

LCMS students share their plans for summer vacation

The Lincoln Journal posed the following question to Lincoln County Middle School seventh graders prior to the last day of school, "How do you plan on spending summer vacation?"

With school starting next week we at The Journal wanted to make sure their efforts in responding weren't in vain.

This year I am really looking forward to summer vacation. Over the summer break I hope to be able to do many things. Things such as sleeping in, going swimming, going to the beach, and being able to relax. Also, my birthday is during the break and I'm turning thirteen. I'm really looking forward to celebrating. Summer break is going to be a time to destress and spend time with my family and friends. This year has been crazy but summer vacation will literally be a breath of fresh air. - *Allie Drake Robertson*

During the summer, I will mostly enjoy being away from school and no longer having to stress about it. I am also hoping to spend the majority of time at the beach. I can already see myself sitting on the beach, tan skin, and looking at the clear beautiful water. Every weekend, I am hoping to go to the lake, beach, and even the pool wouldn't be bad! I really want this summer to be filled with some sort of body of water in the view. Honestly, anything will be better than sitting at a desk for eight straight hours. - *Amelia Hall*

I am going to spend my summer vacation being glad that I'm not at school and relaxing. I also want to spend time playing outside with my dog. I plan to spend lots of time with my grandparents and bake lots of tasty treats with my nana too. The one thing I don't want to do though, is sleep in late because it wastes your day away. I am also going to the mountains in North Carolina. I want to spend lots of time with my friends too, and have the best summer ever! - *Brayden Crook*

For my summer vacation I am just going to stay home for the most part. I might also go places with my friends. We might go to the Mexican restaurant or just walk around town. Another thing I would do during my summer vacation is sleep in! I do not want to have to wake up early! All in all my summer would mainly

just consist of me relaxing with my friends and family. - *Brooklyn Seagraves*

I am super excited for Summer 2021! I love the feeling of sleeping in, watching movies, shopping, going to the beach, all of the above. I am also excited to be going to Panama City Beach. I love sitting by the water, swimming, shopping, everything the beach has to offer. I know Summer 2021 is going to be awesome, and I couldn't be more excited. - *Banks Griffith*

This is about how I am going to spend my summer. The very first thing I'm doing is sleeping in. We also go on a vacation every summer, this year we are going to Myrtle Beach. I'm sure that sometime this summer I'll be out in my grandma's yard working. I'll probably be going to the lake as well. That is what I will be doing this summer. - *Davin Turman*

This summer, I will be working on my basketball and soccer skills. I will mostly be spending time with my cousin before she goes off to college. I am gonna make the most out of the time I spend with her. I hope she is ready to play a lot of basketball. My mom is the person who I am going to be around just so we can spend some time together. This is how I'm gonna spend my summer, how will you spend yours? - *Dennis "Tripp" Parks*

This summer is going to be slammed packed. There is not a single weekend that I do not have something to do. I am planning on going to the mountains and the beach. I will also have a lot of lake days on the weekends too. This summer is going to be great. - *Ellisa Raley*

People do lots of fun things during summer vacation. People go on vacations, go to the beach, lots of things. That is not what I'll be doing though. On my lovely summer vacation I will be at home. I will be home relaxing and enjoying not waking up early, or going to school. I think summer vacations are just a great time to finally relax. - *Emmie Minyard*

I am going to spend my summer soaking up all the time I can get with my friends and family. We are going to be having fun at church camp, the beach, the ball field, and just hanging out around the pool at my house. We will eat tons of seafood at the

beach, grill hotdogs and hamburgers when we're around the pool, eat yummy cafeteria food at camp, and have concession stand food at baseball games. I can't wait for all of the fun games and activities at church camp. Although, my favorite time is worship. I also can't wait to watch my little brother play in his baseball tournaments, hang out at the beach, and swim in our new pool. This is going to be a great summer. - *Fortson Partridge*

I am spending my summer doing lots of fun and exciting things. I am going to Fripp Island with my family and friends like we always do. I am also going to a soccer camp with the Bull's soccer team and I am really excited. I am also doing weight lifting with the Middle School for the first time because they are now offering it for Middle School. This is how I am spending my summer break. - *John Hodnett*

