

Lakeview Community Schools

Viking Voyager

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Each December, Lakeview publishes an Annual Report, a snapshot of where our district stands and the progress we've made over the past year. While the report itself includes detailed data, financial information, and state-required metrics, I want to use this month's newsletter to focus on the bigger picture: where we're headed, what we're prioritizing, and how we're planning for the future.

Many of the projects completed this year fell into the category of necessary and obvious improvements. Our athletic field lighting had reached the end of its useful life, with some areas becoming unreliable and inefficient. Updates were needed not just to improve visibility and performance, but to ensure long-term reliability and safety. Similarly, updates to our transportation fleet were made to ensure we continue to meet and exceed state and federal safety expectations, replacing older vehicles before they became an issue. These were important steps, but they also represent a shift in how we think about planning.

Moving forward, Lakeview is transitioning from a reactive approach to a more proactive, long-range mindset. The goal is to anticipate needs before they become urgent, allowing us to remain both efficient and effective while being good stewards of our resources. This approach better positions the district to support students, staff, and families not just today, but for years to come.

One significant area of focus ahead is how we approach Continuous Improvement Planning (CIP). All districts are required to engage in continuous improvement as part of state accountability and accreditation, but how that work looks can vary widely. Lakeview is in a strong position to tighten our focus, streamline our efforts, and ensure that our improvement work is purposeful rather than procedural. The intent is simple: to align our work so that every employee, across every role, is moving toward a shared set of goals that truly matter for students.

Finally, I want to invite you to be part of an exciting new opportunity to stay connected: **Lakeview Live. On February 17**, we'll be hosting a live, interactive show streamed on YouTube. You can watch live from the comfort of your home, or catch the recording later if that works better. The event will be about an hour long and feature guests from across the district, updates on what's happening at Lakeview, and opportunities for audience interaction. And yes, there will be chances to win prizes.

Transparency, communication, and thoughtful planning remain central to the work we're doing. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we move Lakeview forward together.

We are Lakeview!

Rick Meyer
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools



Junior High Honor Roll - 2025-2026 School Year - Quarter 2

Student Name	Grade Level	Level	Student Name	Grade Level	Level
Bartos, Aida Mae	8	Distinction	Franzen, Kinley Jayne	7	Distinction
Bauer, Lauren Michelle	8	Distinction	Freeland, Trevor Jackson	7	Distinction
Behnk, John Michael	8	Distinction	Lorenz, Paige Diane	7	Distinction
Bell, Jaxon Steven	8	Distinction	Loseke, Elizabeth Marie	7	Distinction
Brunott, Avy Ruth	8	Distinction	Loveless, Audiella Renee	7	Distinction
Buss, Aliyah Rae	8	Distinction	Luebe, Brice Christopher	7	Distinction
Christie, Avery Lee	8	Distinction	Marxsen, Jacob Ryan	7	Distinction
Cruz Flores, Gisselle Alice	8	Distinction	Miller, Isaiah Robert	7	Distinction
Curtis, Lathan Eli	8	Distinction	Moore, Mia Hananel	7	Distinction
Epley, Kaira Rose	8	Distinction	Oltman, Jaxton Ryder	7	Distinction
Escen, Brady Donald	8	Distinction	Palensky, Kylie Brielle	7	Distinction
Fendrick, Amber Lynn	8	Distinction	Recinos Mendez, Gilma Sophia	7	Distinction
Hadenfeldt, Hunter Thomas	8	Distinction	Riojas Arenivas, Natalia	7	Distinction
Hernandez Santos, Natalia	8	Distinction	Seda, Holden James	7	Distinction
Luckey, Kodee Lynn	8	Distinction	Toth, Megan	7	Distinction
Mohrman, Avery Lance	8	Distinction	Wagoner, Emerie Lynn	7	Distinction
Molt, Tylea Ann	8	Distinction	Wortman, Reese Elizabeth	7	Distinction
Mora, Daisy	8	Distinction	Zamora Rodriguez, Aleksa	7	Distinction
Perrin, Elyena Grace	8	Distinction	Glendy, Oliver Ace	8	Honor Roll
Schreiber, Carly Jo	8	Distinction	Groteluschen, Aubrey Ann	8	Honor Roll
Schroeder, Hailey Annette	8	Distinction	Jimenez Vargas, Diego	8	Honor Roll
Swanigan, Mila Christine	8	Distinction	Kaup, Makenna Rae	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Alexandria Rae	8	Distinction	Marxsen, Colton James	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Carley Marie	8	Distinction	Robinson, Keeley Jonel	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Kase Christopher	8	Distinction	Shuster, Ethan Alan	8	Honor Roll
Whitmore, Alexa Nicole	8	Distinction	Sucha, Bailey Ann	8	Honor Roll
Wortmann, Taylor Raegan	8	Distinction	Sutton, Addisyn Danielle	8	Honor Roll
Bargen, Hadley Lynn	7	Distinction	Wacker, Veronica Royce	8	Honor Roll
Becker, Lucy Lauren	7	Distinction	Zamora Rodriguez, Juan Pablo	8	Honor Roll
Blum, Silas James	7	Distinction	Zulkoski, Avery Lynn	8	Honor Roll
Brunott, Lila Drew	7	Distinction	Carey, Avalynn Rose	7	Honor Roll
Cuda, Jase Thomas	7	Distinction	Gonka, Avery	7	Honor Roll
Czapla, Camille Marie	7	Distinction	Jaeger, Taya Sophia	7	Honor Roll
De Jesus Alvarez, Nahomi	7	Distinction	LeSuer, Mason Ray	7	Honor Roll
Dicke, Paisley Jeannette	7	Distinction	Luchsinger, Arabella Michelle	7	Honor Roll
Ellis, Serenity Rae	7	Distinction	Miller, Veda Lynn	7	Honor Roll
Ellsworth, Aubree Elizabeth	7	Distinction	Moctezuma Gomez, Liliana	7	Honor Roll
Faltys, Sophia Rose	7	Distinction	Murray, Dakota Edward	7	Honor Roll
			Robinson, Ava Ryan	7	Honor Roll



