

LMHS NEWSLETTER

August, 2025

From The Principal's Desk



This August newsletter is meant to provide you with additional information regarding the mandatory online registration process that every family needs to complete and to share with you important dates to remember for you and your child.

Our school community has achieved unprecedented success in academics, athletics, and in co-curricular activities in the past several years. There are countless opportunities available to every student to become involved within our school community. On top of athletics and music, LMHS has nearly 40 clubs that your child could be involved in. PARTICIPATE! It's what makes LMHS such a

great place to be!

Finally, I offer a warm welcome to our incoming freshman class, new students and our new families. We look forward to building relationships with all of you as we help prepare our students for success as they enter the world of college, career, and community after LMHS!

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 2.

****ALL students grades 9-12 should report to LMHS at 7:50 AM on the first day!**

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you soon!

Cale Vogel

LMHS Calendar

August



- 1 - Online Registration Opens through Aug. 15
- 5 - Football Practice Starts
- 9 - Show Choir Camp, 1:30-8 PM
- 10 - Show Choir Camp, 1:30-8 PM
- 12 - Tennis Practice Starts
- 14 - All-District Picture Day at the High School, 10 AM-6 PM
- 15 - Online Registration Closes
- 17 - Show Choir Camp, 1:30-8 PM
- 18 - LMHS Marching Band Camp, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 18 - Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball Practices Start
- 18 - Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 PM, City Hall
- 19 - LMHS Marching Band Camp, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 20 - LMHS Marching Band Camp, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 20 - Link Crew Training, 9 AM-2 PM
- 21 - LMHS Marching Band Camp, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 21 - Link Crew Training, 9 AM-2 PM
- 28 - Link Crew Welcome
- ☺ 7:50-11:30 AM: Freshmen Only
- ☺ 10-11:30 AM: Transfer Students, Gr. 10-12
- ☺ 11:30 AM: Lunch Provided

September

2 - First Day of School - ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9-12 REPORT TO LMHS AT 7:50 AM

- 7:50-9:25 Advisory and Meetings
- 9:30 AM-3:07 PM Condensed Day 1 Schedule

Reminder - front doors open at 7:35 AM

Picture Retake Morning: Wednesday, September 10 from 7:30-10:30 AM

Online Registration Information



The window for completing **Online Registration** is **Friday, August 1 through Friday, August 15**. With multiple payment options available, we encourage families to make fee payments online during the registration process. NO SERVICE CHARGE is ever applied all year long when using your checking account with a routing number (ACH). AND - If you use a debit card or credit card to pay fees, the district is waiving the convenience fee from Aug. 1-15!

You will be able to register at www.lakemills.k12.wi.us, go to the Families Tab, Information & Links and then scroll down to Skyward Family Access. You will need two important pieces of information to register online:

1. Your Family Access Login ID and Password

2. An up-to-date email address in Family Access (you are able to update your email address at any time throughout the school year).

You WILL NOT be able to register without these two pieces of information. If you have forgotten your Login ID and/or Password, **please click on “Forgot Your Login/Password” and follow the directions.**

Once logged in, click 25-26 Online Registration. Please make sure to go through each screen when you register online and be sure to click the button on the bottom of each step that says you completed it. It will also put a checkmark by the step complete. After the last step is complete, you need to click the button on the bottom that says Submit 25-26 Online Registration.

Once you have registered online successfully, you should receive an email that states, “Your High School Online Registration Is Complete!” as well as some other important information. If you don’t receive this email immediately when you think you are finished, **something wasn’t done correctly.**

Please note that if you are a split family, **only the Family 1 person** can do the actual online registration. The Family 2 person can see their information and only update their own personal information, food service, and Skylert, but not register.

PLEASE READ **EACH** SCREEN CAREFULLY - IT DOESN’T TAKE LONG!

Please start checking your Skyward Family Access! It is VERY IMPORTANT that the school has your up-to-date email address! It is the only way information is guaranteed to get to you.

For families that do not have access to a computer, or need assistance with online registration and payments, please call the High School Office to set up an appointment, 920-648-2355.

Online Registration Steps

- **Verify Student Information** - family information, emergency information, address, phone, medical, etc.

