

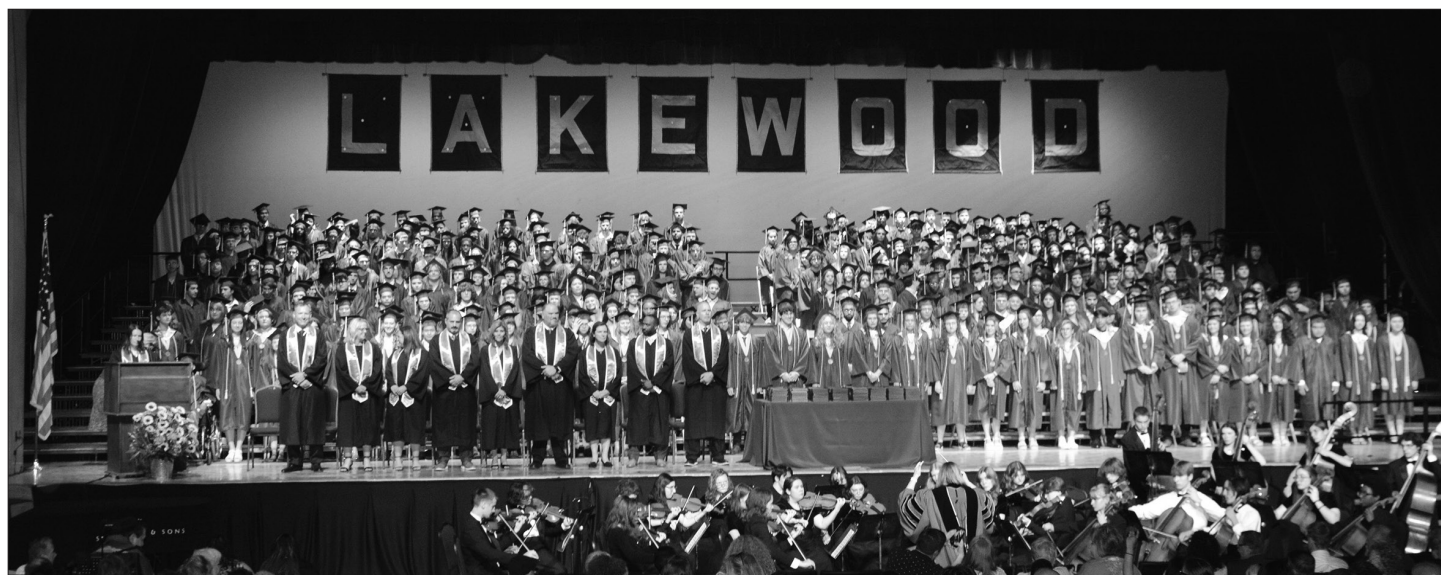


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A Lakewood City Schools Community Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!



Congratulations to the Lakewood High School Class of 2023! The class of 319 graduates was celebrated at the school's 175th Commencement Ceremony on June 4 in front of a full house of family, friends and staff in the Civic Auditorium. The ceremony included speeches by students Jordan

Rossen, Jaxon Riley and Alexandra Hodson, all selected by their peers to represent them at graduation. The graduates and audience also heard from Lakewood High Principal Joy Morgan, Superintendent Maggie Niedzwiecki and Board of Education President Michael J. Callahan. The ceremony

included recognition of the 52 Hawthorne Medal recipients, who earned 4.0 or better GPAs, six graduates who are entering the military and members of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society.

Best wishes to all our Class of 2023 graduates!

ADMIN TEAM SEES NEW FACES, ROLES

A new school year always brings new faces and new jobs for our new administrative team as staff retire or move on to new endeavors. We welcome the following to their new positions in the District for 23-24:

- Yakoob Badat, current House 3 principal at Lakewood High will become as education coordinator for the West Shore Career-Technical District
- April Patton, current Harding Middle School assistant principal, was named the successor to Robin Pettiegrew as principal of Garfield Middle School.
- Brent Schremppf, current Avon Lake City Schools athletic director, will assume a house principal role at Lakewood High School.

DOXLEY'S STATE FINISH HIGHLIGHTS GREAT SPRING SPORT SEASON

It was a stellar spring season for a number of our Ranger athletes and teams. Leading the highlights was junior Kaydence Doxley's fourth place finish in the long jump at the Division 1 State Track & Field Championship Meet. Kaydence was awarded with All-Ohio status for her top 8 finish. Kaydence also competed in the 200 meters at the state meet.

Joining Kaydence as state meet qualifiers were Aniya Symons in the long jump and Charlie Payne in the 3200 meters.

