

LMHS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we move into the second month of school, I want to take a moment to remind everyone just how important **consistent attendance** is for student success.

What the Research Says

Recent research from the Ad Council found that while **86% of parents** understand regular attendance plays a major role in helping their child graduate, nearly **half (49%)** believe missing three or more days a month won't make much difference.

In reality, **missing just two days per month** can cause students to fall behind academically and makes it **less likely they'll graduate on time**.

"Every day counts. Missing even a couple days each month can set students back in ways we don't always see right away."

Why Attendance Matters

Being in school every day builds **responsibility, consistency, and engagement**, skills that serve students well not only in school but also in **college, the workplace, and life**.

When students miss class, they miss out on:

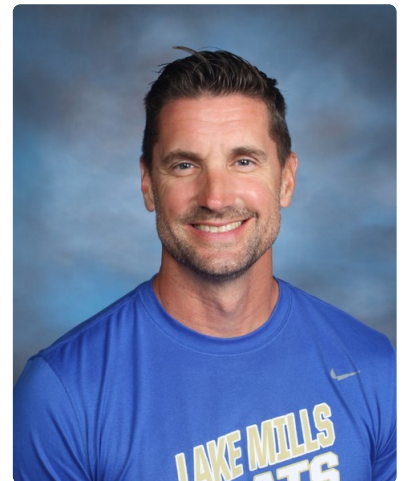
- Active learning and discussion
- Hands-on activities and collaboration
- Opportunities to ask questions and get support

Each of these moments helps students grow both academically and socially.

How Families Can Help

You play a key role in helping your child succeed.

- Encourage consistent bedtime and morning routines
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible
- Reach out if barriers are making attendance difficult, we're here to help



Together, we can make sure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive every day.

Cale Vogel, Principal

OCTOBER CALENDAR



- 6 - Music Fruit Sale Kick Off
- 8 - NHS Fall Blood Drive, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM, Lower Gym
- 8 - FFA State Soils Contest & CDE Workshop at UW-Platteville
- 13 - Graduation Presentation for all Seniors & Foreign Exchange Students
- 15 - PSAT Test, 7:50 AM
- 15 - Senior Yearbook Pictures Due

- 16 - FFA Alumni Fall Social at LMHS
 - 17 - Hispanic Latinx Heritage Celebration, LMC Lab
 - 19 - FFA Sporting Clays Competition at Milford Hills
 - 20 - Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, City Hall
 - 20 - Orchestra Concert, 7 PM, LMC Lab
 - 21 - Graduation Orders Placed During Lunch
 - 21 - Music Fruit Sale Ends
 - 27 - Music Butter Braid Sale Kick Off
 - 28-Nov. 1 - National FFA Convention, Indianapolis
 - 29 - End of First Quarter
 - 30 - No School - Inservice Day
 - 31 - Last Day to Purchase a Yearbook for \$55
 - 31- No School - Students and Staff
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High School Students Explore Careers with Early College Opportunities

Check out this article featuring 3 LMHS seniors and one 2025 graduate through the Start College Now Program at Madison College!





KNOW YOUR OFFICE PERSONNEL



The **Main Office** - Here you will find Administrative Assistants Ms. Berndt and Ms. McFarlane; School Counselors-Ms. Dickhut and Mr. Harty, and our Assistant Principal Mr. Annen.

The **Principal's Office** is located across from the upper gym. Mr. Vogel and Ms. Renz are located there.

Who Do I Ask For Help? High School Telephone Number, 920-648-2355

Ms. McFarlane: Attendance (Ext. 308)

Ms. Berndt: Athletics, Discipline, and Facilities Scheduler (Ext. 302)

Ms. Renz: All Money Transactions and Other School Business (Ext. 301)

For any Guidance Office Items, i.e. Scholarships, College/Technical School Info - please contact your School Counselor. Student Last Names A-K, Mr. Harty (382) and L-Z Ms. Dickhut (326)

Reminder To Check:

Our website daily - the Daily Bulletin is published there as well as other scheduling and program information. www.lakemills.k12.wi.us

Your Skyward Family Access account for ALL kinds of great information.

Follow Mr. Annen via Twitter (@LcatsAthletics) for anything relating to athletics.

Facebook @LakeMillsSD

Instagram @lakemillsareasd

You Tube LMASD

ATTENTION SENIORS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

VERY IMPORTANT!

On Monday, Oct. 13, during advisory, our graduation rep. will be here and present all information needed for graduation cap/gown and supplies.

It is **VERY** important for **ALL** seniors and foreign exchange students to attend this presentation and pick up all the materials needed to place their order!!



Every senior will need a cap, gown and souvenir tassel for the LMHS' Graduation ceremony.

Orders will be placed on Tuesday, Oct. 21 during lunch. It is VERY important to place graduation orders at this time to ensure a timely delivery in the spring and to avoid late charges. If your order isn't turned in on order day, it will be your responsibility to mail it in.

LMASD Orchestra Mentor Program



Director Angela Schmidt founded the program back in 2000 with the goal of increasing enrollment. Additional benefits include volunteer hours for the high school students, the chance to sharpen their communication skills, as well as some supervised teaching experience. The proteges were able to have free private tutoring sessions with someone closer to their age, and an emerging role model.

This past summer, Gabi Dressel, Claudia FitzGibbon, Noelle Herald and Ingrid Spransy of the LMHS Orchestra served as rehearsal mentors. They attended side-by-side rehearsals with students in the 5th and 6th grade.

