



# The Lesher Difference

*Welcome to THE SHIP!*

## Message from the Principal

Hello Lesher Families and Community,

We have been very busy here at Lesher this past month. I want to give a special shoutout to all of our athletic teams, athletes, and coaches that have competed this fall: Cross Country, Football, Tennis, and Volleyball. I am amazed with the amount of student participation and sportsmanship. Thank you for being positive role models for our school community. Also, I want to thank our W.E.B. leaders and advisors (Natasha Wilson and Krista Summers) for organizing a Club Rush for all of our students. This event helped our students learn and get connected to all of our organizations. When students are connected to athletics or activities at school, there is a rise in academic achievement. We also just finished our IB evaluation process this past week. A special thanks to Beth Wilms, our IB coordinator, for organizing the process and requirements for the evaluation. Know that we received a very positive review and feedback and will be receiving a formal report in about three months. The IB evaluators met with staff, students, administration, and members of the community. Thank you to all of these individuals for their time and commitment to Lesher. Lastly, our student-led conferences are off to a great start. I enjoy every opportunity I get to meet families and welcome them to the building. Great job, students, for owning your education and explaining to your family your academic progress. As always, please let us know what you need. We value all of you and appreciate your involvement and dedication to Lesher!

Go Vikings!



**Lesher Middle School**  
**1400 Stover St.**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80005**

**970-472-3800**

Main Office

**970-472-3815**

Attendance

**Don Kotnik**

Principal

**School Website**  
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Find out more:  
[SummitStoneHealth.org/ascent](http://SummitStoneHealth.org/ascent)



## WALK/BIKE-TO-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Walk or ride as many days as you can between  
**OCTOBER 3 - 31**

Earn the following recognition



**Bronze Award** - for walking/riding 4 total days

Earn an official Bronze Award certificate and sticker



**Silver Award** - for walking or riding 5 - 9 total days

Earn an official Silver Award certificate and sticker



**Gold Award** - for walking or riding 10+ total days

Earn an official Gold Award certificate and sticker

**No sign-up necessary**

**Just start walking/riding on October 3 and record your days on the Tracker**  
**Return your Tracker to Mr. Swann the week of November 1**

**Questions? Email Mr. Swann at [jswann@psdschools.org](mailto:jswann@psdschools.org)**



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## WALK/BIKE-TO-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Place an "X" on the line next to the date for each day you walk/ride.

NAME	GRADE	PE TEACHER		
<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	6	6	7
10	11	12	13	No School 14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31	NOV 1	Return this Tracker to Mr. Swann this week		



## Music Department News

The Leshar Advanced Chamber Orchestra and Leshar Jazz Band were at Leshar from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Saturday, October 1. We had professional coaches work with our smaller sections/large group rehearsals, did some community-building activities, played dodgeball, and played a TON of music. It was SUCH a great day. Big thanks to these musicians and their families for sharing a Saturday with us! Also a HUGE thank you to the parent volunteers that helped with providing food, lunch, and clean-up this day! We are so grateful for you all!



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**or  
(970) 420-7163.**



## Music Department News, continued...

Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> grade band on your combined pep band performance with the Fort Collins High School band!! The bands combined and performed at the Fort Collins vs. Fossil Ridge football game at Canvas Stadium on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.



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## Wrestling Information

### *Viking Wrestling Family,*

To assist with the individual growth and development the wrestling program, we will be holding ***OPEN MAT*** opportunities for all ***6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Leshar Student-Athletes*** planning on participating in the upcoming wrestling season. **Anyone planning on participating should plan on attending.** These sessions are free and will be supervised by coaches. All sessions will be held in the wrestling room (Small Gym) and will begin at 3:15pm and end at 5:15pm. The regular season will begin on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the day that we return from Winter Break. All participants **MUST** have **wrestling shoes and athletic/workout appropriate clothing.**

*There will be open mat sessions on the following dates:*

- **Open Mats:** 3:15pm-5:15pm
- Tuesday, November 1st
- Wednesday, November 2nd
- Thursday, November 3rd
- Tuesday, November 8th
- Wednesday, November 9th
- Thursday, November 10th
- Tuesday, November 15th
- Wednesday, November 16th
- Thursday, November 17th
- Tuesday, November 29th
- Wednesday, November 30th
- Thursday, November 1st
- Tuesday, December 6th
- Wednesday, December 7th
- Thursday, December 8th
- Tuesday, November 13th
- Wednesday, November 14th
- Thursday, November 15th
- Thursday, January 5th
- Friday, January 6th
- **Preseason Camp:** Monday, January 9th - Friday, January 13th 3:15pm-5:15pm
- **In-Season Practices:** Tuesday, January 17th - Saturday, March 4th 3:15pm-5:15pm Daily
- **Post Season Practices:** 3:15-5:15 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - Tuesday March 7th - Saturday, March 25th

We are excited to be offering these opportunities for our Viking Student-Athletes! Please contact me with any questions. GO VIKINGS!

