



# REPORT CARD

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A Lakewood City Schools Community Newsletter

## WEST-SHORE CAREER TECH STUDENT PLACES THIRD IN NATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION

Congratulations to West Shore Career-Tech Culinary Arts student Reagan Fishbaugh on finishing in third place in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) national competition! Reagan, who is entering her senior year, competed in the Level 3 Culinary Arts division.

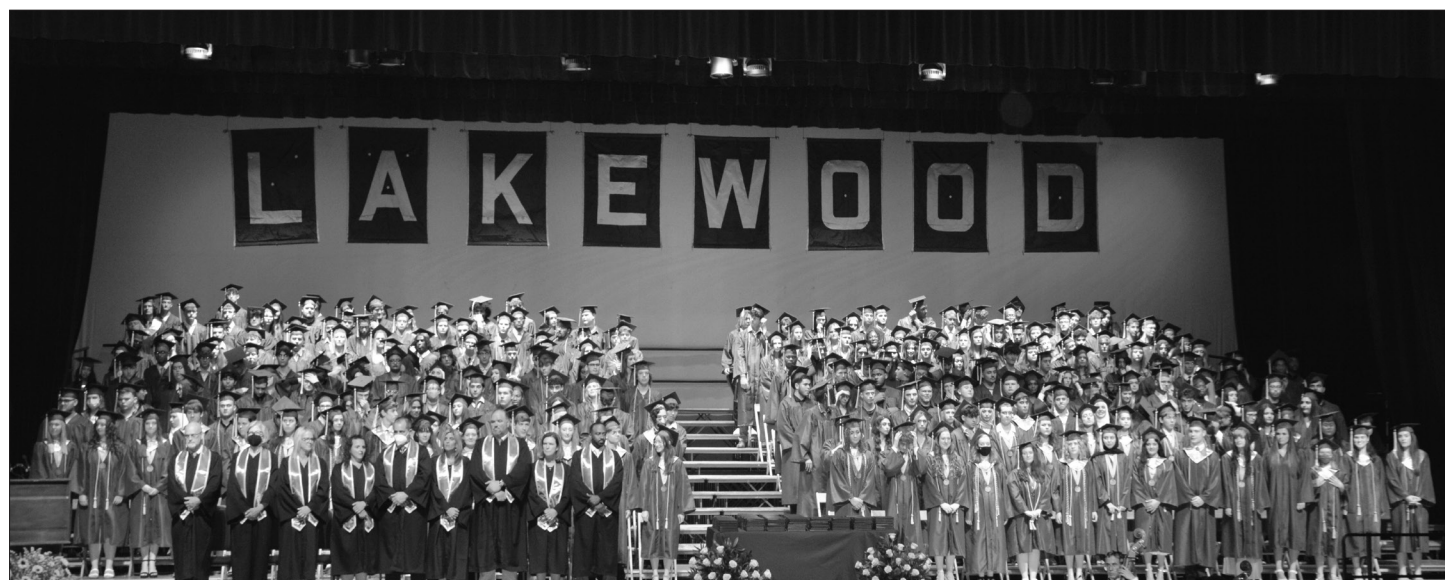
Reagan qualified for the national competition by winning the FCCLA state competition. The national event was held in San Diego June 28-July 3 as part of the FCCLA National Lead-

ership Conference. The competition required each competitor to prepare a three-course meal within 90 minutes. Students were judged on their knife skills, safety and sanitation, organization, culinary knowledge, cooking techniques, plate presentation, and tasting.

Reagan worked many hours outside of classroom time under the guidance of her instructors, Devan Corti and Rob McGorray, to help prepare for the series of FCCLA competitions. Fantastic work, Reagan!



## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!



Congratulations to the 284 seniors who walked across the Civic Auditorium stage to receive their high school diplomas in the 174th Lakewood High School Commencement! The graduates received their diplomas from Board of Education President Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy and Superintendent Mag-

gie Niedzwiecki in the ceremony held on May 27.

The Class of 2022 heard from the two classmates who were selected by their peers to speak, Sylvie Ballou and Noor Imtiaz, as well as faculty-selected speaker Collin Hunt.

During the ceremony, Principal Mark Walter recognized several

special student groups including those wearing National Honor Society stoles, French Honor Society ribbons, Career-Technical Honor Society medals, the seven students joining the military and the 40 students wearing Hawthorne Medals for ending their high school careers with a 4.0 GPA or better.

