



Month at a Glance:

Thur, Aug 18, 2016
Back to School
Orientation Grades
K-5
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Cafeteria

Back to School
Orientation Grades
6-8
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Cafeteria

Mon, Aug 22, 2016



PTO Boo Hoo
Yahoo Breakfast
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Media Center

Thur, Aug 25, 2016
Chick-fil-A Spirit
Night
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Westfield Mall



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Back to School

ORIENTATION
we'll help you find your way

Before school starts, parents and students are invited to come and meet their new teachers and fellow students at the LNS Back to School orientations scheduled on Thursday, August 18th:

- Grades K-5 at 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM in the Cafeteria
- Grades 6-8 at 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM in the Cafeteria

You're invited to come and learn how to get involved at Laurel Nokomis School through the various parent organizations. Both parents and students are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!!!!

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School Year Calendar and Dates to Remember

The [Sarasota County Schools 2016-2017 District School Year Calendar](#) is posted at [this link](#). Please pay special attention to important dates like:

- August 22, 2016 - First Day of School

- December 19, 2016 - January 2, 2017 - Winter Break
- March 13 - March 17, 2016 - Spring Break
- June 6, 2016 - Last day of school.

School hours this year will be 8:30am to 3:15pm - no change from last year. Additional dates and events are posted on the [Laurel Nokomis School calendar at this link](#).

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HEALTH HOTLINE



Getting Ready for Kindergarten and 7th Grade

Updated vaccines are required for kindergarten and 7th grade students in all Florida schools. A completed DH 680 form is required for registration in Sarasota County public schools. The form is available through your child's pediatrician and at Department of Health in Sarasota. Students without required immunizations will be sent home from public schools on the first day of school. In addition, they will not be able to ride the bus or participate in sports, band or other extracurricular activities until the school has the DH 680 form showing they have received the required immunizations. Additional information about the Florida school vaccine requirements can be found at www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/schoolhealth/

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School Supplies & Donations

Please remember to submit your school supplies and any classroom donations that have been requested for the year.

School supply lists are available from your child's teacher, or may be available at the school's front desk or [online at this link](#). School supplies can be brought to your child's classroom on the first day or first week of school. Please remember that donations for ancillary classrooms like Art, Music, Computer, Gym, etc. are also needed and should be labeled with "Ancillary Classroom Supplies" when dropped off at your child's classroom.



In addition, please take a moment to make a voluntary donation to the school. \$10,000, \$1000, \$100, \$10.... Any amount will help the school provide additional resources for our students.". These donations should be submitted via cash or a check made payable to "Laurel Nokomis School" and dropped off with your child's teacher or dropped off in the school's front office. Please submit your donations as soon as possible!!!

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Boo Hoo!!! Yahoo!!!! Breakfast

Some of us are crying,
teary-eyed and blue.
Some of us are cheering,
"I'm so glad the summer's through!"
Whatever mood you're feeling,
stop by and stay awhile.
We'll be there to greet you
with breakfast and a smile.
Come and learn of PTO adventures anew
and meet Principal Wilson too!

Hosted by the LNS PTO!

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Bus Transportation

Any child residing two or more miles from school and those who have special needs, as provided by the rules of the Florida State Board of Education, are entitled to transportation to and from Laurel Nokomis School (LNS).

Questions or concerns regarding service may be directed to the Sarasota County School Bus Transportation Department at 941-486-2141. In addition, you can visit [the website to see bus schedules or to request a new stop or change](#). It is important that you check the schedule every year since bus numbers, pick-up times and drop-off times are subject to change every school year. Courtesy transportation requests will be considered after the first ten days of school.

If you have a telephone and/or address change notify the Laurel Nokomis School Front Desk immediately. In addition, you can contact LNS regarding information about late buses. If you have an emergency after hours you may call the School Board Security Desk at 941-966-7233.

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SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY



SAFETY,
OUR
#1 **PRIORITY**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Parents are requested to make arrangements to have their children arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 a.m., unless they participate in the Before School Program which runs from 6:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. (see page 5.) Students who are on school grounds any earlier are unsupervised. Staff members are often involved in planning for the day, meetings or parent conferences and adequate supervision is not available for early arrivals. From 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. Grades K-4 students must report to the GYM and be seated along the base lines of the basketball court. No student will be allowed to sit, stand, or walk directly onto the gym floor. Grades 5-8 must report to the CAFETERIA and be seated in designated area. Students will be dismissed to go into their homerooms at the 8:20 a.m. bell or as soon after that time as they arrive. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. must participate in the Before School Program

where they must remain until dismissed by a staff member. Students should be in their homerooms when the second bell rings at 8:25 a.m. but no later than the final bell at 8:30 a.m. It is important that students arrive on time and are ready to begin work at 8:30 a.m.

