

# Scott Middle School

## Home of the Shining Stars



## OPEN HOUSE

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday, Aug 9  
from 4-6 pm

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thursday, Aug 10  
from 4-6 pm

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, receive schedules and locker assignments and visit classrooms. Census forms will be available to pick up, fill out and return. You can also return any health forms to the Health Office. The cafeteria will be open for lunch money deposits. Star Tran will be here with information on bus routes. Our SPIN (Scott Parental Involvement Network) will also be here to accept volunteer forms.

Students who are unable to attend Open House may pick up their schedule in the office on **Friday, August 11 between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30 pm.**

**Students will NOT have access to their lockers, classrooms or teachers during that time.**

**Students are also able to see their schedule using Student Vue on Synergy.**

The first day of school is Monday, August 14. **We will dismiss at 1:38 pm on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The normal dismissal time of 2:58 pm will begin on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. During the first week of school, the Media Center **WILL NOT** be open after school for students to do homework.**

## Signals from Scott

Summer 2017

### Principal's Corner: Mr. Dave Knudsen

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. We are very excited to begin the school year, meet new faces, and reconnect with returning students.

We are looking forward to welcoming students to Scott for Open House on two different days. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 9 from 4-6 pm. Open House for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Thursday, August 10 from 4-6 pm. The first day of school for students is Monday, August 14.

Please check our Scott Middle School website under the district web page [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org) for daily announcements and other important news from Scott.

We will continue using the BIST model of school wide behavior intervention and discipline and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). We look forward to helping students meet their full potential as students in the classroom and throughout the building. You will find an enclosed brochure detailing the BIST program.

Star Academy: Lincoln Public Schools support the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of all students. Staff (i.e. teachers, counselors, and administrators) student, and parent input, along with data, is used to determine if a student needs additional support and positive interactions to help with student success. One of the first additional supports that a student may receive is called Star Academy.

Star Academy is an intervention that increases the positive relationship with adults in the school through specific feedback. This feedback helps to teach, support, encourage, and shape student performance, behavior, personal and social development, and emotional safety. Students who are participating in Star Academy receive feedback several times a day as well as a numeric score. A student might hear, "Great job for being responsible today and starting your work right away."

LPS will continue to use an online grading system, Synergy, which allows students and parents to access grades 24/7 for each class. Students and parents will use the same login information they received last year. Access to ParentVUE can be found on the Scott Middle School website.

Our families are important to us at Scott Middle School. We believe an involved parent/guardian is the most important piece of a successful education! Please stay involved with school as your child goes through the middle school years. Thanks for sending us such wonderful children from your home to Scott Middle School!

Dave Knudsen, Principal



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**D** \*First Day of School: Mon, Aug 14 (dismiss at 1:38 pm  
**A** Aug 14-15, normal time of 2:58 pm Aug 16-18)

**T** \*PLC Early Out Tuesdays (out at 1:38 pm):  
**E** Aug 29, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 19,  
**S** Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24

**S** \*Picture Day: Thursday, August 31 st (Retakes on  
Thursday, Oct 5th)

**T** \*No School: Sept 4

**O** \*Fall P/T Conferences: Monday, Sept 25 and  
Thurs, Sept 28 from 3:30-6:30 pm

**R** \*No School (Fall Break): Oct 16-17

**E** \*No School (Thanksgiving Break): Nov 22-24

**M** \*No School (Winter Break): Dec 23-Jan 5

**E** \*No School (MLK Jr Day): Jan 15

**M** \*Spring P/T Conferences: Tue, Feb 6 and  
**B** Thur, Feb 8 from 3:30-6:30 pm

**E** \*No School (Spring Break): Mar 12-16

\*No School: Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> & Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Last Day: Thursday, May 24



### **First Week of School Info:**

Scott will dismiss at 1:38 pm the first two days of school, August 14-15. Star Tran buses will run according to the early dismissal schedule on these days. The normal dismissal time of 2:58 pm will start on Wednesday, August 16. Breakfast will be served beginning Monday, Aug 14 at 7:30 am. **The Media Center will not be open after school during the first week of school.**

For student safety, students should not be dropped off before 7:30 am and should be picked up after school by 3:10 pm. Please see the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures brochure included in this mailing for more information.

