

# LJHS 6th Grade Newsletter

## Week of August 24th Update & Information



The first few days of sixth grade have gone very well! We have enjoyed getting to know the students and are very impressed with their adjustment to the Junior High School. This year is going to include a lot of firsts for all of us, but we are committed to doing our best for our students. We are all in this together! We appreciate your patience and support. We are looking forward to a year filled with wonderful learning experiences!

- LJHS Sixth Grade Team

### Parents please tell us about your child!

Please help us get to know your student by completing the following family share. The information you share will help us support your student to grow and thrive this school year. We truly appreciate your time and home partnership. [LJHS 6th Grade Family Share](#)

### What happened this week in each 6th-grade class?

Language Arts	Welcome to Lisle Junior High School! Although this is not a typical start for any of us, it has been amazing getting to know the students these last few days. This week we worked on getting to know one another and appropriate ways to utilize email and correspond with teachers.
Literature	Welcome to sixth grade! We started getting to know each other with some fun interactive activities. What an amazing group of students! Another area of focus was using and navigating LJHS Homework Hotline.
Honors Literature	Welcome. We started getting to know each other with some fun interactive activities. Another area of focus was using and navigating LJHS Homework Hotline and finding personal reading materials on Epic..
Math	We started getting to know each other for this exciting new school year! Also, we discussed with the students how to access PowerSchool and what the different symbols and aspects of their grades mean. We did go through the

	differences between how to check Traditional grades and Standard Based grades. We also started in on a few of the year-long math tasks (xtramath.org and Khan Academy)!
Pre-Algebra 1	We began by making sure everyone is signed up for Classroom as I will use it is my primary source of communication this year. We are also going to do some getting to know you activities before we discuss sites Khan Academy, Edulastic/Affirm, Eureka, Assistments, and Google Meets. I also discussed, and modeled, how I have two screens up in my classroom and will be using my document camera as my primary instructional tool along with the Great Minds website.
Science	Welcome to 6th Grade Science! This week the 6th grade team has focused on setting up our students for success!  During science class, we have focused on understanding how to use our <a href="#">Assignment Notebooks</a> . Here is a <a href="#">teacher recording</a> of the lesson. Did you know there is a spot available for parent/guardian initials each day? Ask your child to show you this box. Feel free to check the box each day after reviewing your child's work for the day.  During student asynchronous work time, students were asked to complete a Flipgrid assignment. This assignment serves two purposes: (1) to help the 6th grade teachers get to know our students and (2) introduce students to a vital technology tool we will use this school year.
Social Studies	Welcome to 6th Grade Social Studies! We spent time getting to know each other and I am excited for the school year! The students and I also reviewed the <a href="#">LJHS Online Behavior Expectations &amp; Google Meet Etiquette</a> . This applies for all classes at the Junior High.
Physical Education	Welcome back! I hope that you and your family have had an active summer with plenty of time outside and we hope that this continues! Students will be learning about health & wellness concepts within their PE lessons. On synchronous learning days, students will learn about health & fitness concepts and on asynchronous days they will participate in a corresponding physical activity and completing an activity log.
Exploring Reading	Welcome to Exploring Reading! We spent time getting to know each other and what to expect from this class. I can't wait to get to know everyone better and I'm looking forward to a great year of learning together!
Exploring Math	Hi and welcome to Exploring Math! It has been great to see and hear from students. We have been spending some time getting to know each other and discussing expectations we will follow in this new format of learning. I am looking forward to working with students as they grow their math knowledge and understanding. We will start discussing, asking questions, and solving