VERY IMPORTANT!! When you get to step 1a (Student Information) "Allow Publication of Student's Name for:...", **PLEASE** be sure to read each one CAREFULLY and **ONLY SELECT NO** if you want your student **EXCLUDED** from that category, i.e. Public/Social Media, District, and (Local) Yearbook. If you choose NO for these categories, please know that your student **WILL NOT** be in the local paper and/or any social media, as well as the yearbook.

- **LMASD Annual Notices**
- **Acceptable Use Policy** - EVERYONE MUST do this so computers can be used at LMHS!
- **Insurance Waiver**
- **Supplemental Information** - field trip, school communication

There is a section for Field Trip Permission - please make sure to check this out! You can click a box that gives your child permission for field trips all year long!



- **Parking Permit** - please be sure to fill in all the needed info.-license plate number, year, color, make/model. If you DO NOT need a parking permit at this time, please DO NOT click into this step. If you do click this step and get stuck here, you will need to click the 2025-26 Registration button on the left side, click your students name again, and then do not click back into the parking permit - skip this step.
- **Midwest Scholastic** - this is for 10th & 12th grade students only. This is our company for Class Ring Information (10th Grade) and Graduation Supplies Information (12th Grade). You are granting them permission to send you information regarding these items.
- **Free & Reduced School Meals Application** - Family 1 and Family 2 can both apply for this
- **Food Service Review & Payment**
- **Student Fee Selection & Payment**
- **Verify Skylert Information** - VERY important to do this in case of school cancellation and/or emergencies
- **Complete 25-26 Online Registration**

Simply login and click 25-26 Online Registration. It will walk you thru the above steps. There is a button on the bottom of each step to click that will take you to the next step - you have to click this to move onto the next step.

****Please BE SURE to scroll down to the bottom of the screen when done verifying your Skylert Information and then click Complete 25-26 Online Registration . Once you have done this you should receive an email stating your online registration is complete. If you do not receive this email...something wasn't done right.****

If there is an address change, please contact Rebecca Crenshaw, District Registrar, either by calling 920-648-2215 Ext. 366 or email her at rebecca.crenshaw@lakemills.k12.wi.us

Important Registration Tidbits



1. Returning LMHS students Grade 9-12 **SHOULD NOT** need to purchase a lock; they should have one from last year (this includes last year's 8th graders). Therefore, please **DO NOT** automatically choose to pay for a lock. Don't know the combination - bring the lock into the office and we can help you! The **ONLY** time a student would need to pay for a lock is if they are new to our district OR lost the one they had last year.

2. Please **DO NOT** select any "optional" items (i.e. Yearbook, Parking Pass or any of the Athletic Passes) if you **WILL NOT** be paying online during the registration time period. Because they are optional items, you **MUST** pay for these items immediately after requesting them. Simply choosing them and then not paying for it **DOES NOT** reserve the item for you.

If you choose one of the above items and do not pay online or in person in a timely fashion, it will eventually be deleted from your account so it isn't considered a fine against your child.

Registration Payment Information

The benefit of paying your school fees online is that only one form of payment will be needed for both fees and lunch deposits - no matter how many kids you have enrolled in the Lake Mills Area School District and no matter what building they are in.

Online all year you can always use your Checking Account, ACH, (which is free!). You will need your routing number and account number.

Good News - from Aug. 1-15, if you use a debit card or credit card to pay, the district is waiving the convenience fee!!

If you do not pay online, you will then need to pay for **each child** at their **respective building** - with cash or check only!!

Please avoid the stress of having to run to 3 different buildings. **We are encouraging you to PAY ONLINE** August 1-15.



All-District Picture Day Information - August 14



Lake Mills Area School District will host its annual All-District Picture Day on Thursday, August 14, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Lake Mills High School.

We are partnering with a new photography company this year, [Empire Photography](#). Families can pre-order photo packages online with free home shipping.

Families are encouraged, but not required, to sign up for a photo session in advance to help streamline the process. Siblings may use the same time slot: <https://empirephoto.as.me/LMSD2025>

You can order online either before or after Picture Day. Within 5-10 days, you'll receive an email (& text if opted-in) with a link to your child's secure photo gallery.

Pre-order: <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001260328>

This link NEEDS TO BE COPIED AND PASTED INTO YOUR BROWSER!

