

LMHS NEWSLETTER

March 2026

From The Principal's Desk



As we head into the final weeks of the third quarter, please feel free to contact teachers if you have any questions/concerns or to increase your awareness of what is taking place in the classroom.

We are heading into a busy time of the year with spring sports, Spring Play, Prom, concerts, and testing. In saying that, please check the high school webpage, Facebook, and/or Twitter for upcoming activities and announcements.

A reminder that on Wednesday, March 11 we will be doing something a little different here at LMHS that we are call "Class Event Day". More information about this day and what each grade level will be doing is included in this newsletter.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, April 16 and Thursday, April 23 from 3:30-7:30 PM. These again will be either in-person or online conferences and a sign-up email will be sent out in a few weeks. Please consider signing up to talk with your child's teachers.

As always, it's a GREAT day to be an L-CAT!

Cale Vogel
Principal

March Calendar

March

8 - Daylight Saving Time

9 - No School - Inservice Day

9 - Track & Field Practice Starts

11 - LMHS Class Event Day - students should report to LMHS by

7:50 AM

9th Gr. - Tech. College Tours to Fort Atkinson and Watertown

10th Gr. - Tours to Madison College and UW-Whitewater

11th Gr. - ACT Plus Writing Test

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



11 - FFA Sectional Speaking Competition at Beaver Dam

16 - NHS Induction Ceremony, 6 PM, Auditorium

16 - Softball Practice Starts

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

17 - FFA Regional Skills Competition at Janesville

17 - Combined Band, Choir, Orchestra Concert, 7 PM, Upper Gym

19 - WHSMUN at UW-Madison

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23 - Baseball & Soccer Practices Start

23 - District Forensics Hosted by LMHS

25 thru 30 - Music Dept. Trip to Memphis & Nashville

27 - End of Third Quarter

29 thru April 2 - Baseball Trip to Florida

30 thru April 3 - Spring Break Week

30 - Golf Practice Starts

April

6 - School Resumes

7 - Great World Texts Student Conference at UW-Madison

8 - LMHS Hosts Large Group Instrumental Festival

March 11 - LMHS Class Event Day Details



On Wednesday, March 11, 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 - the Fort Atkinson and Watertown Campuses. Students will be split into two groups with one group starting at the Watertown Campus in the morning and the other starting at the Fort Atkinson Campus. Students will then switch to the other campus for the afternoon. Lunch option is either bring your own lunch or you can have a school provided brown bag lunch and the amount will be deducted from your food service balance. No extra money is needed for this trip.

10th Grade - will be touring Madison College and UW-Whitewater. Students will be split into two groups, with one group starting at Madison College in the morning and the other starting at UW-

Whitewater. Students will then switch to the other college for the afternoon. Lunch will be provided at UW-Whitewater. No money is needed for this trip.

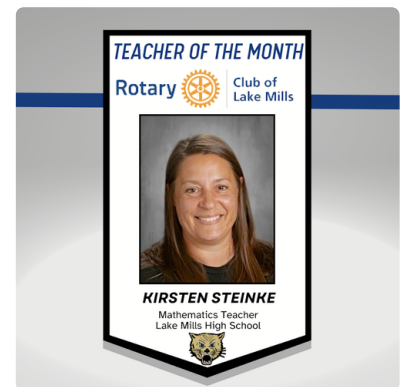
11th Grade - will do the ACT Plus Writing Test here at LMHS. The test will last until approximately 11 AM. Students will test with their advisory teacher, unless told otherwise. Juniors can leave for the day once testing is finished. A bag lunch will be available after testing using the student's food service account.

12th Grade - this will be a Portfolio Work Day/Turn In Day. All seniors are expected to be at LMHS to work on their portfolio in their advisory room. **Portfolios are due by 3:15 PM on this day.** As soon as they turn in their portfolio, they are able to leave LMHS. No breakfast will be served. A bag lunch will be available using the student's food service account.

If their portfolio is turned in BEFORE March 11, seniors DO NOT need to come to LMHS on March 11.

Teacher of the Month - Congratulations Kirsten Steinke!

Mrs. Steinke is in her 6th year of teaching math at Lake Mills High School with 19 total years of teaching experience. She will be recognized at a Rotary meeting in March and 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 what her students said about her:

*Mrs. Steinke truly makes a difference every single day.

*She is caring, kind, and always willing to go the extra mile. She continuously checks for understanding, explains concepts in multiple ways, and makes sure everyone feels confident and supported in their learning.

*Her impact goes far beyond academics. Students say she makes them feel seen, valued, and welcome. Whether in the classroom, advisory, or school activities, she takes the time to ask how they're doing and genuinely listens.

*Her dedication, compassion, and commitment to student success are evident in everything she does. We are grateful for educators who not only teach content—but also inspire, encourage, and uplift.

*Thank you for making such a meaningful difference in the lives of our students!

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 higher 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 pays 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 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).

Senior Portfolio Information



Completed senior portfolios are due by Wednesday, March 11. **This is a firm date for turning in portfolios.**

A mixture of school district staff and community members will evaluate the portfolios and then on Friday, April 17 will meet with the students in what we call our Portfolio Exit Interviews.

This is a graduation requirement for all LMHS seniors and is a great culmination of their school years.

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!

April 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 PM

April 17 - Portfolio Exit Interviews

April 17, 18, 19 - Spring Play Performances

April 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 PM

May 2 - Prom, 7:30-11 PM

May 17 - Scholarship Night, 6:30 PM

May 25 - No School, Memorial Day

May 31 - Graduation, 1 PM

June 3 - Last Day of School



When To Keep Your Child Home From School - check out



Sick Student Guidelines.pdf

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157.2 KB

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.

Open Enrollment Information

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2026-2027 school year is open thru April 30, 2026.

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

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





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