	math problems as students are provided opportunities to practice concepts learned in Mr. McLar's class.
<b>Advanced Computer Skills</b>	Our 6th grade ACS class is 1 QTR long and I'm really hoping we can adjust to this remote environment quickly. So far we have set up our Typing Club accounts as well as introduced and created Tinkercad accounts. The students will be pushed to learn AutoCad for 3D printing purposes. Typically they love this opportunity and I'm excited to share the lessons we have prepared throughout the quarter. Homerow growth and typing improvement will be a major focus for students this QTR. Stay in touch and reach out with any questions please. -Mr. Wiertel
<b>Art</b>	I am so happy to have you in Art this quarter! I hope you are ready to think and create! I definitely am! If you are scheduled for 6th Grade Exploratory Art this quarter, you should have picked up an art kit with your name on it. I have carefully and thoughtfully chosen art materials that we will use during our time together. Just as the note in your kit explains, please do not use any of the materials in your kit until instructed to do so by me. Please keep your kit in a secure place as not to lose it or damage it.  We will continue to get to know each other more in the future, beyond our last few days...I am very excited for that! I miss being with my artists!
<b>Family and Consumer Science (FACS)</b>	Welcome back to a bright and shiny new school year full of unlimited possibilities! I am so excited to share my class with each and every one of your students. I will have a lot of information to push out to you next week, but for this week I am just saying a big WELCOME to all. This week we spent some time just getting to know each other and going over how to access teacher assistance when needed. If you or your students have ANY questions, big or small, please email me at <a href="mailto:sbyrne@lisle202.org">sbyrne@lisle202.org</a> and if you are on Facebook, feel free to join my classroom page at <b>LJHS FACS with Mrs. Byrne</b> . Have a wonderful weekend!
<b>Technology</b>	Hi everyone and welcome to the 2020-21 school year. I know this will be a year we will all remember forever for many reasons!  I am confident that we are going to have an exciting and engaging year regardless of the medium we are using to teach. I really miss all of our students and I was hoping we would be together in person. We will be soon but until then let's make the best of our situation because you know something? It could always be worse! Imagine if we did not have the technology that we have and we were trying to learn remotely. Yikes!  Speaking of technology, do you know what the definition of technology is? We will discuss this in class and I hope you are ready for a great semester doing all sorts of fun stuff. We will start the year with a great time learning about all kinds of technology and how our modules work. We will then each build a tower with our Engineering Towers module. All who are enrolled in Technology

	for 1st quarter should have received a big Towers Worksheet and also 10 balsa wood sticks. Once we are done with our towers we will move into a hands on take home engineering unit which I will provide for you.
<b>Band</b>	We are so excited to get playing again! Our focus these first few weeks of school will be reviewing techniques from last year that we can build upon. Time to dust off the cobwebs if you haven't touched that instrument in a while! We will meet as a full class on <b>Fridays during 8th period</b> . In addition, your student will have one small group lesson each week. This schedule will be communicated once it is finalized.
<b>Choir</b>	Welcome back to school, and welcome to choir! While your classroom right now looks a little different than we expected, I still cannot wait to see each one of you during our remote rehearsals. I have spent the last week looking through music, developing new activities, and thinking about how our upcoming performances will look. We have class on <b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays during 8th period</b> . Make sure to find a quiet space for our classes, and headphones might be really helpful once our rehearsals get going. I cannot wait to get this year started!
<b>Student Services</b>	Welcome back to school! We know this can be a stressful time as we begin the school year remotely. If you need to speak with someone, please access the <b>Student Services Request Form on Symbaloo</b> . If you are having difficulties accessing the form, please contact Mr. Slowiak at <a href="mailto:vslowiak@lisle202.org">vslowiak@lisle202.org</a>

## Looking for a learning extension for your child?

<b>Learning Extensions</b>	<p>All caught up on your learning tasks? No homework? Take the CHALLENGE!</p> <p>Click on the link to explore <a href="#">STEM LEARNING CHALLENGES</a> for home!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engineering Challenges</li> <li>- Design SQUAD Build Challenge</li> <li>- LEGO Challenge</li> <li>- Science Challenges</li> <li>- Creative Cooking</li> <li>- Science Lab @ Home</li> </ul> <p>Click on the link to explore <a href="#">VIRTUAL LEARNING CHALLENGES</a> for home!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hour of Code</li> <li>- Virtual Field Trips</li> <li>- OK GO Sandbox</li> <li>- How Stuff Works</li> <li>- Personality Quizzes</li> <li>- Virtual Escape Room</li> </ul> <p>Available in Google Classroom in both Science and Study Hall classes.</p>
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- Please refer to [Homework Hotline](#) for daily assignments and specific due dates.
- Please refer to [Study Hall Guidelines](#) for expectations in Study Hall.
- Please refer to the [6th Grade Resources](#) for additional resources such as textbook links, homework help, and updates.

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