If you purchase an athletic pass for your student, please have them bring their receipt from online registration to picture day. An athletic pass will be printed on their student identification card.

Athletic Pass Information

Family Athletic Pass - \$100:

Age 6 thru Grade 12 students enrolled in LMASD

Up to 2 Parents/Guardians - based on what is in Skyward for Family

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If it is a split family (Family 2 in Skyward), the second family must purchase their own passes.



Adult Athletic Pass - \$45:

Anyone that is no longer in high school is their own adult and must purchase their own adult pass.

Student Athletic Pass - \$35:

Students enrolled in LMASD

Individual Ticket Prices:

5 and under - Free

Age 6 Thru Grade 12 - \$3

Adults - \$5

65 & Older - Free

If you purchase a family athletic pass, the passes can be picked up at LMHS with Ms. Berndt in the office starting August 14.

Also, on picture day and/or picture re-take day, if your student could bring in their receipt showing their athletic pass purchase then the pass will be printed on their Student ID when they have their picture taken.

Questions regarding Athletic Passes, please call Ms. Berndt at 920-648-2355 Ext. 302 or email her at christina.berndt@lakemills.k12.wi.us.

Parking Permits



Any vehicle that is parked at LMHS during a school day **MUST** have a current 2025-26 parking permit **visible** on their windshield. This is a removable static (NOT a sticker) therefore no one should be hesitant about putting it on their windshield. It peels on and off and doesn't leave a mark.

Vehicles that do not have a permit will be ticketed. Multiple offenses may result in parking privileges being revoked and/or the vehicle being towed. Don't risk it - get this done NOW before you get a \$10 ticket!

Again this year we will be offering "Making Good Choices = Great Parking Spot". School Resource Officer Jess Johnson will be in charge of these two prime parking spots!

New One-To-One Chromebook Program At LMHS!

We are excited to announce that **beginning Fall 2025, all students in grades 9 through 12 will participate in our new one-to-one Chromebook program.** This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to provide students with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world and continues the philosophy we have implemented in grades 1-8 in terms of device access. **A change moving into this year is that there will no longer be a buy-back option, nor will there be a technology fee assigned during registration.**



Each high school student will be assigned a Chromebook for educational use both in school and at home. This program aims to support personalized learning, improve digital literacy, and ensure equitable access to technology for all students. For more information, please review the LMASD Technology Handbook.

Key Highlights of the Program:

- **Device Distribution:** Chromebooks will be distributed during the first days of school.
- **Usage:** Devices are to be used for school-related activities, including research, assignments, and accessing digital resources. Devices should be charged and ready to use daily. Students will not be able to use their personal devices.
- **Training and Support:** Students will receive guidance on appropriate use, digital citizenship, and basic troubleshooting.
- **Responsibility:** Students and families will be responsible for the care and proper use of the device. A usage agreement will need to be signed **before receiving the Chromebook** and will be part of the online registration process in August. This is under the **Acceptable Use Policy** in your registration steps. Devices do have a limited warranty though some damage may result in a fee.

We believe that this program will enhance learning opportunities, foster engagement, and better prepare our students for future success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mark Your Calendar: September 29 thru October 4 is Homecoming Week!



Homecoming Week is a time for L-Cat Pride throughout LMHS and the district! Our students celebrate with dress-up days, Ironman Volleyball, PowderPuff Football, and a school bonfire. The Homecoming Parade will be at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 3 followed by the Pep Rally at L-Cat Stadium. Go L-Cats!

All LMHS students are invited to attend the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 4 from 7:30-11:00 PM at Lake Mills High School.

Lake Mills Apparel Shop Now Open – Ships to Your Door Fast

LMHS would like to share a new apparel option available through BSN. They've rolled out a **ship-to-home store** that allows anyone to order Lake Mills gear, and it ships **within 24–48 hours** directly to your home.

The shop will be **open through August 14**. If you're looking to grab some LM gear for the school year or just want to show your support, this is a quick and easy way to do it. Feel free to share with your family and friends!



Here's the link to check it out: <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/vm8PFD8NVF>

Contact Mr. Annen if you have any questions, justin.annen@lakemills.k12.wi.us.



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