

LWA NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

LWA teaches and motivates students to seek, discover, embrace, and apply knowledge while exploring their personal, artistic, and academic talents in order to engage in life with a culturally respectful, civically responsible, and innovative entrepreneurial spirit for success in higher education and the careers of an increasingly global society.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear LWA Families,

We find ourselves in August, that bittersweet month of transition. The weather is shifting, the peak of summer over but fall not yet begun, and, as all the back-to-school advertisements are keen to remind us, the start of a new school year is looming. So please enjoy what remains of summer and know that we are working to ensure a smooth transition for your children as they begin the next chapter in their educational journeys. While our teachers have enjoyed their much-deserved vacation and our administrators have appreciated the opportunity to plan for the year ahead, we are all so excited to see our students back at LWA in a few weeks!

Best,
Hank Williams

At Home with
the World



WELCOME!



Alyssa Daidone

Welcome back, Tigers!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we kick off this new school year, I hope you're excited and ready for the opportunities and challenges ahead. Remember, every day is a chance to learn something new and grow. Let's make this year fantastic together—full of curiosity, creativity, and achievement. This year, we have many new programs, initiatives, and events planned to enrich our learning experience and foster a vibrant school community. Our dedicated team of educators is eager to support and inspire each of you as we embark on this journey together. I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces on the first day of school. Here's to a fantastic start to the school year!

Alyssa Daidone, Assistant Principal



Lindsay Breslauer

Welcome home, returning families and new families!

I hope you all had a beautiful and relaxing summer! As we embark upon this journey together, I am looking forward to a school year filled with excitement, curiosity, new adventures, mindfulness, goal setting, determination, and fun for your children! At LWA, our devoted staff is here to provide engaging and challenging learning experiences that will make students successful lifelong learners. Our staff and administration are committed to offering guidance and support to students and their families. We encourage parental involvement and are eager to work with you to ensure that there is continuity between your home and school, and so that your child receives the best education possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions that you may have. To our LWA Tigers: Remember to make every moment count and reach for the stars, because with hard work and dedication, there is nothing that you can't achieve or accomplish. I feel honored to have the privilege of being part of such a tight-knit community that feels like family. I can't wait to see all of you on the first day of school!

Lindsay Breslauer, Assistant Principal



Marina Rabinovich

Dear LWA Students and Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2024/2025 academic year! While I am available to all our Upper School students to discuss individualized pathways toward developing a meaningful college profile, I will be working most closely with our seniors and juniors on all aspects of the college application process. The seniors and I will be in hyperfocus mode for the first part of the year as we finalize essays, supplementary writing assignments, and prepare to press "Submit" on the Common App! During the second semester, I support the juniors as they start to think deeply about colleges, professions, and life beyond LWA. Throughout the year, I will also be working with our Global Scholars, Cohort 9, on their Social Entrepreneurship course, during which they will develop a program that will benefit our school community. I am so excited to see familiar faces and meet the newest members of our LWA family. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer, and see you soon!

Marina Rabinovich, Director of College Guidance and Global Scholars

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

English and Math summer assignments are required and provide students with opportunities to immerse themselves in reading, writing, and mathematics review prior to the start of the school year. Students will be graded / assessed for completion of their assignment. We recommend that you begin this work no later than the first week of August.

Which assignment should you do?

LOWER SCHOOL 3K/PK-Grade 4

Link to Reading & Math Activities/Skills

for each grade level: [Lower School Summer Assignments](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 5-8

[English Summer Assignment Grades 5-8](#)

[Math Summer Assignment Entering Grade 5](#)

[Math Summer Assignment Entering Grade 6](#)

[Math Summer Assignment Entering Grade 7](#)

[Math Summer Assignment Entering Grade 8](#)

UPPER SCHOOL Grades 9-12

[English Summer Assignment Grades 9 and 10](#)

[English Summer Assignment Grades 11 and 12](#)