The speed limit around the school is 15 mph during the times that students are arriving or departing from school.

Please remember that pick-up or drop-off on Old Albee Farm Road is not allowed and that parents are not allowed to enter the bus loop. All students must be dropped off or picked up in the official car lane in the front parking lot, accessed from Laurel Road. There are three lanes in the parking lot: the furthest lane from the gates is used to exit the parking lot, the middle lane is used to drive to the parent parking lot and the closest lane to the gates is the ONLY lane used for drop off and pick up and is known as the "Kiss and Go" Lane.

What SHOULD YOU DO when dropping off your child or children in the Kiss & Go Lane:

1. Make sure that your child is ready to exit your car when pulling up to the drop off area: they have their book bag, lunch box, projects, jackets, etc.
2. DO NOT drop your child off at the gate near the office.
3. Please follow the instructions of the Kiss and Go Volunteers.
4. Please DO NOT STOP AT THE FIRST OPEN GATE that you come to. Proceed all the way to the furthest open gate (one closest to the gym at gate 27) so that multiple cars can drop off kids at the same time.
5. Parents remain in your cars.
6. Give your child their farewell kisses and hugs BEFORE it is their turn to exit the car.
7. The kids should get out of the car door closest to the gate and
8. ...you drive away.
9. After your child has exited the car, please remain alert. There are many people, including students, parents and volunteers who may be at risk if you are not fully aware.
10. Please yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

**If your child needs additional time to gather their belongings or help walking to their classroom, please park your car in a parking space or on the grass and walk your child to the gate or to their classroom.

If you walk up to the gym to pick up the your child after school, please do not cross the red lines painted on the ground near the gym or pass the yellow caution tape. They have been placed there to allow the teachers to pass with students. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our students safe.

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To meet the needs of our working parents, Laurel Nokomis school is pleased to offer

Before and After School Care for students K-8. The Program operates on all scheduled school days, beginning the first day of school. Before school care is from 6:45a.m. to 8:00a.m. Adult supervision is NOT available before 6:45 a.m. If your child is not enrolled in our program they should not be on campus until 8:00 a.m.

After school care is from 3:15 p.m. to 6:00p.m. **Beginning this year** the After Care is being sponsored by teachers and staff at the school.

Students must pre-register to be accepted into this program. Please find attached [additional information and the registration application at this link](#). You may contact Tricia Card at 941-486-2171 or LNSchildcare@sarasotacountyschools.net if you have any questions regarding Before/After School Care.

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Lunch and Breakfast Menu/Meal Cost

The monthly school breakfast and school lunch menus for elementary school students and school lunch menu for middle school students are [available at this link](#).

The School Board of Sarasota County serves nutritious meals each school day. Student lunch is \$2.25 in elementary school, \$2.50 in middle and breakfast is \$1.00 in elementary and \$1.25 in middle school. Reduced meal prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch in elementary and middle school. All meals served meet nutrition standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If your child has a disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act and that disability prevents your child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by a medical professional at no extra charge. The school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy unless the allergy meets the definition of disability. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please contact the school nurse at Laurel Nokomis.

Applications for reduced-price meals are available from the office or from your child's homeroom teacher. NEW THIS YEAR: applications and additional important information about the meal program is available online at <https://scsfr.sarasota.k12.fl.us/fma/>.

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Pay for Your Child's Lunch Online

Did you know that you can make convenient online manual or automatic secure payments for your child's lunch online using your credit / debit card at MySchoolBucks.com (formally known as MyLunchMoney.com)? You can also:

- view your child's account balance
- receive automatic balance alerts
- set up automatic recurring payments
- track and review meal history to see what food your child purchased at lunch
- create low balance alerts
- make payments with the new mobile app (available on MySchoolBucks.com)

Please remember, there will be a \$1.95 convenience fee for each separate payment you make to your child's account and the maximum amount for each transaction is \$120. If you do not have access to a computer you can still make a payment to your child's MySchoolBucks account by calling 800-479-3531.

Sign up now! Registering for your FREE account is easy at MySchoolBucks.com. Create a secure account and never worry again about sending cash or checks with your student(s) to school again. If you have additional questions you can contact 1-855-832-5226

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Help for the Kindergarten Team

The kindergarten team really needs some extra hands to help our little kids in the lunch line during the first weeks of school. They need someone to stand at the cashier and help with PIN numbers and someone to help the kindergartners find their tables. Any help will be greatly appreciated. They have lunch from 11:20 to 11:40. Contact kindergarten teacher, Ms. Tami Ingerick at 941-486-2171 if you are available to help.

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Volunteering at the School

We encourage parents to help at the school. However, before you volunteer at the school you must register with the "Volunteers Count" computer (formerly known as PALS) in the front office. This is necessary if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, lunchroom, labs, chaperoning field trips or helping at PTO events. Volunteers must re-register every year in order to help at Sarasota County Schools, so even if you were registered last year you must do it again this year. Please stop by the front office or ask a PTO board member if you have any questions about how to register.