### **Important Student Forms**

Families will receive their Student Census Form at Open House. Please check to make sure all information is accurate and make any necessary changes. You can leave the form in the boxes provided in the Multipurpose Room during Open House. This form is needed for school contact information (phone, mailing address, email, etc). Please include the "Emergency Contact(s)" other than "Adult in Household" for your child. This can be very important in case of emergency and you can't be reached. Also, please make sure email addresses are accurate, as they are used as a primary form of communication between school and home.

Other forms to be returned at Open House may include: Request to provide medication (prescription), request to provide medication (Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen), fee waiver

## PARENT REMINDERS

- It is your responsibility to contact the school office at 402-436-1218 if your child will be absent from school at any time. This includes late arrivals and early dismissals. An answering machine is available when the office is closed.
- Please keep the office informed of address, phone number or email changes.
- Students are not allowed to use their cell phones during the school day, so please avoid calling or texting your child between the hours of 8:00am -2:58pm. If a message cannot wait until after school, please call the main office
- In order to avoid classroom interruptions, parent deliveries and phone messages for students will be held in the main office. Students will be notified by message board and can pick items up during lunch or breaks.
- Homework requests can be made through the office the **morning of the third day of an absence due to illness. Call the school before 9:00 am as teachers use their plan times to gather assignments.** These assignments can be picked up in the office between 3:15-4:00 pm that day. Parents and students are encouraged to check ParentVue or StudentVue for schoolwork they may have missed while absent.

## Visitor Entrance

In order to keep our building secure for students and staff, visitors need to enter through Door #1, which is the main front door on the South side of the building by the flagpole. All other doors will be locked during the school day. Visitors will check in with our Secured Entrance Monitor and get a badge before entering the building. Parking is available for guests on the South side in the circle drive.

## Star Tran Bus Information

Star Tran does have a booster bus that only transports Scott students during the school year. Not all of the Scott attendance area is serviced by this bus, and there is a charge for riding. Routes are available online at the Star Tran website or in the Scott office. We sell the 31 day pass for \$17.00 and the 20 ride pass for \$33 (checks payable to Scott Middle School) in the office. Other types of passes can be purchased through Star Tran. Star Tran will be at Open House both nights to answer any questions.

## TRAFFIC

More parents drive students to and from school during the first two weeks of school than any other time of the year. Please allow extra time and be patient during these first few weeks.

- ✚ Curb side drop off and pick up is safest for students
- ✚ Vehicles may not park or stop for drop off/pick up within 75 feet of crosswalks. Students need this space to see if cars are coming before they enter the crosswalk.
- ✚ Students who walk or ride a bike to school should always cross in designated crosswalks and obey all traffic signals. Wear a helmet for safety if riding a bike, and bring a padlock to secure it while at school. Rollerblades and skateboards are NOT allowed on school grounds

## The role of a school counselor.....

School counselors work with all students, school staff, families, and members of the community as an integral part of the education program. School counseling programs promote school success through a focus on academic achievement, prevention and intervention activities, advocacy and social/emotional and career development.

### What do counselors do?

- ✓ Provide direct counseling services to students individually and in support groups.
- ✓ Provide education and support services to parents.
- ✓ Provide consultation services to teachers.
- ✓ Facilitate referrals to community support services.
- ✓ Advise students on academic planning.
- ✓ Provide career guidance to students.
- ✓ Maintain up-to-date resources on careers and post-secondary institutions
- ✓ Network with post-secondary schools
- ✓ Serve on school and community committees addressing the needs of young people.



Support your school with Box Tops for Education! Scott Middle School does collect Box Tops. You can drop them off at the main office anytime M-F between 7:30-4:00.

## SCIP at SCOTT

Did you know that Scott Middle School has a SCIP Team? SCIP stands for School Community Intervention and Prevention. SCIP is a program designed to bring together families, school and the community to support student behavior and emotional health. SCIP was developed by community representatives and concerned educators and designed to assist students experiencing difficulty in the learning environment. Behaviors of concern may be depression, grief, self-harm, alcohol and/or drugs, bullying, violence, eating disorders, gambling and/or video gaming addictions.