I plan to spend my summer vacation in Washington State. Half of my family lives there, and I hope to visit them. I'll get to see the vast range of mountains, and the beautiful forests. There will be the opportunity to hang out with my brothers Harvey and Gabriel. I hope to go camping in the mountains with all my siblings, father, and stepmother. - *Kate McWhorter*

I am going to spend my summer vacation busy. This summer vacation I am going to go to the beach with some of my friends. We are going to be going to Fripp Island, my favorite vacation spot. My youth group and I will be going to the ark in Kentucky this summer. I will also be going to the lake this summer. This summer is going to be fun, busy, and an amazing break. - *Katy Glenn Chapman*

I am going to spend my summer vacation with my family and my friends. My family and I have a beach vacation planned and I can't wait. Hopefully, my friends and I can get together a lot over the summer. I am also going to enjoy the hot Georgia weather over the summer. I am going to spend my summer vacation with my family and friends. - *Kristian Glover*

This summer, for vacation, I'm just going to be out of school for the most of it. I might go to Myrtle Beach for a few days, but since we don't have a long summer break I'm mostly stay-

ing at home. I'm just going to stay home and play games. I'm also going to have my birthday so I guess that's also part of it. I might also go to my grandma's house and play with my cousins, but I can't really tell until I get there. - *Kylah Turner*

I'm not really sure what I'm doing this summer. Every year we usually go to the beach or something, but Covid has stopped that. I heard my family talking about going to Florida as a family, but I don't know. I might just practice for cross country and softball. I hope we do something, but it's okay if we don't. - *Mary Claire Matthews*

I am going to spend my summer vacation by going to the beach, staying at home, going to softball, and cross country practice. Every year my family and I go to the beach with a couple of our friends. We go to a small island called Fripp Island in South Carolina. This is my favorite part of my summer vacation, because it gives me something to look forward to. Another way I am going to spend my summer is at home. This summer at home I will be hanging out with my little sister, reading Harry Potter books, and hanging out with my best friends. I will also start practice for the LCMS softball team and cross country team. - *Natalie Wellmaker*

This is going to be one to remember. I won't have to get up early every weekday morning to get up and go to school. This summer vacation at the beach is gonna be extremely fun. I want to wake up in the morning and smell the salty air in the breeze. Also going places like El Sombrero with friends will also create great memories. We will get to take pictures together and have yummy food. You may also catch me in the pool or the lake this summer. This summer is gonna be the time of my life out of quarantine. - *Tucker Bentley*

I'm gonna spend my summer vacation having nothing but fun. First I'm gonna spend most of the summer swimming at my Aunt Trudy's and fishing there but making sure to watch out for snakes. I'll spend my nights playing Call of Duty, Mortal Combat and Doom, But I'm looking forward to Fripp the most: one week with my friends at the beach. What's better than that? This is how I want to spend my summer vacation. - *Whitney McCauley*

I'm gonna spend my summer vacation at home. I'm gonna sleep in and stay up late. I may also go to my dad's shop to spend time with him. I'm also gonna go swimming at the lake. I might go to the beach for a week, but I'll mostly be at home. I plan to spend my summer vacation at home. - *Thomas McWhorter*

My summer is going to be very good and fun. I am going to the beach in South Carolina and in Georgia. And also I am going to go to the park in Elijah Clark State Park. Also I am going to hang out with my friends. I am going to work and ride my four wheeler a lot. And I am going to go fishing too. And I am going to go the lake a lot. - *Allanah Booker*

Many people go on vacation during the summer, however, from my perspective I truly think that taking a vacation from school, or work doesn't necessarily mean going to a nice place out of town. I myself will read a book in peace and quiet, or get some good, much needed rest. I also plan to watch tv shows without getting bothered. Generally speaking, doing something small without spending money can be called a vacation, so just chilling at home. - *Jean Charles*

This summer I will be going to Florida to see my god family. While I am in Florida I can see the rest of my family. I'm probably only going to be sown there just up until the school year in Georgia is about to start back up again. When I come back I'm going to see the rest of my family in Georgia. Then I am going to go to school shopping for my 8th grade year with my mom. Now I can't wait for this summer with my family house is my plan! - *Jakayla Calhoun*

