

Laker CONNECTIONS



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Get ready for kindergarten!

Our information sessions are open to all families of incoming 2023-24 kindergarten students. Learn about our traditional kindergarten program and our La ola del lago Spanish immersion option.

Kindergarten Information Night

January 5, 6:30 p.m.
Jeffers Pond Elementary
14800 Jeffers Pass NW, Prior Lake

Spanish Immersion Parent Panel

January 9, 6:30 p.m.
La ola del Lago at Grainwood
5061 Minnesota Street SE, Prior Lake
Hear from current parents and staff to learn what a day-in-the-life of a Kindergarten Spanish immersion student is like.

Enroll your child in kindergarten
Kindergarten enrollment for the 2023-24 school year will begin in January. Watch your email and our website for details.
www.plsas.org/enroll



First Annual Prior Lake Heritage & Cultural Festival



On November 5th, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) and the Rotary Club of Prior Lake hosted the first annual Prior Lake Heritage and Cultural Festival.

More than 500 guests attended this free, public event where our community's heritage and cultural diversity were honored and celebrated. There were several performances and more than 25 cultural booths and activities, along with a variety of appetizers inspired from all over the world, courtesy of PLSAS Child Nutrition Services.

Are you the one? Join our Laker team!

Consider joining our team where you can make a significant impact in the lives of students while earning competitive pay and benefits. We have openings for:

- Paraeducators to assist students with special needs under the direction of a certified teacher
 - Food Services staff
 - Custodians
 - Kids' Company before and after-school childcare
- Find these and more openings:
www.plsas.org/employment



We have liftoff!

Visit our *new* website at:
www.plsas.org

We are thrilled to announce the launching of our newly redesigned website. Over the past year, the Communications Department has been working with stakeholders to build a new website that is mobile friendly, visually appealing and better showcases the district's stories and opportunities available to all students as they explore their interests and plan their futures.

New website highlights

- www.plsas.org is our new address
- Truly mobile responsive: Check out the website on your mobile phone or tablet.
- Dedicated audience landing pages: "Login" at the top (for staff and students). "Families" portal (for Seesaw, Schoology, Infinite Campus, SchoolCafé and more).
- Student Life: Our school pages now have a Student Life page where you can find sports, clubs, arts and activities options - all in one place.
- Calendar: Customize your view by school and sync a calendar to your mobile device.
- Accessibility: Customize your view by language or visual display.

Tell us what you think

Your feedback is very important as we strive to develop a website that is valuable to you. Please submit any questions, comments or concerns by scanning the QR code or emailing us at input@plsas.org



School Board election results

Voters in Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools re-elected incumbent Enrique Velázquez, along with newcomers Lisa Atkinson, Amy Bullyan and Jessica Olstad.

On November 8, four PLSAS School Board director seats were on the General Election ballot, with four year terms running January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

The newly elected Board members will take the oath of office January 9th at 5:30 p.m. and will join current Board directors Julie Bernick, Amy Crosby and Mary Frantz. School Board director Stacey Ruelle did not seek re-election.

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Key takeaways from Listening and Learning Tour



Dr. Michael Thomas, Superintendent

One of the first things I set out to do as the Superintendent of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) is to get involved in the community and meet staff, parents and residents to learn what's working well in the district and where there are opportunities to improve.

To do that, I hosted five "Listening and Learning" events throughout the district. This provided a great way for me as Superintendent, and a Prior Lake resident, to hear what's important to stakeholders. Throughout these informal meetings, there were four general themes that emerged surrounding finances, academic programming, school climate and culture, and school safety.

Finance

The desire for greater financial transparency was mentioned at nearly every meeting. Work in this area has already begun. We are making improvements to our budgeting process and calendar, which will include stakeholder input, to help drive our budget conversations. Having a high level of fiscal transparency is very important as we are responsible for being wise stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Academic Programming

Academic programming was another topic brought forward in community conversations. Schools throughout the country are addressing the academic and mental health challenges left behind from the pandemic. My priority is to strengthen our core academic framework and support the social and emotional needs of our students so they can reach their full potential.

Gifted and Talented and Spanish Immersion programming were also topics brought forward to ensure we have adequate staffing levels and are planning for specialized programming that carries students successfully into the secondary levels. Our district is undergoing a program review in both areas that will include parent input.

