



Gary Lighthouse Charter School

9/9/11

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NWEA TESTING (K-8)	ONGOING
MCLASS (K-2)	ONGOING
GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS	9/15-9/17
MOBILE DENTIST	9/20-9/21
SCHOOL PHOTOS	9/29-9/30
Parent Meeting	9/26

PARENT PORTAL AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Last week, we released information on how parents can access PowerSchool Parent Portal. With a code, parents can check student grades and communicate with the school.

We make it a goal for every teacher in the building to add grades weekly so that you can check student progress whenever you like. If you find that your student doesn't have any new grades, just let the school know.

We will also be sending home

progress reports today. All progress reports must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned on Monday. If a progress report isn't returned signed, scholars will spend one hour in ISS. Your signature tells us that you have seen the report and are aware of how your scholar is doing in class.

If you have any questions about progress report grades, please don't hesitate to contact the school, your child's teacher(s), or the principal/DOIs.

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. Don't forget Parent Portal is available to all parents to see your scholar's grades.
4. Uniforms shirts are sold Fridays from 8-12.
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
 Ralynn Crockett...Office Assistant

OUR FINAL UNIFORM REMINDER

Students are expected to come to school every day dressed in the proper school uniform. Every child must have:

- Lighthouse shirt (MUST have lighthouse logo)
- Navy blue pants, skirt (with black belt if there are loops)
- White, black, navy blue socks
- ALL BLACK SHOES—NO colors, NO stripes. Students with colors with get the option of taping the colors, or coloring them with black marker.

ALL uniform infractions from now on will result in 1 hour of ISS, as well as a letter home regarding the uniform infraction.

PARENT GROUPS WELCOME!

The leadership team is looking into forming different parent groups to increase involvement in our school. Some of the groups we are considering are:

- Parents as Teachers;
- Adult literacy group;
- Mothers of Teenage Boys;
- WatchD.O.G.S.
- Parent book study.

If you are interested in forming another parent group, contact Mrs. Williams, our family coordinator. We will keep you informed as to when these groups will be starting.

We are also working on starting monthly parent workshops! Some of the topics will include writing resumes, using computers, homework

help, or what parents suggest. This month's workshop will be during the parent meeting and will focus on gang activity in Gary.



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.
4. During the 90 minute reading block, you are allowed to visit your child's room, but cannot interact with the students. This block is uninterrupted teaching time, as mandated by the state of Indiana.

Basketball Tryouts

Coach Wilcher will be having girls basketball tryouts the following dates:

Grades 4-6 will take place on the following days:
 Monday, September 15 4:00-6:00
 Tuesday, September 16 4:00-6:00
 Wednesday, September 17 4:00-6:00

Coach Williams will have tryouts for Grades 7-8 on:

Monday, September 12 4:00-6:00
 Tuesday, September 13 4:00-6:00

"Instruction is what we say. Influence is what we do. Image is what we are."

~ Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-Fil-A

DIVAS is beginning again!

Divine
 Intelligent
 Valiant
 Accomplished
 Strong



Divas is a Mentoring & Leadership youth development program for girls in the 5th-8th grade. Divas is a program that targets young ladies to provide each young lady with academic support, health education and encourage self-esteem, while fostering leadership and self-empowerment. Divas will also learn to master the 6 principles of "self" "these are self confidence, self control, self pride, self determination, self love and self respect.

Happy Birthday to.....

Mr. Williams ...9/13

9/9... Wilford B.

9/14... Jordan G.

9/15... Lailoni C., Alexis F., Marquita Y.

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!

Lighthouse Academies

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