

Lakeview Community Schools

Viking Voyager

March 2026

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Spring is hiring season in education. Just as the seasons begin to change, so does the rhythm of a school year. For many districts, this is the time when we begin planning for next fall, posting positions, reviewing applications, and meeting candidates who may soon become part of the Lakeview team.

One unique aspect of education is that hiring happens months before the transition actually takes place. In many professions, change is immediate. In schools, it's slower and more thoughtful. Teachers who are retiring or moving to new opportunities continue finishing the journey they are on, pouring into students through the final day of the school year. At the same time, we are meeting educators who are just beginning their careers or preparing for a new chapter in their professional path. It's a season of both gratitude and anticipation.

Whenever we begin interviewing candidates, one question naturally guides the process: What are we looking for?

At Lakeview, we look for educators and staff members who bring energy and excitement to their work, people who will build upon the strong culture that already exists here. We seek individuals who are adaptable and forward-thinking, who understand that education continues to evolve and who are willing to grow with it in positive ways.

Most importantly, we look for people who align with the three pillars of our mission: **Academics, Mindset, and Character**. Strong instruction matters. A healthy, growth-oriented mindset matters. Character, how we treat one another, how we respond to challenges, how we represent our community, matters deeply. We want professionals who understand that preparing students for an ever-changing world requires attention to all three.

Every hire is a long-term investment. The individuals we bring into Lakeview will influence classrooms, hallways, teams, and traditions for years to come. That's why this process is intentional. It's not just about filling a position, it's about strengthening a culture.

Thank you for the trust you place in us as we continue building a team that supports our students and reflects the values of this community.

We are Lakeview.

Rick Meyer
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools

SUPERINTENDENT **First Year Follies**

This month's reminder that being superintendent requires both decisiveness and humility came with our recent early dismissal for an impending snowstorm... that politely waited until well after the normal school day to arrive.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we always aim to make the safest call possible.

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. A gold circular seal with a crest is visible on the left and right sides.

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!



Yearbook Sales Starting Soon!

2025-2026 Yearbooks are on sale March 1st! Every student should have a copy of this awesome keepsake to archive this year! The yearbook includes all students in grades 7-12. Order your yearbook directly online at www.yearbookforever.com. The online store opens on March 1st! Don't miss out and order yours for a discounted price of \$55 TODAY! Price goes up to \$60 on April 1st! *No in-school sales this year, so make sure to order online!



Important Yearbook Info



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

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

*Bake Sale &
Silent Auction*

LAKEVIEW FBLA NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION



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PROGRESS



Officer Team

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Officer Elections**
Officer elections will take place in April. If you are interested in becoming an officer, be sure to attend the March meeting for more information.
- * **Wall of Fame Applications**
You will find the Wall of Fame application in this newsletter. Please nominate a Lakeview graduate who has been a contributor to their community and careers.
- * **State Leadership Conference**
Twenty-one members will be attending SLC in Kearney April 16-18th. Best of luck to competitors!



ABOVE: OFFICERS PREPARE FOR MEMBER/STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



ABOVE: MEMBERS HEARING FROM THE VIBE OWNER



ABOVE: TEAM "WOOLLY GOOD CUPCAKES" AWARD WINNING CUPCAKES

FBLA Week

FBLA Week was held February 9-13th! Members enjoyed a variety of activities that focused on learning, exploring, and celebrating.

On Monday, members received a sweet treat because "Our Members Are Sweet!" The Annual Cupcake Wars competition was held on Tuesday. Viking Time's were given 6 cupcakes and frosting. They had to come up with a theme and decorate the cupcakes. Mr. Ortman's "Woolly Good Cupcakes" won the competition based on teamwork, creativity, and presentation. They earned an icecream party!

On Wednesday, thirty members went to Norfolk to learn and serve. Members started at Mercy Meals packaging 7,344 meals in just one hour! Members then heard from nineteen year old entrepreneur, Savion Ralph, owner of The Vibe. His story was inspiring and motivating to pursue your dreams. After lunch, we toured Northeast Community College and did an activity with their FBLA collegiate chapter. It was a great day!

On Thursday, members were reminded "Don't sleep on your future by wearing pjs". On Friday, we celebrated members & staff by hosting breakfast. Thank you to everyone that celebrated with us!