How does SCIP support students; by using a four step process. Peers, parents, school staff or community members observe a student exhibiting behaviors that interfere with learning (IDENTIFY). The SCIP team may involve the parents or students to express concerns about behaviors, to seek solutions, and to explore options which will increase the student's opportunity to be successful in school (INVOLVE). When appropriate, the SCIP Team may offer a school counselor, faculty member or a school program that can provide assistance. SCIP collaborates with community behavioral health agencies that can provide screenings at no cost for the student (ASSIST). Finally, the SCIP Team will continue to support the students in the school environment. The goal is to aid the student's improvement (SUPPORT).

If you would like more information about the SCIP team at our school, please contact Jeanne Krenk, Team Leader at [jkrenk@lps.org](mailto:jkrenk@lps.org) or (402)-436-1218.



## School Meals: Nutritious, Delicious and Affordable!

### Complete Free and Reduced Meal Applications Starting July 31, 2017

Lincoln Public Schools will begin accepting free and reduced meal applications for the 2017-2018 school year starting July 25. **A new free and reduced meal application must be completed each school year. They are not renewable!** If we do not receive a new application for the current school year, your children will lose their previous year's meal status and return to paid status. Families who receive a letter from Lincoln Public School Nutrition Services Department stating that their children have been Direct Certified for free meal benefits do not need to complete an application- however, please make sure all the school age children in your home are included in this letter. If one or more of your children are not listed, please call the Nutrition Services office at 402-436-1746.

Complete this year's Free and Reduced Meal Application online at [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org) beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>. Under "Popular Pages" on the left-hand side of the screen, click on "Free/Reduced Meal Application". Then click on the online application picture and follow the easy-to-use, step-by-step screens to submit your application for processing. The online application is fast and secure taking only one to two working days to process. Paper application may take as long as ten (10) working days to process. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying for school meals or supplying a sack lunch from home until meal benefits have been determined.

Please contact the Nutrition Services Office at 402-436-1746 if you need assistance with the online application process, need a paper copy of the application or have any other nutrition related questions.



Your child has been assigned a personal pin number (PIN) and will use this number each time they purchase meal items by entering their PIN (starts with a "4 or 5") on a PIN pad. Once assigned a PIN, students will keep the same number each school year. If your child is new to LPS, a number will be assigned. It's very important your child memorizes their PIN, as it keeps lunch lines running smoothly. Please remind your student not to share his/her PIN number with other students. This could result in your child's account balance being compromised.

You can put money in your child's lunch account by sending cash or check to the school or by purchasing online at [lps.org](http://lps.org) "Buy Student Meals". There is a transaction fee for online purchases.

### Food Allergies Requiring a Special Diet

You will need to complete the Medical Statement for Students Requiring Special Meals form. This form must be signed by a Physician and turned in to the school Health Office for processing. Please plan on sending a meal with your child for three days after submitting the form. This allows staff time to order the foods necessary for your student's diet restrictions.

### Start the Day with School Breakfast!

All schools across the district offer breakfast. Students have the choice of selecting a cold breakfast (ex: cereal) or hot breakfast (ex: mini pancakes). In addition to the hot or cold breakfast entrée, a student will receive 100% fruit juice, low fat milk and optional ½ c serving of fruit.

Breakfast at Scott Middle School is served from 7:30-7:53 am

### 2017-2018 Meal Prices

- **Elementary:** Breakfast- \$1.30, Lunch- \$2.35
- **Middle School:** Breakfast- \$1.50, Lunch- \$2.55
- **High School:** Breakfast- \$1.50, Lunch- \$2.70

Cow's milk is fifty (50) cents per carton. School lunch consists of a choice of two or more hot entrees, salad or meatless entrée plus a salad, vegetable, fruit and milk. Reduced priced lunch is forty (40) cents.

## Appropriate School Attire



Students at Scott Middle School are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the workplace/school setting. Students are not to dress in a manner that causes a disruption to the educational process or poses a distraction to the learning environment or in a manner contrary to the mission of the school.