Junior High Honor Roll - 2025-2026 School Year - Semester 1

Student Name	Grade Level	Level	Student Name	Grade Level	Level
Aerni, Ethan G	8	Distinction	Faltys, Sophia Rose	7	Distinction
Bartos, Aida Mae	8	Distinction	Franzen, Kinley Jayne	7	Distinction
Bauer, Lauren Michelle	8	Distinction	Freeland, Trevor Jackson	7	Distinction
Behnk, John Michael	8	Distinction	Lorenz, Paige Diane	7	Distinction
Bell, Jaxon Steven	8	Distinction	Loseke, Elizabeth Marie	7	Distinction
Brunott, Avy Ruth	8	Distinction	Loveless, Audiella Renee	7	Distinction
Buss, Aliyah Rae	8	Distinction	Luebe, Brice Christopher	7	Distinction
Christie, Avery Lee	8	Distinction	Miller, Isaiah Robert	7	Distinction
Cruz Flores, Gisselle Alice	8	Distinction	Moore, Mia Hananel	7	Distinction
Curtis, Lathan Eli	8	Distinction	Oltman, Jaxton Ryder	7	Distinction
Epley, Kaira Rose	8	Distinction	Palensky, Kylie Brielle	7	Distinction
Escen, Brady Donald	8	Distinction	Recinos Mendez, Gilma Sophia	7	Distinction
Fendrick, Amber Lynn	8	Distinction	Riojas Arenivas, Natalia	7	Distinction
Hadenfeldt, Hunter Thomas	8	Distinction	Robinson, Ava Ryan	7	Distinction
Hernandez Santos, Natalia	8	Distinction	Seda, Holden James	7	Distinction
Jimenez Vargas, Diego	8	Distinction	Toth, Megan	7	Distinction
Luckey, Kodee Lynn	8	Distinction	Wagoner, Emerie Lynn	7	Distinction
Mohrman, Avery Lance	8	Distinction	Wortman, Reese Elizabeth	7	Distinction
Molt, Tylea Ann	8	Distinction	Zamora Rodriguez, Aleksa	7	Distinction
Mora, Daisy	8	Distinction	Bell, Akryn Gene	8	Honor Roll
Perrin, Elyena Grace	8	Distinction	Glendy, Oliver Ace	8	Honor Roll
Schreiber, Carly Jo	8	Distinction	Kaup, Makenna Rae	8	Honor Roll
Schroeder, Hailey Annette	8	Distinction	Marxsen, Colton James	8	Honor Roll
Sucha, Bailey Ann	8	Distinction	Runge, Vivienne Rose	8	Honor Roll
Swanigan, Mila Christine	8	Distinction	Shuster, Ethan Alan	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Alexandria Rae	8	Distinction	Sutton, Addisyn Danielle	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Carley Marie	8	Distinction	Wacker, Veronica Royce	8	Honor Roll
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Whitmore, Alexa Nicole	8	Distinction	Zulkoski, Avery Lynn	8	Honor Roll
Wortmann, Taylor Raegan	8	Distinction	Brabec, Cyla Lee	7	Honor Roll
Bargen, Hadley Lynn	7	Distinction	Carey, Avalynn Rose	7	Honor Roll
Becker, Lucy Lauren	7	Distinction	Gloria Espino, Jovany	7	Honor Roll
Blum, Silas James	7	Distinction	Goering, Michael Reed	7	Honor Roll
Brunott, Lila Drew	7	Distinction	Gonka, Avery	7	Honor Roll
Cuda, Jase Thomas	7	Distinction	Jaeger, Taya Sophia	7	Honor Roll
Czapla, Camille Marie	7	Distinction	LeSuer, Mason Ray	7	Honor Roll
De Jesus Alvarez, Nahomi	7	Distinction	Luchsinger, Arabella Michelle	7	Honor Roll
Dicke, Paisley Jeannette	7	Distinction	Marxsen, Jacob Ryan	7	Honor Roll
Ellis, Serenity Rae	7	Distinction	Miller, Veda Lynn	7	Honor Roll
Ellsworth, Aubree Elizabeth	7	Distinction	Moctezuma Gomez, Liliana	7	Honor Roll