All volunteers at LNS must...

- ♥ Always report to the school office before beginning volunteer activity.
- ♥ Present a driver's license or state identification to be scanned through the RAPTOR system. They will give you a Raptor generated identification badge or a sticker that must be worn at all times on campus. RAPTOR is part of the state- and district-required security program that scans for sexual predators and offenders through a continuously updated national database.
- ♥ Register and log volunteer hours through the Volunteers Count database. This is in addition to the RAPTOR system!
- ♥ Sign **in** and **out** on the Volunteers Count computer. It is important that the school staff knows which volunteers are on campus in case of an emergency.
- ♥ Wear the RAPTOR generated badge while on campus and during volunteer activity to ensure that the school staff and students can easily identify volunteers approved to be on campus.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

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Membership Drive

The LNS PTO is active all over the school. Join the PTO to help make a difference and to stay informed about things happening at the school. You can help as much or as little as your schedule will allow and the meetings are always optional.

In addition, joining will help your child(ren's) classroom win up to \$250!!! Classes with the highest percentage of families joining the PTO win money for classroom supplies and a Popcorn Party!!! If you have more than one student attending LNS, each of their classrooms will receive credit.

Membership is an annual \$10 donation for the entire family. 100% of the monies raised go back directly to support the needs of our school, teachers and students. [Membership forms are available via this link](#) and can be dropped off at the LNS front desk.

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We Want to Communicate With You

Principal Ray Wilson and Assistant Principal Christine Oliver will be sharing important updates and reminders with students & parents via text message on the Remind App. If you haven't already done so, LNS would like everyone to sign up for the Remind App text message service. This will allow you to receive messages regarding important dates, upcoming events, and news throughout the school year. Please just follow the easy steps below to sign up. It is completely free to do so.

Step 1: Simply text @laurelno to 81010

Step 2: Follow the text message prompts to complete your registration

Step 3: Download the Remind app from the app store

Step 4: Sign in using your cellular number or email and create a password

Step 5: Enjoy being connected to LNS and receiving all the great information throughout the year!

You can also view all of Mr. Wilson's messages on the LNS school website as well. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

In addition, the LNS newsletter will be sent out via email on the first of every month and special editions will be sent on an as-needed basis. If you do not receive the newsletter, you can sign up by [completing this form](#).

If you are interested in helping with the LNS Newsletter, please contact laurelnokomisnews@gmail.com. All articles must be submitted to laurelnokomisnews@gmail.com by the 20th day of each month to be included in the

next month's newsletter.

We look forward to another exciting fun filled year!

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DID YOU KNOW:



Free Microsoft Office Suite for Sarasota County Students

Did you know that the Sarasota County School District offers each student in the district an opportunity to download the Microsoft Office suite **for free** on up to 5 computers. To see a video describing how to download these programs on your computer you can do so [at this link](#).

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Partner News:



Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser

Chick-fil-A at Westfield Mall is hosting a Family Night for LNS on Thursday, August 25th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. When you purchase food on Chick-fil-A Family Night you are helping LNS because 10% of all food sold during the event will be donated to LNS. This fundraiser will continue on the last Thursday of each month throughout the school year.

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Are you supporting LNS through these NO additional cost fundraisers? PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL and Share this information with Family and Friends!



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The REDcard™

Box Tops

Collect everyday labels from groceries to earn points and funds for our school PTO. Labels should be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher.

Amazon

Help support LNS by going to SmileAmazon.com and designating Laurel Nokomis PTO as your charitable organization. After that the Amazon Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to LNS on Amazon shopping done through the AmazonSmile portal. It costs you nothing and your Amazon shopping experience will be the same (wish lists and preferences carryover to the portal).

Target Take Charge of Education Program ENDED

Target used to donate 1% of ALL purchases made with Target REDcard purchases to Laurel Nokomis if you designated LNS as your school of choice. However, the **Take Charge of Education ended on 05/14/2016. Thank you for all of your purchases for LNS in the past!!!**

Business Partners:

We are in the process of securing business partners for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested or know a business or someone that would like to be a LNS Business Partner please contact Kim Sullivan at 941-441-7451 or via email at ksullivan821@comcast.net.

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Visit our website at

<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/laurelnokomis/>

for more information about what's happening at the school.



The Sarasota County School District Web contains a lot of important information. Please visit the Laurel Nokomis web site for a list of important links on the Sarasota School District web site.


Did you miss the last Laurel Nokomis e-Newsletter?

The newsletters are posted on the LNS web site in the third column on the bottom. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Newsletter, you may sign up for future newsletters by completing the attached form.



All comments, suggestions or requests to submit information to this newsletter should be emailed to

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