

# LMHS NEWSLETTER

*December, 2025*

## From The Principal's Desk

### Winter Sport Season is Upon Us

This is a great season full of many opportunities for us to come together as a community for several exciting games/matches each week. It is also a time for our annual reminders about the behavior that we expect from our students and spectators.

Student Athletes: Support your teammates, listen to your coach, work your hardest, and enjoy this time in your life. We offer team sports for building strong character and relationships as you learn valuable life lessons.

Student Spectators: Cheer on our team in a positive manner. Uplifting the L-Cats by degrading the other team never works. No comments to the referees are allowed. Enjoy the excitement of cheering on a team with your fellow L-Cats and sharing in the teams' success!

Adult Spectators: Cheer on the L-Cats! Be a great role model for our students by cheering for the positive performance of our athletes and letting the coaches and referees do the jobs they are trained to do. No comments to referees are allowed. Enjoy the excitement of High School athletics!

The Capitol Conference attempts to set similar standards of conduct, but we all know that there is a different atmosphere at each school. At times, visiting teams do cheers or act in a way that we would not allow our students to behave. LMHS students are great at listening to the adult supervisors and responding to "we have more class than that".

We look forward to another fun-filled season with cooperative students and adults.

Go L-Cats! Happy Holiday Season To All!

Cale Vogel, Principal



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# LMHS Calendar

## December

11 - Choir Concert, 7 PM, Auditorium

15 - Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, City Hall

16 - Band Concert with Pop Strings and Jazz Band, 7 PM, Auditorium

23 - School Wide "Ugly" Holiday Attire Day and Santa Social

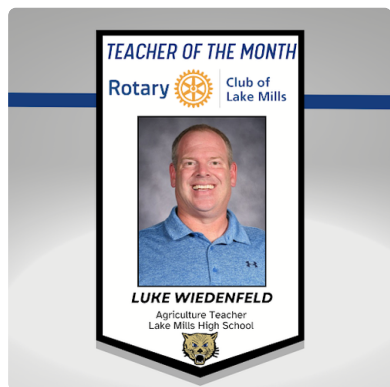
Dec. 24 - January 4 Winter Break

Jan. 5- School Resumes



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## Shout Out to Mr. Luke Wiedenfeld - Rotary Teacher for the Month of November



Mr. Wiedenfeld has been the agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Lake Mills High School for the past 8 years.

He will be recognized at a Rotary meeting in December and will be presented with \$200, an oil change, and various gift certificates as a token of appreciation.

The Lake Mills Rotary Club looks forward to celebrating the dedicated educators who shape the future of our community.

Here is a summary of what his nominees said about him:

- From several students: Mr. Wiedenfeld is exceptionally dedicated, kind, and invests countless hours in the classroom and in leading FFA. He is patient, encouraging, and deeply committed to helping students succeed in school and in life.
- Mr. Wiedenfeld goes above and beyond with how he treats his students, making sure everyone gets what they need. He also puts so much time into FFA, making sure that everything is running smoothly and everything is ready for upcoming events. Mr. Wiedenfeld also runs the concession stand at the football, track, and soccer games; this takes up a lot of his time and energy, but FFA is very thankful that we have him. One of my favorite memories of him is when we once were at school till 11:00 p.m. working on an FFA application for the school; neither of us really wanted to do it when we started, but we went and did it anyways to hopefully get the school recognized at the state convention.

- I don't go to LMHS, but my cousin does, and when he introduced me to Mr. Wiedenfeld at the state FFA convention, he told Mr. Wiedenfeld that I was running for state officer. Then Mr. Wiedenfeld had a long conversation with a kid he just met, not even 5 minutes ago, about how much fun being a state officer is and what goes into it. After talking to him, I realized that he's overall just a nice and kind person, even to people he doesn't know, which is why I think he deserves to be this month's teacher of the month.
- We want to share our appreciation for Luke Wiedenfeld and the work he has done to help us bring Tractor Safety to Madison College. This class happens on Saturdays, and we know that takes time away from his own family. We are very grateful for his commitment, his knowledge, and the care he has for our students. Luke is making a real difference, and we can't thank him enough. ~Chelsey Bauer, Madison College - Watertown Campus

Lake Mills High School is lucky to have Mr. Wiedenfeld!

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## FFA Poinsettia Plant Sale This Week Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 & 5

Fifty students in the Lake Mills High School Horticulture & Landscaping Classes & L-Cat FFA have been working hard caring for their miniature poinsettia projects this semester. The hands-on projects started inside the Lake Mills High School Greenhouse on September 2nd during the first week of school. The poinsettias look gorgeous and will make for great holiday decorations and gift ideas!



The miniature poinsettias are being sold for \$7 each. Cash or checks payable to: Lake Mills Area School District and then Greenhouse Class on the memo line.

The 4 color varieties for this year are:

Red Ribbons

Cinnamon

Ice Punch

North Pole White

The poinsettia sale will take place inside the Lake Mills High School Lobby Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5 from 3:30pm- 7:30pm both days.