Ensuring that students are college and career ready was another theme that emerged. Whether it's preparing students for a traditional college pathway, earning a certificate from a trades school or entering the workforce, helping students plan for their future is important to many stakeholders.

Finally, balancing the use of technology with human relationships was a concern under the academic programming topic. We all know technology is here to stay and it is a powerful learning tool that was especially critical during the pandemic however, it cannot replace the importance of the one-to-one relationships teachers and support staff form with our students. Having

caring adults in students' lives is critical to their success.

School Climate and Culture

School climate and culture was another big topic addressed at each meeting. The pandemic, social and racial unrest had a serious impact on our students and staff. While we can't change our past, we also cannot be held hostage by it. We must learn from it, acknowledge the significant challenges that happened and look forward with plans for ongoing healing to repair the wounds that are still being felt by many.

To that end, social and emotional learning is vital for students. They come to school with their heads and their hearts. Whatever impacts a student outside of school carries into their learning day. Addressing social and emotional needs of students helps improve academics as well as social connection and collaboration.

School Safety

Finally, school safety and security was a theme, particularly surrounding the number of School Resource Officers (SROs) in our schools, cell phone usage and substance abuse. I too take this topic very seriously. Our Strategic Plan calls for us to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of all learners. We must constantly review and practice our protocols to help ensure we have the ability to effectively lead through a crisis.

At a recent School Board meeting, we heard from Savage SRO, Jacqui Kelch on data that has been collected on the long-range effects from drug usage, beginning in the teen years. Officer Kelch shared with the Board discussion that has been taking place with administrators regarding drug searches with canines in the parking lot at the high school. The Board is in support of the searches.

Students today have never known a world without cell phones. As an administrative team, we must have larger conversations about how and when cell phones are used and managed in our schools.

Recently I shared all of this information with the School Board and our administrators, which includes principals. The feedback gathered is very helpful as we make decisions going forward.

Parents and community members also expressed what they perceive is going well in the district. Many stated there is a renewed energy and excitement this school year. It is clear that parents and students love our staff and they have an appreciation for academic and activities options available to students. Our schools provide a space for a variety of perspectives and the Board and administrators are willing to listen.

I am grateful to all those who took the time to attend a Listening and Learning meeting and share their perspectives. By working together, we will be able to impact positive change for the benefit of all our students.



Community Education
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

www.priorlakesavagece.com
952-226-0310

Community Education offers a variety of classes and events for all ages. Registration is now open for our Winter/Spring season. Visit www.priorlakesavagece.com or call 952-226-0310 for more information.



Family Catalog
Classes For All Ages
December 2022 to May 2023



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Ages 5-12 with an Adult

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
6:30-9PM
PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Fee:
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\$107/Adult & 3 Children

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- Enjoy family friendly music by Silver Sound Entertainment
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Giving season



PLSAS Child Nutrition Services provides healthy meals to students so they can be successful in the classroom.

Many families in our community cannot afford these much-needed meals. Our Angel Fund is an anonymous way to support those with food insecurity with a donation to help ensure no child goes hungry.

You can make a tax-deductible donation by mailing or dropping off a check to:
 PLSAS Angel Fund
 4540 Tower St. SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Tree of Warmth

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing items to the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce Tree of Warmth clothing drive.



All winter clothing items will be distributed to PLSAS children throughout our district who are in need this season.

Tackling Cancer

When it comes to Tackling Cancer, the PLSAS community showed up!

Following the 2022 Tackle Cancer Campaign from the October 7th game vs. Lakeville South, Prior Lake High School donated \$12,278.06 to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund.

The contribution will help in their mission to enhance the lives of Minnesota's Cancer Community by providing research, educational programs and advanced technology.

A big thanks to everyone who helped make a difference in "tackling" cancer!



School Board Scholars

To be a School Board Scholar, a Prior Lake High School student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher. Congratulations to our 507 School Board Scholars for 2022-23!

