

## From the Superintendent's Desk

### Emergency Notification

We will again utilize Blackboard Connect this school year to notify students, patrons, and staff of unexpected occurrences at the school. This system will be utilized for school closings, late starts, early dismissals and any other event that would be deemed an emergency. There have been requests to utilize the system for many other announcements, but I believe this is a system for contact that has to occur to our patrons, parents, and students as soon as possible. If you know you are not on the list and want to be on the list, contact Kris Piehl at the LaMoure School office and she can put you on the notification list. If you wish to be removed from this list, contact the office as well. The system can be set up to receive e-mails, calls, or texts within the system. It is set up for parents, students, staff, and any other patron that would want to receive the notifications and to a certain mode of communication or utilize all three communication methods.

### No School

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for students. This will be a professional development day for our staff. Based on how the school calendar law has changed from days to hours, this day will not have to be made up for the students. Please make proper arrangements on this day for your family.

### Inclement Weather

As we approach the winter season, we need to be prepared for the coming months if inclement weather falls upon us. Proper clothing and needs to be with the students when riding the bus to and from school. This applies to extra-curricular activities also. Please help us out with this.

### Covid-19 Update

I hope you had the chance to read the LaMoure Chronicle, the LaMoure School Facebook page, or the LaMoure School website. Updates will be given periodically by this avenue for information. I wish to give updated information and not repeat information for the majority of communication, so please be updated as much as possible. A few items of interest on this.

- **Parent Teachers Conferences** – Will be held virtually on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday & Wednesday). Details will be distributed by Building Principals and classroom teachers.
- **School Concerts** –
  - **LHS Live** concert will occur on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Limited seating and a ticket format will be utilized.
  - **Veterans Day** program will be pre-recorded and published on-line. More information to follow on the Veterans Day Program.
  - **Elementary & High School Concerts** – Will be ticketed events with limited seating.

- **ELOE** - The traditional ELOE event has been pushed back to this spring. It is the hope that we can combine the instrumental and vocal ELOE at the same time this year.
- **1 Act Play** – Due to multiple circumstances, the 1-Act Play will not occur this fall for LaMoure School. This is not Covid related for the cancellation of the 1-Act Play
- **Sports** – It looks like for the remainder of the fall season for volleyball and football, it will be a limited seating events also. Tickets will have to be distributed so we adhere to the NDHSAA guidelines set forth. The amount of tickets will vary depending on the color code the county is in. Priority tickets are given to participants first. If any tickets are left over, a system will be in place for the distribution of these tickets. These events will attempted to be live-streamed via Facebook.

### **School Closings during winter**

We are exploring the concept of teaching and learning during the days of school that are called off during inclement weather. Instead of making those days and hours up on alternative dates, we are investigating those days being designated as virtual learning days. Elementary and High School each have their different challenges for this and could look different. No decision on this has been made at the current time, but exploring this concept. With our learning experience from last spring and the preparations made in regards to training and equipment, the means are there to possibly implement this type of virtual learning on storm days. Nothing compares to the face to face instruction that the students have with their peers and teachers. If implemented, would only be for a short period of time such as winter storms.

### **Community Volunteers**

With volunteerism being a focus this month, we as a school feel this is a vital part of the success of a prosperous town and school. As a school, we feel it is very important to teach these values to the students at the school. Community service is a great learning tool for our students. The LaMoure School has their soon to be seniors complete community service as part of the requirements when becoming a senior in high school. If your organization is looking for community volunteers to service to the community, contact the school for more information.