

LMHS NEWSLETTER

February 2026

From The Principal's Desk



The LMHS staff extends a warm welcome to your ongoing support for our school community as we approach the latter half of the academic year with determination. Undoubtedly, we anticipate facing familiar challenges ahead, and thus, we aim to provide some helpful reminders to guide us through the remainder of the semester.

✦ Please check your email daily (students & parents). There will be a lot of information sent out over the next several weeks/months that will pertain to graduation, scholarships, testing, and other important items.

✦ For our current 9th thru 11th graders, letters were recently sent out which explains the 2026-27 Course Selection Registration Process. Please be sure to read this for more detailed information.

✦ The Daily Bulletin is posted on our website each day by 9:30 AM - check it out!

✦ Log into your Skyward account and check your child's grades, fees owed, messages, etc.

✦ Stay Involved!

Keep Warm!

Cale Vogel
Principal

February Calendar

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1 - Lake Mills FFA Alumni Toy Show and Craft Fair Fundraiser at Lake Mills Middle School

2 - Conference Forensics at Waterloo (Weather Date Feb. 9)

11 - FFA Farm Forum at Rothschild

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

21 - Big-Little Dance Sponsored by LM United, Commons

21 - FFA Floral Design Workshop at Lake Geneva
22 - Lake Mills FFA Alumni Card Party and Silent Auction Fundraiser at LMHS
22-28 National FFA Week
23 - Cap. Conf. Math Meet at Columbus
24 - Solo & Ensemble Showcase, 5:30 PM
24 - LM United Youth Unity Summit
24 - FFA Culver's Night, LM Culver's, 4-7 PM
26 & 27 - FFA Fire Leadership Conference at Southwest Tech. College
28 - Dist. Solo & Ensemble at Lodi, 8 AM-4 PM



Wisconsin DOJ Releases Sextortion Public Service Announcement



From School Resource Officer Jess Johnson

Sextortion is currently one of the more significant threats to children online. Sextortion is a form of sexual exploitation where the offender threatens to release compromising material of the victim unless the victim sends money, gift cards, and/or additional sexual content, or engages in sexual activity. Children are particularly vulnerable to this type of crime. Sextortion has led to tragic consequences for victims, including mental health crisis and suicide.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, the National Suicide Hotline is 988. You can call or text to reach a mental health professional.

This public service announcement comes after 2025 Wisconsin Act 48 was signed into law, making sextortion a felony in Wisconsin. The PSA features two Wisconsin families whose children were victims of sextortion.

[The PSA can be viewed on YouTube.](#)

Please contact dojcommunications@doj.state.wi.us for a downloadable file.

Tips For Teens Who May Be Victims of Sextortion

- Remember, it's not your fault!
- It's never too late to get help. Tell a parent or trusted adult right away.
- Do not pay money or comply with the blackmailer's requests.
- Report the account through the platform's safety feature.
- Block the suspect, but DO NOT DELETE the messages or your profile to preserve potential evidence for law enforcement.
- Report the crime to law enforcement or at [CyberTipLine.com](https://www.cybertipline.com)

Online Safety Tips for Parents

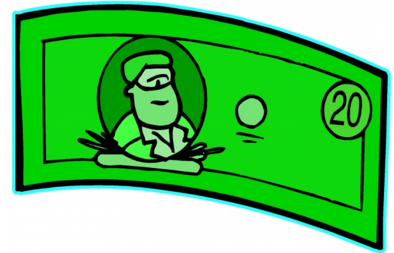
The best way parents can protect children online is through creating and maintaining open lines of communication. Prepare your children for the online world as you would the real world. Talk to

them about dangers and risks online, as well as their online activity, including the websites they are visiting, the people they are communicating with, the information they are posting about themselves, and any situations that make them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force offers a variety of online safety resources for parents and caregivers. Additional resources can be found on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/sexortion>.

Second Semester Class Fees

Because students were doing class changes, we were waiting to assess 2nd semester fees. They now show in Skyward.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR FAMILY ACCESS to determine if/how much you owe. You can either pay online or pay at the high school. Please make checks payable to LMASD.



FYI - Statements are emailed AND mailed out each month.

Your PROMPT ATTENTION to this matter is greatly appreciated!!

