your family should need back-to-school assistance, or assistance during the school year, or in an emergency, or if you want to volunteer, please call (724) 658-2673 ext 4673

English Language Learner Program

The Laurel School District offers English Language Learner Programming (ELL) to students whose dominant language is not English and/or English language learners meeting qualifying criteria. The goal of the program is to provide consultation, evaluation, support, and direct English instruction for students with limited English proficiency to ensure equal educational opportunity.

For further information contact:
Mr. Leonard A. Rich, Superintendent
Laurel School District
2497 Harlansburg Road, New Castle PA 16101
724-658-8940, Ext. 3919

School Insurance

Any student participating in sports must carry insurance. A supplemental student accident insurance is available for purchase. You may obtain an application by visiting the Student Accident Insurance link on our website.

Career/Technical/Agriculture Education

All students in Grade 8 will receive information on the Laurel Agriculture Education Program. All students in Grade 9 tour the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center for possible enrollment in one of the vocational education programs. Each eligible and/or disadvantaged student who enrolls in a vocational education program will be given the opportunity to participate in a Vocational Assessment Program. No student will be excluded from participating in vocational programs or denied the benefit of vocational programs based on discriminating practices.

OCTOBER 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
NOTES:							
1	2 26/2/A	3 27/3/B	4 28/4/C	5 29/5/D	6 30/6/E	7	
	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:30PM 4th Grade Ag Encounter GJHBB vs Wilmington HS 3:45 PM	NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	Honors Chorus Auditions- Westminster College 9:00 AM		SAT 8:00 AM	
	Adult Travel Club 7:30 PM	VB @ Neshannock Jr/Sr 6:00 PM VCC Cross Country Meet @ Union 4:00 PM	JHFB @ Riverside HS 4:00 PM NHS Fall Service Project School Board Work Session Mtg 7:00 PM	GJHBB vs Shenango HS 3:45 PM VB @ Beaver Falls HS 6:00 PM	VFB vs Northgate MS/HS 7:00 PM	VCC @ Shenango High School Tri- County CC Championship	
		FFA AG Encounter- Lawre	ence County Fairgrounds	FFA Mu			
8	GJHBB @ Neshannock Jr/Sr	10 31 / 1 / A Jr Class Fundraiser Ends	11 32 / 2 / B NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM		13 34/4/D	14	
SC PROJECT HOPE COLLECTION	3:30 PM Columbus Day	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM	GJHBB @ Riverside HS 3:30 PM arching Band Practice 3:10 PI	GJHBB vs Union MS/HS 3:45 PM			
	VACATION DAY	Project Hope Meeting @ Laurel Elem. School 4:00 PM VB vs Mohawk Jr/Sr 6:00 PM	VCC AA HS MAC Championship @ Settler's Cabin Park 3:00 PM JHFB vs Shenango HS 4:30 PM	VB @ Ellwood City Lincoln Jr/Sr 6:00 PM	VFB @ South Side HS 7:00 PM	JVFB vs Southside HS 10:00 AM	
	NO SCHOOL	Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	School Board Meeting 7:00 PM				
15	16 35/5/E			19 38 / 2 / C PSAT/ NMSQT 8:30 AM	20 39 / 3 / D	21	
		Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM		VED 0 I A		
	VB @ Butler Area HS 6:00 PM	MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM VB @ Beaver Area HS 6:00 PM	Ac.Games Onsets (Gr.3-12) 9:00 AM JHFB @ New Brighton HS 4:00 PM	VB vs Riverside HS 6:00 PM	VFB vs Summit Academy (Senior Recognition) 7:00 PM	FFA CDE Contest Fall Round Up	
		75 @ 552161 7 E52 115 0.50 7 III	NHS Induction Ceremony 6:00 PM	Bonfire @ Spartan Park			
22	23 40 / 4 / E		Elem- Q1 AR Points Due	26 43 / 1 / C ES Fail Pictures		28 ACT 8:00 AM	
SC PROJECT HOPE COLLECTION	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM		Student Council Fall Luncheon	lugustine Pizz	ES Fall Party 2:15 PM MS Q1 Field Day		
COLLECTION		Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM Financial Aid Night 7:00 PM	VCC WPIAL District 7 Invitational Championships TBA	VFB @ Shenango HS 7:00 PM	Senior Halloween Dance	
					Chorus- Westminster College 9	9:00 AM	
29	30 45 / 3 / E Last Day of Quarter 1	31 46 / 4 / A First Day of Quarter 2		DAILY			
		Conservation Club Cabela's Trip MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM		Year / Middle High School School FALL SPOR		or Schedule Day	
High School Cheer Competition	on t	Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM	JVFB - Jr. Varsity Football	VG - Golf	Varsity Volleyba	VCH - Varsity Cheerleading VB - Volleyball GJHBB - Girls' Jr. High Bask	
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Student Educational Records

General Overview of Educational Records

"Educational records" include records, files, documents and other materials which contain information directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a person acting for such an agency or institution.

Excluded from "educational records" are records of instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel and education personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or related to any other person except a substitute.

The FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Office has issued a policy interpretation of "sole possession of records" as it applies to teachers' personal notes. It is advised that private notes and other materials, such as a teacher's daily record book created by individual personnel as memory aids would not be available to parents or students provided they are not revealed to another person other than in the case of a substitute who performs another's duties for a temporary period.

Privacy Rights of Parents and Students

The Laurel School District and its employees respect and protect the rights of students. These rights are guaranteed in federal law and in state and federal rules and regulations. The foundation of these rights comes from federal legislation entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (also known as the Buckley Amendments). There are also state rules and regulations protecting the rights and privacy of all students, both regular and those determined to have special needs. These rights are contained in State Regulations Chapter Five, known as Students Rights and Responsibilities.

These laws and regulations are based upon the premise that information about students cannot be disclosed without written parental consent (or if the student is eighteen (18) or older, written student consent). Included under these guidelines are educational records and personally identifiable information. Not included under these guidelines is directory information. Educational records consist of information directly related to a student's education program. Personally identifiable information includes the name of the parent or other family members and other information such as birth date, PA Secure I.D., social security number, etc. used to identify students. Directory information includes the student's name and mailing address.

Disclosure/Release of Educational Records

Disclosure of information means to permit access to or the release, transfer or other communication of educational records, in whole or part, or the personally identifiable information contained in these records, to any party, by any means, including oral, written or electronic means. This means that information about a student cannot even be shared in conversation without permission. This also applies to other personnel who do not have an educationally relevant reason to possess knowledge of a student.

In the absence of either parental consent or court order, FERPA prohibits the disclosure of any "personally identifiable information" from educational records.

Student Information

Any change in address, telephone number, and/or guardianship should be reported immediately to Central Registration in District Office. Failure to update student demographic information may result in a delay of important information being conveyed to the parent/guardian. Parents/guardians are hereby notified that information in a student's record that is no longer relevant to and necessary for the provision of educational services to the student will be destroyed by the school district. Parents/guardians have a right to receive a copy of the material to be destroyed upon request. Please contact the Principal for additional information regarding the destruction of student records.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. §1232h, requires the Laurel School District to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight (8) areas ("protected information surveys"):

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- 3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors or ministers;

- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys" and certain physical exams and screenings).

Parents will be notified of any activities requiring parental notice and consent or opt-out for the upcoming school year. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 or older or an emancipated minor under State law.)

Federal Law permits student directory information to be provided to the military upon request.

Homeless

In 1987, Congress passed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to aid homeless persons. The term "homeless children and youths" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Children or youth and their families living in a shelter, transitional housing, motel, vehicle, campground, on the street, or doubled up with relatives or friends due to a lack of housing are considered to be homeless. It is the District's obligation to ensure that children defined as homeless have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths. The District Homeless Liaison is charged with identifying homeless children, informing parents/ guardians of educational rights and related opportunities available, providing parents/guardians with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children, disseminating public notice of educational rights of homeless students, mediating enrollment disputes, informing parents/ guardians of transportation options, assisting children and youth who do not have immunizations or medical records, facilitating connections to community resources and referrals, and collaborating with school personnel to ensure that homeless children who are in need of special education and related services are located, identified, and evaluated. The Laurel School District Homeless Liaison is Mr. Leonard Rich, Superintendent. Please contact Mr. Rich at 724-658-9056, ext. 3919 or at the Laurel School District, 2497 Harlansburg Road, New Castle, PA 16101 with any referrals, questions, or concerns regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 47/5/B	Quarter 1 Grades Due	3 49/1/D	4 SAT 8:00 AM
			HS Off, Mtg & Blood Drive 7:30 At Academic Games- Propaganda			Laurel Band Craft Show 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
			MS/HS 9:00 AM Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM			
			SB Work Session Mtg 7:00 PM MUSICAL PRE-AU	IDITIONS 3:20 PM		Boys Basketball Fall Shoot-C
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	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM		NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM Talent Show Auditions	Spanish IV to Fallingwater 6:30 AM		
	Adult Travel Club 7:30 PM	Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM Musical Auditions 3:20 PM	Marching Band Practice 3:10 PM Quarter 1 Reports Card Emailed	ES Family Fun Night 6:00 PM		
	Patriotic Tribute Concert	HNR Band Auditions @ SRU Project Hope Meeting @ Laurel	ard Meeting		TEACHER IN-SERVICE	
	7:00 PM	Elem. School 4:00 PM			NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
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2	13 54 / 6 / D	14 55 / 1 / E Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM			American Education Week	, 10
AMERICAN EDUCATION		MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:00PM	Talent Show Auditions	Varsity L-Volleyball Tournament	Teacher Breakfast 7:00 AM	
	\preceq	Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	Academic Games- Elem Propaganda			
SC PROJECT HO COLLECTION	PE	Theatre Arts Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	PTO Meeting 4:00 PM		Project Hope Thanksgiving Distribution @ United Brethren Church 1:00 PM	
9	20 59 / 5 / D	21 60 / 6 MS FFA Meeting	22	23	24	25
	Student Council Food	Talent Show 5th and 6th Grade Hoop-a-Thon		Thanksgiving		GVBB Scrimmage @ Beav
	Distribution SC Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM ACT 80 DAY Early Dismissal	VACATION DAY NO SCHOOL	VACATION DAY NO SCHOOL	VACATION DAY NO SCHOOL	10:00 AM BVBB AA HS Scrimmage Lincoln Park 10:00 AM
		HS 10:20 ES 11:00		20 (0.15		
26		28 61 / 1 / E Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM		30 63/3/B		
		Musical Rehearsals After School Begin 3:20 PM				
	VACATION DAY	BVBB vs Beaver Area (Scrimmage) 4:00PM				
	NO SCHOOL	GVBB vs Moniteau Scrimmage 6:30 PM				
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			BVBB - Boys' Varsity Basketi		Boys' Basketball BB	i 7&8 - Basketball 7&8 HBB - Boys' Jr. High Baske

District Grading Scale

Students at the Elementary and Middle-High Schools will be graded according to this scale:

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В	89—80	IAT
С	79—70	
D	69—60	
F	59 and below	:-%

The lowest score a student may receive during the 1st and 3rd nine weeks is a 50%. There is no basement for the 2nd and 4th nine weeks.

