



The Lesher Difference

Welcome to THE SHIP!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes

Message from the Principal

Hello Lesher Families and Community,

The holiday season is upon us, and we are busier than ever here at Lesher. Our ELO classes have started collecting items for Adopt-a-Family. This has been a Lesher tradition for many years. ELO classes team up and are given a list of items specific to a family's needs. Please look at this list and send in items if you choose to participate! We are in basketball season right now with wrestling coming soon. We have home games every Monday and Wednesday, so please stop by and support our players. Our Snack Shack is open during these days after school and throughout the games thanks to our PTO. The School of Choice window for families ends December 15th and we have been busy with 5th graders shadowing our 6th grade students and I have been busy giving tours to prospective families. Lesher has so many unique successes that it has been hard to end these tours on time. Lastly, we have three music performances for the holiday season on the horizon. Please see details in this newsletter. Our music program is one of the best in the state, if not the country. Please support our young musicians by seeing a performance! I hope every single one of you has a restful and reinvigorating winter break filled with love and family. However, I do know that this time of the year can be hard and stressful for many of us. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support of any kind.

Thank you for your constant support,

Don Kotnik
Principal

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School Website
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Creative Endeavors Art Show

Check out some of our Leshar Artists at the Creative Endeavors Art Show, on now through January 10th at Foothills Mall!



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Leshar Middle School's Adopt-A-Family

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

The number of PSD families and youth experiencing homelessness has risen by 10% since last year, and their needs have risen exponentially. Currently, **one out of every 27 students is experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in our district.** Students experiencing homelessness encounter many barriers to their education. Our department works to help youth and families overcome these barriers, including transportation, access to extracurricular activities, before and after-school care, and meeting basic needs. We do this along with case-management to help them reach independence.

Your generous donation allows the Language, Culture and Equity Department to support these students and families with personal items, temporary shelter, provisions, clothing, etc. The need has never been greater.

Please help us reach our goal of raising \$40,000 to support PSD students and families facing housing insecurity and homelessness.

You can now easily donate via this link: <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Support-for-Students-Experiencing-Home/SPrFYG>. All donations are tax deductible. Please share this message far and wide, anyone can donate through this link. The opportunity to give does not end now, this link will be live throughout the holiday season.

With much gratitude,

David Autenrieth

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Director Interino del Departamento de Lenguajes, Cultura, y Equidad

Interim Director of Language, Culture, and Equity

Poudre School District

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Worried something is wrong?

They're behavior is very odd
THEY SEEM UNUSUALLY AGITATED

These may be symptoms of psychosis and it's more common than you think. We provide support to youth (15-29) experiencing FEP (first episode psychosis).

Find out more:
SummitStoneHealth.org/ascent

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Poudre School
District



Parent Education 3 Night Series

MARIJUANA

We will address the differences
between Teenage and Adult Use
and it's effects on Brain
Development

**November 30, 2022 @
Fossil Ridge HS
5:30p-7pm**



ALCOHOL

We will be re-visiting teen brain
development and Substance Use
with a focus on Teen Drinking.

**December 7, 2022 @
Poudre High School
5:30p-7pm**

PILLS/FENTANYL

The where, what, why, and how
of prescription drug abuse and
information about Fentanyl

**December 14, 2022 @
Fossil Ridge HS
5:30p-7p**



Please join the Poudre
School District High
School Drug and
Alcohol Specialists to
learn about current
trends in

Teenage Substance
Use

Parents/Guardians/
Community Members
only, no students
please.

Dinner will be provided

Please RSVP using the
QR code or link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p87bhsz>