## DISTRICT BOASTS DOUBLE WINNERS IN STOP HATE CONTEST

The District had much to celebrate following the announcement of winners in the annual and prestigious Maltz Museum Stop the Hate contest. Rising senior Jacquie Hudak was selected as the grand prize winner of the Youth Speak Out essay contest and Garfield Middle School's seventh-grade choir earned first place in the Youth Sing Out portion of the contest. Jacquie's essay on championing body positivity for girls in the face of a culture of body shaming was selected from among 10 finalists from Northeast Ohio schools. Jacquie's essay earned her a \$20,000 scholarship and \$5,000 for Lakewood High. The choir earned a \$3,500 anti-bias grant for Garfield.

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DISTRICT EARNS BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC ED AWARD AGAIN

Lakewood City Schools once again has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. The District has been awarded the designation every year since 2016.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, the District answered detailed questions

about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. In a series of landmark studies by scientists and researchers at Northwestern University a link was found between

students in community music programs and life-long academic success.

The Lakewood City Schools offers music education from kindergarten through 12th grade. Instrumental instruction begins in 5th grade. Middle school offerings include classroom band, orchestra, and choir with extra-curricular opportunities in all three. Lakewood High School's curricular offerings include five orchestras, four choirs, three bands, and several non-performance music electives. In addition, our high school extra-curricular ensembles provide



numerous opportunities for our students to enhance their musical experience through groups such as the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band, The Lakewood Project electric rock orchestra, and Chamber Choir.

RANGER SPRING SPORTS STANDOUTS

Congratulations to our spring sports Rangers who were named to their respective sport's Great Lakes Conference All-Conference team! The Rangers were led by six 1st Team honorees.

All-Conference selections:

**Track & Field:** 1st Team - 4x100 meter relay of Kaydence Doxley, Elliott Snyder, Aniya Symons, and McKenna Hunt; 2nd Team - Kaydence Doxley (long jump), Teeghan McGann (400 meters), 4x200 relay of Kaydence Doxley, Elliott Snyder, Teeghan McGann, and McKenna Hunt; Honorable Mention - Aniya Johnson, Josie Kavc, Andy Shoaff, James Toole; Sportsmanship - Caleb Doup and Maddie Ellis

Special shout out to Kaydence Doxley on winning the long jump title at Districts. She was also part

of the 4x100 relay team along with Aniya Symons, Elliott Snyder and McKenna Hunt that captured the GLC crown, setting a school record of 50.98 in the process. The 4x200 relay of K. Doxley, Symons, Snyder, and Teeghan McGann also set a school record this season.

**Baseball:** 1st Team - William Hyatt; 2nd Team - Luke Mason; Honorable Mention - Simon Gilchrist, Eli LaDue, Luke Jablonowski; Sportsmanship - Colin McCrone

**Boys' Tennis:** Honorable Mention - Josh Mika, Joe Twardesky; Sportsmanship - Rory O'Brien

**Softball:** 1st Team - Jordan Rossen; 2nd Team - Mia Carroll-Graves; Honorable Mention - Mia Condosta and Charlotte Beno; Sportsmanship - Alesha Hanna-Kotula

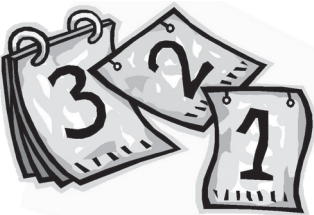


The GLC champion 4x200 relay. (Front row) Kaydence Doxley, (left), Elliott Snyder; (back row) McKenna Hunt, Aniya Symons.

ADMIN TEAM SEES NEW FACES, ROLES FOR 2022-2023

A new school year always brings new faces and new jobs for current administrators as staff retire or move on to new endeavors. We welcome the following to their new positions in the District:

- Mark Walter, the Lakewood High Principal was named to the new position of Director of Community and District Activities, overseeing the Recreation and Athletic departments and the Civic Auditorium.
  - Joy Morgan was named the successor to Walter at Lakewood High. She comes from Westlake High School, where she was assistant principal.
  - Brenda Budzar, a District teaching and learning coordinator, will replace retiring Lincoln Elementary principal Sandy Kozelka.
  - Kristin Clark joins the
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WHEN DOES SCHOOL START?

- Aug. 16: Grades 1-9 & all FSO students
- Aug. 16: PreK Parent Open House
- Aug. 17: Grades 10-12 & PreK
- Aug. 19: Kindergarten first full day



Farewell to our retirees!