Level of Course	Assessments	Independent Work	Participation
(Rigor)	(Tests)	(Homework)	(Attendance)
Regular	60%	30%	10%
Honors College in HS	75%	15%	10%
AP	90%	5%	5%

Middle-High School Honor Roll

High Honor students will be designated following each grading period as those students who have earned no grade below 90% or an incomplete grade.

Honor students will be designated following each grading period as those students who have earned no grade below 80% or an incomplete grade.

* Partial credit subjects are scaled proportionately.

Valedictorian will be the student with the highest overall class rank based on the above guidelines upon the completion of grades 9-12. Salutatorian will be the student with the 2nd highest overall class rank based on the above guidelines upon the completion of grades 9-12. In order to receive Valedictorian or Salutatorian status, students must have attained half of their graduation credits at the Laurel Middle High School.

Final class rank will not be announced or released until final grades from grade 12 are validated and finalized. Administrative discretion will be used to release potential graduation honor students to media outlets upon request.

Elementary School Honor Roll

Honor Roll applies to grades 4, 5, and 6 only

- Honor Roll: All grades must be A's and B's with no grade below an 80%
- High Honor Roll: All grades must be A's with no grade below 90%

The Sports Program

Listed below are the Athletic Teams, with their Head Coach, offered by the Laurel School District. Coaches or the Athletic Director can be contacted to discuss these programs.

Athletic Director	Mrs. Lori Hites
Basketball	
Cheerleading	Mrs. Brandy Napoli
Cross Country	Mr. Matthew Lawhead
Football	Mr. Brian Cooper
Softball	Mr. Frank Duddy
Golf	Mr. Steven Skerbetz
Track & Field	Mr. Brian Cooper
***************************************	Alexandra Rice
Volleyball	
Wrestling	

A STUDENT MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 10:30 AM AND BE IN ATTENDANCE AT LEAST HALF THE SCHOOL DAY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ATHLETIC CONTEST/ PRACTICE/ACTIVITIES THAT DAY. An exception will be made if the student has an approved medical appointment; in which case, the student must present to the attendance supervisor a signed statement from the doctor regarding the absence. An administrator may approve participation in cases of a family emergency or a funeral. If a student is absent the last school day of the week, and the competition is a non-school day, the student must have parent permission to participate. It is recommended that the coach call the parent regarding the absence.

A student who has been diagnosed with a concussion or an injury requiring medical treatment cannot participate until released by a qualified physician.

Cell Phones/Electronic Media

Cell phones and electronic media may be used in authorized areas such as the cafeteria and hallways before school, during lunch, and after school. Students will be permitted to use electronic devices for academic purposes or under the direct supervision of a teacher or staff member.

- Students are not to answer or place calls in academic areas.
- Picture taking and/or video taping is NOT PERMITTED at anytime.
- 7th & 8th grade students will not be permitted to use electronic devices unless directed to do so by a staff member.
- Elementary Students are not permitted to use cell phones or similar electronic devices. They must keep them silenced and in their backpacks.

Students are NOT permitted to use laser pointers on school property or on district transportation at anytime.

Student Progress

The Laurel School District utilizes the ALMA Database to provide parents and students with the ability to access current student grades and attendance. Parents and students are given individual passwords. Teachers are required to input current grade information once a week. The intent of this program is to provide both parents and students with the ability to consistently track a student's progress. If questions arise about a student's progress or grades, the individual teacher is to be contacted. Questions about the program may be directed to the Mr. Rob Lee. Parents without computer access may contact the Mr. Rob Lee to view their student's progress via District resources.

Cafeteria Services

Students may bring a prepared lunch to school or purchase lunch in the school cafeterias. A breakfast program is provided in both buildings. For payment of meals in the Laurel School District Cafeterias, each student has a computerized debit account (NOT a credit account) into which money is deposited. Checks should be made to the order of the Laurel School Cafeteria Fund. Please include the student's name on the memo line. Laurel School District offers an online service to monitor your children's mealtime purchases, check the account balance, and make payments to your child's account. Reminders can also be set to notify parents when low and/or negative-balances are reached. Please visit: www.laurelspartans.com/food-services. Also available on the website are links to Free & Reduced meal applications, District policies regarding meal accounts, District wellness policy, and the most recent triennial assessment..

Free and Reduced breakfast and lunch meals are available to qualifying families. Any additional items chosen by the students will be sold at the full prices. Paper application forms for Free/Reduced meals are available by calling 724-658-8940. Ext. 3923. Applications not returned to Laurel School District Cafeteria within 30 school days will result in the student being charged the full price of a meal until determination is authorized. Parents/guardians should receive written determination within 10 days upon receipt of the application.

NOTE: Food or beverage containers or open containers of any kind are not permitted to be taken out of the cafeteria or used in other areas of the school building unless required due to a medical issue.

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	1.00	1.50
Secondary	1.00	2.00
Adult	2.00	4.00

DECEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 64/4/C	2 SAT 8:00 AM
					GVBB @ Slippery Rock HS Tip off Tournament TBA	GVBB @ Slippery Rock HS Ti Off Tournament TBA
					VW @ Greenville Jr/Sr HS Sheetz Kickoff Classic 3:00 PM	VW @ Greenville Jr/Sr HS Sheetz Kickoff Classic 8:00 AM
					BB9 vs Blackhawk Scrim. 3:45 PM	BB 7&8 vs Aliquippa 10:00 AM (Scri
					BJVBB vs Mercer (Tip Off Tourn) 5:00 PM	BJVBB vs Wilmington (Tip Of Tourn) 3:30 PM
					BVBB vs Wilmington (Tipoff Tourn) 7:30 PM	BVBB vs Mercer (Tip Off Touri 6:00 PM
3	4 65 / 5 / A	5 66/6/B	6 67/1/C	7 68 / 2 / D	8 69/3/E	
ES SANTA LAND WEEK			Q2 Progress Reports			VW @ Moon Area HS Moon Dual Tournament 8:00 AM
		Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM Project Hope Meeting @ Laurel Elem. School 4:00 PM	NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM BB 7&8 vs Seneca Valley Senior HS 3:45 PM JHW @ Ellwood City 6:00 PM	GVBB vs Rochester HS 6:00 PM	BB9 vs Neshannock 3:45 PM	BB 7&8 @ Shenango 10:00 AI BVBB vs Greenville HS 1:30 F JHW @ Moon Area HS Moor Dual Tournament 1:30 PM
SC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DRIVE		BB9 @ Mohawk 3:30 PM	VW @ Ellwood City 7:00 PM School Board Reorg. Mtg 6:45 PM	MS/HS Christmas Choral Concert 7:00PM		Fine Arts Field Trip to Cleveland to see Hairspray
		rris Candy delivery	School Board Meeting 7:00 PM	Honors	Band (Westminster College)	8:00 AM
		KEYSTONE LIT RETAKE EXAM	KEYSTONE BIO RETAKE EXAM	KEYSTONE ALG RETAKE EXAM		
10	11 70 / 4 / D	12 71 / 5 / E	13 72 / 6 / A	14 73 / 1 / B	15 74 / 2 / C	16
		BB9 vs Shenango 3:45 PM	Extra Hour (Faculty)	PG & International Santas 8:30 Al		
	Academic Games- LinguiSHTIK MS/HS 9:00 AM		NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM	NHS Service Proj. Assem. (Gr.10-12)		BB 7&8 vs Central Valley HS 10:00 AM
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		Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM			0.001 III	ville HS
GVBB Clash @ New Castle TBA		Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	BB 7&8 @ Neshannock 6:00PM	HS Winter Instrumental Concert	Project Hope Christmas	
D) (DD 01 @ N 0 TDA		Theatre Arts Booster Meeting	JHW vs Highlands 6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Distribution @ United Brethren	
BVBB Clash @ New Castle TBA		7:00PM	VW vs Highlands 7:00 PM		Church 1:00 PM	
17	18 75 / 3 / D		l.	21 78 / 6 / B		23
		Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM	Student Council Children's	D N/DD Now Drinkton C/OO DM	ES Christmas Party 9:30 AM	
	A	MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM	Hospital Delivery BB 7&8 @ Union 3:30 PM	BJVBB vs New Brighton 6:00 PM GVBB @ Sharpsviile 6:00 PM		
	Academic Games Snow Date Chorus- Christmas Caroling		BB 7 & G @ OHIOH 3.30 FW	JHW @ Freedom 6:00 PM		
	8:30 AM	Band/Chorus/Recorder)	MS Q2 Field Day	JW @ Freedom 7:00 PM		
	Student Council Food Auction	BB9 @ Ellwood City 3:30 PM		BVBB @ New Brighton 7:30 PM	ACT 80 DAY Early Dismissal]
					HS 10:20 ES 11:00	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas Day			GVBB (Laurel Holiday Tournament) TBA	GVBB (Laurel Holiday Tournament) TBA	
				BVBB (Laurel Holiday Tournament) TBA	BVBB (Laurel Holiday Tournament) TBA	
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			BVBB - Boys' Varsity Basket GVBB - Girls' Varsity Basketl GJHBB - Girls' Jr, High Bask	ball BJHBB - Boy	CODES: s' Junior Varsity Basketball rs' Jr. High Basketball 9 Boys' Basketball	BB 7&8 - Basketball 7&8 JHW - Jr. High Wrestling VW - Varsity Wrestling VCH - Varsity Cheerleadin

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Determination of the Level of Infraction and the appropriate discipline up to and including suspension and expulsion shall be based on the circumstances of the individual case considering:

- Severity of misconduct
- Pervasiveness or frequency of misconduct
- Effect on the victim(s)
- Intent of the perpetrator
- Disruption of the school environment
- As deemed by the Principal or designee

LEVEL I

Level One offenses are minor misbehaviors on the part of the student which impede orderly classroom procedures or interfere with the orderly operation of the school. Minor misbehaviors will be handled by the individual staff member but sometimes may require the intervention of other school support personnel. If and when such minor misbehavior continues, the staff member will keep a PROPER AND ACCURATE WRITTEN RECORD of the offenses and disciplinary action taken.