Matt Moeller  
Leshar Head Wrestling Coach  
970.472.3845  
[mmoeller@psdschools.org](mailto:mmoeller@psdschools.org)





## CSU Halloween Youth Wrestling Tournament

Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Boys' and Girls' Divisions, Grades K-8

At the Glenn Morris Field House  
800-978 S Mason St, Fort Collins, CO  
80523

Doors Open at 8:00 am  
Wrestling Starts at 10:00 am

Contact at:  
csu.wrestling.club@gmail.com  
Or  
(513) 760-5862



All proceeds will go towards the CSU Wrestling Club to assist with building up the program to travel to tournaments and compete at Nationals!

### Registration

Pre-Registration will open in early October through Track Wrestling. The cost will be \$30 per entrant with a No Refund Policy. There will also be registration the day of the event, but the tournament is capped at 150 entries so pre-registration is advised.

### Divisions

Grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8 will have separate divisions with boys and girls wrestling in the same division. Wrestlers will be grouped to create a round-robin or 8-wrestler double elimination bracket based on the number of participants. If Necessary, we will combine appropriate divisions between age group and/or weights to ensure your athlete gets matches.

### Weigh-Ins

Wrestlers will be grouped by weight class in their appropriate age group based on registration. Honor system will be used for weights, but a wrestler's weight can be challenged by faculty if there is an apparent difference.

### Officials:

Trained CSU Wrestlers will serve as officials.

### Rules:

2022-2023 NFHS Rules apply unless otherwise indicated. There will be Three 1 ½ minute periods (1-minute periods for K-2, and 3-4). As always, pin, or technical fall completes the match.

### Spectators:

There will be a \$5 spectator entry fee at the door as well as coaching mat side wristbands for an additional \$10. Seating will be limited so bringing foldable chairs is recommended.

### Awards:

The top three place finishers per weight will receive a medal.

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Happy  
Halloween!



## FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT

*Fort Collins High School is excited to welcome incoming 9th grade students and their families, as well as those interested in School of Choice for the 23-24 School Year!*

**WHEN:**  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
AT 6:00 PM

**WHERE:**  
FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

**What to expect:**  
Learn about FCHS and Student Options  
Academics  
Sports  
Clubs  
Traditions  
Meet the teachers  
Walking Tour of the Building



## FORT COLLINS ESCUELA PREPARATORIA 8° GRADO NOCHE DE INFORMACION

*La Escuela Preparatoria de Fort Collins se complace en dar la bienvenida a los estudiantes de 9° grado y a sus familias a nuestra Noche de Información*

**CUANDO:**  
MARTES, 29 DE NOVIEMBRE  
A LAS 6:00 PM

**DONDE:**  
FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

**Objetivos:**  
Aprender de FCHS y las opciones para estudiantes:  
Académicos  
Deportivos  
Clubes  
Tradiciones  
Conocer a los profesores  
Recorrido a pie por el edificio

## Student Council Calendar of Events

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kTXsXDmpDVjlxSLvYdL5Ph8d0JbMgjxlQfIZKDNBeS8/edit?usp=sharing>



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## Mental Wellness Week



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**Make Up Picture Day, Monday, October 10, 2022**

***"Your School Portrait Professionals"***

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**LESHER MIDDLE SCHOOL MAKEUP DAY**

School portrait make-up day will be:

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

**TIME – 7:30 to 9:00 am**

1. If you were absent or are new to the school you may purchase a new package or have one taken for the records, yearbook and ID.
2. If you had a picture taken but didn't purchase a package you may have a new picture taken and purchase a package.
3. If you purchased a package and want a retake you must return the original package in full with reason for retake clearly stated on package.

Please refer to guidelines on back of package as what justifies a retake.

**Order forms for new packages are available in the office  
and you may use order form from first day.**

**OR**

**SECURE PRE-ORDER ON LINE - Students will need to be re-photographed.**

Go to [www.skillmanphotography.com](http://www.skillmanphotography.com)

Click on order pre-paid school portraits and have credit/debit card ready.

**ACCESS CODE- LESH2022**

**A new picture will need to be taken.**

**Those wanting to order from the first day image can do so on line  
by using the access code REORDER2022.**

**It is the same image as on the ID card.**

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LESHER MIDDLE SCHOOL, AN IB WORLD SCHOOL  
MAKEUP PICTURE DAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022  
TIME: 7:30 am to 9:00 am

## Order Now From These Portrait Packages For The Best Prices

ON LINE ORDERING AVAILABLE (see below)

### PACKAGE A - \$ 36.25

3 - 8x10 Portraits  
2 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits  
8 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK AY - \$ 52.25  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE B - \$ 34.00

1 - 8x10 Portrait  
4 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits  
8 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK BY - \$ 50.00  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE C - \$ 29.75