High School Honor Roll - 2025-2026 School Year - Semester 1

Student Name	Grade Level	Level	Student Name	Grade Level	Level
Badstieber, Elle Clara	12	Distinction	Perez, Marelly	12	Honor Roll
Bahena Jr, Virgilio	12	Distinction	Vogt, Grayson James	12	Honor Roll
Bargen, Laura Anne	12	Distinction	Wacker, Preston Fredric	12	Honor Roll
Bartos, Cora Marie	12	Distinction	Wemhoff, Lily Kathryn	12	Honor Roll
Bennett, Breanna Victoria	12	Distinction	Abegglen, Jodi Ann	11	Distinction
Bentz, Cali Michelle	12	Distinction	Bartos, Harris Keith	11	Distinction
Berkeland, Ellison Beth	12	Distinction	Bird, Abby Mae	11	Distinction
Borer, Jett Johnathon	12	Distinction	Burns, Jordan Lane	11	Distinction
Borgman, Daniel Ryan	12	Distinction	Ceder, Jackson Lee	11	Distinction
Boyer, Rallie Fairlane	12	Distinction	Chavez, Matteo Antonio	11	Distinction
Briggs, Erinn Grace	12	Distinction	Ditter, Owen Lucas	11	Distinction
Dawson, Grace Kathryn	12	Distinction	Enriquez Sanchez, Genesis	11	Distinction
Dicke, Corbin Leo	12	Distinction	Enriquez Sanchez, Grace	11	Distinction
Eberhart, Rylee Grace	12	Distinction	Estrada, Daniel Efrain	11	Distinction
Ellsworth, Abby Elizabeth	12	Distinction	Finecy, Emma Marie	11	Distinction
Ganskow, Summer Rae	12	Distinction	Glendy, Emma Grace	11	Distinction
Hiesterman, Morgan Riley	12	Distinction	Greisen, MaKenzie Marie	11	Distinction
Hinds, Reagan Josephine	12	Distinction	Gronenthal, Kobe Ryan	11	Distinction
Hrouda, Levi Leonard	12	Distinction	Hadenfeldt, Avery May	11	Distinction
Jasper, Bailey Grace	12	Distinction	Henk, Nash Payton	11	Distinction
Loseke, Jordyn Ann	12	Distinction	Hornung, Hadley Rose	11	Distinction
McManigal, Christopher Alen	12	Distinction	Janssen, Will Douglas	11	Distinction
Molt, Taryn Lea	12	Distinction	Jareske, Alyssa Marie	11	Distinction
Moore, Levi Curtis	12	Distinction	Knorr, Jillian Mae	11	Distinction
Osten, Parker Kenneth	12	Distinction	Long, Julia Emerson	11	Distinction
Pelc, Karlie May	12	Distinction	Lutjelusche, Emily Erin	11	Distinction
Rathbone, Blake Ryan	12	Distinction	Miller, Tessa Nicole	11	Distinction
Romberg, Jackson Joshua	12	Distinction	Mohrman, Emerson Edward	11	Distinction
Romero Medina, Cristhel Anahi	12	Distinction	Mulder, Vivienne Marie	11	Distinction
Rowe, Katherine Christine	12	Distinction	Sabillon Vargas, Josse Andres	11	Distinction
Sander, Lexie Ann	12	Distinction	Soulliere, Dane William	11	Distinction
Schmidt, Carter Craig	12	Distinction	Viergutz, Rylin James	11	Distinction
Schreiber, Ella Catherine	12	Distinction	Voelker, Gideon Dierking	11	Distinction
Sloup, Caleb James	12	Distinction	Wilson, Jaedin Katherine	11	Distinction
Spohn, Sydney Ann	12	Distinction	Bowen, Keagan Tomas	11	Honor Roll
Stromberg, Isabella Kathleen	12	Distinction	Farrell, Zane Cooper	11	Honor Roll
Stuthman, Will Nathan	12	Distinction	Gerrard, Taylor Rebecca	11	Honor Roll
Valdes, Elisabet	12	Distinction	Gloria Espino, Jose Angel	11	Honor Roll
Vollertsen, Ellee Grace	12	Distinction	Helms, Calli Sue	11	Honor Roll
Wolfe, Brielle Patricia	12	Distinction	Hornung, Hudson Cooper	11	Honor Roll
Wollberg, Austin Ryan	12	Distinction	Jimenez, Victor Joan	11	Honor Roll
Clark, Kaleb Joe	12	Honor Roll	Kapels, Aidan Scott	11	Honor Roll
DeAnda, Brandon Michael	12	Honor Roll	Langan, Cale Jay	11	Honor Roll
Familo-Trainer, Cory Lynn Nicole	12	Honor Roll	Lopez Vega, Daisy de la Caridad	11	Honor Roll
Glendy, Jack Delano	12	Honor Roll	Lorenz, Samuel Dale	11	Honor Roll
Loseke, Quinn Mayvrie	12	Honor Roll	Recinos-Tapia, Genesis Monzerratte	11	Honor Roll
Matzen, Robert Emil	12	Honor Roll	Runge, Isabelle Ruby	11	Honor Roll
Moreno-Franco, Cristopher Salvador	12	Honor Roll	Santos, Alexander	11	Honor Roll