Two LMHS Orchestra students served as private teachers/lesson mentors during the summer Orchestra program: Gabi Dressel (cello and violin) and Claudia FitzGibbon (viola and violin). LMMS Orchestra students who participated were Guadalupe Aguirre Cortez (violin), Alivia Vander Heyden (cello), Gage Vanselow (violin), and Malachi Stein (violin).

Congratulations to all participants!

Calling AllVeterans - please read attached flyer!



Veterans Day Flyer.pdf

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WHEN PAYING FEES BY CHECK

Please be sure to check your student's Skyward account for fees due. Payment may be brought into LMHS to pay in person or you can pay online. **IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS**

PAYABLE TO LMASD OR LAKE MILLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

You should then use the memo area to say what the check is for.
Thank you for your help with this!



***IMPORTANT** - If during online registration, you selected an "optional item" (i.e. yearbook, parking permit, athletic pass), and you do not pay for it by Oct. 31, it will be taken off your record.

Please also take care of negative lunch balances as well - thank you!

YEARBOOK DEADLINES FOR SENIOR PHOTOS AND PRICE PER BOOK - PLEASE SEE FLYERS



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EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT AND START COLLEGE NOW DEADLINES



Early College Credit Program

Wisconsin's Early College Credit Program (ECCP) allows students in grades 9-12 to take post-secondary courses at a UW System school or a state participating private non-profit institutions of high education

Start College Now Program

Wisconsin's Start College Now Program allows students in Grades 11 & 12 to take post-secondary courses at a technical college.

For both of these programs, the school district pay for tuition and fees unless a comparable course is available in the district. The student is responsible for transportation. The school board must approve these course selections in advance. **Applications for the 2026 Fall Semester are due March 1, 2026**

For more information on either one of these programs, please contact School Counselors Mr. Harty (for students last names A-K) or Ms. Dickhut (for students last names L-Z).

FAFSA Help Offered at LMHS - Tuesday, Nov. 4 - please see flyer



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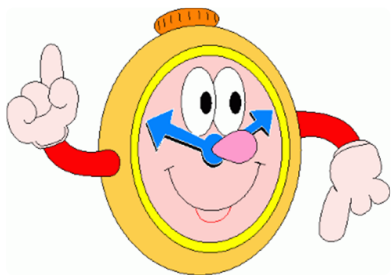
ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!

No More Class Rings...

We recently learned from our Class Ring representative that they no longer offer class rings. Typically this time of year, we would hold a sophomore class meeting where they would do a presentation on Class Rings. Unfortunately, this will no longer be happening.



ATTENDANCE INFO.



*Attendance is essential to school success and is required by law.

*Parents can excuse students, for any reason, 10 days during the school year. These calls should be made in advance or by 8:30 am each day. Call 920-648-2355, Ext. 1 or you can email Ms. McFarlane at rachael.mcfarlane@lakemills.k12.wi.us.

*Any days after 10 are considered "unexcused", unless professionally excused in writing.

*After 5 "unexcused" absences in a semester, a referral is made to the Lake Mills Police Department for Truancy tickets and to Jefferson County Human Services for "Habitual Truancy".

ITEM DROP OFF POLICY

PLEASE HELP US OUT

In order to minimize foot traffic in the front office and to maximize the safety of our students, we are asking you to do the following:

If you are a parent or guardian arriving at the high school during the school day to drop off something for your student, please be prepared to ring the doorbell and state your name and the purpose of your visit to the front office.



Once the front office unlocks the main door for you, please leave the item(s) you are dropping off for your student on the table in the vestibule.

This policy hopes to eliminate unnecessary foot traffic in the front office and will streamline the item drop-off process. A pen and paper will be available on the table for you to label your items with your student's first and last name. Your student will then be able to retrieve the dropped off items at their convenience.

If the dropped off item is time-sensitive and you would like the front office staff to notify your student, please be sure to specify that request when stating your name and purpose of visit.

Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.

STUDENT DROP OFF PARKING JAMS



WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT IN THE MORNING

Dropping off your student by entering through the lower driveway? PLEASE then exit out the same driveway by dropping your student off near the lower gym. We are trying to keep the driveway clear for busses and staff who park in the lower area. Your student will need to walk a bit farther, but you will be helping to reduce the congestion at the intersection of the lower driveway and the main parking lot. Your help is appreciated with this matter.

NOTE FROM OUR FOOD SERVICE TEAM

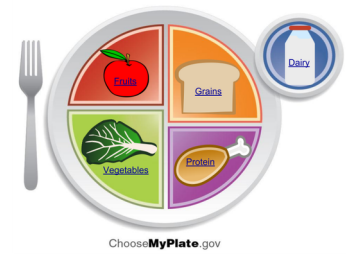
In order for us to remain compliant with the USDA's Child Nutrition Program, our Negative Food Service Account Balance Policy needs to be included in this newsletter to families.

Students will be permitted to purchase meals from the District's food service using their food service account. A student may be allowed to incur a negative food service account balance

subject to the following conditions

Students may be permitted to accumulate a negative food service account balance as determined by the District Administrator. The District Administrator shall determine the manner of determining permissible account balances by grade level. A student with a negative food service account balance will be provided a reimbursable meal. A student shall not be permitted to purchase a la carte items without a sufficient account balance.

PO 8500-Food Service



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