1 - 8x10 Portrait  
2 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits  
4 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK CY - \$ 45.75  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE G - \$ 21.50

1 - 10x13 Portrait  
PACK GY - \$ 37.50  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE H - \$ 17.00

1 - 8x10 Portrait  
PACK HY - \$ 33.00  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE D - \$ 27.00

3 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits  
4 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK DY - \$ 43.00  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE E - \$ 23.50

1 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits  
4 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK EY - \$ 39.50  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE F - \$ 21.00

1 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portrait  
6 - 2x3 Gift Wallets  
8 - Wallet Exchange  
PACK FY - \$ 37.00  
Same as above + download

### PACKAGE I - \$ 17.00

2 - 5x7 Portraits  
PACK IY - \$ 33.00  
Same as above + download

**BONUS PACKS - MAY ONLY BE ORDERED WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE PACKAGES.**  
The following bonus packs may be added on in any quantity or combination to a basic package.

### BONUS PACK J - \$ 10.00

1 - 10x13 Wall Portrait  
BONUS PACK M - \$ 8.00  
4 - 3 1/2 x 5 Portraits

### BONUS PACK K - 8.00

1 - 8x10 Portrait  
BONUS PACK N - \$ 8.00  
8 - 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 Gift Wallets

### BONUS PACK L - \$ 8.00

2 - 5x7 Portraits  
BONUS PACK O - \$ 8.00  
16 - Wallet Exchange

### BONUS PACKAGE P - \$ 15.00

1 - Magnetic Dry Erase Message Board with picture

### BONUS PACKAGE Q - \$ 15.00

1 - Fun Pack - Laminated  
incl. 4 bag tags, 2 book marks,  
1 door hanger, 2 key fobs,  
1 ruler, all with picture.

A portion of the package price may be paid to, or returned as service items to the school or sponsoring organization in support of its programs.

### R - BASIC RETOUCHING - \$ 7.00

Basic retouching will minimize minor skin problems, will soften major skin problems but will not correct hair and dress or major skin problems or facial discolorations..

### S - FULL RETOUCHING - \$ 15.00

Full retouching is our top of the line studio retouching that should be ordered when major corrections are needed.

### U - ADD NAME & YEAR on all 2x3 wallets- \$ 5.00

Your image on CD or download with copyright release.

PACKAGE V - \$ 34.50 CD alone with no portrait package ordered.

BONUS PACKAGE W - \$ 20.00 CD with a portrait package ordered.

PACKAGE Y - \$ 31.50 Download of image with secured cloud storage.

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Click on pre order fall school portraits and have credit card ready.

**Access Code : LESH2022** 1.00 processing fee added.

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**TEAR OFF ENVELOPE AND BRING TO PHOTOGRAPHER - ONLY ONE STUDENT ORDER PER ENVELOPE PLEASE!**

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
5th Per. Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

PACKAGE(S) ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_  
BONUS PACKS ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME ON 2x3 WALLETS for \$ 5.00(U)\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name to Put On Wallets \_\_\_\_\_

Returned checks are assigned to PFC Check Solutions. \$ 20.00 service charge plus all applicable costs of collection pursuant to C.R.S 13-21-109 will apply. Returned checks may be re-presented electronically for the face amount plus fees.

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**AMOUNT  
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## Volunteer Application

If you are interested in volunteering, please use this link to register: [Volunteer Application](#)

If you are already a registered volunteer, please follow the steps below to view volunteer opportunities:

1. Log in to your Volunteer Portal through this link: [Raptor Volunteer Portal](#)
2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu
3. Review the details of the Event you wish to sign up for and click "Sign-Up".

Thank you for contributing your time and talent to PSD!



## Volunteers Needed

# OPEN HOUSE

### VISIT THE HOME OF THE VIKINGS

5th grade families and students interested in attending Leshher Middle School are invited!

Be the first to get your application in for the 2023-2024 school year. Poudre School District's School of Choice begins Nov. 1 through Dec. 15.

**Thursday, November 10  
6:00–7:30pm**



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<https://les.psdschools.org>



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Details about special sessions coming soon!



## Bike Week

**Fall Bike Week is NEXT WEEK – 10/10 – 10/14!**

Attention all Biking Vikings! Next week is the National Bike and Walk to School Day! But instead of just one day, Leshar is going to do a whole WEEK of biking and walking to school. It is our FALL BIKE WEEK, and we will be celebrating our bikers, walkers, scooters, and skaters! If you bike, walk, roll, skate, or scoot to school, we will have prizes, games, and food throughout the week in the back field area before school starts.

Even if you can't bike the whole way from your house, bike part of the way – it still counts! If it's cold, put your headband on (over your helmet) and don't forget your gloves. So, dust off your bike / shoes and roll to school next week! We will see you at bike check in every day next week!



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## Traffic Safety at Lesher Middle School

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To help streamline drop-off and pick-up, please adhere to Lesher'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](mailto:jeanniem@psdschools.org)