This summer vacation is going to be fun, but I'm also going to stay safe and wear my mask. In June I will be going to my brother's summer camp at the complex. Then in July I will be going to Florida. Last thing is exercise and rest. I also will be doing Tik Tok and Instagram to try to reach 10k. Can't wait till summer! - *Jemiah Johnson*

The things I'm doing this summer is workouts, football practice, football practice, football camps, and going to the beach. The football camps I'm going to are in Atlanta, South Carolina. I'm also going to sleep for half of the day. The reason I'm doing a lot of football training is because I couldn't do it last year because of covid. - *Nasir Gartrell*

On my summer vacation I'm going to New York. Most of my family lives there. Some people see violence and shooting when they think of New York but that only happens in certain cities like Syracuse. My auntie and cousin live in Jamaica, New York

and my grandparents live in Queens, New York. That is my summer plans. - *Nyjera Lockhart*

I am going my summer vacation where I can relax during the summer. I want to forget all the work, stress and just relax. Sometimes numerous vacations have many loud noises where you seem not to get any sleep so, I want to sit under the marvelous sun eating the refreshing popsicle thinking about the beautiful nature. For this summer I also want to be able to get shorts and a shirt and get soaked leaving all my past behind. These are my plans for this summer I would enjoy and I can't wait for the next summer and the summer after that I can go on and on. - *Nyavious Carter*

I can see now that my summer will be very busy. The month of June and the last week of school I am needed to help manage the high school tennis team. If they are anything like the middle schoolers it is gonna be a long month. For the month of July I have over four birthdays to celebrate. It seems that once you remember someone's birthday you remember the birthday and not the person. Besides all that I honestly wanted to venture into nature. This year has been filled with electronics and virtual everything and to be honest I am sick of it. For the rest of my summer I just wanted to be one with mother nature and her kids. Meaning trees, lakes, and birds. So my summer is mostly tennis managing, birthday parties, and delving deep into Transcendentalism. Those are my summer plans, let's hope it's better than the school year. - *Spencer Stewart*

For my summer vacation one thing I plan to do is practice baseball for next year. Baseball is my most favorite sport out of all of them. My biggest goal ever is to get a scholarship with the University of Clemson. To get there, here are some things I need to work on. The first thing is my throw downs to any base. (Mainly to second base.) Another thing is 1st and 3rd signs. Basically it's where the other team has two base runners on 1st and 3rd, and if I hold my glove down I'm gonna throw down to second, but if I hold my glove beside my chest, I'm gonna throw down to third. I can't remember the last one, but I also plan to practice on my hitting. My goal is to be able to hit a homerun before 9th grade. That's how I plan my summer vacation to go. - *Gage Hinton*

My summer vacation is going to be the best because I will go to my friend's house. Then my cousin will have cook outs every weekend of the summer and will invite everybody. We always shoot stuff, ride around

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students who live outside Lincoln County. According to Superintendent Dr. Samuel Light, Georgia resident students attend at no cost, while students with residency in other states pay \$3500 annually, which can be paid in four installments.

Following an executive session on personnel matters, new employees were approved for various positions including Desmond Ferguson as high school paraprofessional; Jerry Sellers as elementary school paraprofessional; Bobby Hogan, Jennifer Wood, and Anita Hawes in food service; Josey Posey as Assistant Softball Coach; James Ragan as bus driver; and Ronnie Cleveland as a custodian.

The board unanimously approved the extension of Dr. Samuel Light's contract for an additional year as School Superintendent and accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Melissa Newsome.

Devos to speak

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Program Manager Gary Edwards commented, "Ed DeVos is a wonderful speaker; our members really enjoy hearing from him and thus we keep inviting him back; he last spoke to us on in April 2019. It will be a great talk; you won't want to miss it!"

The "History in the Park" talks are held at the Lincoln County Historical Park, 147 Lumber Street, Lincolnton, GA on the first Thursday of the month from April through November. Desserts, water, coffee and tea will be served after the presentation, allowing plenty of time to speak individually with the speaker. There is no admission fee, however the Lincoln County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are gladly accepted. For questions, contact Don Thomas, President, at dpdastro@aol.com or Program Director Edwards at (757) 831-9556.

Middle School Wins State Award

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