Information for High School Happenings on Wednesday, March 11

On Wednesday, March 11, which is in the Statewide ACT Test Window Date, we will be doing things a little different for the day at LMHS We are calling it our **Class Event Day**.

On this day, **all students should still report to school for a 7:50 AM start** and follow the plan below:

9th Grade - will go on two Technical College Tours - Fort Atkinson and Watertown

Lunch option is either bring your own lunch or you can have a school provided lunch and the amount will be deducted from your food service balance.

10th Grade - will go on two College Tours - UW-Madison and UW-Whitewater

Lunch is included, so no money is needed.

11th Grade - will do the ACT Plus Writing Test here at LMHS

12th Grade - this will be a Portfolio Work Day/Turn In Day

ALL PORTFOLIOS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 3:15 PM ON THIS DAY!

This is considered a regular school day. All students are expected to be in attendance. More details to follow in the near future about this day.

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 and applications for Spring 2027 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).

Open Enrollment Information

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2026-2027 school year is from February 2-April 30, 2026.

Parents may apply during this time. There will be a live link to the DPI application portal on the district's open enrollment page for parents starting February 2.

Families who are already open enrolled do not need to reapply.

For more information, you can:

 Visit the LMASD website: www.lakemills.k12.wi.us. Right at the top of the page hover over the word Enrollment and click on Open Enrollment.

 Contact Rebecca Crenshaw at the District Office, 920-648-2215, Ext. 366 or rebecca.crenshaw@lakemills.k12.wi.us



Calendar Feature: NOTIFY ME

Our website has a great feature! When you go to the High School website and click on calendar at the top, you will see our daily event calendar.



And if you go one category over to the left and hover on Athletics, and then click "Athletic Calendar", it will take you to the rSchool calendar and within it you can register for texts and/or emails to remind you of chosen events.

The NOTIFY ME feature on the right side can register you to be notified if there are cancellations or changes to the schedule of your choice.

Although it is reached through the "athletic calendar", you can choose from many types of categories - check it out!

#LCATPRIDE

Monthly Statements

Each month we email and mail home monthly financial statements to those families that owe class fees, student fines, etc. Payments can be:

- Made Electronically
- Mailed In
- Bring them into the high school - either you or your student

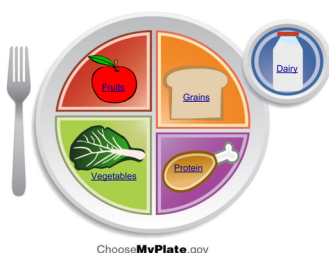


Avoid end of the year frustration and please take care of these obligations now!

Lunch Payments - It is also MUCH APPRECIATED to keep your lunch accounts in the positive. You can also pay this online or by sending payment with your student.

You can see both these balances by logging into your Skyward account.

Food Service Menu Information



Menu changes may occasionally occur due to unforeseen circumstances, such as school closures and/or product availability.

The District website will be updated as needed if changes are made.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to check the online menu, especially after a school closure.

Nominate a Teacher of the Month

The Lake Mills Rotary Club is proud to recognize and celebrate outstanding educators who make a meaningful difference in our schools. The Teacher of the Month program honors exceptional teachers, encourages excellence in education, and strengthens the connection between our schools and the Lake Mills community.

Recognition & Awards

Each Teacher of the Month will receive:

- A Certificate of Excellence from the Lake Mills Rotary Club
- Public recognition at a Rotary Club meeting (with the nominator invited to attend!)
- Lunch, \$200, an oil change, and various gift certificates as a small thank-you for their big impact

Do you know a teacher who goes above and beyond for students? Now's your chance to recognize their dedication and passion for education.

How to Nominate

Submit your nomination [online](#)—it's quick and easy!

Please Remember...

Please be sure that all your information in Skyward is current and up to date.

With the winter season upon us, or for any other school emergency, that is the information we (and the District Office) use to contact you.



To make changes, you can get the directions from our website (www.lakemills.k12.wi.us), select Families, then Forms and Information and then Family Access Instructions.

Please pay special attention to your phone numbers and email addresses as well as the Skylert information.

Your help in keeping your information current is MUCH appreciated!!

VERY IMPORTANT

Do you have an address change?? All address changes must be documented through Rebecca Crenshaw at our District Office. You can either email her at rebecca.crenshaw@lakemills.k12.wi.us or call her at 920-648-2215, Ext. 366..

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
 - 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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