PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

LOJ Families,

I hope this week presents itself with rest, relaxation, and moments of gratitude. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

HOLIDAY SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The holidays can be very difficult for families with limited financial resources.

The Counseling Department has the opportunity to connect these LOJ families with many supports. One of the ways we support families during the holidays is by providing a Thanksgiving food basket and gift cards that are donated from the community. As we approach the holiday season, please consider donating gift cards as a way to help our LOJ families in need. Any and all donation amounts are appreciated.

Gift cards can be brought to the main office at any time and will be distributed by counselors to families prior to winter break and throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued care for the LOJ community!

If you feel that your family would benefit from any of these resources, please reach out to your student’s grade-level counselor (contact below). Please know that any and all information regarding assistance or support is kept confidential.

With gratitude,

Your LOJ Counseling Team
Hello LOJ Families,
Hope this email finds you well. Thank you for everyone's participation in our Halloween MOD Pizza Fundraiser last month! It generated almost $300 for our school (woohoo!). We are partnering with City Thai (6341 SW Capitol Hwy #1937, Portland, OR 97239) on Nov. 28 (Saturday) for another dining fundraiser. Please check out the flyer for details. We wish everyone in advance a wonderful and relaxing holiday week!
Best regards,
LOJ Parent Club Board
Hello young writers! There are a few national writing contests that have deadlines within the month. These are outside-of-school opportunities, and not associated with any particular class. If writing is your jam, find a contest to enter! Writing for a specific purpose and audience helps you focus your content and hone your craft.

See the link below for the following competitions:

- One Earth Award
- River of Words
- New York Life Award
- Scholastic Art and Writing Award

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XRrEqt4wGlNRXWghV9BOckOk_cBeqWEcR2yYUkl9BW/edit

**GRAB AND GO MEAL UPDATE**

Next Thursday (11/19/20) the grab-and-go meal sack will include 7 days of breakfasts and lunches. There will be no grab-and-go meals on Monday 11/23/20 or Thursday 11/26/20. Regular grab-and-go meal distribution (Mon/Thurs) will resume on Monday 11/30/20.

**IREADY INFORMATION SESSION**

LOSD is partnering with iReady to host an information session for parents and guardians to learn more about the diagnostic assessments being piloted by LOSD this year.

**Thursday, Dec. 3**

**Grades 6-8 Session: 5:15-5:45 p.m.**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://cainc.zoom.us/j/97537799714?pwd=YklPYnhua3VIa2NjS0ROaS91ZVMzQT09

Passcode: LakeOswego

**IMPORTANT LINKS**

LOJ Website
LAKE OSWEGO MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are a dedicated group of educators who have a relentless focus on learning for all. We value building strong relationships and working side by side with all stakeholders in creating an environment that is inclusive and safe.