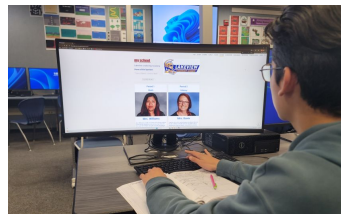


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Record Breaking

By Asher Rodriguez Guillen

Both of Lakeview's high school basketball teams this season have set school records. The boys ended the season with seven wins and five losses, and the girls ended with five wins and seven losses, a first in the history for both Lakeview's high school basketball teams.

Since its inception in 2021, the program has been on the losing side, with the best season for the boys being in 2023 where they ended with five wins and four losses. It's been worse on the girls side, as they have not won a single game until this year. This record setting season has coaches for both teams excited for the future.

When asked about his hopes for the future of high school boys basketball, Head Coach Hankins said, "I hope to create a fun program where kids can come in and learn basketball and enjoy themselves and ultimately win some games."

Although high school girls basketball has had a particularly rough time since they started, these five girls have broken the losing streak through hard work and dedication. Sometimes, one of the hardest things to do is just show up, and they show up every single time.

When Head Coach Trujillo was asked about his hopes for high school girls basketball at



David Moore rebounding for another basket By SNN

Lakeview, he said, "I'm hoping that this team stays together...but if we add two or three girls next year...I really see this program growing."

What is the BSU?

By Juliett Fuentes

Here at Lakeview we have a Black Student Union (BSU) that meets every other Thursday during A and B lunch. This club was created in 2022 by Mrs. Creer and is available to all students who want to learn and understand African American culture.

The purpose behind creating the club was to "ensure that all cultures understand and appreciate the value of Black culture," Mrs. Creer stated. BSU accomplishes this by offering field trips and having discussion with members revolving around the Black experience.

When asked about her goals for the club, Mrs. Creer expresses that this year she wants to focus on Black student opportunities or resources by going on field trips like, "the Black college expo or HDSU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) tour."

Students also enjoy BSU because they find it very enlightening and interactive. The vice president of BSU, Sam Lynch, explained that he decided to join because, "it provided a platform for me to see, learn, and communicate more about my culture."



CTE and Your Future

By Nicky Atwell

Lakeview offers a variety of Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. Mr. Ortega, in room 1102, teaches the Web and Video Game Design CTE classes. Taking two years of either of these classes can get you the credits for a CTE based career to pursue after high school. *Continued on pg. 2.*

SCHOOL LIFE

A Sequel Done Right

By Asher Rodriguez Guillen

Not a lot of sequels hit the mark or meet the expectations set by their predecessors. But, that's not the case with all movies as *Wicked: For Good* is one of the best examples of a must watch sequel in the current Hollywood craze of adding to or remaking box office hits (in this case a musical theatre hit).

Continuing from *Wicked*, Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), now fully in her Wicked Witch era, is deemed a villain and used by Madam Morrible to terrify the residents of Oz. Meanwhile, Glinda (Ariana Grande) becomes an icon for good in Oz, at the cost of being complacent to the terror that Madam Morrible is creating. All while our paths temporarily converge with Dorothy and her gaggle of misfits as we see their backstories.

The plot of *Wicked: For Good* mostly ties up loose ends, but it ties them beautifully together. Unlike most sequels, the second movie doesn't undo any of the character development made in the last movie and actually builds even further on it. Glinda being unable to resist becoming a symbol of hope for Oz, Elphaba accepting that she'll never be accepted in Oz. It's a movie that will make you constantly go, "Wait! I remember that from the last movie!" And that's what sequels (that don't have time jumps) should be.

Of course, you can't talk about a musical without talking about the music, the music in the second movie might be less catchy but it's impactful nonetheless. With powerful lines from Elphaba like, "I promise no good deed will I attempt to do again." And emotional lines from Glinda such as, "Cause all that's required to live in a dream / Is endlessly closing your eyes."



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When asked what students do in these classes, Mr. Ortega stated that they "provide students with the basics of designing and developing websites", and "computer programming through game design," focusing on 2D games.

CTE classes give students an option to follow career paths like being an IT, or designing different sites and creating games. Ortega's classes give students a chance to learn how to design websites and video games as a future career.

Mr. Ortega's students work with Construct3, a powerful game creator that uses "drag-n-drop" programming, so anybody familiar with Windows and using a mouse will be able to start creating games. Students work in development teams to produce work on animation and debugging.

The first semester of the class is devoted to the creation of multimedia content: text, audio, images, animation, 3D drawing, video and interactive content forms, while In the second semester students publish their original work created in the first semester, and learn about several Web applications that they can use to enhance their individual web based projects.

The music may not be defying gravity, but it will be breaking your heart in two while you listen, and for me, that's even better than being catchy.

The film builds on the last movie's message of society punishing people who are different, but it also really touches on how good and evil are subjective. Glinda is "good" when she's complacent in the smear campaign against Elphaba, while Elphaba is "evil" when she was just fighting for the rights of animals. The best place this is shown is in the title song, "For Good" where Elphaba and Glinda know that their friendship changed them, but they can't tell if it was "for better" or "for worse."

This movie is a must-see for musical fans who have seen the last movie in the *Wicked* duology and for people in general who want to get into movie musicals but don't know where to start. Given a rating, I would give it five out of five stars. The music in this movie hurts so good. *Wicked: For Good* might not be as catchy or as fun as the last movie, but it does throw a metaphorical brick at you and leaves you wanting to cry in the best way possible.