[Math Summer Assignment Grades 9-12](#)

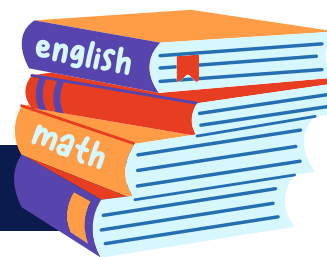
**In order to complete this assignment, with two weeks between each journal entry, begin no later than August 14.*

Your Math Journal can be completed either:

*Electronically: make a copy of the document. Rename it: Your Last Name, First Name, Math Journal
or*

Manually: download the journal assignment and journal pages after you copy the document.

As we continue to enhance programming and increase academic rigor, our principal will be meeting with incoming fifth and ninth graders as well as every new student on **September 3** to discuss the summer reading assignments as well as review schedules. Please be sure to complete your work by this date to ensure a productive and meaningful dialogue can take place.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES- Please see the below links for reference to the school supplies needed to begin the 2024-25 academic year.

[Lower School Supply Lists Preschool - Grade 4 2024/2025.](#)

[Middle School Supply Lists 2024/2025.](#)

[Upper School Supply Lists 2024/2025.](#)



DRESS CODE UPDATE- LWA has updated the Dress Code Policy for the 2024-25 academic year. Please reference the revised dress code for your student(s) using the links below.

[Lower School Dress Code](#)

[Middle School Dress Code](#)

[Upper School Dress Code](#)

Please Note: Picture Day will be a formal Dress Code Day.



IMMUNIZATION and PHYSICAL EXAM FORMS- Please be reminded that all students will require updated immunizations and physical exam forms. The full bulletin on these updates can be reference by using the [Medical Forms](#) link.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION : LOWER SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3

Preschool & Kindergarten

10-10:45 am

- Meet your teachers
- Drop off your supplies
- Snack
- Games and Art Activity

Grades 1-4

10-10:45 am

10:00-10:15

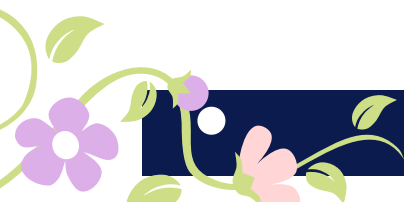
- Meet your teacher
- Drop off your supplies

10:15-10:30

- Tour of the school (all of LS)

10:30-10:45

- Snack



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION : MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3

1:00-12:00 pm

All fifth graders and newly enrolled students in Grades 6-8 are expected to attend.

11:00-11:15

- Meet the MS team (Room 305)

11:15-11:30

- Tour of the school

11:30-12:00

- Game outside in the courtyard

12:00-12:30

- Pizza in the library

12:30-1:00

- Grade 5 Meetings with Mrs. Daidone
(review schedule and summer reading assignment)



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION : UPPER SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3

1:00-2:00 pm

All ninth graders and newly enrolled students in Grades 10-12 are expected to attend.

1:00-1:15

- Meet the US team (Room 101)

1:15-1:30

- Tour of the school

1:30-2:00

- Pizza in the library and icebreaker

2:00-3:00

- Grade 9 Meetings with Ms. R and Mrs. Daidone (review schedule and summer reading assignment)

*Please meet Mr. Williams on the library mezzanine while you are waiting for your meeting



AT HOME WITH THE WORLD



Dr. Olga Pagieva

Dear LWA Students and Families,

At Home with the World, LWA International Student Program, is pleased to welcome new international students to our community. A 5-day-long orientation begins August 26th. Driven by school core values of Truth, Integrity, and Service, LWA International Student Orientation Program aims at preparing new students to learn firsthand about the school community and get ready for the real-world, hands-on minds-on, personalized learning experiences at Lawrence Woodmere Academy.