Grade 10

Anfac Aden
 Lukas Aidas
 Megan Anderson
 Mason Baas
 Kloee Bachmann
 Jonah Baker
 Talia Baldzicki
 Sophia Basile
 Aissa Bathily
 Brooke Baum
 Ava Beaton
 Alexa Belair
 Rory Belmont
 Hermela Bereket
 Michelle Bertelson
 Alexa Bianchi-Rossi
 Lianna Boles
 Katelyn Bonneville
 Makenzie Bounds
 Owen Bredeson
 Calvin Capelle
 Lucas Carlson
 Maya Carney
 Peyton Cauley
 Ashlyn Chant
 Eden Chapman
 Youngseok Choi
 Kelly Christensen
 Addelay Christianson
 Jackson Clayton
 Reese Cochenour
 Ellie Coghlan
 James Conley
 Danielle Cook
 Veronica Cruz
 Maddox Csiki
 Delaney Dahl
 Alaina Daniel
 Rylie Derusha
 Anne Draine
 Carter Dubore
 Jasmine Duhadway
 Sydney Ebert
 Levi Eiter
 Mackenzie Elasky
 Bella Elert
 Annika Evenson
 Emerson Field
 Keegan Flynn
 Mara Fontana
 Emily Forster
 Nissa Frantz
 Natalia Garcia-Carlos
 Tessa Ginkel
 Adam Greengrass
 Abigail Grove
 Leah Guetter
 Derek Gust
 Kayla Ha
 Brady Hallberg
 Owen Hammett
 Lucy Hansen
 Paige Hansen
 Keira Hanson
 Reese Haycraft
 Parker Healy
 Jude Heide
 Abigail Heil
 Hannah Helberg
 Ellison Hempel
 Samuel Holm
 Bree Holmes
 Makenna Homerin
 Alexander Hulskotter
 Monica Humphrey
 Aleena Hussain
 Anise Izumi
 Brianna Jenkins
 Norbu Jenpa
 Mia Johnson
 Sophia Jongeling
 Nikhil Kandi
 Sydney Kashmark
 Alicia Keil
 Jeremy Kes

Allie Ketelsen
 Philip Khomyakov
 Nazariy Kishchun
 Alexis Klema
 Danika Klimova
 Hana Ko
 Grace Koch
 Mason Kong
 Ethan Kosin
 Natalie Kuboushek
 Vedika Kulkarni
 Sarah Langridge
 Megan Larson
 Kaitlyn Leclair
 Evelyn Lehnert
 Gabrielle Littman
 Ethan Loeffler
 Grace Lofald
 Max Loftus
 Peter Maes
 Adaline Maiwurm
 Emily Malecha
 Brooke Marquardt
 Annabel Mccann
 Joseph Mccauley
 Jessica Mcconnell
 Conor Mccrave
 Leah Mcculloch
 Amanda Mcroberts
 Isabelle Meilach
 Gavin Michels
 Katelyn Moeller
 Sabirin Mohamud
 Monica Muelken
 Kavya Muppidi
 Kennedy Murton
 Elodie Nemeth
 Nancy Nguyen
 Natalie Nguyen
 Nghi Nguyen
 Jack Nicolet
 Griffin Noble
 Ainsley O'Konski
 Matthew Ondracek
 Joshua Pascanik
 Alexander Pearson
 Broden Percival
 Alexandra Peterson
 Hannah Pfankuch
 Anh Pham
 Natalie Quan
 Sanjana
 Raveendranath
 Morgan Richardson
 Arianna Roopnarine
 Benjamin Sandoval
 Madeline Sazama
 Emily Schlemmer
 Josephine Schoemer
 Elizabeth Shurts
 Isabe Smith
 Kale Solem
 Nary Sophea
 Mallory Stack
 Sadie Stimmler
 Kayla Telshaw
 Ava Thomas
 Gabrielle Thompson
 Brooklynne Thorson
 Anna Trachsel
 Ian Tran
 Connor Tschepen
 Elli Tufto
 Gabriella Tupy
 Michael Walz
 Maiya Warner
 Aimee-Rae Weaver
 Emersyn Wilson
 Marcella Wilson
 Rowan Wilson
 Cade Wozney
 Isabella Wright
 Thomas Wyckoff
 Lindiwe Xaba
 Devin Zender
 Samantha Zerwas