or email
lkiel@psdschools.org
with questions



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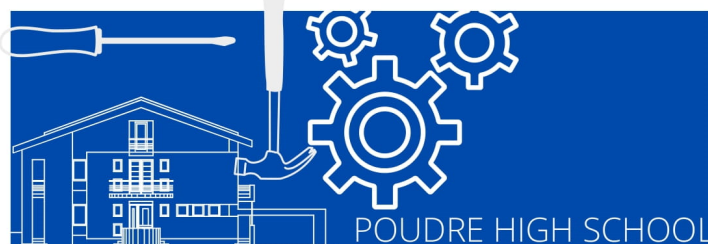
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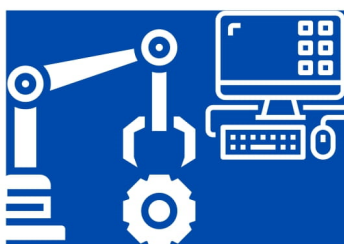
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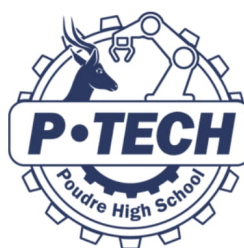
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Leshar Science & Engineering Fair

Save the date!

Leshar Science & Engineering Fair is January 18.

Check the Leshar Website for specific details and registration forms.



8th Grade Video Collage

Hello Families of Leshar 8th Graders!

At the end of the school year, a video collage presentation is compiled to celebrate all out-of-school / extracurricular activities that our 8th graders participate in. This video montage will be shown during the end of the year celebration just for our departing 8th graders.

Do you have a short action video snip (10 seconds or less) of your 8th grader? Maybe you have a moment from a sporting event, engaged in favorite hobby at home, playing with a pet, doing something adventurous -- or a fun moment from a vacation? Anything goes, as long as we can see your child in the video! Horseback riding, theater, magic tricks, biking, hiking, skiing, volleyball, dance, football, surfing, cross country, wrestling, water sports, ziplining, basketball, softball, baseball, track, soccer, trampoline jumping, baking, gymnastics, rubik's cube speed, unicycling, musical instruments, chess, gaming, disc golf, and weightlifting are several of the moments that have been received and used in years past!

If your child has an event, be sure to grab a few seconds of video and send it along! Ideally this video montage will have a 2-10 second ACTION video of EVERY 8th grade student! You can submit 2 snips if you can't pick your favorite- I will try to get all of them in. This is a chance for students to shine in ways that aren't seen during the school day.

Please email your short video snips to the 8th Grade Day Variety Show Coordinator, Ms. Thompson - juliat@psdschools.org – she will be collecting them throughout the year, up until May 1st.

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Holiday Music Department Performances!



★ WE INVITE YOU TO THE 12TH ANNUAL

Winter Winds Festival!

FEATURING ALL OF THE LESHER BANDS!

The 6th Grade Band, The 7th Grade Concert Band, The 8th Grade Symphonic Band,
and The Leshер Jazz Band!

Friday, December 9, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

Steve McNeal Auditorium -- Fort Collins High School

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Holiday Music Department Performances, continued...

please join us for the

THE 13TH ANNUAL Holiday String Extravaganza

Featuring the Leshher
Orchestras!

The 6th Grade Orchestra
The 7th Grade Concert Orchestra
The 8th Grade Symphonic Orchestra
The Leshher Advanced Chamber Orchestra

Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 7:30 PM
Steve McNeal Auditorium,
Fort Collins High School

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Holiday Music Department Performances, continued...

PLEASE
JOIN US FOR THE

Winter
Choir Concerts!

WEDNESDAY

14

AT 6:00 PM
AND 7:30 PM

DECEMBER

Featuring the Lesher Choirs!