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Student Name	Grade Level	Level	Student Name	Grade Level	Level
Anderson, Rayetta Jo	10	Distinction	Anderson, Gage Chase	9	Distinction
Badstieber, Ayla Rose	10	Distinction	Barrera Yanes, Ahuner Yanluz	9	Distinction
Bargen, Meredith Joy	10	Distinction	Becker, Maci Morgan	9	Distinction
Caballero Vega, Deysi	10	Distinction	Behlen, Addison RaeAnn	9	Distinction
Dicke, Kenna Marie	10	Distinction	Bentz, Gunner Allen	9	Distinction
Eberhart, Adalyn Jean	10	Distinction	Blum, Shelly Rose	9	Distinction
Ferris, Caitlyn Marie	10	Distinction	Buss, Anaiah Grey	9	Distinction
Fisher, Trinity Hope	10	Distinction	Buss, Ann Marie	9	Distinction
Forney, Ell Mya	10	Distinction	Canis, Ciena McKay	9	Distinction
Freeland, Hailey Eva	10	Distinction	Ceder, Evan Stockton	9	Distinction
Greisen, Larkyn Skye	10	Distinction	Elm, Zachary Adam	9	Distinction
Hegemann, Brylee Hope	10	Distinction	Escen, Carter Michael	9	Distinction
Hrouda, Faith Kathleen	10	Distinction	Espiritu Emigdio, Ana Karla	9	Distinction
Hruska, Bekka Mae	10	Distinction	Faltys, Lucy Ann	9	Distinction
Jimenez, Daniel	10	Distinction	Faltys, Natalie Marie	9	Distinction
Killham, Karley Jo	10	Distinction	Franzen, Beau Remington	9	Distinction
Killham, Kora Ann	10	Distinction	Hellbusch, Landon Charles	9	Distinction
Kula, Sidney Taylor	10	Distinction	Henk, Hallie Jean	9	Distinction
Leffers, Caleigh Jo	10	Distinction	Holt, Hazelle Mirakel	9	Distinction
Line, Alexis Rose	10	Distinction	Huhman, Kenidee Jean	9	Distinction
Line, Brianna Kristine	10	Distinction	Jareske, Ava Christine	9	Distinction
Mejstrik, Jaelyn Rose	10	Distinction	Kavan, Tatum Lynn	9	Distinction
Metcalfe, Aurorah Nicole	10	Distinction	Knorr, Laurel Jane	9	Distinction
Morrison, Taylor Marie	10	Distinction	Koch, Caitlyn Marie	9	Distinction
Navarro, Naira	10	Distinction	Leon Carrillo, David Emmanuel	9	Distinction
Neemeyer, Abigail Rae	10	Distinction	Lorenz, Molly Renee	9	Distinction
Perrin, Celine Marie	10	Distinction	Manak, Wyatt Joseph Allen	9	Distinction
Pierce, Callen Jack	10	Distinction	Masek, Bentley Kaye	9	Distinction
Reese, Cora Leigh	10	Distinction	Meyer, Brendan Kael	9	Distinction
Ruelas Sanchez, Sebastian	10	Distinction	Perez Reyes, Cindy	9	Distinction
Schmidt, Ty Michael	10	Distinction	Peterson, Savannah Grace	9	Distinction
Serrano-Bargmann, Elizabeth Dalena	10	Distinction	Rosendahl, Alaina Rose	9	Distinction
Stuthman, Hailee Mae	10	Distinction	Rowe, Michael Arthur	9	Distinction
Brabec, Taya Patricia	10	Honor Roll	Spohn, Linley June	9	Distinction
Coughtry, Jeffrey Michael	10	Honor Roll	Valdivia, Natalie Marie	9	Distinction
Dost, Jayme Bella	10	Honor Roll	Wetgen, Brooklyn Madison	9	Distinction
Groteluschen, Alyvea Rose	10	Honor Roll	Wichman, Aizlynn Sue	9	Distinction
Hajek, Kami Jo	10	Honor Roll	Arndt, Addison Ann	9	Honor Roll
Hake, Carter Lee	10	Honor Roll	Batres Aguilar, Jose Steven	9	Honor Roll
Kirby, Izabella JoAnn Hart	10	Honor Roll	Brokaw, Talia Jo	9	Honor Roll
Lemus, Eva Michelle	10	Honor Roll	Gil Gutierrez, Isabella	9	Honor Roll
Luckey, Elliot Walter	10	Honor Roll	Jackson, Harrison Andrew	9	Honor Roll
Osten, Hadley Faye	10	Honor Roll	Marty, Hailey Lynn	9	Honor Roll
Sander, Weston Ross	10	Honor Roll	Mejstrik, Carter Thomas	9	Honor Roll
Seamann, Jabez Isaiah	10	Honor Roll	Olsufka, Olivia Rose	9	Honor Roll
Seda, Brecken Anthony	10	Honor Roll	Ontiveros Contreras, Natalia	9	Honor Roll
Sprunk, Kamryn Angela	10	Honor Roll	Pilakowski, Milo Jasper	9	Honor Roll
Stejskal, Lindley Ann	10	Honor Roll	Robinson, Mila Neriah	9	Honor Roll
Taylor, Alyssa Starr	10	Honor Roll	Salazar-Gomez, Fredi Imanol	9	Honor Roll
Valdivia, Carlos Omar	10	Honor Roll	Soulliere, Mason Joel	9	Honor Roll
			Tomky, Kammi Loree	9	Honor Roll

The Viking Way Students of the Month

We strive to build a strong **academic** foundation with educational opportunities that develop **character** and the **mindset** needed for all students to be successful members of their community.

Grayson Vogt

Congratulations to Grayson Vogt for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for January! Grayson is a hard working student. He has demonstrated great leadership this year in all school activities. Grayson is a friendly, welcoming student, who has a positive attitude. Awesome job Grayson!