Harry Zheng

Grade 11

Madelyn Abney
 Gabriela Adams
 Kyla Ahlstrom
 Logan Allen
 Lauren Allison
 Jenna Anderson
 Molly Anderson
 Tristan Anderson
 Ethan Andryski
 Olivia Arias
 Lauren Barclay
 Lauren Bauer
 Ava Becker
 Drew Beckman
 Cassidy Benson
 Kylie Berg
 Daniel Bergan
 Samantha Berndt
 Daniella Bidgood
 Isabella Bilyeu
 Clare Bodine
 Abigail Brett
 Benjamin Brower
 Maren Buettner
 Anna Busker
 Isabelle Cappiello
 Madeleine Cappiello
 Alexis Carlson
 Kirk Carlson
 Kaiden Cheung
 Ryan Cochenour
 Hannah Cole
 Annaliese Cundiff
 Victoria Cvangara
 Keaton Daniel
 Ethan Danner
 Gabrielle Delisi
 Cole Derusha
 Casidhe Devlin
 Eshaan Dhavala
 Gianna Doth
 Lucia Draine
 Charles Drews
 Julia Drussell
 Lincoln Duckson
 Volodymyr Dudin
 Isabelle Dwire
 Samantha Eavzan
 Alec Ebeling
 Mikaela Edgar
 Emily Eisma
 Andrew Evenson
 Ava Farley
 Logan Field
 Spencer Ford
 Shelby Gambucci
 Addison Geil
 Chaoyue Geng
 Chloe Gilbertson
 Clara Gillen
 Jason Green
 Piper Green
 Rebecca Haferman
 Julie Haidar
 Anna Hamsund
 Olivia Hansen
 Paige Harvego
 Sophia Hawkins
 Courtney Hennen
 Luke Hennessy
 Emily Hensel
 Brianna Herbst
 Abigail Hockford
 Abigail Holst
 Tianna Houske
 Ella Joesting
 Aryahana Johnson
 Brandon Kaisersatt
 Lauren Karner
 Sarah Kelm
 Alex Krawza
 Laine Krekelberg
 Karishma Kumar

Eric Lagrange
 Abigail Leach
 Tyler Leonard
 Amanda Levie
 Sofia Macias
 Matthew Mahowald
 Madeline Malmberg
 Meredith Marshall
 Jacob Mckenna
 Regina Medina
 Owen Meyer
 Katherine Miller
 Elijah Mills
 Megan Mishuk
 Sydnee Moe
 Sarah Moen
 Kylie Mong
 Mariyana Mork
 Ryan Moroso
 Kyla Nauertz
 Olivia Newman
 Mia Ngo
 Isabelle Ohlmann
 Arianna Oistad
 Anton Olson
 Finn Pauna
 Emily Paxton
 Ethan Pffingsten
 Layne Pffor
 Timothy Pinkowski
 Sanya Pirani
 Sanjana Polavarapu
 Srinivasan Prasanna
 Annabelle Presly
 Gavin Ptak
 Eva Alexandria Radcliff
 Lydia Rand
 Andrea Reichwald
 Karlee Salmela
 Evan Schaible
 Josef Schmidt
 Addison Schmidtlein
 Kelsey Schreiner
 Emily Schwandt
 Gavin Shaner
 Caylon Sheffield
 Keira Shimota
 Hailey Sievert
 Grace Simon
 Joshua Smith
 Scout Smith
 Sophia Stach
 Owen Stack
 Halia Stegeman
 Olivia Stegeman
 Broderick Stephany
 Katelyn Stout
 Lauren Strane
 Himeeka Sunbeeb
 Brielle Sunde
 Lexis Swain
 Brooke Thompson
 Ryan Thue
 Ryan Tian
 Marissa Tollefsrud
 Neeharika Tondapu
 Matthew Totten
 Victor Trinh
 Jovian Tupy
 Brenna Van Roy
 Logan Varcoe
 Ananya Velpuri
 Shou Veng
 Alexander Wang
 Amelia Watters
 Addyson White
 Aidan Wicke
 Caiden Winick
 Lydia Winick
 Sean Wirtz
 Caleb Woodson
 Aaron Woyak
 Benjamin Yost
 Griffin Young

