



Gary Lighthouse Charter School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL	8/26
JEANS DAY	8/26
NWEA TESTING (K-8)	8/29
MCLASS (K-2)	8/22
LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)	9/5

SETTING OUR STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESS

As we open the new school year, we reflect on how we will make students successful, not only in school but in life! Setting our students up for success means having high expectations—proper uniforms, behavior on the bus and in the cafeteria, quiet movement in the hallways, and BEAMING in the classrooms. Beginning in kindergarten, we model our expectations for our students, and continue to model them daily, all the way through high school!



Setting our students up for success starts at home! How can you

help?

- Send students to school every day in the proper uniform (following the rules teaches them responsibility for life)
- Make sure their homework is completed nightly.
- Reinforce the school rules (positive behavior leads to higher learning)
- Practice makes perfect—READ nightly and practice math facts!!!
- Staying active in your scholar's education—they can tell it's important if you're involved.

Don't Forget:

1. **Wednesdays we dismiss at 2:00—car riders must be picked up by 2:15.**
2. Update your emergency contact information when it changes!
3. Free/Reduced lunch forms are due for EVERYONE!
4. Don't forget Parent Portal is available to all parents to see your scholar's grades.
5. To contact a teacher, enter first initial, last name @lighthouse-academies.org (ex..kshultz@lighthouse-academies.org)

Kristina Shultz...Interim Principal
 Andrea Granzow...Director of Instruction (K-4)
 Melissa Lafever...Director of Instruction (5-8)
 Erika Blackmon...Director of School Culture
 Terrell Lockett...Special Education
 Erica Williams...Family Coordinator
 Robin Danzy...Office Manager
 TBD...Office Assistant

AH...THE BLACK SHOE BLUES!

We would like to remind parents about our policy on black shoes. Parents received uniform purchase information before school ended, and again at orientation. Students must wear black shoes as part of their school uniform. **NO portion of the shoe may have colors!!!** This includes the sides, soles, logo, tongue, shoelaces and rubber of the shoe. *If a scholar comes to school with color on his/her shoes, we will give the scholar the option to color them with black marker or cover them with black electrical tape.* We've even had parents suggest using a black marker and coloring in the designs. This has been an issue in the past, and we are trying very hard to have the rules apply to everyone. Thank you for your assistance!

Is your scholar a car rider??

If so, then here are a few things to remember:

1. Scholars will not be allowed into the building until 7:30 daily. Breakfast for car riders is served until 7:50.
2. At 8:01, scholars are tardy. At 8:30, students must have a parent or a note from the parent to enter building (3 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence).
3. No child can be picked up from 3:00-3:45 for the safety of our students and ease of dismissal.
4. Auditorium doors will open at 3:45 to begin signing scholars out. **Scholars are not dismissed to parents**



5. All scholars must be picked up by 4:15 or late charges are assessed.
6. **Wednesday dismissal begins at 1:50—NO parent will be let into the building until that time!**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Gary Lighthouse is having an Ice Cream Social for students and parents on Friday, August 26th, from 6-8. The school will provide the ice cream, the teachers will provide the toppings! This is a great time to come out, meet the staff, meet the interim principal, Tina Shultz, and the leadership team, have a scoop of ice cream (or two), and mingle with the Lighthouse family. We hope to see you there!

Parents are Welcome!!!

Parents are welcome in the building, but we ask that you follow the policies in the Handbook:

1. *Please allow the staff to walk your students to class! We want instruction to begin promptly at 7:45, so teachers won't have time to talk.*
2. *You are always welcome to observe in the classroom, but the visits must be limited to 20 minutes (per handbook).*
3. *Please make sure you sign in the office and get a visitor sticker.*



Today is the day we make it happen!

Don't forget...school supplies are very cheap through September at Office Depot, Staples, Walmart, Target, and Office Max. Shop the Sunday sales for the best discounts!

“You must be the change YOU want to see in the world” ~ Gandhi

Attention BUS RIDERS!!!

- We do apologize for not getting the bus permission forms out last Friday. We wanted to organize them better and put the student information on each sheet, so the forms went home this week. If you haven't already done so, please sign the form and return it to school.
- If a bus is late or misses a stop, please call the school and leave a message. We WILL and DO follow-up with the bus company, as well as create monthly reports of inaccuracies.
- The buses are full...we are trying to work with Illinois Central to make the students more comfortable.
- Bus 4 riders—this bus leaves daily at 3:50..please expect your child to arrive to the stop earlier. We are trying to get them home at a better time, so please be patient!

Happy Birthday to.....

Mr. Jewell—8/26

8/19...Sharae H., Anastasia W.

8/20...Jessica O.

8/21...Anthony H.

8/25...Daveone P.

8/26...Christina N.

Lighthouse Core Values

- Work hard, get smart, graduate from college!
 - Today is the day we make it happen!
 - Nothing less than excellence!
 - High expectations equal results!

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