LEVEL I offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Tardiness to school (3-5 tardies per semester)
- Tardiness to class
- Class cut
- Classroom disturbances
- Rough/abusive language
- Cafeteria misbehavior
- Open containers in school building
- Dress Code Violation
- Disruptive behavior on a school bus (minor)
- Non-defiant failure to complete reasonable assignments or carry out reasonable directions
- Misuse of electronic devices
- Inappropriate Displays of Affection

Suggested remedial actions for LEVEL I offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Verbal reprimands
- Detention
- Behavior Contract
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Special non-homework assignment
- Contacting parents
- Counseling
- Community service

LEVEL II

Infractions on LEVEL II may be defined as misbehavior involving a "seriousness" or "frequency" that tends to disrupt the learning climate of the school. Infractions at this level could involve the welfare of others. Misbehavior at this level will require intervention by an administrator or designee.

LEVEL II offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Continuation of unmodified LEVEL I misbehavior (6-7 tardies per semester)
- Chronic or continuing disruptive behavior in school or on the school bus
- Being in the hall without a legitimate hall pass
- Use of forged/altered hall passes
- Disruptive behavior during an assembly
- Leaving school grounds without permission
- Truancy unexcused absence from school
- Failure to report to an assigned area
- Fighting (simple)
- Theft (Minor)
- Misuse of district technology
- Derogatory language (based upon race, color, creed, religion, and/or sexual orientation)
- Inappropriate Displays of Affection

Suggested remedial actions for LEVEL II offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Verbal reprimands
- Special school schedule
- Activity suspension
- A strict assigned study program
- Behavior modification contract
- Loss of driving privileges
- Behavior Modification Seminar
- Suspension from school (out-of-school, no more than three (3) days)
- Suspension of bus privileges
- Detention
- Community service

Infractions at LEVEL II may result in a temporary suspension from school. If the "seriousness" or "frequency" of the infraction warrants a temporary suspension from school, the following procedures will be followed:

- A. A principal or designee may suspend pupils for offenses listed at this level (24 P.S. Sec. 1318). Students will be afforded due process to include notice of charges. A pupil may be suspended for a period not to exceed three (3) days. (Goss vs. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565,1975).
- B. The suspension may be an out-of-school suspension. The days will be consecutive school days. The suspension will end at midnight of the last day of suspension. During the suspension the student may not participate in or attend any school activities.
- C. When considering an allegation of misconduct which could lead to a suspension the principal or designee shall do the following:
 - I. A conference will be held at which time the student shall hear a summary of the charges/ evidence against him/her.
 - 2. The student shall have the opportunity to respond to the charges.
 - 3. If, after hearing the student's response, the principal or designee decides upon a suspension, the student shall be given the reasons for the suspension and also the duration of the suspension.
- D. Following the first suspension, the student may be reinstated to school after the parent has communicated with the suspending official. Following a second suspension, the parent or guardian must accompany the student to a conference for reinstatement. A student may be reinstated if a parent/guardian fails to attend a reinstatement conference. The Superintendent and Judiciary Committee will be advised of the lack of parental cooperation.
- E. An attempt will be made by telephone to contact the parents of the student to inform them of the action taken. This shall be followed up in every case by a letter mailed to the parents. The student will receive a copy of the Student Incident Report, which identifies dates of suspension. A copy of the parent notification will be sent to the Superintendent and shall state fully the reason for suspension

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 80/2/C	3 81/3/D	4 82/4/E	5 83/5/A	6
	New Years Day	Square Dancing Practice 3:00PM GVBB vs Mohawk 6:00 PM	NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM BB 7&8 vs Riverside 3:45 PM JHW @ Knoch 6:00 PM BJVBB vs Shenango 6:00 PM	GVBB @ Neshannock 6:00 PM Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	BJVBB @ South Side HS 6:00 PM	BJVBB @ Sharon 12:00 PM BVBB @ Sharon 1:00 PM
	VACATION DAY	GVBB VS MIGHAMA 0.50 T MI	VW @ Knoch 7:00 PM BVBB vs Shenango 7:30 PM		BVBB @ South Side HS 7:30 PM	BB 7&8 @ Mohawk 6:00 PM
	NO SCHOOL		School Board Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM			WPIAL Competitive Spirit Competition
7	8 84/6/B	9 85/1/C	10 86/2/D	11 87/3/E	12	13
	Academic Games Snow Date	MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM BB9 vs Central Valley 3:45 PM BJVBB vs Sewickley Acad. 6:00 PM BVBB vs Sewickly Academy 7:30 PM	NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM BB 7&8 vs Western Beaver 3:45 F GVBB vs Shenango 6:00 PM VW vs Summit Academy 7:00 PM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	BB9 vs Mohawk 3:45 PM JHW @ Connellsville HS 4:00 PM BJVBB @ Aliquippa 6:00 PM BVBB @ Aliquippa 7:30 PM	BB 7&8 @ Ellwood City 10:00 AM
	GVBB @ Beaver Falls 6:00 PM	Theatre Arts Booster Mtg 7:00PM Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	Acad. Games-Presidents EL/MS 9:00 AM Elem Q2 AR Points Due	GVBB vs Riverside 6:00 PM	TEACHER IN-SERVICE	BVBB Ron Galbreath Classic @ Wesminster College TBA
			School Board Mtg. 7:00 PM		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
		how- Harrisburg			MEA District 5 District Band	
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	GVBB @ Ellwood City 6:00 PM Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM BB9 vs Montour HS 3:45 PM	Extra Hour (Faculty) NHS Carnation Sale Begins PTO Meeting 4:00 PM Acad. Games HS - Presidents	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	Quarter 3/Semester 2 Begins Jr High Chorus Fest @ Blackhaw	BB 7&8 vs Shenango 10:00 AN
	NO SCHOOL EMERGENCY DAY/ SNOW MAKEUP DAY	BJVBB vs Northgate 6:00 PM BVBB vs Northgate 7:30 PM	BB 7&8 @ Seneca Valley Senior HS 3:30 PM VW @ North Catholic HS	SC Karaoke Night	BB9 @ Neshannock 3:30 PM BJVBB @ Union 6:00 PM BVBB @ Union 7:30 PM	GVBB vs Greenville 12:00 PM
21	22 92 / 2 / E	23 93/3/A	1	25 95 / 5 / C	26 96 / 6 / D	1
		Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM	Quarter 2 Grades Due Academic Games Equations MS/HS 9:00 AM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	BB9 @ Beaver Area HS 3:30 PM JHVV @ Monroeville Conv. Center	JHW @ Monroeville Conv. Center AA HS M3 Tournament 8:00 Af
		BB9 @ Shenango 3:30 PM	BB7&8 vs Neshannock 3:45 PM JHW vs Hampton HS 6:00 PM	GVBB @ Mohawk 6:00 PM	AA HS M3 Tournament 4:00 PM BJVBB @ Shenango 6:00 PM BVBB @ Shenango 7:30 PM	Musical Practice 9:00 AM BB 7&8 @ Central Valley 3:30 PM
			·		District Chorus - Mercer	
			Hampton HS 7:00 PM (Senior Rec		PIAA Competitive Sp	irit State Competition
28	29 97 / 1 / E	4	NHS Carnation Sale Ends	NOTES:		
		Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	Academic Games Snow Date BB 7&8 vs Union 3:45 PM			
	GVBB vs Neshannock 6:00 PM	BJVBB vs South Side HS 6:00 PM BVBB vs South Side HS 7:30 PM	BJVBB vs Moniteau 6:00 PM			
			BVBB vs Moniteau 7:30 PM			
	CPR training	8th & 11th grade		4		

DAILY CODE:

Day of School Year / Middle High School Schedule Day / Elementary School Schedule Day

WINTER SPORTS CODES:

BVBB - Boys' Varsity Basketball BJVBB - Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball GVBB - Girls' Varsity Basketball GJHBB - Girls' Jr. High Basketball BB9 - Grade 9 Boys' Basketball
VW - Varsity Wrestling
JHW - Jr. High Wrestling

BB 7&8 - Basketball 7&8 BJHBB - Boys' Jr. High Basketball VCH - Varsity Cheerleading

LEVEL III

Infractions on Level III may include but are not limited to acts directed against persons or property, but whose consequences do not seriously endanger the health or safety of others in the school. In some cases it may be necessary to involve the proper law enforcement agency or officer, but most frequently these infractions can be handled by the disciplinary mechanism within the school.

LEVEL III offenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Continued LEVEL I or II misbehavior
- 8+ tardies per semester
- Possession/under influence of intoxicating beverages and/or drugs
- Theft (major)
- Fighting (major)
- Threatening/intimidating behavior
- Harassment/sexual harassment/hazing
- Bullying/cyber bullying
- Persistent incorrigible behavior and willful violation of school rules/policies
- Fireworks use/possession
- Vandalism (minor)
- Setting off fire alarm
- Extortion
- Possession/use of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and similar devices or "look alikes"
- Chronic Truancy (Act 29)
- Inappropriate Displays of Affection

Suggested remedial actions for LEVEL III offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Referral to an agency outside the school
- Restitution for damages
- Extension of LEVEL II disciplinary options
- Saturday Smoker's Awareness Seminar
- Full suspension from school (out-of-school) not to exceed ten (10) days.
- Community Service

Infractions at LEVEL III could result in a full suspension from school. If the "seriousness" or "frequency" of the infraction warrants a full suspension from school, the following procedures will be followed:

A. The school principals may impose a full suspension on a pupil (24 P.M. Sec. 1318) for a period not to exceed ten (10) days following an

- informal hearing for any of the offenses listed above. Due process requires that, in connection with a suspension of ten (10) school days, the student be given oral or written notice of the charges against him/her, an explanation of the evidence, and an opportunity to present his/her side of the story.
- B. The suspension may be an out-of-school suspension. The days will be consecutive school days. The suspension will end at midnight on the last day of the suspension. During the suspension the student will not be permitted to participate in or attend any school activities.
- C. The principal who imposes the full suspension shall do the following prior to the suspension:
 - I. Conduct an informal hearing with the person making the charges, the accused and the circumstances surrounding this violation of the Discipline Code.
 - Prior to the informal hearing, the accused pupil and his/her parents/guardians must be given adequate notice of the hearing and a list of charges brought against the pupil.
 - 3. The student must be given an opportunity to present his/her side of the violation.
- D. The pupil will be reinstated after the term of the suspension and a parental conference (held at any time during the suspension) has been held.
- E. Following a full suspension, the school personnel will work with the student who has been suspended.