Grade 12

Colton Anthony
 Jacob Artang
 Parker Baines
 Isabelle Barney
 Raina Belair
 Nathaniel Bodine
 Leah Bottemiller
 Parker Boyce
 Caleigh Bunkers
 Alexandra Burger
 Bella Carlson
 Sara Carlson
 Cameron Carney
 Aubrey Carrigan
 Elina Charria Ramon
 Sophia Church
 Lindsey Clark
 Bronson Clayton
 Aryel Connelly
 Caitlyn Connelly
 Lilian Courteau
 Kate Curtler
 Matthew Dallalah
 Angelena Davis
 April Defillo Hernandez
 Lily Drane
 Olivia Duncan
 Owen Dwyer
 Ayla Edwardy
 Ryan Erickson
 Bethany Erkel
 Carlos Esparza
 Talamantes
 Isabelle Everson
 Soren Featherstone
 Avery Fowble
 Ravlin Frantz
 Andrew Gatti
 Samantha Gau
 Matthew Gednalski
 Naomi George
 Emma Gerdes
 Norah Ginkel
 Abigail Gogolin
 Farah Goud
 Naomi Gray
 Sarah Grinberg
 Rachel Guetter
 Hannah Haghighi
 Rebeka Hailu
 Logan Hall
 Ian Hansen
 Dylan Hanson
 Mason Hartl
 Sydney Harvego
 Kaia Harvey
 Raven Hedges
 Nadia Hengen
 Allison Hilzendeger
 Madeline Holden
 Brooke Holmes
 Maren Holt
 Sophia Jacobson
 Evan Jefferson
 Jack Johnson
 Faith Jung
 Zachary Karsko
 Kayla Klima
 Nikolas Knudsen
 Madelyn Knudson
 Adeline Knutson
 Jack Kokoschke
 Yana Kolesnik
 Roshni Konakanti Bugulu
 Joseph Krouse
 Tyler Kuboushek
 Natalie Kunz
 Alyssa Lam
 Anita Lam
 Ella Lang
 Evan Laughridge
 Elle Laurienzo
 Anastasia Ledyeva
 Breanna Lee
 Audrey Lehnert

Logan Lehrer
 Garrett Lindaman
 Neva Loechler
 Maria Lopresto
 Brandie Lustila
 Quinn Mackin
 London Maershecker
 Veronica Maines
 Cassidy Manor
 Ana Martell
 Madeline Marvel
 Ava Mckeon
 Lillian Mcroberts
 Courtney Meyer
 Drew Meyer
 Benjamin Mickett
 Kylie Miller
 Charlotte Moede
 Lauren Moeller
 Natalee Mohs
 Luka Mortensen
 Reagan Moss
 Emily Munsterman
 Magen Mutch
 Micayla Myers
 Bella Nelson
 Malia Nelson
 Sophia Nelson
 Gillian Neuharth
 Tyler Newlin
 Joseph Nicholas
 Lauren Nygaard
 Evan O'Connor
 Ariana Olson
 Talon Olson
 Isabel Ondracek
 Benjamin Pascanik
 Sydney Pearson
 Joseph Perila
 Sienna Perkins
 Mallory Petersen
 Benjamin Pfannenstien
 James Piper
 Travis Poonai
 Kiera Priebe
 Courtney Rahbain
 Jeremy Rejda
 Brooklyn Rentschler
 Maloree Ross
 Tori Rue
 Victor Safonov
 Madelyn Sasse
 Allison Schafer
 Anna Schatzlein
 Jayden Schoeller
 Madison Schreier
 Avery Schroeder
 Noah Slates
 Cole Sprecher
 Jack St. Martin
 Sophia Stein
 Joseph Stelzig
 Elizabeth Stevens
 Renee Stich
 Chloe Stimmler
 Kellen Stokes
 Breanna Storlie
 Sylvia Such
 Tana Tande
 Aubree Taylor
 Keara Telshaw
 Sonnie Trabling
 Jackson Tressel
 Grace Tschida
 Lili Mei Ullrich
 Srushti Vaidyanathan
 Elika Veng
 Joseph Vohnoutka
 Scarlett Walter
 Lauren Wander
 Rachel Ward
 Kavinu Weerawardhene
 Zachary Wiese
 Courtney Williams
 Nina Winter

Living our Mission



At Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, we are committed to helping all learners reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

Recently, third grade students from Five Hawks helped bring this mission to life at a School Board meeting. Students acted as teachers and taught Board Directors a Foundations lesson during the Laker Pride portion of the November 14th Board meeting.

Foundations is a literacy program in PLSAS for grades K-3. The primary goals of Foundations are to raise the reading proficiency of all students and teaches them phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, high frequency words, handwriting and spelling.

Students were then recognized with certificates for the work they did in demonstrating this program to the School Board.

PLHS students earn place in state Honor Choir

Twelve Prior Lake High School students have been accepted to the 2022-23 America Choral Directors Association (ACDA) of MN 9-10 Honor Choir.

A maximum number of 12 singers are allowed from any one school and only six schools achieved the honor this year. After completing blind auditions, PLHS students achieved this honor for the sixth consecutive year.