Jaxon Bell

Congratulations to Jaxon Bell for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for January! Jaxon demonstrates a good work ethic and has the desire to give his best effort in class. He is a responsible student who demonstrates a positive attitude. Great job Jaxon!



Snowball Winter Formal



The Snowball Winter Formal was hosted by the Senior Class of 2026 on January 10th.

Crowned that evening were freshmen Alaina Rosendahl and Landon Hellbusch, sophomores Brianna Line and Ty Schmidt, juniors Calli Helms and Nash Henk, senior attendants Cali Bentz and Peyton Halvorsen, and Queen Abby Ellsworth and King Blake Rathbone.



Thank you to all of the seniors and their dates who helped with clean-up afterward, it was a fun night!

The background is a light yellow color with a white scalloped border. It features several illustrations of graduation regalia: a blue cap with a yellow tassel in the top left, a blue gown with a yellow stole in the top right, a blue gown with a yellow stole in the bottom left, and a blue cap with a yellow tassel in the bottom right. There are also two gold medallions with blue ribbons, one on the left and one on the right, each featuring a crest with a star and a flower.

CLASS OF 2026

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 10th, at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview High School.

Seniors should have already ordered a cap/gown/tassel/stole unit from the Jostens website, and these will be delivered to Lakeview in late spring. Mrs. Krienke will hand these out when they arrive.

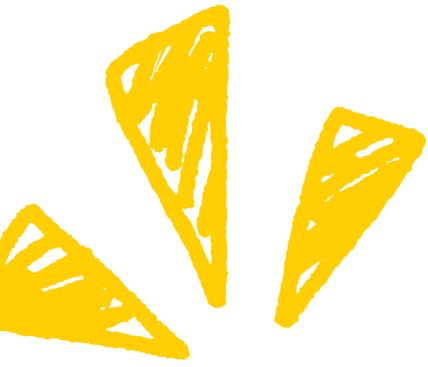
Seniors should send a baby picture and a senior picture for the senior class slideshow to 26corabartos@lakeview.esu7.org if they have not done so yet.

Have a great 2nd semester, seniors!

Important Yearbook Info

SENIOR PICTURES PAST DUE!

It's not too late to turn in senior pictures for this year's yearbook, but we must receive them ASAP! Please submit headshots to Mrs. Schatz at kschatz@lakeview.esu7.org. If we do not receive a picture for your senior student in the next week, we will have to use the headshot taken for school pictures. These pictures will be used for the yearbook, for the senior slide show, and for the Columbus Telegram.



Lakeview Jr/Sr High School

Spring Band Showcase

Saturday, March 7
4:30 – 7:30 PM

- Pulled pork dinner with coleslaw and baked beans.



Featuring performances from:

- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Junior High Band

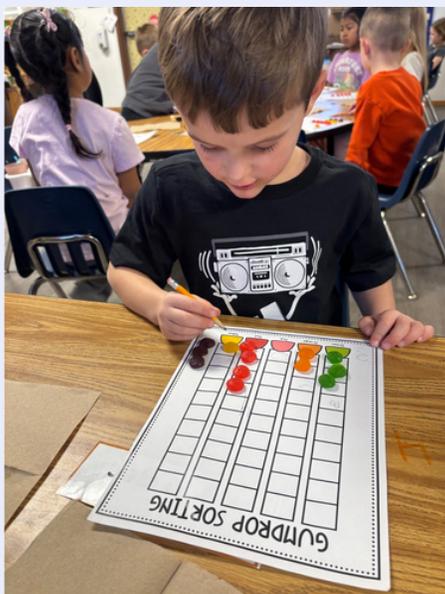
Purchase tickets from your favorite band student or contact Christina Leffers at 402-910-1381

*Bake Sale &
Silent Auction*

Proceeds support band trips, student leadership development, and band equipment upgrades & maintenance.

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL- PLATTE CENTER ELEMENTARY

Preschoolers are learning about winter. Students learned about snow gear we wear to stay warm, animals in the snow that adapt, animals that migrate, and animals that hibernate. Students are also retelling stories that they learned through pictures and drawings.



DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY

On January 23rd, Platte Center held a celebration for students born in December and January. We recognized a total of twenty-four students, comprising twelve with December birthdays and twelve with January birthdays.



VIKING WAY AWARD WINNERS

STUDENTS AT PLATTE CENTER WORK DILIGENTLY TO EMBODY THE VIKING WAY. THIS MONTH, WE PROUDLY RECOGNIZE TWO OUTSTANDING FOURTH GRADERS AS THE AWARD WINNERS: MAX LOSEKE AND LIAM REAGAN.

MAX CONSISTENTLY PUTS FORTH HIS BEST EFFORT. HE EARNS EXCELLENT GRADES THROUGH HARD WORK AND ATTENTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CLASS. AS A GOOD FRIEND, HE LISTENS, SHARES, AND READILY OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. MAX SHOWS RESPECT TO BOTH TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES, AND HE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND. HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE SERVES AS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE FOR HIS PEERS.

LIAM DEMONSTRATES THE VIKING WAY BY BEING RESPECTFUL AND ARRIVING AT SCHOOL WITH AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. HE IS AN ATTENTIVE LISTENER AND CONSISTENTLY USES KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS. RESPONSIBLE AND DILIGENT, LIAM WORKS HARD EACH DAY ON ALL HIS ASSIGNMENTS, ENSURING THEY ARE SUBMITTED ON TIME. HIS CHEERFUL DEemeanor CONTRIBUTES TO A PLEASANT CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT, FOSTERING BOTH HIS OWN LEARNING AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO EXCEL AS WELL.