Kaydence's state meet medal was one of many accolades she earned over the course of the sea-

son. She was also named Great Lakes Conference Female Athlete of the Year.

Softball pitcher Mia Carroll-Greeves earned a "best of" honor when she was named the Cuyahoga County Softball Coaches Association's Co-Pitcher of the Year.

It's also worth mentioning that our boys and girls lacrosse teams completed their first season in Ranger history. We look forward to seeing those programs build over the years to come.

Congratulations are also due to First Team All-Conference selections Mia Carroll-Greeves

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High School

CULINARY STUDENT HEADED TO NATIONALS

Congratulations to West Shore Career-Tech rising senior Culinary Arts student Sophia Kowalski, who has qualified for the 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference Baking and Pastry competition in Denver in early July.

Sophia competed at the regional and state competitions in April in order to have the chance to qualify for the nationals. In addition to her performance in the state competition, Sophia had to score in the top 30 in the country on the online American Culinary Federation/NOCTI baking exam to land a spot in nationals. She will compete against 30 students from around the country for culinary scholarship opportunities.

CLEARY AMONG STOP THE HATE CONTEST FINALISTS

Rising senior Avelyn Cleary earned an Honorable Mention in the Maltz Museum's Stop the Hate Essay Contest. Avelyn's essay was one of 10 chosen from a field of 20 finalists to be honored. Avelyn was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and \$500 was given to LHS for anti-bias education.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM EARNS BEST ATTORNEY HONOR

The Lakewood High School Mock Trial Team competed in the spring in the 2022-2023 Ohio High School Mock Trial competition, sponsored by the OCLRE (Ohio Center for Law Related Education). Each

fall teams from around the state prepare a trial based on a case created by a panel of judges, lawyers, and staff.

This year's case was *In re Kahn*, which focused on school law and the application of fourth amendment rights to students in the school setting.

Lakewood's team worked diligently on the case materials as they organized strategy and legal arguments. They conducted a thorough trial and impressed the judges with their preparation, questions, arguments, and appropriate objections. In fact, student Cameron Wereb was awarded Best Attorney in the first trial.

The team defeated St. Joseph Academy of Cleveland, while narrowly losing to St. Ignatius High School, also from Cleveland.



Best Attorney award winner Cameron Wereb.

PTA

GARFIELD'S BRANCO EARNS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Lakewood Council of PTAs handed out its annual awards at a ceremony on May 3. The ceremony included awarding five senior scholarships and recognizing Garfield Middle School teacher Ben Branco as the District's Outstanding Educator of the Year.



Branco was nominated for stepping up in a number of ways for the Garfield community. After agreeing to head up the annual eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip, he organized the first-of-its-kind Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the trip that raised enough money to ensure that any student who wished to go on the trip was able. He also began chess club this year.

Middle School



Members of Garfield and Harding middle schools' Mock Trial teams outside of the Ohio Supreme Court building in Columbus.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS SHINE IN STATEWIDE MOCK TRIAL CONTEST

Garfield and Harding participated in the state-wide Middle School Mock Trial Showcase sponsored by the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education on April 28. Teams from both schools won multiple "Best Attorney" and "Best Witness" awards! Garfield's two teams together won two out of four possible "Best Attorney" awards and two of four possible "Best Witness" awards. Harding's two teams won two of four "Best Attorney" awards and two of four "Best Witness" awards.

Garfield's "Best Attorneys" were Liam Callahan and Zenovia Parkanzky. Harding's "Best Attorneys" were Sam Parker and Hank Janko. Garfield's "Best Witnesses" were Ona Bukys and Charlaice McDonald. Harding's "Best Witnesses" were Clover Griggs and Bridgid Sutliff.

Team scores are ranked into three tiers. Two dozen teams from districts across Ohio competed over two days, and only seven teams scored in the top tier. Both Garfield and Harding teams scored in the top two tiers. The two Garfield teams received a rating of "Superior" and the Harding teams received a rating of "Outstanding."

Farewell to our retirees!

Happy
RETIREMENT!

TERRY BYRNE	MAUREEN MANDERFIELD
DENISE ELRABADI	SHEILA MCGUIRE
AL FANARA	DON RICHMOND
NAOMI FARMER	AMY SEDLAK
BOBBY FITZGERALD	ROBERT SEDLAK
PEGGY GALLAGHER	SHERRY STARCOVIC
JEFF GREENE	MILLIE STIEBELING
DEB GROH	KAREN STOHR
TRISH HENDY	KAREN STOVERING
BEV HOLLANDER	JILL WERBELOW
TOM JOSEPH	SUE WILHELM
GENNI LACH	NANCY WILLIAMS
JULIANA KACHMARIK	

LHS EARNS NO PLACE
FOR HATE STATUS

In a shining example of our students and staff taking our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate competencies of empathy and collaboration to heart, Lakewood High School officially received its No Place For Hate designation by the Anti Defamation League Cleveland on May 8.