LEVEL IV

Infractions at Level IV include but are not limited to acts which result in violence to another person or property, or which pose a direct threat to the safety of others within the school. These acts are usually criminal and are so serious that they always require administrative action, which could result in the immediate removal of the student from school. These actions also involve the intervention of law enforcement authorities and possible action by the Board of Education.

LEVEL IV offenses may include, but are not limited to: Continuation of substantially unmodified LEVEL I, II or III misbehavior

- Extortion
- Possession/use of weapon
- Furnishing/selling of unauthorized substance (s)
- Theft/possession/sale of stolen property
- Vandalism (major)
- Disruption of a serious/frequent nature
- Persistent incorrigible behavior
- Any act which threatens the safety of others
- Terroristic threats/acts
- Bomb threat
- Harassment/sexual harassment/hazing
- Bullying/cyber bullying
- Assault/battery
- Community Service
- Inappropriate Displays of Affection

Suggested remedial actions for LEVEL IV offenses may include expulsion from school, restitution for damages, or action by the Board of Education. If the "seriousness" or "frequency" of the infraction warrants an expulsion from school, the following procedure will be followed:

- A. Expulsion is the loss of the right with no guarantee of that right to be returned. By law, the authority to expel rests only with the Board of Education. During the expulsion the student may not participate in or attend any school activities.
- B. Procedures:
 - 1. The Principal or designee verifies the offense, confers with the staff involved, and meets with the student(s).
- 2. The student is immediately removed from the school environment. The parents/guardians are notified.
- 3. The law enforcement officials are contacted, if necessary.
 - 4. A complete and accurate report is submitted to the Superintendent for School Board action.

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					BB9 @ New Castle HS 3:30 PM	
				Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	BJVBB @ Sewickley Academy	
					5:30 PM	BB 7&8 @ Riverside 10:00 A
				GVBB vs Beaver Falls Area HS		
				6:00 PM	BVBB @ Sewickly Academy	GVBB @ Sewickly (Coaches
					7:30 PM	Cancer Game) TBA
						Fine Arts Field Trip to Clevelar
				CPR training 8th & 11th grade		to see Mama Mia
	5 102/6/E	6 103/1/A	7 104 / 2 / B	8 105/3/C	9 106 / 4 / D	
		MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:00PM	NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM		ACT 8:00 AM
FFA SAUSAGE SALE	}	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	Spring Sports Physicals 3:00 PM	GVBB vs Ellwood 6:00 PM		
		BB9 vs Beaver Falls HS 3:45 PM	BB 7&8 vs Mohawk Jr/Sr 3:45PM	(Senior Recognition)	BJVBB @ Northgate 6:00 PM	Musical Practice 9:00 AM
			Academic Games Equations			
	GVBB @ Riverside 6:00 PM	BJVBB vs Aliquippa 6:00 PM	-Elem/Novice		BVBB @ Northgate 7:30 PM	BB 7&8 @ Western Beaver
			School Board Work Session			10:00 AM
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FFA SAUSAGE SALE	X	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM	6th Grade Valentines Dance 2:15: PM MS Q3 Field Day		
	Musical Rehearsals 6:00 PM		Academic Games- Current Events/ Themes (5-12) MS/HS 9:00 AM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM		1
	BB 7&8 vs Ellwood City 3:45 PM	B	, ,	Jazz Ensemble 3.15 PW	TEACHER	1
MUSICAL TICKETS ON	BJVBB vs Neshannock 6:00 PM	Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	NHS Carnation Delivery	Varsity L- Dodgeball Tournament	IN-SERVICE	
SALE	GVBB @ Knoch 6:00 PM				NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
	Neshannock 7:30 PM (Senior Re		Board Meeting			z Festival 8:00 AM
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			Extra Hour (Faculty)	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM		FFA- ACES
		Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	PTO Meeting 4:00 PM	JHVB vs New Brighton HS		
	NO SCHOOL	JHVB @ Mohawk (Scrimmage)		3:45 PM		Musical Practice 9:00 AM
	EMERGENCY DAY/ SNOW	3:30 PM	Musical Meet & Greet 7:00 PM		Sportsman Night Out 5:00 PM	
	MAKEUP DAY	Parent Course Selection Night 7:	Academic Games Snow Date			
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		JHVB @ New Castle HS 3:30 PM				
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						HBB - Boys' Jr. High Basket
						H - Varsity Cheerleading
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- 5. The Board of Education must review the charges and the recommendations of the Superintendent to determine if an expulsion hearing is merited. If the Board determines that a hearing is merited, it must do the following:
 - a. Determine that it will hold a hearing before either a committee of the Board of Education to consist of not less than three (3) members appointed by the president, or of the entire Board of Education.
 - b. Notify the student and his/her parents/guardians in writing of the charges against the student, and of the date, time and place of the hearing. It is recommended that it not be more than two (2) weeks following the date of the notice.
- 6. Should the Board of Education determine that there is sufficient cause to merit suspension pending the hearing, it must authorize the Superintendent to hold an informal hearing and authorize him/her to impose such suspension if, in his/her opinion, it is merited after the informal hearing.
- 7. A qualified stenographer must properly record the formal hearing. At that hearing, the student has a right to be present, to be represented by counsel, to present witnesses, and to testify on his/her own behalf.
- If a committee is appointed to hold the hearing, that committee will then make a recommendation to the entire Board of Education which must vote on the matter of expulsion.
- The Board may or may not allow the student(s) to petition for reinstatement to school at the beginning of the next school year if the student is expelled.

Alternative Educational Programs

Students whose behavior is disruptive and cannot be remediated through traditional resources may be assigned to alternative education. Laurel utilizes Cray Challenges, a highly structured, PDE approved, Alternative Educational Program for students grades 7 through 12 (specific programming may be offered K-6). The aim of Challenges is to provide an intensive treatment and educational program which will assist students in learning skills enabling them to be reintegrated into the traditional school setting. In addition to an approved educational curriculum, therapeutic activities address issues such as social skills, anger management, and conflict resolution. A placement into Challenges is made by the School Administration or by judicial placement. Students may be placed into this program for a minimum of 45 days, pending review.

Harassment/Sexual Harassment/ Hazing

The Board of Education strives to provide a safe, positive learning climate for students and staff in the schools. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the district to maintain an educational environment in which harassment/hazing, sexual or other, in any form is not tolerated.

The Board prohibits all forms of unlawful harassment/sexual harassment/hazing of students or staff by all district students and staff members, contracted individuals and vendors, and volunteers in the schools.

Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Titles VII and IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1954, as amended, and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. The following behavior constitutes prohibited sexual harassment:

- Unwelcome sexual advances; or
- · Requests for sexual favors; or
- Other unwelcome verbal / physical / electronic media conduct of sexual/harassing nature.

The Board encourages students and staff who have been harassed/hazed to report promptly such incidents to the principal, teachers, counselors, nurse, or other administrators. If the building principal is the subject of the complaint, the student or staff shall report the complaint directly to the superintendent.

An investigation will be conducted, and a resolution will be sought that is satisfactory to the complainant. Determination of the appropriate discipline up to and including suspension and expulsion shall be based on the circumstances of the individual case, considering the following: severity of the misconduct; pervasiveness or persistence of the misconduct; effect on the victim or victims; and the intent of the perpetrator.

The Board directs that complaints of harassment/hazing shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action shall be taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained, consistent with the district's legal and investigative obligations. Neither reprisals nor retaliations shall occur as a result of good faith charges of harassment/sexual harassment/hazing.

Furthermore, these procedures do not deny the right of any student or staff member to pursue other avenues of recourse that may include filing charges under state criminal statutes and/or federal law.

Bullying/Cyber Bullying/ Intimidation

The Laurel School District recognizes that intimidation, bullying, cyber bullying and harassment have a negative effect on school climate and can lead to more serious violence. Our policy is available for review and is posted throughout the buildings.

Definition of Bullying

Bullying is a pattern of abuse over time creating an imbalance of power where there is a clear victim. Bullying includes, but is not limited to, physical intimidation or assault; extortion; oral or written threats; teasing; putdowns; name calling; threatening looks; gestures or actions; cruel rumors; false accusations and social isolation.

Definition of Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is the use of modern communication technologies to embarrass, humiliate, threaten, exploit or intimidate an individual.

Bullying is Prohibited

The Laurel School District and staff will not tolerate any bullying or cyber bullying on district grounds, at any school activity, or on any district transportation vehicle.

Staff Intervention

The Laurel School District expects staff members who observe or become aware of an act of bullying/cyber bullying to take immediate, appropriate steps to intervene, unless intervention would be a threat to a staff member's safety. If a staff member believes that his/her intervention has not resolved the matter or if the bullying/cyber bullying persists, he/she shall report the bullying/cyber bullying to the appropriate administrator for further investigation.

Students/Parents Shall Report Bullying/ Cyber Bullying

The district expects students and parents aware of an act of bullying/cyber bullying to report it to the appropriate school administrator for further investigation.

Investigation Procedures

Upon learning about a bullying/cyber bullying incident, the appropriate administrator shall interview both the aggressor and the victim. This investigation may include other students, parents, school staff, review of school records, and identification of parent and family issues.

Consequences and Intervention

The Principal/designee, upon reviewing the circumstances of the infraction, may assign BMS and/or suspension. Furthermore, the infraction may be assigned to any of the four levels of discipline as outlined in the School Discipline Code. Prevention of further incidents in bullying, intimidation and harassment focuses on several areas:

- Self Confidence and Self Esteem issues
- Appreciation of others
- Differences among people
- Age appropriate issues
- Bullying, cyber bullying, harassment and intimidation consequences.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 119/5/B	2
					GVS vs Union (Scrimmage) 5:00 PM	Musical- Orchestra Practice 1:00 PM
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		JHVB vs Lincoln Park 3:45PM	NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM	JHVB vs Central Valley 3:45PM		SAT 8:00 AM
	JHVB @ Shenango 3:30 PM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	School Board Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	FFA CDE Contests @ LCCTC	Musical- Orchestra and Cast Practice 9:00 AM BVB vs Quaker Valley HS (Scrimmage) 4:15 PM
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		MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM			BVB @ Riverside HS 4:00 PM	
	Musical Assembly- Elementary 9:30 AM Musical Assembly- High School	JHVB @Western Beaver HS 3:30PM BVB @ Union (Scrim.) MS/HS 4:00 PM	NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM JHVB vs Beaver Falls Area HS		
	2:30 PM	Festival (4,5,6, Chorus & 3rd Grade N		3:45 PM		
		Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM Project Hope Mtg. 4:00 PM @ Elem	oard Meeting			
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		Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	Extra Hour (Faculty)	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM		Easter Egg Hunt 10:0
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				Conservation Council Mtg. 6:00 Pt		
Musical Cast Party 5:00 PM		Kindergarten Registration	I VIIDEL CHI	EER TRYOUTS	PMEA Region Orchestra	1
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	JHVB vs Blackhawk HS 3:45 PM	PMEA JH Band Festival Seneca Valle MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM	JHVB vs Aliquippa HS 3:45 PM	Student Council- Spring Conference		
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Behavior Modification Seminar (BMS)

For particular infractions whose "frequency or seriousness" warrants an extension of the disciplinary actions within the school, Saturday Morning Behavior Modification Seminar can be administered. The school principals are the only officials who can issue this consequence.