Congratulations to the following students.

SATB Choir (mixed voices): Reeve Olson, Lena Johnson, Sarah Langridge, Leyton Hedrick, Conor McCrave

SSAA Choir (treble voices): Sophie Kalis, Ingrid Olson, Marcel Wilson

TTBB Choir (tenors and basses): Tyler Andring, Mason Baas, Mason Bozaich, Leo Choi

Laker Educational Foundation



We are BACK! The Laker Educational Foundation serves to provide funding for activities that are beyond the scope of traditionally supported school activities that focus on initiatives that inspire and enrich creativity, innovation and excellence for our community's students. Come see what we've been up to on our website: www.lakereducationalfoundation.com

PLSAS receives clean audit report

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) has again been issued a clean opinion on its financial statements from the Certified Public Accounting firm: Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co. (MMKR), which is the highest opinion an auditor can issue for school districts.

Audits are done annually to ensure school districts are in compliance with state and federal requirements, internal and administrative controls and to ensure the accuracy of financial reports used in calculating state and federal aid. They provide a level of transparency and credibility for community members and validate sound financial practices.

"I would like to commend the district on its thorough and timely audit process," said MMKR's Jim Eichten.

PLSAS has worked hard to build a fiscally responsible fund balance over the past 12 years to provide more financial stability. "You don't see that stability in general when it comes to districts," said Eichten. "To see you are managing your fund balance, your equity position that well and that consistently over time is really notable to me."

During the October 24 audit presentation to the School Board, it was noted that the district's educational cost per student is nearly \$2,000 less than the average school district in the seven-county metro area. This means that PLSAS receives approximately \$17 million less annually than comparable districts, which is largely due to PLSAS having one of the lowest voter-approved operating levies in the area. We provide good value while offering innovative programs and personalized learning.

Eichten also noted that PLSAS' administrative services expenditures were \$871 per student. Comparable districts according to Eichten spend more than \$1,000 per student. "To me that says high efficiency at the administrative level," Eichten said.

"We are a very lean district," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas. "We are delivering a high quality education for fewer dollars per student."

PLSAS is committed to continued, responsible management of our community's financial resources. "For the past several meetings we have talked about a prudent approach and being fiscally conservative," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas. "My commitment is to deliver to the Board and the community a structurally balanced budget and stay within our means. We owe it to our community."

MMKR's audit was presented and unanimously approved at the School Board's October 24, 2022 meeting. A detailed report is available on the district's website, www.plsas.org

Seniors sign National Letters of Intent



Brady Baur, Baseball - University of Sioux Falls; Grant Brening, Baseball - Crown College; Matthew Johnson, Baseball - Benedictine College; Trevor Mong, Baseball - University of Minnesota-Morris; Tyus Smith, Baseball - South Dakota State University; Aryel Connelly, Cheerleading - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Caitlyn Connelly, Cheerleading - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Ava Guillemette, Hockey - Minnesota State-Mankato; Courtney Rook, Hockey - Aurora University; Luke Bloomer, Lacrosse - Carthage College; Eli Herrmann, Lacrosse - Mars Hill University; Ben Mickett, Lacrosse - Maryville University; Ruby Burandt, Lacrosse - University of Mount Olive; Megan Sporney, Lacrosse - High Point University; Nina Winter, Lacrosse-Marquette University; Lauren Carpenter, Soccer - Northern State; Isabel Ondracek, Swim & Dive - Hillsdale College; Evan Laughridge, Track & Field - Minnesota State-Mankato; Alan Koehler, Wrestling - Nebraska

Congratulations to these 19 Prior Lake High School student-athletes who signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) on November 9th. The NLI is a document used to indicate a student-athlete's commitment to participate at an NCAA college or university. Congratulations Lakers!



To see you are managing your fund balance, your equity position that well and that consistently over time is really notable to me.

- Jim Eichten,
MMKR

Are you new to the district?

Welcome to Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools! If you have school-age children, you can enroll them online at www.plsas.org/enroll or visit the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-226-0000. We look forward to welcoming your child into our school district as a Laker!

Connect with us

To get news, photos, events and more, "Like" us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter and Instagram.



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For questions or comments regarding *Laker Connections*, contact Kristi Mussman, Director of Communications, kmussman@plsas.org or 952-226-0014



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