SUPER SPECIAL VIKING AWARD

THE SUPER SPECIAL VIKING AWARD IS GRANTED TO THE CLASSROOM THAT HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOR, RESPECT AND VIKING PRIDE DURING THEIR SPECIALS CLASSES (COMPUTER, P.E., AND MUSIC). THEY FOLLOWED "THE VIKING WAY" EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IN THEIR SPECIALS CLASSES SHOWING WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE A VIKING WITH HEART, RESPECT, AND RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE OF THEIR AMAZING EFFORT, 6TH GRADE, EARNED THIS AWARD.



INTEGRITY AWARD

Students at Platte Center have come to understand that integrity means doing what is right, even when no one is watching. Our nominee for December/January is fifth grader Malorie Mohrman.

Malorie consistently displays outstanding integrity throughout all aspects of the school day. Whether she is in the classroom, transitioning between activities, participating in specials, or walking in the hallway, Malorie can always be relied upon to make responsible, honest, and respectful choices.

She is a dependable and trustworthy role model, and her actions reflect strong character, making a meaningful impact on the classroom community each day.



PIPE PUPPY / TRAVELING PINEAPPLE WINNERS

TRIVIA COMPETITION FOR THE PIPE PUPPY AND TRAVELING PINEAPPLE

IN A SPIRITED PURSUIT OF THE PIPE PUPPY AND TRAVELING PINEAPPLE, STUDENTS ENGAGED IN A FRIENDLY TRIVIA CONTEST. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ONE STUDENT FROM EACH GRADE: KINDERGARTEN (LUCY WEMHOFF), FIRST GRADE (RONAN COBLE), SECOND GRADE (EASTON OLMER), AND THIRD GRADE (SOPHIE STENGER). THEY ANSWERED QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND "THE VIKING WAY." THE CHAMPION WAS THE FIRST STUDENT TO CORRECTLY ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS, AND THAT HONOR WENT TO SOPHIE, WHO CLAIMED VICTORY FOR THE THIRD-GRADE CLASS BY BEING THE FIRST TO REACH THIS MILESTONE.



100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, January 26, 2026,
was the 100th day of school,
and what a celebration it was!

The school buzzed with
excitement as students dove
into fun-filled 100th Day
activities. After 100 days of
learning, our students are
feeling like geniuses counting
to 100!





St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

We are thankful to be back in school after a refreshing break and to begin the new year together in God's grace. We kicked off the year with Pastor Kyle Fittje being installed as our new pastor! We welcome him and his family into our St. John's Family.

The celebration of Epiphany marked our return to school, as we rejoiced in the light of Christ revealed to all nations. We began the new semester with our first chapel service, joyfully welcoming back Ben from Camp Luther and giving thanks for the ways God is at work in his life and ministry. As winter settles in, we continue to be hopeful for some snow and for God's protection over our students, families, and staff each day.

As we begin 2026, our classrooms are also focusing on setting goals and working diligently to achieve them. It is a joy to watch our students grow academically, socially, and spiritually as they use the gifts God has given them. Our basketball season with Christ Lutheran is in full swing, and we thank God for opportunities to grow in teamwork, sportsmanship, and Christian character both on and off the court.

Our preschool classroom has been busy with hands-on learning, creative play, and building friendships while practicing important early learning skills. Kindergarten students have been excited about sharing during show and tell and are gaining confidence speaking in front of their classmates. First grade has been working hard on mastering doubles +1 facts and strengthening their math foundations. Second grade students are thrilled to begin learning cursive and are eager to practice their handwriting skills. Third grade has been busy practicing multiplication facts and building accuracy and confidence in math.

In the Middle Room, students have started a new class novel, *Bridge to Terabithia*, and are engaged in meaningful discussions while continuing to advance their math skills. The Big Room has been busy with challenging academic work, collaborative projects, and developing leadership and responsibility as older students in our school.

We are truly blessed to have Pastor Fittje serving in our church and school and sharing God's Word with us. As we move forward into this new year, we thank God for His continued guidance and ask for His blessings upon our school community. Next month, we are excited to share all the fun that we had during National Lutheran Schools Week!





CHRIST ACROSS THE CAMPUS

CHURCH:
402-563-1314



SCHOOL:
402-564-3531



CHILDCARE:
402-270-8018



Come Worship!

Christ Lutheran Church has worship services every Sunday at 10AM. Join us for Sunday School hour beginning at 9AM. Children ages 3 and up meet down at the school and adult Bible study is held at the Cornerstone Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Prayer Partners**

Sunday, Feb. 22nd

If you signed up to be a prayer partner with one of our students, the 3rd quarter event is coming up!

*** Ash Wednesday and Lent**

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

~~Asht~~ Ash Wednesday service at 7PM. Suppers will be held before each Lent service in the Cornerstone Center.

*** BOE and PTL**

February 10th and 11th

Board of Ed will meet on the 10th at 7:30PM. The next PTL meeting will be held on the 11th at 6PM. See you there!



SCOOPS of JOY!

