

# New This Year: All-School Communication Transition to Schoology

We're excited to share that *beginning this school year*, all classroom and school communication for PreK through 12th grade will now be through Schoology. This is a new change for our PreK–4th grade families, who have been using SeeSaw - they will join the rest of our school community in using this platform for classroom updates, announcements, and more. Additionally, all extracurricular activities—including clubs, sports, and other groups—will also use Schoology Groups to communicate schedules, updates, and important information.

To stay connected, please make sure you have access to Schoology via the desktop site or mobile app and take a moment to review your notification settings. If you still need to set-up your account or if you need a refresher, see the detailed instructions below. We will help elementary and new students get set-up at back-to-school night.

We will continue to use SchoolMessenger for emergency communication for weather or other urgent matters, so please keep that app or use those separate instructions to install that app. You may still receive or contact LM faculty and staff via email.

## **Staying Connected with Schoology**

At Lancaster Mennonite, we use Schoology (pronounced SCHOOL-uh-jee) to help parents, students, and teachers stay connected. It's our online tool for sharing:

- Grades and assignments (MS & HS Only)
- Classroom updates
- Teacher communication

## Step 1: Create Your Schoology Account & Get Your Parent Access Code

In mid-August, parent access codes will become available for the school year. Parents of elementary, 5th graders, and new MS/HS students will receive their code at back to school night & new student orientation in August.

Returning HS and MS parents that are not already connected to their student in Schoology can:

Email: IT at <a href="mailto:support@lancastermennonite.org">support@lancastermennonite.org</a>

Please include:

- Your full name
- Your child's full name

#### Step 2: Create Your Schoology Account

Use the <u>'First-Time Sign-up for Parents</u>' button to begin: <u>https://app.schoology.com/register.php?type=parent</u> (or scan the QR code)



(see more instructions on the back of this page ----->)



When registering:

- Use your name and email, not your child's
- Uncheck the box that says: 'Subscribe me to the Schoology Exchange Blog'
- Click Register to complete your account
- Update notifications to ensure you are receiving communication in all the ways you prefer (emails or not, push notifications on the app, etc.)

## Have More Than One Child at LM?

After registering:

- 1. Log into Schoology
- 2. Click your name in the top menu
- 3. Choose 'Add Child' and enter their unique parent access code

#### Already Have a Schoology Account with Another School?

That's okay! You have options:

- 1. Using the Parent Access Code you received from LM, create a new Schoology account, but *use only the username field*, not the email field.
- Sign into the Schoology account at your other school district, then <u>link that account to</u> <u>the new one</u>: <u>https://uc.powerschool-docs.com/en/schoology/latest/linking-parent-accounts-across-diff</u> <u>erent-organizat</u>
- Alternatively, if you no longer want Schoology access at the other school, instead of the step #2 above, you can delete the other school's account by <u>merging Schoology</u> <u>accounts</u>:

https://help.powerschool.com/t5/Getting-Started/Getting-Started-Guide-for-Schoology-L earning-Customers/ba-p/328217.

## **Need Help?**

If you have any trouble with Schoology:

- Can't log in?
- Trouble accessing a class?
- Need another access code?

Contact our IT Support Team: <u>support@lancastermennonite.org</u> and/or visit our Schoology page on the website for more information: <u>https://www.lancastermennonite.org/schoology/</u>.

They're always happy to help!