Olga B. Pagieva, Ph.D.
Director of International Student Program



PARENT RESOURCES



ACCESSING

FACTS Family Portal

FACTS gives you the opportunity to get more involved in your child's academic progress and future success by using FACTS Family Portal, a private and secure portal that allows you to view academic information specific to your children, while protecting their information from others. You may view your child's grades, attendance, homework, conduct, as well as other useful school information.

HOW TO ACCESS FACTS FAMILY PORTAL

1. From FACTSmgt.com, click **Log In Here**, then click **Family Portal Login**.
2. Click **Create new account**.
3. Type your school's **District Code**.
4. Type your **Email Address**.
5. Click **CREATE ACCOUNT**. An email will be sent which includes a link to create your Family Portal Login. The link is active for 6 hours.
6. Click the **Create your Family Portal Login** link in the email.
7. Type a **Username** and **Password**.
8. Click **Create Account**.
9. Click **Back to log in** and use your new credentials to log in.

All families should be signed up for the FACTS Family Portal. For technical support, please reach out to the Main Office.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LWA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



1st Round of Application Deadlines in September

Open Positions in:

- Project Management
- Journalism & Communications
- Business and much more!



Please submit your resume and cover letter to
Development@LawrenceWoodmere.org

www.lawrencewoodmere.org

GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

**Calling all Volleyball Players or lovers of the sport!
Practice starts in just a few weeks!**

8/28 : 12pm-1pm

8/29 : 12pm-1pm

LWA Gymnasium

**For more info, please email:
dokeeffe@lawrencewoodmere.org**



BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

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BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024

RAFFLES, GIVEAWAYS & GAMES

★ FOOD VENDORS

★ MUSIC & MORE!!! ★

11 AM - 4 PM

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Woodmere, NY 11598

www.lawrencewoodmere.org

FUNDRAISING GALA 2025

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WOODMERE ACADEMY
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
GALA

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

7:30 PM

GREENVIEW AT
LAWRENCE YACHT
& COUNTRY CLUB



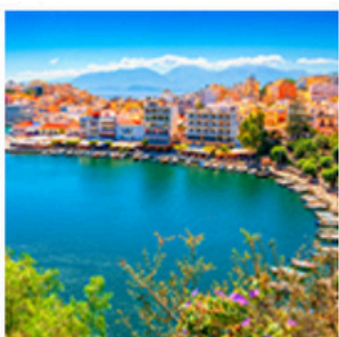
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS WITH LWA

LWA Upper School Students are invited to join us in Greece for Summer 2025!



What is it like to live in a country where classical mythology and ancient history still have a presence in everyday life? In the capital of Athens, namesake of the goddess Athena, walk in the footsteps of ancient Greeks at the Acropolis—and in the footsteps of current residents in the Plaka district. In Delphi, Epidaurus, and Cape Sounion, learn how an old belief in mythological figures still influences medicine, politics, and philosophy.

Stay tuned for additional information coming soon!



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, August 26

9:00am International Student Orientation

Tuesday, August 27

9:00am International Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 28

8:00am Faculty Meetings/Classroom Setup

9:00am International Student Orientation

Thursday, August 29

8:00am Faculty Meetings/Classroom Setup

9:00am International Student Orientation

Friday, August 30

8:00am Faculty Meetings/Classroom Setup

9:00am International Student Orientation

Monday, September 2

12:00am LABOR DAY: School Closed

Tuesday, September 3

9:00am New Student Orientation

Thursday, September 5

Begin 2024-2025 - Q1

8:00am First Day of Classes ALL Grades

Friday, September 6

8:30am PRE-SCHOOL: Abbreviated Day

Saturday, September 7

11:00am Back-to-School Barbecue Families/Faculty/Staff

Did you know?

The Upcoming Events section of our website has a button to add the school calendar to your personal Google Calendar. Look for the Google Calendar button at the bottom of the section.



For families that prefer the At- A- Glance format, please reference:

[LAWRENCE WOODMERE ACADEMY](#)

[SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25](#)