Our 2nd Quarter SCOOP Awards (Showing Christ to Others On Purpose) recipients are Gentry Klug, Kendall Wolta, Jazlynn Dougherty, Emily Brown, and Mason Muhle. Christ Lutheran School strives to be a place that not only nurtures academic growth, but also encourages good character and faith development through Bible study and ACTS of service! We try to give our students the opportunity to show Jesus to both our community and congregation. Each year, during the Christmas Season, our upper grades classroom hosts an "elder tree"

These people throughout the area are nominated to receive some special gifts and visits. Our congregation members adopt these nominees and our students wrap and deliver the gifts, along with some warm smiles and great conversation. What a great way for our school to foster generational relationships, and to show care for one another. National Lutheran Schools week will be January 25-31st, and we are so very thankful for the opportunity to celebrate the blessing of Lutheran Education here in Columbus!

A "Splitt" Second

Students at Christ Lutheran have the unique experience of learning and growing alongside all ages, which provides them the chance to both learn and lead, to emulate and model, to help and be helped. Our chapel families give our older students a way to guide and get to know the younger students.



Worship News

From Dust to Dust – Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of worship is more “penitential”, Lent, and we will receive the ashes that 18th this year. Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own and our Savior. Baptism and what it means



“Lent is a time for us to take stock of ourselves, a time to ask who it is we truly depend on, a time to look at ourselves without filters, a time to be reminded that all we have and hope for comes from and is in Christ our Lord. Forgiveness and Hope are found only in HIM!”

- Pastor Voelker

An Active Campus!



Our Snacks with Santa event was a wonderful success, with a great turnout from families and lots of joyful memories made. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who donated snacks, helped with preparation, and volunteered their time to make the event special for our children. It was a beautiful example of a community coming together to create meaningful moments for our youngest members.



The Upper Grades Annual Market Day was another great success this year, with each student creating a wonderful business for our community to patron. Students enjoyed purchasing goodies and getting some special treatment!



Early Childhood Community

Ministry with HEART!

Our Early Childhood Program has much to celebrate as we reflect on recent moments that truly captured the heart of our ministry. We are grateful for our afterschool “big kid” volunteers who share their time and joy with our children, bringing fun and fellowship to our afternoons. We are also thankful for our families, teachers and congregation who continue to support this ministry and help us care for kids in ways that truly matter. We also pause to honor the life of Linda Cattau, our beloved “grandma volunteer.” Linda’s gentle spirit, generosity, and love for children touched countless lives within our program. Her presence was a gift, and her legacy of care and kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of our children, families, and staff.



“From the Capitol to our community, decisions made about early childhood programs directly impact children, families, educators, and the health of our community.”

<https://firstfivebraska.org/legislativewatchlist/>

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– Director Hailey Phelps

Get Involved!

Our campus has lots of ways for you and your family to get involved! Between events and organizations, there’s something for everyone. Each Lenten service needs a group to host a supper beforehand. Call the office and let them know if you would be interested in organizing a meal today! 😊



LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

February 20th, 2026

Parents of soon-to-be Kindergarteners who reside within the Lakeview School District are invited to come and register their child for the 2026–2027 school year on Friday, February 20, 2026.

What to Bring:

Please bring your child's state-certified birth certificate (no copies, must have raised seal), immunization records, and two forms of proof of residency within the Lakeview School District. Your child does not need to be present to register, but is welcome to join!



Contact Us
402-564-8518

State law requires a child to have reached his or her fifth (5th) birthday on or before July 31st of the current year.



Location, Date & Time:



Lakeview High School:

3744 83rd Street
Columbus, NE 68601
402-564-8518



Date:

Friday, February 20th, 2026



Time:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm





LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

INSCRIPCIÓN DE KINDERGARTEN

Febrero 20th, 2026

Se invita a los padres de los niños que pronto comenzarán el jardín de infantes y que residen dentro del distrito escolar de Lakeview a que acudan a inscribir a sus hijos para el año escolar 2026-2027 el viernes 20 de febrero de 2026.

Que traer:

Por favor, traiga el certificado de nacimiento oficial de su hijo/a (no se aceptan copias, debe tener el sello en relieve), el registro de vacunación y dos comprobantes de domicilio dentro del distrito escolar de Lakeview. No es necesario que su hijo/a esté presente para la inscripción, ¡pero puede acompañarlos si lo desea!



Llamada
402-564-8518

La ley estatal requiere que un niño haya cumplido cinco (5) años el 31 de julio del año en curso o antes.



Localización, Fecha & Hora:



Lakeview High School:

3744 83rd Street
Columbus, NE 68601
402-564-8518



Fecha:

Viernes, Febrero 20th, 2026



Tiempo:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Lakeview Community Schools



Preschool

We will start accepting applications for both the Shell Creek and the Platte Center Preschool locations beginning on February 6th.

Preschool Hours

Monday through Thursday:
Session 1: 8:00 - 11:30
Session 2: 12:00 - 3:30
No Preschool on Fridays

Applications can be found on the Lakeview Website at www.lakeview.esu7.org

Please contact the District Office at 402-564-8518 with any questions.



LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Secondary Social Studies Teacher
- Vocal Music Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Part-Time Kitchen Help (Shell Creek)
- Student Services Driver (District)
- Head Softball Coach
- Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Head Girls Soccer Coach



EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

For more information about these opportunities, please visit our website at www.lakeview.esu7.org

February 2026

Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Pizza Pea Cookie	3 Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	4 Grab n go meal	5 Hamburgers Baked beans Smile fries	6 NO SCHOOL	7 These institutions an equal opportunity provider.
	9 Pork nachos Refried beans Corn Cookie	10 Sub sandwich Chips Carrots	11 Cream chicken/ biscuit Green beans Fruit crisp	12 Chili soup Crackers Frosted cinnamon roll	13 Chicken strips Scalloped potatoes Peas Roll	14 offered daily. Fruit and veggie bar Assorted milk and water
5	16 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	17 Cheeseburger casserole Green beans Bread stick	18 Pizza crunchers Tri potatoes Peas	19 Hot ham cheese Baked beans Chips	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Menus are subject to change
2	23 Breaded chicken patty Au gratin potatoes Mixed veggies	24 Beef tacos Tater tots Corn	25 Breakfast sandwich Juice cup Tri potato	26 Mandarin orange chicken Brown rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	27 Max sticks Green beans Cookies	28

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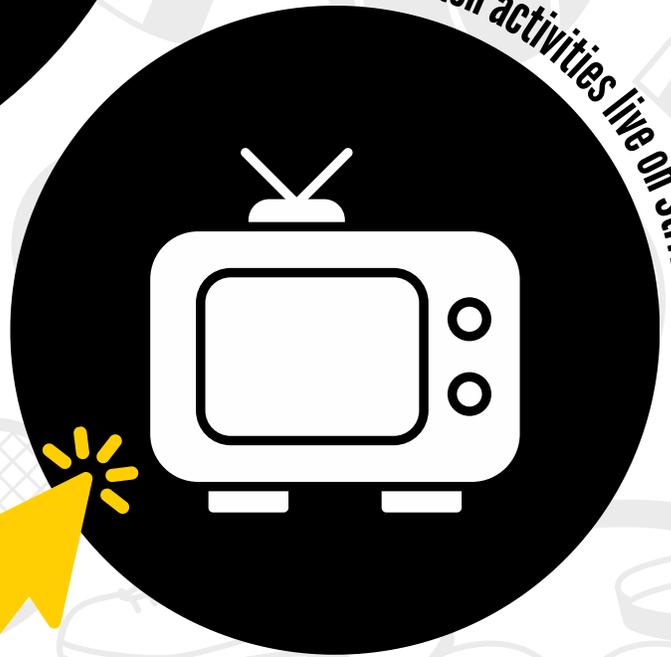
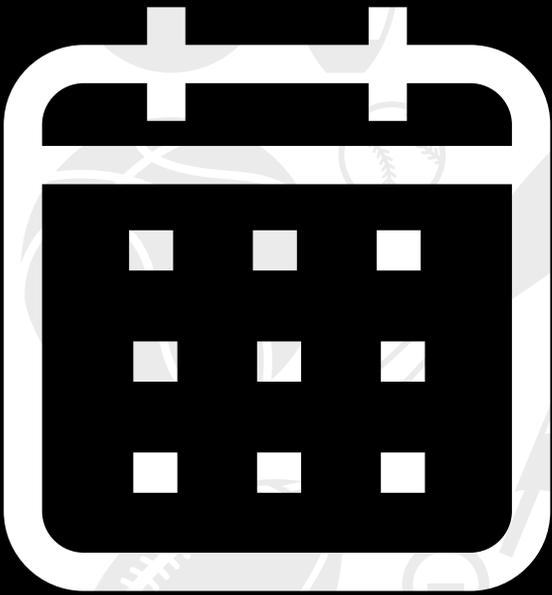


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Lakeview Community Schools

ACTIVITIES

Lakeview Community Schools Activities Calendar



Watch activities live on Striv

Lakeview

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Community Resources

[Columbus Area Mental Health and Counseling Services](#)

[Community Response](#): to assist children, youth and families to be healthy and resilient through a prevention network of community resources.

Community Response contact information:

Email: rmiksche@columbusunitedway.com

Office: 402-564-5661

Locations:

1119 B Street	3214 25th St, Ste 2
Schuyler, NE	Columbus, NE

[Columbus Area Service Directory](#)

Lakeview Resources

- Need to talk to someone? Does your family have any basic needs that are not being met?

→ Mrs. Mollie Rambour, Junior High & Platte Center School Counselor

→ Mrs. Hellbusch, Shell Creek School Counselor

→ Mrs. Paige Rambour, High School Counselor

[99 Coping Skills](#)

[Mindfulness Practice Cards](#)

[101 Positive Things to Say to Myself](#)

[Your Life Your Voice Website](#)

[988 Lifeline Website](#)

Hotlines/ Helplines

Your Life Your Voice- Boystown National Hotline:

 1-800-448-3000

 Text "Voice" to 20121

Crisis Response- use in case of an emergency or mental health crisis:

 (402) 564-3264

National Suicide and Crisis Hotline:

 988
 800-273-8255 (TALK)

DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect:

 800-652-1999

211 Helpline:

 2-1-1 or 402-444-6666

 Text your zip code (68601) to 898211



DO YOU KNOW AN INSPIRING TEACHER?

**Nominate them to win a
Huskers VIP experience!**

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The winning teachers will receive a special classroom visit from Herbie Husker and will be recognized by Nebraska Athletics this spring!



**Nominate your
favorite teacher
through March 1.**



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