National Poinsettia Day is December 12th!



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## Congratulations to LMHS Art Teacher - Ms. Kirkeng



Special congratulations to our own Ms. Kirkeng who has been selected for an Outstanding Educator Award in recognition of her exceptional contributions to her students, the high school, and the broader community.

This honor, presented by [WEA Member Benefits](#) in partnership with Wisconsin Athletics, celebrates Wisconsin public school employees who go above and beyond to make a meaningful impact both in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations Ms. Kirkeng!

(Pictured left to right: Elsa Frandy, Ms. Kirkeng, David Vinluan, and Renesmee Turley)

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## School Closing Information

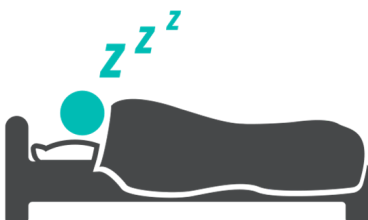
In the event of severe weather conditions that might require school to be closed or delayed, everyone can get information the following ways:

- Check our Facebook Page
- Check Twitter
- Go to the district website at [lakemills.k12.wi.us](http://lakemills.k12.wi.us)
- Call the high school at 648-2355 and go to extension 500
- It will also be mentioned on some local television and radio stations
- Make sure all your information is correct in Skylert - we send texts and phone calls as well!



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## Importance of Sleep



In our recent school climate survey, 31% of LMHS students reported that they don't get enough sleep (8-10 hours per night).

Sleep is crucial for students as it influences their brain development, academic performance, and overall well-being. Beyond providing a foundation for memory consolidation and critical thinking, sleep enhances focus and attentiveness in the classroom.

- Emotionally, sleep plays an important role in regulating mood and reducing stress.
- Physically, it supports immune function and contributes to cardiovascular health, while also aiding in hormonal regulation crucial for growth and development during the teenage years.
- Sleep also fosters positive social interactions, behavioral regulation, and safety awareness.

With all these benefits in mind, LMHS students should prioritize consistent and sufficient sleep!

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## Tardies Reminder

Just a reminder that students are to be in their classroom at 7:50 AM...not arriving to school at 7:50 AM.

A tardy is noted if the student is not in the classroom when the bell rings. When a teacher reports six tardies to the office, a 30 minute detention is assigned.



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## Looking Ahead



Jan. 14, 15 & 16 - First Semester Exams

Jan. 19 & 20 - No School, In-Service Days

March 11 - Class Event Day

9th Grade - Tech. College Tours

10th Grade - College Tours

11th Grade - ACT Plus Writing Test

12th Grade - Portfolio Work Day/Turn In Day By 3:15 PM

March 27 - End of Third Quarter

March 30 thru April 3 - Spring Break, No School

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## First Semester Exam Schedule

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

3:15 - 4 PM Link Crew Cocoa & Cram for Freshmen Exams in the LMC

### \*Wednesday, Jan. 14

7:50 – 9:23 AM Block 1

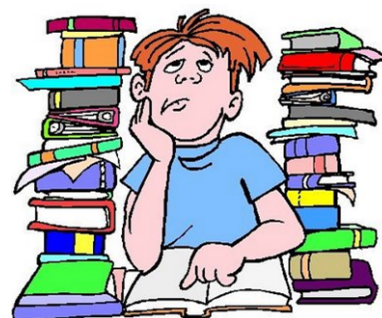
9:23 – 9:38 AM Break

9:38 – 11:09 AM Block 2

11:09 – 11:45 AM Lunch

11:45 AM – 1:16 PM Block 4

1:30 – 3:00 PM Link Crew Cocoa & Cram for Freshmen Exams in the LMC or Exam Make- Ups



### **\*Thursday, Jan. 15**

7:50 – 9:23 AM Block 1

9:23 – 9:38 AM Break

9:38 – 11:09 AM Block 2

11:09 – 11:45 AM Lunch

11:45 AM – 1:16 PM Block 4

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### **Friday, Jan. 16**

7:50 – 9:23 AM Day 1 Block 3

9:23 – 9:38 AM Break

9:38 – 11:09 AM Day 2 Block 3

12:00 – 3:00 PM Exam Make-Ups

\*If school is canceled **PRIOR** to these dates, the Day 1 and Day 2 day designation may change.  
(In our next newsletter, we will have Day 1 and Day 2 designated.)

In the event that school is canceled on one of the Exam Days, please check our school website at [www.lakemills.k12.wi.us](http://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us) for an updated schedule.

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## **Dress in Layers**



Our students seem to be having a difficult time transitioning to our new temperatures.

Please remind your student that some parts of the building are warmer than others and our temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day.

Having extra clothes in their lockers is a great idea.

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## **Early College Credit and Start College Now Deadline**

### **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



### **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 and applications for the 2027 Spring semester are due October 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).



### **Mr. Cale Vogel**

Follow Lake Mills High School Athletics on Twitter!

- @LcatsAthletics, Mr. Annen "tweets" all about LMHS Athletics!

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