



## Lakeview Middle School Newsletter

October 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

October 10, 2025 – Act 80 Day  
(No School for Students)

October 13, 2025 – School Closed

October 28, 2025 – Last Day of First 9-Weeks

November 6, 2025 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 7, 2025 – Act 80 Day  
(No School for Students)

November 11, 2025 – School Closed

November 26, 2025 – Early Dismissal at 11:30 am

November 27-December 1, 2025 – School Closed

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not, it is October already! I have always loved this time of the year with its cooler weather, the vibrant colors of the leaves, and of course, Halloween.

In terms of school, October is a time during which students, parents, and school staff are at least a little more settled and past the more hectic days of August and September when everyone is trying to figure out their new schedules, take on new responsibilities, and meet new people. Hopefully by now, everyone is feeling more comfortable and has gotten into a good groove that will carry them through the school year.

October 28 is the end of the first grading period, so it is important for students to make sure they are doing what they need to do to be successful in each of their classes. If you are behind with your classwork or you are struggling to understand some things, please reach out to someone as soon as possible. Your parents, teachers, guidance counselor, and I are all here to help you. There are resources available to assist you and help you get back on track and stay there.

Happy Fall to everyone, and have a great October!

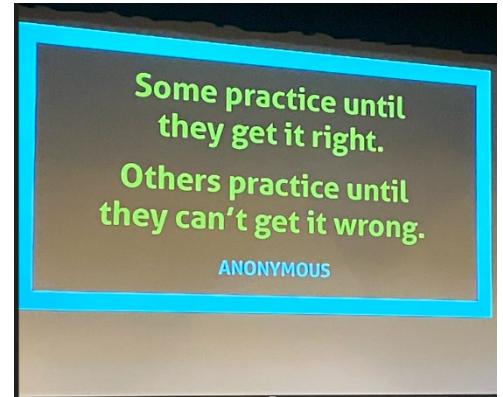
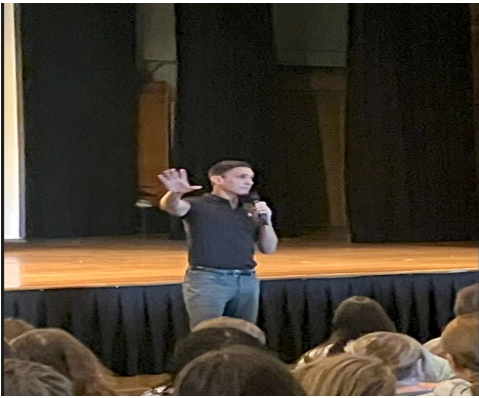
Go Sailors!

Mr. Ace



Why didn't the skeleton go to the Homecoming Dance?  
He had no body to go with!





On September 5, 2025, Joe Klimchak, In-Game Host of the Pittsburgh Pirates, delivered a powerful message to our students with his presentation, “IEP to MLB.” Joe talked about himself growing up as an “average” kid who had an incredible goal of being the announcer for the Pittsburgh Pirates. One huge obstacle that could have kept Joe from achieving his dream was the fact that he struggled with a speech issue. He described how hard he had to work to reach his career goal, how some doubted him along the way, and how he eventually made his dream come true. During Joe’s presentation, our students were fully engaged and appreciative of what he had to share. Joe was equally impressed with the respect and participation demonstrated by our middle school students.

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Our first middle school Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) pep rally of the school year was a huge success. We talked about the Sailor Code and incentives for positive school behavior. We also had fun with some games!



**Mr. Raatz participating in the “Dizzy Bat” race.**

## Did you Know?

We have a Speech and Debate Team that is open to any students in grades 6-12. Practice is individual, and it is asked that students attend just once a week for a 25-minute time slot either before or after school. Practice is based on students' availability, so students can still participate in other sports and activities. Practices start the first week of October and there are tournaments scheduled from the beginning of November until the end of February. For high school students who participate in the State Championships, the season extends through the middle of March.

Students participating on the Speech and Debate Team can pick from the following categories:

Declamation (DEC)	The speaker performs a speech that was written by someone else and has been presented, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream." 10 minutes max, memorized only, 9th and 10th grade only.
Dramatic Performance (DP) Humorous Interpretation (HI)	10 minute max memorized speech should be dramatic or humorous and must be in a single, published play/script or single fictional or nonfictional work (not poetry). Gestures enhance performance.
Dramatic Interpretation (DUO)	Two speakers perform a piece from a single play, fictional or non-fictional work. Memorized, 10 minutes max. Performers add actions to enhance but do not touch or look at each other. Similar to a short play.
Extemporaneous (EXT)	The speaker is assigned a topic of international and national significance and is given 30 minutes to write a speech without the "internet". Speech delivery max 7 minutes.
Oral Interpretation (OI) Poetry/Prose	This vent requires two literature based, published pieces from a single play, fictional or nonfictional work. A series of poems is permitted. Students will use a manuscript. 10 minutes max for each round (1 poetry, 1 prose).
Original Oratory (OO)	The speaker writes a persuasive or informational speech on a topic of their choice, Memorized, 10 minute max.
Congress (CON)	Students work as a team to write a bill, and prepare short speeches (notes permitted) on specified topics either pro or con to debate in a congress like setting.

Meetings were held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 during each lunch period for any students that were interested in learning more about the Speech and Debate Team and to sign up to join the team. Any questions can be directed to the Speech and Debate Team Advisor, Mrs. Brazell.

# SPIRIT WEEK

In line with this year's Homecoming, the high school student council is holding a *Spirit Week* from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. All students and staff in the middle-high school are welcome to participate by dressing up to match each daily theme.

**Monday - PJ Day**

**Tuesday - Camo Day (Hats are permitted)**

**Wednesday - BBQ Dads & Soccer Moms Day (Hats are permitted)**

**Thursday - Dress Your Best Day (Formal attire)**

**Friday - White lies (Must be school appropriate)**



**Remember the SAILOR CODE:**

- ✓ **Be Here/Be Ready**
- ✓ **Be Respectful**
- ✓ **Be Safe**
- ✓ **Be Positive**