- Saturday Morning Behavior Modification Seminar will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
- A staff member will be assigned as supervisor for this program.
- Agencies and individuals outside the school district may be used to assist in administering this program.
- This program is designed to modify the behavior of individuals who have difficulty in adjusting to the rules and regulations set forth in the School Discipline Code.
- This program's purpose is an attempt to provide a positive approach of rehabilitation to negative acts of misconduct.
- Additional Behavior Modification Seminars may serve as an alternative to out-of-school suspension.

Credit Recovery Program (CRP)

Laurel utilizes the Edgenuity Program within the Laurel Cyber Academy. Students are given the opportunity to recover credits during the school year in order to stay on track towards graduation. Students in grades 7-12 assigned to the program report to the Credit Recovery Classroom where academic instruction is supported on an individualized and small group basis. The Credit Recovery Program is utilized to assist students with their academic course work.



After-School Detention

After-school detention will be held on scheduled days from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM at the Middle-High School. Detention at the Elementary School will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:55 PM to 4:45 PM. Detention will be under the supervision of a staff member.

- Students will be given a twenty-four (24) hour notice before serving detention.
- All detentions must be served by the date indicated on the detention slip.
- Students will be required to serve detentions as a priority, regardless of outside jobs or extracurricular commitments.
- Students will be required to study or undertake some constructive activity during detention.
- The parents of the students who are assigned detention must arrange their transportation.
- Students who are issued detention must take the detention slip home, have it signed by the parent or guardian, and return it the next day to the issuing teacher.
- An detention is considered a Level II infraction. Individual staff members may require the student who has been issued a detention to serve the detention with them. In this case, the detention can be served any night after school provided a twenty-four hour notice is given and the rules and regulations associated with detention are followed.

Parental Contact With School

While the administrators of the Laurel School District are always pleased to discuss a student's education with the parents, it is best that conversation be initiated with the particular staff member who has been involved with the specific situation. If the parent is not satisfied with the resolution of the matter, the procedure for moving to the next level of responsibility is as follows:

- Make an appointment and discuss the problem with the School Counselor.
- Make an appointment and discuss the problem with the Principal.
- Make an appointment and discuss the problem with the Superintendent.
- Write a letter requesting to be placed on the Laurel Board of Education Agenda.

This process provides a vehicle for the parent and staff to work together for the student's best interest. Please allow 24 hour notice when arranging meetings with administrators, teachers, counselors, or nurses. In an emergency, contact the school office.

Search and Seizure

The Laurel School District may provide students with lockers for the storage of their clothing and school materials. The School District, standing in loco parentis (24 P.S. Sec. 1317), reserves the right to authorize school personnel or law enforcement officers to search individual lockers. Locker searches may also be initiated when a locker is identified by canines. When a school administrator has reasonable suspicion, he/she may search a student's car, locker, desk, purse, backpack, book bag, person, etc. The search may include electronic detection devices.

The administration strongly suggests that students refrain from leaving valuables of any kind in lockers. THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES OR VALUABLES LOST BY STUDENTS. INCIDENTS OF LOSS SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE.

In summary, students and parents must understand that the lockers belong to the school district, that the school district may search any and all lockers without notice and without reason, and that THE STUDENT HAS NO EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

School Safety

The Laurel School District has created its own school police force. The school police will patrol both buildings and the campus throughout the day. Additional armed security is scheduled to correspond with events that occur after the school day and into the evening.

Security cameras are installed at strategic interior and exterior locations of both buildings and grounds. Also, cameras monitor roadways and parking lots. Building administrators have access to screens that monitor live video transmissions and record previous video transmissions. Individuals video taping or photographing students or staff may be prosecuted.

Additionally, canine search services may be periodically utilized to ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff. These searches are conducted within policy and procedures established by the Laurel School District and a private security firm. Students do not come in contact with dogs and minimal academic time is taken from the school day during the search.

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	JHT Meet vs Riverside & Neshannock 3:45 PM	MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:00PM FA Regional Public Speaking 9:00 AN Grades 7 & 8 ELA PSSA Exam	7:00 PM	FFA Banquet 6:00 PM	Championship 3:45 PM at Laurel GVS vs Aliquippa HS 5:00 PM	
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DRESS CODE POLICY

The Laurel School District and community work together to prepare each pupil for successful personal and social life in our society. Part of this preparation is the development of acceptable habits of good grooming and dress. Future employers and educational agencies will be interested in your child's appearance, dress, and manners. We, therefore, encourage and expect the students to maintain a high standard of good taste in this regard. Dress that is not conducive to a good school atmosphere is not considered acceptable. Parents will be notified when their son/daughter reports to school wearing unacceptable attire.

Discipline for failure to comply with the dress code is as follows:

- Ist Offense: Warning
- 2nd Offense: Lunch Detention and change clothing
- 3rd Offense: Detention and change clothing
- 4th Offense: One day Saturday Detention
- 5th Offense: One day RAC with student/parent re-entry meeting with Principal
- 6th Offense: Three days OSS with student/parent re-entry meeting with Superintendent

Violations of the dress code policy will be considered a Level I offense. Students will be given a chance to change clothing themselves or parents will be notified and be required to bring a change of clothing. If appropriate clothing cannot be obtained, the student will be sent to RAC. Repeat violators of the dress code may receive a Level II offense. A Level II offense may consist of RAC or out of school suspension. Insubordination by the student may lead to out of school suspension and a disorderly conduct charge. Any offense can escalate to a Level III or Level IV offense.

The following guidelines must be adhered to in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff of the Laurel School District.

The following are **PERMITTED**:

- All tops are to be worn as designed without ALTERATION, RIPS, TEARS AND/OR HOLES...
- All tops MUST HAVE SLEEVES (short sleeves, cap sleeves, ³/₄ length sleeves, long sleeves). TANK TOPS are permitted August-September and May-June.
- All tops must be right-sized and cover the midriff but not lower than mid-thigh.
- Hooded sweatshirts (hoods are not to be worn as a head covering at any time).
- Under garments must be covered by outer garments.
- If a shirt has buttons (polo shirt, dress shirt, sport shirt etc.),
 all but the top two buttons must be buttoned or secured.

PERMITTED (Cont'd)

- Low cut tops which are less than three inches from the base of the wearer's neck are permitted. Examples of low cut tops include but are not limited to: boat necks, scoop necks, v-necks or any other top whose neckline exceeds three inches from the base of the wearer's neck. Low cut tops whose neckline exceeds the neckline by three inches must be accompanied by a camisole or other appropriate undergarment, which brings the wearer into compliance. A wearer may also accessorize a low cut top with a scarf in order to gain compliance.
- All bottoms must be worn as designed without ALTERATION, RIPS, TEARS AND/OR HOLES.
- All bottoms must be right-size, must cover the waist and it is recommended to be no shorter than 3" above the knee, even if tights/leggings are worn underneath.
- Sandals, flip flops, closed toe footwear, and footwear secured with back strap. Flip flops are not permitted in the elementary and sandals must have a back.

The following are **PROHIBITED**:

- Any stretch pants including but not limited to jeggings, yoga pants, spandex and tights.
- All tops that have been altered, torn, ripped or have a hole, tops without sleeves, and tops deemed too small or too large, i.e. tops that expose the midriff or go lower than mid-thigh.
- Any bottoms that are RIPPED, TORN OR HAVE HOLES, without covering garment underneath, or any oversized or undersized pants or shorts.
- Low cut tops that exceed three inches from the neckline of the wearer and do not have an appropriate undergarment or scarf that gains compliance.
- A shirt unbuttoned beyond the second button.
- Any see thru material with inappropriate skin exposure underneath or undergarments worn as outer garments, examples include but not limited to: a-shirts, tank tops, camisoles, sports bras etc.
- Coats, jackets, etc. or any other top designed as outside wear must be secured in a locker upon arrival to school.
- Any apparel, jewelry, tattoos or markings, accessories or manner of grooming, which by virtue of color, arrangement, trade mark, or other attributes to denote membership in a gang, advocates drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, violence, double meaning, sexual innuendo, ambiguous phrases or symbols, mesh or fishnet clothing. Any apparel that has causes a disruption (i.e. Confederate Flag, bandanas) is not permitted.
- Nightwear including pajama pants.
- Spurs

Other items that are PROHIBITED:

- Book bags must be placed in locker upon arrival to school.
 *Please note if a purse is large enough to carry a book, it is considered a book bag and will be treated accordingly.
- Headgear that includes, but is not limited to, hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, sweatbands, or hoods of any sort.
- Sunglasses
- · Biker shorts and spandex pants.
- Altered jeans or other bottoms such as but not limited to "distressed or destroyed" jeans or any other bottoms that have rips, tears or holes.
- Bottoms that are worn below waist level.
- · Shorts, skirts, and dresses that are excessively tight.
- Capes, long coats, trench coats and blankets.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, any type of sleeveless shirt, and tops with low necklines that expose the chest, underarms, and/or back (also, no skin at midriff, waist or hip showing)
- Pajamas and slippers.
- Apparel that reveals or exposes the midriff/lower back or sides of the upper body or torso and/or undergarments are considered inappropriate.
- Metal chains and metal or plastic spikes may not be permitted to be worn or attached to (but not limited to) book bags, wallets or backpacks. They could be considered a weapon under the school weapons policy.
- Unnecessary distractions such as face-paint or any unnecessary distractions will not be permitted as they interfere with the educational mission of the school. The administration reserves the right to limit these types of distractions when necessary.