**The following fashions are considered inappropriate for the school setting and are prohibited:**

Shorts with less than a 3 inch inseam

Tank tops with less than a 2 inch strap- no bra straps may be showing and no spaghetti straps or racer backs

Sagging pants, and any clothing that shows undergarments

Tight form fitting leggings or yoga pants- shirt must cover both the front and the back of the pants

Excessively short skirts without appropriate undergarment (i.e. leggings, long shorts, etc)

Shirts or tops that show bare midriffs, bare backs, or excessive cleavage

Shirts that advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco, have a sexual connotation or double meanings, have a message on racism, prejudice or bigotry, have a gang or crime/violence related message, depict nudity, or have profanity or depictions of profane gestures

Pajamas/sleepwear/flannel pants/lounge pants

Swimwear

Hats, hoods, bandanas

Spiked jewelry/clothing, chains on clothing

Slippers

This list is not exclusive, and other forms of attire may be deemed inappropriate at the discretion of the administration. As per LPS policy, consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs or disability. When students are determined to be in violation of the Student Appearance Policy, they will be asked to correct it. They may be asked to cover up using a sweat shirt, jacket, etc, turn a shirt inside out, or wear something from their gym locker. The office and health office may have clothing to loan. Students may also call a parent/guardian to bring them a clothing change. Continued violations may result in parent notification and disciplinary action depending on the circumstances.

**Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy:** The use of cell phones and other electronic devices by students is not allowed during the school day (8:00 am-2:58 pm). This rule is in place to minimize disruptions to the school day, provide privacy to other students and staff and avoid the misuse of technology.

If a student must bring a cell phone to school, it should be **TURNED OFF** upon entry to the building and remain locked in their locker until the end of the school day. Students are not to carry their phones with them during the day. Students seen using a cell phone or having one in their possession will have their phone collected by a staff member and brought to the office. A parent will be required to pick it up. Continued violations may result in the student losing the privilege of bringing a cell phone to school. All students have access to a phone in the office to call parents/guardians.

Due to the increasing number of problems (thefts, losses, damage, and inappropriate use), **personal electronic devices, (Ipad, Kindles, etc) are not allowed at school.** Students seen using these devices during the school day will have them collected and brought to the office. A parent will be required to pick it up.

Scott Middle School and Lincoln Public Schools are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

## Middle School Grading

Lincoln Public Schools uses a uniform system for calculating grades in all subject areas in all grades in middle and high school.

- 80% of the student's grade will be based on summative assessments and assignments (i.e. tests, exams, major projects and long term assignments that assess and evaluate student learning).
- 20% of the student's grade will be based on formative work (i.e. homework that monitors ongoing learning).

### Rationale:

- This will create a consistent grading template in all secondary grades and courses.
- This will maintain the emphasis on the importance of summative tests and work, while also emphasizing the value of quality and practice and homework in the learning process.

The grading scale is as follows: A= 90-100, B= 80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59

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# Welcome to Scott Middle School

### New Staff Members:

Alicia Burmood  
Jessica Brauer  
Holly Noser  
Terianne Knott  
Marty McCurdy

7<sup>th</sup> Technology, Social Studies  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
8<sup>th</sup> Math  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Science and Math  
P.E./Health

### Staff Changes:

Sarah Crose  
Jill Wegman  
Lesia Christiancy  
DeAnn Karg  
Kelly Phillips  
Jodi Christensen

Retired  
Retired  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Moore Middle School  
Registrar @ Moore Middle School  
Registrar from Attendance Secretary  
Attendance Secretary

## Scott Clubs & Activities

**Numerous Choirs and Bands:** Share your love of music and singing with others by joining before and after school choir and bands. These groups meet before- school or after-school (day TBA) from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Choir Room.

**Builders Club:** This club is the largest service organization for middle school students. Sponsored in the community by Kiwanis International and locally by the Cornhusker Kiwanis Club, we are committed to learning the necessary skills for becoming leaders in our school, city and nation while helping others through our many service projects. This past year, Builders Club continued to sponsor the Fall Food Drive for our school; our school collected nearly 1600 pounds of food for the Lincoln Food Bank. In February we collected \$385.00 to support the children living at the People's City Mission with our "Candy For A Cause" Fundraiser. We enjoy making cards for our staff and for the Clark Jeary Assisted Living Center and supporting Red Ribbon Week. This past Spring, we sponsored an Environmental Awareness Week to provide information to our Scott students and staff about environmental challenges facing our world. Builders Club is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00 pm. Ms. Krenk is the faculty advisor.

