LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Lower Cape May Regional High School Students,

I hope you have enjoyed a restful and healthy summer. I now ask you to turn your attention to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. I hope that all students return to school with a renewed spirit and determination to be successful.

Lower Cape May Regional High School offers numerous opportunities through its extensive academic and extracurricular programs. Students have everything to gain by taking advantage of these opportunities. You will get out of school as much as you put into it. The characteristics which lead to success in high school are the same characteristics which lead to success in life. I urge students to make a commitment now to make the high school experience an enjoyable and productive one.

Please note that all pertinent information and important forms necessary to begin the school year are available online and are no longer included in the summer mailing. Please log on to our school website at www.lcmrschooldistrict.com, and follow the links indicated under the heading for "Back to School Information and Forms". On our website, you will find the following important materials, including:

- Our district website: https://www.lcmrschooldistrict.com
- Almost all of our forms and communication home will be transitioning to email, text messaging, and through Parent PowerSchool Accounts. **At least one parent account must be established for each student.** However, more than one parent account can be established for students. Student bus assignments, locker assignments, and combinations are also indicated on this link.
- **Parent accounts will be activated by the end of the day on Friday, August 28th.** The only way to view schedules and information, until student accounts are opened, will be via Parent PowerSchool Accounts.
- **Students PowerSchool accounts will be activated by the end of the day on September 4th.**
- "The Power of PowerSchool," workshops for parents will be held in September to help parents/guardians set up and utilize "PowerSchool Parent" accounts so that you can monitor your child's progress and also customize your notifications.
- Medical forms which need a parent signature and must be returned to our nurse's office. These include: student health history form, request for the nurse to administer medications to your teenager, emergency medical information forms, parent notification of scoliosis testing, NJ immunization system forms and school insurance information. Again, there are forms on this link which must be downloaded, signed by a parent, and returned to school.
- Notice of parent rights under FERPA form and notice of disclosure of student directory information to military recruiters and parent option to restrict disclosure.
- Free and reduced lunch applications

Please take the time to access the above forms and information and return all necessary forms to the high school office by the dates indicated. If you do not have internet access, or you are experiencing difficulty accessing any of the information on our website, you may contact the high school for assistance.

It is imperative that all students and parents read and familiarize yourself with the information in the student handbook. It is especially important you understand the discipline code and attendance policy. This book will be accessible online through the school website. Daily school attendance must be a priority for every student and every family. There are a few students who received no credit last year because they erroneously believed excessive absenteeism would be overlooked. Every absence should be reported to the school and a note of explanation must be provided upon the student's return. It is strongly recommended that all parents and students pay particular attention to those sections of the handbook pertaining to the attendance policy.

On September 8, 2026, students should report to the **first period** classroom designated on your schedule card. **Please note that school will begin each day at 7:45 a.m.** It is important you realize that the scheduling process in a high school, with 650 students, is very complex. It is simply impossible to change schedules unless we have made an error that will impact on a student's ability to graduate, or you have not been rescheduled for a class that you failed. We will also make schedule changes if there is a conflict, if there is a missing course, or if a student who failed a course has the same teacher (although at times this is unavoidable). **Students and parents must understand that schedules cannot be changed to accommodate individual requests for specific teachers, a sequencing of courses during the day, or simply to be with friends**.

There will be some valid reasons to talk or meet with guidance counselors. You may make requests for schedule changes, but changes will NOT be made unless they meet the limited requirements for change. I also call to your attention to the fact that all students, including seniors, are required to have full schedules with a minimum of 4 academic courses. Students are reminded that they are not permitted to drop a course after October 1st without a "Withdraw Failing (WF)"on the student transcript.

Back-To-School Night is September 9, 2026. Student classes are scheduled for 10 minutes each and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We ask all parents to make an effort to arrive at each class on time. At 6:00 in the PAC (Performing Arts Center) will be an Early College Credit Presentation by a representative from ACCC. Schedules are available on PowerSchool for you to follow. If your child has Physical Education, Health or Driver's Education, then please report to the gym located in G-Wing. Student Council representatives and Peer Leaders will also be stationed throughout the building to assist you.

A reminder to all underclass students: Students may not drive to school without a valid parking permit. All parking permits will be issued and mailed home to students prior to the start of school. Contact the Assistant Principal for more information.

I wish you an enjoyable remainder of the summer and I look forward to greeting you at the start of school on September 8, 2026. I also extend my personal best wishes for a most successful high school year.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Ziemba
Principal

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PLEASE READ:

1. **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:45 a.m. is the first day for students.**
2. **We will have an early dismissal schedule the entire week.**
3. It is important that parents and students read the Student Handbook for detailed information about Lower Cape May Regional High School activities and policies. It is especially important that you read the Attendance Policy and Discipline Code.
4. Parent and community input is essential for our success as a high school. Please note that Back to School Night is September 9, 2026. Please plan to attend.
5. Your bus assignment indicates a time to be at your bus stop, but it is suggested that on the first day you arrive about ten minutes early since the times listed are only approximate.
7. Lunches will be on sale beginning September 8, 2026, at a cost of $3.95. Free and reduced lunch forms are available online through our school website at www.lcmrschooldistrict.com and students who were eligible for free and reduced lunches in June will continue their eligibility until September 30, 2026 when the 2026-27 free lunch forms must be completed.
8. Schedule changes will be made beginning September 8, 2026, if and only if:
   a. There is a scheduling conflict.
   b. There is a missing course.
   c. A student is repeating a failure and has the same teacher (this may be unavoidable). No other schedule changes will be considered unless initiated by the teacher involved and no courses may be added or dropped after the first marking period.
9. Students arriving early to school wait outside in the courtyard. A bell will ring at 7:35 a.m. when students may proceed to class.
10. Locker numbers are included on your schedule.
11. It is illegal for students to park on school grounds without permission from both parents and the school. Drivers must display a valid parking permit, issued by the school.