Emerging fashion trends, which are not cited above, will be evaluated by the administration.

*Note to students: If you or your parents question your choice of clothing before you leave the house, you most likely should not wear it.

Dress Code EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS:

- Students participating in a nationally-recognized youth organization (e.g., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts) and/or United States Armed Forces may wear their uniforms on those days such organizations have a scheduled function.
- Athletic team representation such as game day jerseys/ uniforms (uniform skirts that do not meet the minimum length requirement are <u>not permitted</u> during the regular school day).

*Other exceptions are made only upon prior approval by the Building Principal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 159/3/A	2 160/4/B	3 161/5	1
			Jr Class Meeting- Pre-Prom NHS Officers' Meeting 7:45 AM Student Council Field Trip	Q4 Progress Reports	Senior Teacher Snapshot Grades Due	
			GVS vs Riverside HS 5:00 PM School Board Work Session 7:00 PM	Conservation Club Trout	8th Grade Field Trip to Gettysburg Grand March HS Aud. 5:30 PM Prom 7:00-10:00 PM	SAT 8:00 AM
			Grades 3-6 MATH PSSA EXAM	Stocking 8:15 AM	ACT 80 DAY NO SCHOOL FOR	
			Grade 8 Science PSSA Exam	Grade 4 Science PSSA Exam	STUDENTS	
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	1021070		NHS Member Meeting 7:45 AM NHS Service Project 8:00 AM	Conservation Club Trout Stocking 8:15 AM	Kindergarten Field Trip 4th Grade Field trip	
	Aliquippa HS 4:15 PM (Senior Rec	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM MS/HS Academic Assist, 3:00PM BVB @ Aliquippa HS 3:30 PM	VT @ Peters Twp. HS AA HS WPIAL Track team Finals TBA GVS vs South Side HS 5:00 PM	AAPPL Assessment 8:30 AM	Senior Picnic & Events	
	Adult Travel Club 7:30 PM	ES Band Concert 6:00 PM	(Senior Recognition) School Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	5th Grade Health & Career Day	AP US History Exam	
	AP Chemistry Exam 12:00 PM	ES Band Concert 6:00 PW	AP Lit & Comp Exam 8:00 AM		8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	
2	13 167 / 5 / C	14 168 / 6 / D		16 170/2/A	17 171/3/B	18
<u> </u>	15 1017370	Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM	Extra Hour (Faculty)	1.0	Q4 AR Points Due	
		Project Hope Meeting @ Laurel Elem. School 4:00 PM	Choir Jr/Sr Luncheon	servation Club Trout Stocking 8:15	Conservation Club Fishing Derby	
			VT @ SRU AA HS WPIAL Individual Championship 11:00 AM		3:00PM	
	Keystone Lit Exam	Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM	Spanish - Gateway Clipper 4:30 PM	Keystone Alg Exam	Marching Band Senior Day Out	
	AP Calculus Exam 8:00 AM	Keystone Bio Exam		S Mega Party/Olympics Grades K	S Mega Party/Olympics Grades 4-	
9	20 172 / 4 / C	21 173 / 5 / D	22 174 / 6 / E	23 175 / 1 / A	24 176 / 2 / B	25
	Extra Curriculum Assembly 8:30 AM	Academic Awards Assembly Gr 9-12 8:30 AM		ES Awards Ceremony	n Grade Middle School Tour 1:30 F	
	0.00 / W	1st Grade Field Trip MS/HS Academic Assist. 3:00PM			Senior Trip	
		Jazz Ensemble 3:15 PM			AR Skating Party at Elihurst	
			FBLA to Pirates Game			
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6	27	5th Grade Field Trip	2nd Grade Field Trip	Quarter 4 Grades Due	ES Gr. 6 Graduation 9:15 AM	Notes.
	44	6th Grade Field Trip	3rd Grade Field Trip	6th Grade & Middle High School Move Up Day	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
	Memorial Day		Awards Assembly & Fun Day 9:0			
	VACATION DAY NO SCHOOL	Senior Marching Practice	Parade of Graduates ES Senior Marching Practice	Senior Marching Practice	Early Dismissal HS 10:20 ES 11:00	
	140 GOTTOGE	FFA State	Envirothen	BACCALAUREATE 7:00 PM	COMMENCEMENT 7:00 PM	

Day of School Year / Middle High School Schedule Day / Elementary School Schedule Day

SPRING SPORTS CODES:

BVB - Boys' Varsity Baseball JHBB - Jr. High Baseball GVS - Girls' Varsity Softball JHS - Girls' Jr. High Softball

JHVB - Junior High Volleyball VT - Varsity Track JHT - Jr. High Track
VCH - Varsity Cheerleading

DRESS CODE POLICY (CONT'D) AND STUDENT DRIVING

Commencement

Caps and Gowns are to be worn as issued and unaltered.

<u>Ladies</u>: Must wear a dress (no shorter than 3" above the knee) or dress pants with an appropriate dress top (no plunging neck line). Dress shoes must be worn. **Absolutely no flip flops**.

Gentlemen: Collared shirt with tie, dress pants, and hard soled shoes. Absolutely no tennis shoes, work boots or sandals.

Failure to adhere to commencement dress guidelines may result in forfeiture of attendance to all commencement exercises.

The faculty and administration have the right to question a student's dress and take necessary action if an item is not specifically covered in the Dress Code Policy.



Formal Dance Guidelines HOMECOMING

Only students in Grades 9-12 can attend the dance.

Attire

Gentlemen: dress pants and collared shirt; no jeans.

Ladies: party dresses preferred; full-length gowns are too formal.

Guest Requirements

Guests must complete the necessary guest application available in the Principal's Office. No guests will be permitted once they reach their 21st birthday. A copy of the photo ID must be attached to the form. One guest per student.

PROM

Only students in Grades 9-12 may attend the Prom. Sophomores and Freshmen must be invited by a lunior or Senior to attend.

Attire

Formal wear is required—no jeans. Gowns must not have bare midriffs or show excessive amounts of skin.

ALL GOWNS MUST BE APPROVED BY ADVISORS

Guest Requirements

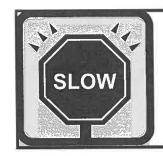
Guests must complete the necessary guest application available in the Principal's Office. A copy of the photo ID must be attached to the form. No guests permitted of the age of 21 or older. One guest per student.

Student Driving

For the privilege of driving and parking on the school campus, students agree to abide by the regulations set by the school for the safety and convenience of the school population. It is further understood that students will accept the penalties involved for

Student Driving (Cont'd)

- Vehicles are not to exceed 15 mph on school property.
- 2. Upon entering school property, student drivers are to proceed immediately to the student parking lot. Cars will not be permitted to cruise around the school.
- 3. Students are to park in approved student parking areas only.
- 4. No student may drive to school without first having an application on file for a student driving permit approved by the Middle High School Office. Upon submitting the application to the office, students will be issued a parking tag. WHEN PARKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, STUDENTS MUST PROPERLY DISPLAY THE PARKING TAG.
- 5. Student drivers must notify the principal's office if they drive/ride to school in a car not on file.
- 6. Student drivers are not to go to their cars during the school day without permission from the High School Office.
- 7. Only students in grades 10-12 are permitted to drive to school.
- 8. Any student who fails to successfully complete Driver's Theory will have driving privileges revoked.
- The Principal will handle any situation that arises which is not covered by the above-mentioned rules and regulations. Violation may result in driving privilege suspension.
- A student driver is liable for any injury or damage while driving on school property.



The Speed Limit for **ALL** traffic on the Laurel School District campus is

15 mph.

			JUNE 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAT 8:00 AM
2	3	4	5 School Board Work Session Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7 Final Report Cards Emailed	8 ACT 8:00 AM
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			FFA State Convention @ PSU	J		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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			BVB - Boys' Varsity Baseball JHBB - Jr. High Baseball GVS - Girls' Varsity Softball JHS - Girls' Jr. High Softball		JHVB - Junior High Volleyba VT - Varsity Track JHT - Jr. High Track VCH - Varsity Cheerleading	

LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES - GUIDELINES

Philosophy

The practice of school nursing encompasses both the nursing and education professions. We strive to assist students and families in achieving and maintaining optimum health through cooperation and participation by the school, community resources and parental/family input. A student that is part of a strong health program will ultimately be more successful in school as well as in life.

Goals

- To fulfill the Pennsylvania State mandates from the Department of Health Services.
- To provide first aid emergency care within the limitations of the school health services personnel.
- To evaluate medical situations on an individual basis and make referrals as necessary.
- To promote healthy lifestyles and well-being through education as provided by the school health personnel

Pennsylvania State Mandates

<u>EXAM</u>	Required in Grades
Physical	K, 6, 11
Dental	K, 3, 7

SCREENING Required in Grades . . .

Height/Weight All Vision All

Hearing K, I, 2, 3, 7, 11

Scoliosis 6, 7

Students participating in sports at the high school level are required to have a physical examination prior to sports participation by the mandates of the P.I.A.A.

Extra Clothing at School

If a child may require a change of clothes, please send a change of clothes with that child to keep with him/ her. It is strongly recommended that primary students keep a change of clothes for emergencies.

Medication Administered at School

Related to the changes in health care services and the increase in liability, it is necessary to make changes in the manner in which medications are dispensed through the nurse's office. Pennsylvania State Law requires the following guidelines in medication administration within the school:

- Concerning over-the-counter medications, caution will be utilized when giving medications and in accordance to the information provided by parent/ guardian on the emergency information sheet and/ or medication form.
- Students in Grades K, I, and 2 are not permitted to bring cough drops to school due to the potential choking hazard.
- Any prescription medication that is ordered three times a day or less frequently can be given at home unless otherwise specified by the physician (i.e. Ritalin, Depakote, Zoloft, etc.).
- Included on the following pages are the forms required for medication administration at school: Over-the-Counter Form and Prescription Medication Form. Please note that the form to be completed by the physician is only necessary for prescription medications, but must also include a parent/guardian's signature. All medications are to be in a container labeled by the pharmacist or the doctor. The label must include the student's name. name of physician, date of prescription, name and telephone number of pharmacy, name of medication, dosage and frequency of administration. Most pharmacists will gladly make a second container to take to school, so don't hesitate to ask for one. Extra medication forms are available in the school health personnel office.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT UNLESS THESE GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED, THE MEDICATION WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED.

Immunizations

The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulation beginning August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

Updated Guidelines for immunizations:

 A child MUST have a single dose vaccine on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL or risk exclusion.