The hard-earned status came after the No Place for Hate Committee facilitated several projects throughout the year including a culminating project of a No Place For Hate mural (painted by recent graduates Helen Roche and Claire Morrissey). The mu-



ral, located in the cafeteria, was revealed at LHS' schoolwide No Place for Hate pledge signing. Junior Jacquie Hudak spearheaded the No Place for Hate designation process along with faculty coordinators Amy Garritano and Ron Lewis. Lewis also was awarded the ADL's Educator Change Maker of the Year Award.

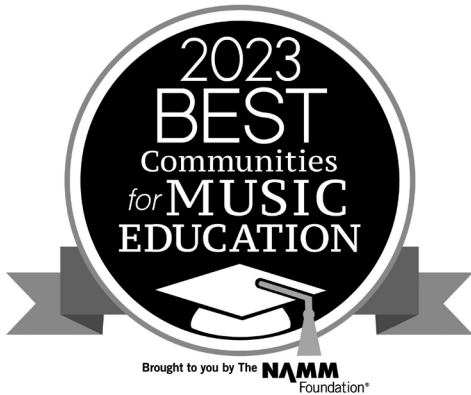
DISTRICT EARNS MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD FOR SEVENTH YEAR

Lakewood City Schools has earned the designation of Best Communities for Music Education from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education for the seventh straight year! Lakewood is one of only 47 districts in Ohio and 830 in the country that earned the designation.

Now in its 24th year, the award program recognizes districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, the District answered detailed questions about funding, fine arts graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for

the music program, and community music programs.

The Lakewood City School District offers music education from kindergarten through 12th grade. Instrumental instruction begins in 5th grade. Middle school offerings include classroom band, orchestra, and choir with extracurricular opportunities in all three.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT
UPDATE: IT'S YOUR PLAY

The big news out of the Recreation Department and the City of Lakewood this summer is that the new Foster Pool opened as scheduled on June 8 on budget, and Lakewoodites are now enjoying this latest version of the treasured Lakewood Park pool.

The old Foster pool has been transformed into

an aquatic playland with a 50-meter competition pool with a diving bay area and a recreation pool that includes a spiral and speed slide as well as smaller slides for the tots. Both pools are ADA accessible.

For information on hours and admission prices, please visit www.recreation.lakewoodcityschools.org.



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20 YEARS OF THE LAKEWOOD PROJECT!

On May 28, approximately 100 Lakewood Project alumni joined current Lakewood Project members to perform a legendary concert in celebration of the group's 20th anniversary as the first high school electric orchestra in the country! Thanks to director Beth Hankins for her vision and leadership in sustaining this amazing District group!



ENROLL NOW FOR KDG & PRE-K

Kindergarten and pre-school registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! Don't wait to enroll your student! Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2023. Pre-school classes are open for 3 and 4 year olds. To start the registration process, click on the Enroll button at the top of our website at www.lakewood-cityschools.org.

WE ARE HIRING!

The Lakewood City School District has many open positions including cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals, lunch monitors, coaches and district substitutes.

Substitute teachers are hired through the Ohio Substitute Teacher Services. Substitute teachers earn \$131.50 per day. Interested candidates should apply through the Ohio Substitute Teacher Service website: <https://www.escneo.org/NewSubstitutes.aspx>.

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

We invite you to join our team!

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and Charlotte Beno (softball); Charieon Doxley, Lily Burns, Mallory Zavatchen, McKenna Hunt, Aniya Symons and Kaydence Doxley (track & field); Leo Soneson and Colin McCrone (baseball).

Second Team All-Conference honors included:

Baseball - Aidan Maxwell, Drew Jablonowski, Luke Jablonowski

Softball - Lauren Barber, Madison Comer, Kylee Blinky

Boys Track - Andy Shoaff

Girls Track - August Nieves-Bucey, Kaydence Doxley, Charieon Doxley, Aniya Symons
Note: Track & Field honors are based on individual events.

WHEN DOES SCHOOL START?

Aug. 24: Grade 9
Aug. 25: Grades 1-8, 10-12 & PreK
Aug. 30: Kindergarten