- **Nancy Early:** Nutrition Services
- **Lynn Pressler:** Garfield Middle School
- **Diane Kastelic:** West Shore Career-Tech
- **Nancy Ralls:** West Shore Career-Tech
- **Rhonda Kidd:** Roosevelt Elementary School
- **Connie Sedlak:** Emerson Elementary School
- **Sandy Kozelka:** Lincoln Elementary School
- **Dan Smith:** Garfield Middle School
- **Barb Lynch:** Garfield Middle School
- **Mary Pat Wise:** Lincoln Elementary School
- **Dolores Martin:** West Shore Career-Tech
- **Tammi Zavatchen:** Nutrition Services
- **Donna Miller:** Central Office, Payroll
- **John Dupay:** Harding Middle School
- **Jihan Peters:** Garfield Middle School
- **Janet Roth:** Hayes Elementary School
- **Vikki Plute:** West Shore Career-Tech

SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

The annual Supplies 4 Success drive is under way! School supply donation boxes are out around town. If you are able to pick up an extra item or two on your next trip to Target or the Dollar Store, Supplies 4 Success would be happy to receive your donations. Collection sites include: Becks/Foster Pools, The Beck Center, Blackbird Baking, The Blue Cafe, Breadsmith, Cleveland Vegan, Jana’s Deli, KB Confections, Lake-

wood Family YMCA, Lakewood Garden Center, Nature’s Oasis, Pet’s General Store, The Root Cafe, and STEM Soaps. Churches participating are: Lakewood Congregational, Lakewood Presbyterian and Lakewood United Methodist. Cash donations are also accepted and can be sent to:

The Lakewood Foundation  
12525 Lake Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107

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The Stop the Hate contest includes an essay contest and a songwriting contest for students in 6th to 12th grade. The contests celebrate students committed to creating a more inclusive society by standing up and speaking out against bias and bigotry. This year’s contestants were asked to consider how they have been and can continue to be agents of positive change.

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District as Budzar’s replacement in the teaching and learning coordinator position. Clark served as an instructional coach for Shaker City Schools. Jacob Green, a recent Texas Tech master’s grad, and Julie Bartell, currently with Olmsted Falls district, round out the administration moves as the new supervisor and assistant supervisor of Nutrition Services, replacing Nancy Early and Tammi Zavatchen.



New turf being installed at Garfield Middle School field.

FIELD UPDATES

Summer is a great time for the District to perform its myriad maintenance projects and this summer tending to our athletic playing fields was on tap. This is in addition to the work that has been done in conjunction with the City of Lakewood on the city-owned fields that are used by our sports teams and the Recreation Department.

The overhaul of Foxx and Usher fields was completed

this spring. This summer, the District has resurfaced the tennis courts at Lakewood High School and is in the process of installing new turf at Garfield Middle School’s field.

It will take the support and cooperation of the entire community to ensure that our playing fields stay pristine. Please be respectful when using any of these recreational assets that we are grateful to have at our disposal.

WE ARE HIRING!

Lakewood City Schools has many open positions including cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals, lunch monitors, and coaches. We invite you to join our team! Please go to the Human Resources Department page at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) to apply.

Interested in being substitute teacher? Please apply at the North Coast Shared Services Alliance (<https://www.escneo.org/NorthCoastSharedServicesAllianceSubstituteTeacherProgram.aspx>).

Interested in being a substitute paraprofessional, lunch monitor, secretary, cafeteria worker, or cleaner? Please apply at Rachel Wixey & Associates (<https://rachelwixey.com/>).

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## RETURN OF THE LAKEWOOD PROJECT!

*After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Lakewood 4th of July parade was back and so was The Lakewood Project! Lakewood High's electric rock orchestra, along with some younger Rock On campers, returned to the stage for their traditional pre-fireworks concert. As usual, LP brought the fire!*



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## ENROLL NOW FOR KDG & PreK

Kindergarten and pre-school registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open! Don't wait to enroll your student! Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2022. Pre-school classes are open for 3 and 4 year olds. To start the registration process, click on the Student Registration Quick Link box on our website at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org).

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMPARTMENT: IT'S YOUR PLAY

Summer break is at its halfway point (after the 4th it's all downhill!!) and we wanted to say it was great to see our community lining the 4th of July parade route where we had several of our in-house recreation teams marching with us distributing over 160 pounds of candy! Youth travel/in-house baseball and softball are wrapping up, the outdoor pool season is in full swing and even

though school is not in session the buildings are in use with camps, classes and activities. It's about that time to begin to prepare for fall programming. We have options for everyone, adult and youth, that will be in the upcoming brochure, which is mailed to all residents and posted to our website in mid-August. Aquatics, athletics, programs as well as membership information

to our Fitness Facility/Indoor Track will be available. We have several programs that are just beginning as we close out summer. Check them out on our website: [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com). There is plenty to do to keep you active, but did you know the average person takes about 7,500 steps a day, and if you keep to that average, when you reach 80 years old, you will have

walked 110,000 miles in your lifetime! A little bit of activity goes a long way and the Lakewood Recreation Department is here to meet your needs, hear what we can do to provide a wide variety of offerings, and promote a healthy lifestyle. If you have any questions about our activities or if you are interested in potentially offering an activity, contact our office!