THERE IS ONLY A 5 DAY PROVISIONAL WINDOW.

- In the case of a multi-dose vaccine, a child must have at least one dose of the vaccine on school entry or risk exclusion.
- If a child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary and ARE medically appropriate during the first five days of school, the child must either obtain final dose, or have the next scheduled dose and provide a medical certificate scheduling the remaining doses.
- If a child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary, but are <u>NOT</u> medically appropriate during the first five days of school, the child may provide a medical certificate on or before the fifth day scheduling the remaining doses.
- A child may still obtain a medical, religious or philosophical/ strong moral or ethical conviction exemption for meeting the immunization requirements.

Immunization requirements:

Kindergarten through Grade 6

- 4 Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis
- 4- Polio (4th polio must be on or after the 4th birthday)
- 3- Hepatitis B
- 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- 2- Varicella or proof of disease (chickenpox month and year documented)

7th Grade

As stated above plus:

- Meningococcal vaccine (MCV)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

12th Grade

 Meningococcal vaccine(MCV) (this would be the second vaccine of this series but must be given after the 16th birthday)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	Independence Day	5	6
	8	9	10 pol Board Meeting	7:00	12	13 ACT 8:00 AM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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HEALTH SERVICES, Cont.

GUIDELINES FOR ILL CHILDREN

- When a child has a fever greater than 100°, please keep him/her home until fever-free for 48 hours. This is without taking any medication, such as Tylenol or Advil, for 48 hours.
- When a child has been vomiting or has had diarrhea, please keep him/her home until symptom-free for 24 hours.
- When a child is taking an antibiotic medication he/she must be on that medication for at least 24 hours BEFORE returning to school. This includes medications by mouth, drops and ointments/creams.
- When a child is sent home from school due to illness or for any other medical problems, he/she is not permitted to return to school that day for any reason. This includes parties, athletic events, school programs, and all school-related activities. The only exception is if a physician authorizes the student's return. Written documentation from the physician must be given to the school health personnel upon return to school.
- Students are not permitted to leave the school building without permission from the school health personnel and/or school administrator.
- All medications are to be dispensed through the school health personnel office.
- When a child is dismissed from school, it is important to have someone available to pick them up with an hour.

First Aid Treatment

First aid will be given to students for any minor accident, that occurred during school hours. The nurses' offices will be following a new procedure to help decrease the spread of infection. Therefore, students that come to school with medical issues that occurred at home or away from school need to be cared for at home or via private medical provider.

Communicable and Infectious Diseases

The Pennsylvania Board of Health regulates the exclusion and re-admission of children suspected or diagnosed to have communicable or infectious diseases. The Laurel School District will follow CDC and DOH guidelines/ directions.

Homebound Instruction

Tutorial lessons are provided for children who are physically or emotionally unable to attend school as certified by the student's physician. A physician's recommendation is required for physical issues. A psychologist's/psychiatrist's recommendation is required for emotional issues. All Homebound must be approved by the Superintendent. Please contact the Building Principal. Homebound instruction will only be granted if the request is for ten (10) or more days.

TECHNOLOGY Laurel School District Acceptable Use Policy

The technological environment is radically changing the way the world accesses information. The Board of Education of the Laurel School District recognizes that technology advances change the way information may be accessed, communicated, and transferred. These changes have and will alter teacher instruction and student learning. The Laurel School Board supports the use of the Internet and other computer networks in the District's instructional program in order to facilitate learning and teaching through interpersonal communications, access to information, research and collaboration. The District's network facilities shall be used to enhance the District's approved curriculum and to support communications and research related to approved curriculum topics for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff.

The Laurel School District is aware that the Internet and computer networks are an unregulated communication environment, in which information changes constantly. Some of this information may be inappropriate for users. However, the Laurel School Board believes that when used responsibly, the advantages to staff and students far exceed the disadvantages. Integration of resources that have been gathered through telecommunications, electronic information sources, and networked services can enhance and strengthen the approved curriculum. Technology can meet the instructional, educational, and developmental needs of the students. Laurel School District administrators and educators will take an active role in ensuring that students and their parents are aware of the individual user's responsibility in using the Internet and the District's network resources in an ethical and educational manner. The Laurel School District's goal is to provide individual users with the understanding and skills needed to use technology in ways appropriate to their individual educational needs.

Laurel School District Acceptable Use Policy, Cont.

The District has developed the following guidelines to ensure the appropriate use of the Internet resources:

- Network technology will be used for curriculum support.
- Users will be trained in the appropriate and safe use of the network resources.
- All devices that allow Internet access will be in supervised areas—classrooms, computer labs, and information centers.
- Every effort will be made to guide the user to appropriately use the network resources.
- All parents/guardians, students and staff must sign the Acceptable Use Policy to use technology in the Laurel School District.
- If a parent or guardian does NOT wish their student to have independent use of the Internet they must sign the designated area of the policy.
- The school district will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.

ACCEPTABLE USE

The use of the network resources must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Laurel School District. Use of network and computer resources must comply with rules appropriate for that network. The determination as to whether a use is appropriate lies solely within the discretion of the administration.

All members of the Laurel School Community (staff, students, etc.) are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with district policy, accepted rules of network etiquette, and Federal and State law.

To review the complete Laurel School District Acceptable Use Policy, please use the link provided on the District website www.laurelspartans.com or submit a request for a copy of the policy to the school office.

Bus Transportation

The Laurel School District provides transportation accommodations for all students, including identified Special Education students who demonstrate a need for specialized transportation. School buses are extensions of regular school facilities and students are expected to conduct themselves on the buses as they do when they are in the school building. School bus drivers have the same responsibility and authority as the classroom teachers to enforce rules and regulations. Student behavior on the school bus and the driver's management of student behavior are the two key elements to a safe and enjoyable bus ride. The audio/video camera monitoring on a school bus is an aid to bus discipline. (It does not replace the discipline policy, the authority of the driver or the responsibility of the students, bus driver and school officials.) Audio/video monitoring is scheduled on a rotation basis and is utilized in addition to submitted written reports. Students who do not obey the bus driver will be referred to the Principal for further action. Remember, transportation by a school bus is a privilege, and this privilege may be suspended for students who violate the rules.

Students who ride Laurel buses are expected to:

- Demonstrate proper respect for the bus driver and obey all of the driver's rules, regulations, and instructions. This includes, but is not limited to, the
 appropriate use of cell phones and other hand held technology. Any violation will be dealt with on an individual basis following the Student Discipline
 Code.
- Be on time at the designated school bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the bus arrival and walk in front of the bus within the driver's field of vision when crossing the road.
- File on to the bus, be seated immediately in seats assigned by the driver, conduct themselves properly, and exit from the bus in an orderly and well-disciplined manner.
- Remain seated while the bus is moving and stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Maintain their voices at a moderate level of volume and refrain from playing radios, CD's, etc. on the bus.
- Operate the emergency doors at the rear of the bus only when it is necessary to vacate the bus during an emergency or at the direction of the driver.
- Not litter or throw objects while at the bus stop or while on or outside of the buses.
- Practice good safety rules, keeping hands and heads out of the windows, and avoiding possession of any device that could impair the safety of the riders
 or the safe operation of the bus.
- Refrain from fighting, using profane or obscene language, acting in an immoral manner, or being insubordinate to the bus driver.
- Remain in the bus unless otherwise directed by the driver in cases of road emergencies.
- Have a written request from their parent/guardian and approval by the school before they ride another bus or get off the bus at any location other than their designated stop.
- Not consume any type of food/beverage on the bus.
- Not use any type of aerosol spray products on the bus.
- Not bring pets or animals on the bus.
- Take proper care of the school bus vehicle.

All players, cheerleaders, majorettes, band members, auxiliary members, managers, scorekeepers and student spectators will use only school provided transportation to and from athletic contests, or other events requiring bus transportation, the starting point being Laurel Middle High School and the return point being the same. Parents may request permission to transport their student to or from a school sponsored event. This written parental request must be submitted and approved by a school administrator prior to departure. Students will not be covered by insurance when parents or others provide the transportation.

Penalties for fighting, vandalism, insubordination and any other acts that, in the opinion of the Bus Driver and the Building Principal, constitute a serious action of misconduct may be punishable by loss of bus riding privileges at the discretion of the administration.

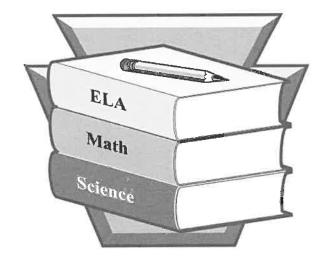
OPT-OUT PROCEDURE FOR STATE TESTING

EXCLUSION BASED ON CHAPTER 4 RULES:

Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Pa. Code (22 Pa. Code 4.4) provides for the right of any parent/guardian to excuse their child from the state assessment if, upon inspection of the testing materials, they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. This is the only basis for a parent/guardian to excuse his or her child from the statewide assessment.

- At least two weeks prior to each testing window, assessments will be available for review by parents and guardians. The assessment must be reviewed on district property and district personnel must be present at all times. Districts must provide a convenient time for the review. This may include an evening review time, if requested. Proper security and confidentiality of the assessment must be maintained at all times. District personnel may remove the prompt seal from one copy of an ELA booklet to facilitate a review of the ELA assessment.
- Sites testing only online should contact DRC to order a set of paper assessments for the purposes of parental review. These booklets must be returned to DRC following the return instructions outlined in this handbook.
- Parents and guardians must sign the Parent Confidentiality Agreement. A copy of this must be locally maintained. (Do not send this statement to PDE or DRC.) Parents and guardians may not photocopy, write down, or in any other manner record any

- portion of the assessments, including directions.
- If after reviewing the test parents/guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious beliefs and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the parents/ guardians must provide a written request that states the objection to the Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer.
- If the student is excused from the assessment due to parental or guardian request, school personnel must provide an alternative learning environment for the student during the assessment and select "Student had a parental exclusion based on Chapter 4 rules."
- Please be aware that students who do not participate in the assessment due to parental request will negatively affect the school's participation rate and can potentially have a negative impact on the school's accountability status.



STUDENT HAD A PARENTAL EXCLUSION BASED ON OTHER REASONS:

If a parent chooses to have his/her student not participate in the assessment but does not provide a reason in accordance with Chapter 4 rules, school personnel must select "Student had a parental exclusion based on other reasons." Students who do not participate in the assessment due to parental request will negatively affect the school's participation rate and can potentially have a negative impact on the school's accountability status.

