



La Moille Principals' ROAR

August 2026

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to those who have been with us! We are so glad to have all of you as part of our La Moille Schools community!! It is hard to believe that summer is over. We hope that everyone got to enjoy time with family and friends and that everyone is refreshed and recharged to begin a new school year!

Many changes have taken place over the summer. LJSH has undergone a pretty large makeover, with one of the biggest changes being the addition of air conditioning...even in the gymnasium!!

We are excited and ready to start a new year! May this be the best one yet!!

Who To Contact When You Have Questions

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- Secretary: Cathy Griffin, cgriffin@lamoilleschools.org
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New Staff

We are excited to welcome some new staff to our La Moille CUSD 303 family!

- Mr. Tom Hart, LJSH Principal
- Ms. Betsy Sobin, LJSH English
- Mr. Eric Tinley, LJSH Social Studies
- Mrs. Sarah Landers, LJSH Ag Education
- Miss Catherine Griffin - Allen Crossing Guards

Meet Mr. Hart

It is with a deep sense of pride that I write to introduce myself as the new principal of La Moille Jr./Sr. High School. It is truly an honor to become part of a community where students, families, and staff work together to build authentic, caring relationships.

I begin my 27th year in education, having spent the majority of my career as a high school social studies teacher. Throughout those years, I have developed a deep appreciation for the relationships that make a difference in the lives of students. I believe that students are most successful when they know they are both valued and challenged by the adults around them.

Outside of school, my greatest pride is my family. My wife, Melanie, is also an educator, and together we have three children: Huston, a union carpenter; Macie, a student at St. Ambrose University; and Bella, a student at IVCC. We are also the proud owners of two dogs, Remi and Rip, who keep things interesting at home!

Thank you for welcoming me into the La Moille family. I am excited to get started, and I look forward to working alongside all of you as we make this an outstanding and memorable school year for our students!

#La Moille Pride - Community Strong

Upcoming Dates to Note

August 19 - Annual Open House and Bell Ringing - See information within newsletter.

August 21- 1st Day of School for Students, 11:30am

August 24-28 - 2pm Dismissals

September 7 - Labor Day, No School

September 14 - Instrument Try-Out Night with The Music Shoppe, Time TBD



What's New in the Library?

Allen School:

Miss Jeanne is **BACK!** And this year, I'll be here more days each week! That means more time for new stories, new adventures, new discoveries, and lots of **BOOKS!**

I can't wait to see you in the Library! ***LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN!***

LJSH:

Miss Jeanne's Librarian's heart is bursting with excitement! The library is awakening. New books are arriving and the library we have been envisioning for our students is coming together. Stop in to see the "PLACE" being created for the students.

Band and Choir Update

With the new school year about to begin, it is exciting to see that the Jr./Sr. High Band and Choir have doubled in size this year as 2 years ago the Jr./Sr. High program did not exist. At Allen, we will continue to offer Beginning Band to 4th graders, Intermediate Band to 5th and 6th graders, and Honor Choir to 6th graders. Being a part of band and choir allows a student to learn self-worth, self-respect, resilience, work ethic, confidence, leadership, and community. I highly encourage you to talk to your students in these grades about joining this program as it really does a lot of good for a student during their school years. We will have school instruments available to rent, but I also highly recommend renting-to-own an instrument with the Music Shoppe so your student can grow on their instrument and know how their instrument works for them. We will be having an instrument try-out night on **Monday, September 14th**, time TBD. We highly encourage students to come out and have a chance to talk with our school representative from the Music Shoppe. I will be sending home band sign up forms to students in 4th-6th grades as well as a sign up form for instrument try-out night. Be sure to keep an eye on your email for this information. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at toakes@lamoilleschools.org.

~ Miss Oakes



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CLIPPER FOOTBALL

Game Schedule

DAY	TIME	OPPONENT
August 21	7:00	Alden Hebron
August 28	7:00	at South Beloit
Sept 4	7:00	at West Carroll
Sept 11		BYE
Sept 18	7:00	at Polo
Sept 25	*HOMECOMING* 7:00	River Ridge
Oct 2	7:00	at Milledgeville
Oct 9	7:00	Orangeville
Oct 16	7:00	West Prairie
Oct 24	3:00	at Macon Meridian

ALO CLIPPERS

LJSH Girls' Basketball

The BVEC has joined the IESA, so we have had a switch in some seasons. Instead of volleyball, we will be starting with girls' basketball. Another change for LCUSD 303 is that all games for girls' basketball will be held at LJSH. The addition of air conditioning, as well as availability of the gymnasium, really made this an easy decision. Please see the schedule below:

Date	Location/Opponent	Time	
8/31	Bradford (H)	5:00 PM	
9/1	Neponset (A)	5:00 PM	
9/3	PCA (A)	5:00 PM	
9/10	Depue (A)	5:00 PM	
9/15	Malden(H)	5:00 PM	
9/17	Bradford (A)	4:30 PM	
9/21	Neponset (H)	5:00 PM	
9/22	PCA (H)	5:00 PM	
9/28	Depue (H) - 8th Grade Night	5:00 PM	
10/1	Malden (A)	5:00 PM	
10/3 & 10/6	BVEC Tourney @ Bradford	TBA	

We Are a Box Tops School!



K-12 La Moille Open House & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

La Moille Jr./Sr. High School (7-12th)

4:30-5:15 pm

****Meet the staff and building walk - Students will receive class schedules****

Annual Allen Grade School Bell Ringing to Start the Year

5:30 pm

Allen Grade School (K-6th)

5:30 - 6:30 pm

****Meet the staff and drop off school supplies****

Ice Cream Social

5:30-7 pm

Allen Grade School North Lawn

****Free Ice Cream & Popsicles for our La Moille Families, Staff, & Community****

*****Thank you to the Churches of La Moille for supporting this year's event!*****