6th Grade and 7th Grade Choirs Perform at 6:00 PM

8th Grade Choir Performs at 7:30 PM

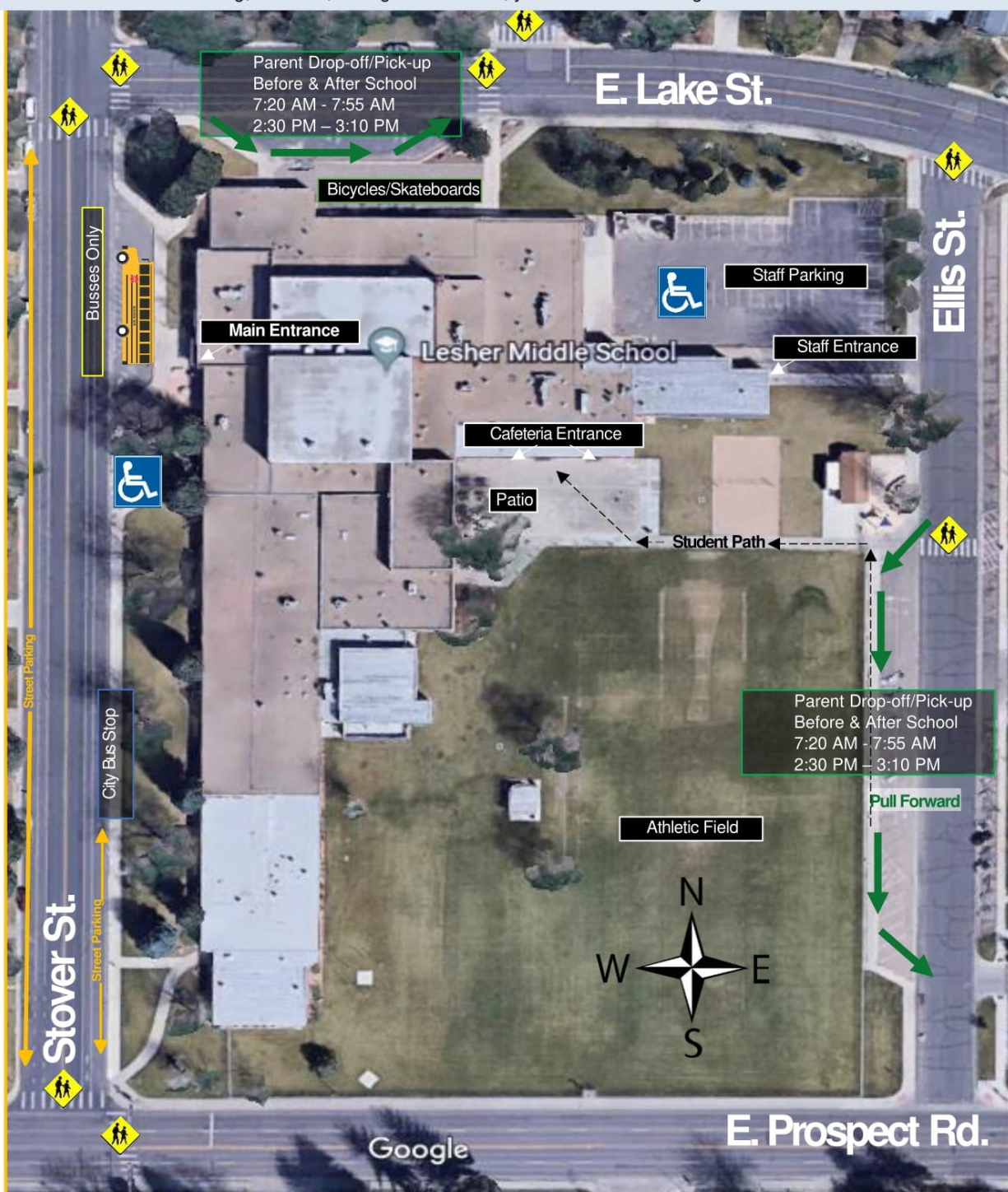
The Lesher VPAC, Lesher Middle School 1400 Stover Street



Traffic Safety at Leshar Middle School

1400 Stover St. | Fort Collins

To help streamline drop-off and pick-up, please adhere to Leshar's Traffic Safety. The area directly in front of the main entrance is designated to busses only. The main entrance and cafeteria entrance are the only entry points to the building; however, during school hours, you must come through the front office.



Drivers

- Slow down
- **PULL FORWARD** in the drop-off/pick-up area
- Yield to pedestrians & crossing guards in crosswalks
- **DO NOT BLOCK** the roadway, bicycle lanes, handicap spaces, bus entrances, or driveways
- NO parking, stopping, or standing at **RED CURBS**

Bicyclists/Skateboarders

- Bicycles should use bicycle lanes & obey traffic laws
- Dismount your bicycle/ skateboard on the sidewalk in front of the school & walk
- Secure your bicycle/skateboard on the racks at the north side of the school

Pedestrians

- Use crosswalks
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing

Want to volunteer as a crossing guard? Contact our Office Manager,
970-472-3803, jeanniem@psdschools.org