OTHER:

Although there is no other apparent reason for student non-participation in the assessment, this category is provided for the rare exception. The most notable rare exception is student refusal to participate at the time of testing. Refusal represents a defiant act on the student's part despite school personnel's every effort to obtain compliance. If you have exhausted all options and believe you have a case that fits into this category, select "Other." Indicating that a student did not participate in the assessments due to "other" reasons will negatively affect the school's participation rate and can potentially have a negative impact on the school's accountability status.

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Laurel School District OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION FORM

Please Print!

I request that this medication be given to				
Name of medication				
DosageTime to be given				
Reason for medication				
List any medication allergies				
Date Signature of Parent/Guardian				
An Equal Rights and Opportunities School District				

Laurel School District OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION FORM

Please Print!					
I request that this medication be given toaccording to the directions provided below. I am sending the medication in the original container indicating dosage and time to be administered. I release the Laurel School District and all of its employees from any and all liability for damages my child may suffer as a result of this request					
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Laurel School District PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FORM

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Dear Parent:

The State Board of Education, in regulation with Chapter XI, Section 11.26, provides that upon trip, the student may be excused from school attendance to participate in an educational tour direction and supervision of an adult acceptable to both the superintendent and the student's evaluated by the district's superintendent as educational, and that the pupil will be under the receipt of a written request from the parents of a student involved in an educational tour or provided during the school term at the expense of the parents when such tour or trip is parents.

Please complete the following information and return it to the Attendance Office five (5) days prior to the start of the vacation.

NAME OF STUDENT
TEACHER
TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS AWAY FROM SCHOOL:
First day away Date returning to school
With whom will the student be traveling?
Please give a short description of the educational objectives of the trip, purpose, destination, places of interest:
If permission is granted, the student must arrange beforehand with his/her teachers the assignments that he/she must complete. Upon returning to school the student is responsible for making up class work that he/she missed.

If permission is not granted, we will be in contact with you.

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LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF DIRECTORY - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT	MAILBOX	PHONE
Armstrong, M.	Title I	marmstrong	2100
Barker, C.	3 rd Grade	cbarker	2202
Boyles, J.	1st Grade	jboyles	2101
Bowden, P.	Title 1	pbowden	2401
Canciello, L.	3 rd Grade	lacanciello	2205
Carlson, K.	2 nd Grade	kcarison	2408
Changoway, J.	1 st Grade	jchangoway	2103
Clingerman, K.	Music	kclingerman	2504
Columbus, N.	Assist. Principal	ncolumbus	1929
Daubenspeck, N.	Music	ndaubenspeck	2505
Dean, J.	Library	jmcdowell	2942
TBD	Title I	TBD	2407
Downing, D.	Art	ddowning	2713
Elliott, A.	4 th Grade	aelliott	2209
Garner, J.	Kindergarten	jgarner	2108
Germanski, D.	Phys. Ed.	dgermanski	2506
Hardisky, S	3 rd Grade	Shardisky	2207
Harrington, L.	Kindergarten	Iharrington	2104
Hennon, S.	1 st Grade	smhennon	2105
Hileman, J.	5 th Grade	jhileman	2417
Jacobs, A.	Speech	ajacobs	2403
Jones, K.	4 th Grade	kjones	2206
Kwiat, B.	5 th Grade	bkwiat	2420
Karki, A.	Title I	akarki	2407
Litrenta, W.	3 rd Grade	wlitrenta	2203
Lorelli, C	4 th Grade	clorelli	2204
Manos, R.	Elem. Secretary	Rmanos	2938
Mason, C.	Kindergarten	cmason	2102
Mezan, N.	Kindergarten	nmezan	2106
Murrman, A.	Gifted/ Resource/ Emotional Support	amurrman	2306
Nicholudis, T.	2 nd Grade	tnicholudis	2410
Panek, P.	2 nd Grade	ppanek	2414

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	MAILBOX	PHONE
Prossen, R.	Learning Support	rprossen	2412
Rich, M.	Life Skills	mrich	2099
Richards, M.	6 th Grade	6 th Grade mrichards	
Rodgers, M.	5 th Grade	mrodgers	2421
Santini, G.	6 th Grade	gsantini	2428
Shaffer, E.	Elem Office	Eshaffer	2937
Stewart	IST	kstewart	2304
Svirbly, D.	Principal	dsvirbly	2935
Wade, A.	6 th Grade	awade	2425
White M.	Learning Support	mwhite	2418
SD.	ECIAL EDUCATION/ STU	DENT SERVICE	S
Callahan, D.	Secretary	dcallahan	2939
Neofotistos, J.	Psychologist	ineofotistos	2303
Bell, N.	Director of Pupil Services	nbell	2940
	ATHLETIC		
Locke, K.	Athletic Director	Klocke	1934
Hites, L.	Asst. Athletic Director	Lhites	1117
	DISTRICT OF	FICE	
Rich, L.	Superintendent	Irich	3919
Conrad, J.	Bus Mgr/Board Sec.	jconrad	3922
Lee, R.	Dir. Admin. Serv.	rlee	3939
Quinn, M.	Secretary	mquinn	3923
Nicholson, C.	Secretary	cnicholson	3924
Medved, R.	Accounts Payable	rmedved	3925
	FOOD SERVI	CE	THE STATE
Bonyak, C.	Director	cbonyak	1945
	BUILDINGS AND G	ROUNDS	
Novad, E.	Director	enovad	1943
	TRANSPORTA	TION	
Sager, J.	Director	jsager	4946

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT	MAILBOX	PHONE
Allmann, W	Science	wallmann	1222
Antuono, A.	Nurse	Aantuono	1932
Barletto L.	Guidance Off	lindab	1931
Bessell B.	Middle-High Office	bbessell	1928
Bintrim K.	L.S./Itin. E.S.	kbintrim	1212
Boyer, S.	Band	sboyer	1307
Burkes, Ja.	Phys. Ed.	jaburkes	1137
Burkes, Je	Learning Support	jburkes	1402
Clark, M.	Math	mclark	1408
Clingensmith, K.	Art	kclingensmith	1123
Clingerman, K	Music	kclingerman	1311
Columbus, N.	Assist. Principal	ncolumbus	1929
DeBiase, S.	Social Studies	sdebiase	1413
Discello, E	English	Ediscello	1204
Ernst E.	Spanish	eernst	1206
Garner E.	English	egarner	1203
TBD	Middle-High Office		1927
Hites L.	Farm/Cons Sci.	Ihites	1117
Holzhauser J.	Social Studies	jholzhauser	1415
Horodyski J.	Science	jhorodyski	1215
Jacobs, A.	Speech	ajacobs	2403
LaGamba, D.	Math	dlagamba	1324
Lape, K.	Principal	klape	1925
Lenox, P.	Library	plenox	1017
Long, A.	Life Skills	along	1120

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McClelland M.	Counselor	mcclema	1930
McGarrah J.	Social Studies	jmcgarrah	1411
Miles J.	Learning Support	jmiles	1127
Morrison C.	Math	cmorrison	1410
TBD	English		1328
Nicklas, C.	Ag Ed.	nicklas	1131
Nimmo M.	Phys. Ed.	mnimmo	1135
Palmer, L.	Ag. Ed.	Ipalmer	1133
Pertile M.	Counselor/Gifted Support	mpertile	1953
Pickel, L.	Clerical Aide	lpickel	1950
Rambo S.	Math	srambo	1326
Scott, N.	Social Studies	Nscott	1412
Serignese, R.	Social Studies	rserignese	1322
Shelenberger T.	Science	tshelenberger	1211
Shevitz R.	Math	rshevitz	1124
Silhanek P.	English	psilhanek	1320
Silvester, P.	Tech Ed.	psilvester	
Skerbetz D.	Business	dskerbetz	1416
Skerbetz S.	Science	sskerbetz	1223
Walzer G.	English	gwalzer	1205
Walzer H.	Science	hwalzer	1219
Wolfe C.	Spanish/English	cwolfe	1207
Wypych R.	Tech. Ed.	rwypych	1102 & 1128
Wysocki D.	Health/Driver's Ed.	dwysocki	1220

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LAUREL MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

7 TH AND 8 TH GRADE		9 TH AND 10 TH GRADE		II TH AND I2 TH GRADE		
PERIOD	TIME	PERIOD	TIME	PERIOD	TIME	
ı	8:15 - 9:00	I I	8:15 - 9:00		8:15 - 9:00	
2	9:03 - 9:46	2	9:03 - 9:46	2	9:03 - 9:46	
3	9:49 - 10:32	3	9:49 - 10:32	3	9:49 - 10:32	
4 Lunch	10:35 - 11:05	4	10:35 - 11:18	4	10:35 - 11:18	
5	11:08 - 11:51	5 Lunch	11:21 - 11:51	5	11:21 - 12:04	
6	11:54 - 12:37	6	11:54 - 12:37	6 Lunch	12:07 - 12:37	
7	12:40 - 1:23	7	12:40 - 1:23	7	12:40 - 1:23	
8	1:26 - 2:09	8	1:26 - 2:09	8	1:26 - 2:09	
9	2:12 - 2:55	9	2:12 - 2:55	9	2:12 - 2:55	

7:45 AM – Students enter building

8:13 AM - Warning Bell

8:15 AM - Period I Bell

8:15 AM - 2:55 PM - Academic School Day

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY (FID) SCHEDULE

The doors will remain locked until 7:45 AM. Students who arrive at school prior to 7:45 AM will not be granted access to the building until 7:45 AM. Upon entering the building, students are directly to proceed to first period class or cafeteria.

Students arriving after 8:15 AM must report directly to the Attendance Secretary.

TIME CHANGE DUE TO:

END OF DAY ASSEMBLY

PERIOD	TIME	Pd 1 10:15 - 10:43 Pd 2 10:46 - 11:14
7	12:40 – 1:13	Pd 3 11:17 - 11:45 Pd 4 11:48 - 12:18
8	1:16 – 1:49	Pd 5 12:21 – 12:51 Pd 6 12:54 – 1:24
9	1:52 – 2:25	Pd 7 1:27 – 1:55 Pd 8 1:58 – 2:26
Assembly	2:25 – 2:55	Pd 9 2:29 – 2:55

2 HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

Period I	Periods 4,5,6	Period 2	Period 3	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9
10:15 - 10:43	10:46 - 12:22	12:25 - 12:53	12:56 – 1:24	1:27 – 1:55	1:58 — 2:26	2:29 - 2:55