**Fight of Feminists Club:** Fight of Feminists club is designed as a forum for discussion about issues relating to gender inequity and current problems students are personally experiencing. Club members brainstorm ways to address their problems and discuss how to keep them from happening again. It is the goal of the club to inform people about what Feminism is and why it is important for everyone. Students sign up for and make presentations to the club about a current event or concept involving sexism or other gender-based inequity in society then discuss how that relates to their lives, or how they could work to remedy such a situation. Guest speakers might also be present on occasion. Ms. Graham is the leader of this club which meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm.

**Game Club:** Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, Beyblades, Chess, Legos and so many non-electronic games! You don't need to know how to play to join! Mrs. Lannin is the sponsor of this club that meets after school from 3:00-4:00 pm (day TBA).

**Mathcounts:** Do you like solving complex math problems? Check out Mathcounts! Meeting after school from 3:00-4:00 pm (day TBA). Mathcounts is led by Mr. Rezac.

## Scott Clubs & Activities cont.....

**Media Center:** An after-school homework opportunity for students who wish to study or read is available in our Media Center from 3:00-3:50 pm. The Media Center is not open the first week of school and closes at 3:00 pm on PLC early out Tuesdays.

**Science Olympiad:** Students who have an interest in science and who may want to compete against other schools should check this out. Mr. Danley leads the club, and they meet after school from 3:00-4:00 pm (day TBA).

**Stained Glass Club:** One of the main goals will be to learn how to cut and shape glass through developing excellent eye-hand coordination and have lots of fun at every meeting! Artists will learn about different kinds of glass and how to use colored, transparent and opaque glass in designing art projects. The club will design and create a large glass project celebrating Academic Connections to be hung in the Multipurpose Room. Kids do have to submit a drawing and paragraph explaining why they'd like to participate in Stained Glass Club, and space is limited. Sponsored by Mr. Sisk, this club meets one to two days a week after school from 3:00-4:30 pm (days TBA).

**Student Council:** Scott Student Council is a fun place to meet others and help plan events that benefit our school and community. Anyone in grades 6-8 is welcome. Meeting day and time TBA.

**TIE Club:** Teens Influencing Equity (TIE) is the multicultural club at Scott Middle School. Members of this club focus on multicultural and equity issues as they relate to Scott Middle School. A major activity for the club is planning a special program that honors both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a community person who has worked toward helping to carry on the realm of Dr. King. The club sponsors at least one community service project a year. All students are invited to join. TIE Club meets before school starting at 7:15 am (day TBA).

**Genius Club:** Mark Danley / Eric Nelson



## **Scott Middle School- Recommended Supply List**

As per state law and Lincoln Public Schools policy, school supplies required of students will be provided by Scott Middle School. If students prefer to bring their own supplies, a general list of items students will use is listed below. Students may wish to meet with teachers before purchasing supplies. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will check out a Chromebook the first week of school.



### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List**

Small accordion file for 4-5 folders  
 4-5 folders with pockets  
 4-5 spiral notebooks  
 No. 2 pencils  
 Black or blue ink pens  
 Colored pencils  
 Non-permanent colored markers  
 Glue sticks  
 Calculator  
 Ruler- metric/standard measurement  
 Backpack- not on wheels  
 Change of clothes for PE- shirt, shoes, shorts

### **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List**

3-ring binder or Trapper Keeper  
 6-7 folders with pockets  
 6-7 spiral notebooks  
 No. 2 pencils  
 Black or blue ink pens  
 Colored pencils  
 Non-permanent colored markers  
 Glue sticks  
 Calculator  
 Ruler- metric/standard measurement  
 Backpack- not on wheels  
 Change of clothes for PE- shirt, shoes, shorts



#### **Our Mission Statement at Scott Middle School:**

Scholarship  
 Commitment  
 Opportunity  
 Teamwork  
 Tradition

**A safe, inclusive quality learning environment**

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