ABOVE: MERCY MEALS PACKING CREW



WALL OF FAME



The Lakeview FBLA Chapter is sponsoring the 25th annual Wall of Fame Award to be presented to a deserving alumnus of Lakeview High School. Our past recipients have been Ms. Kris Saalfeld Malkoski, Mr. Chuck Kinzer, Mrs. Arlis Goering Plummer, Mr. James Pillen, Ms. Cathy Swoboda Curtis, Mrs. Jan Rodehorst Went, Mrs. Jill Rodehorst Goedeken, Mrs. Ivy Bakenhus Klug, Mrs. Jackie Staack Runge, Mr. John Bruckner, Mrs. Rachael Wilke Rodehorst, Mrs. Gwen Franzen Sander, Mr. Quinten Lyon, Mr. Edward Kinzer, Mr. Brent Gehring, Mr. Craig Franzen, Mrs. Judy Dicke, the late James Wilke, Mrs. Tammy Lyons, the late Paul Wilke, Mrs. Rita Wilke, Dr. Kurt Kapels, Joel Smejkal, and Melissa Foltz. We will once again be honoring an outstanding graduate who has contributed to their community and has shown outstanding leadership skills. The nominees should be people who have been successful in their career and have exceptional character. They must be a Lakeview graduate.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out this form and return it to Lakeview by March 30th. We will then send applications to the nominees and a selection committee will choose the recipient of the award. The award will be presented at the Honors Night Program in May and their names will be displayed on a plaque in the school.

Thank you for taking part in this project. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Your name: _____

Phone number: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone number: _____ Email (if available): _____

Year of graduation: _____

Why you believe they deserve this honor:

Nomination Due: March 30th
(Send to)

tdlouhy@lakeview.esu7.org or mail to
3744 – 83d St. Columbus, NE 68601

St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

We kicked off the month with our annual pancake feed fundraiser; proceeds go toward supporting our spring musical, *Nic at Night*, which will be performed on May 5. Thank you to everyone who helped cook, serve, organize, and attend. Your generosity and support make these special opportunities possible for our students. We celebrated with festive Valentine's Day parties in our classrooms. Students enjoyed exchanging valentines, sharing treats, playing games, and celebrating the friendships God has blessed them with and the perfect love Christ shows us every day. We are also celebrating a healthy and successful basketball season! Our student-athletes demonstrated teamwork, perseverance, and Christ-centered sportsmanship throughout the season. We are grateful for dedicated coaches, supportive families, and students who represented our school so well both on and off the court. What a blessing!

February also brought a significant wave of illness through our school community. Many students and staff members were affected, and we even had to close the school for 48 hours to allow for cleaning, disinfecting, and recovery. While it was an unexpected pause, we are grateful for everyone's flexibility and understanding. Plus, we thank God for healing and for the safe return of our students and teachers. Your prayers, communication, and cooperation helped us navigate a challenging stretch with care and responsibility.

Preschool has been busy with M-A-I-L and lots of it!! The students have been mailing pretend letters in envelopes with address labels (students' pictures) and return address labels (their own pictures) and of course a stamp!! Everyone has their own mailbox and our pen pals are the Big Room students and Miss Vicky. It has been a fun and exciting time!

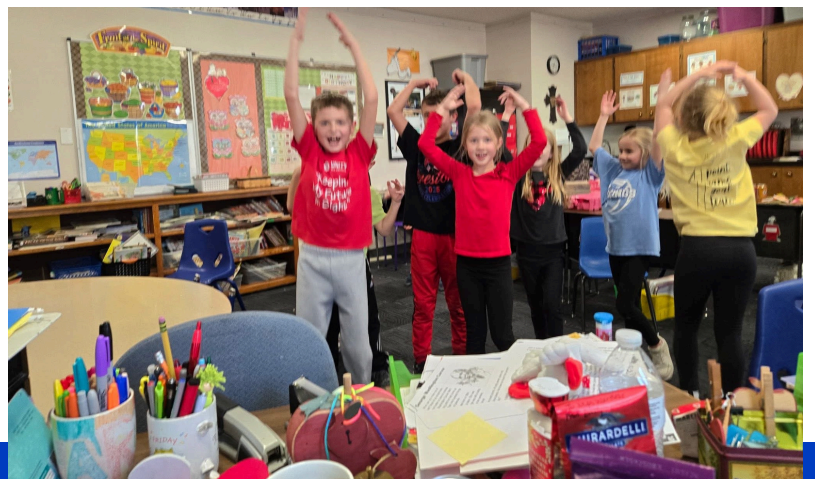
Little Room had our February Show-and-Tell last week, where the kids brought in something they love. We saw pictures of family and friends, baseball bats, stuffed animals, and more. During Jesus Time, we have been talking about people in the Bible who went against their earthly leaders to obey and honor God; our examples have been Daniel and Esther. Kindergarten has been learning about 3D shapes. First grade has been working on missing addends and vowel teams.

In Christ Ed in the Primary Room, they are reading parables, Jesus taught to help us understand God's love for us. In English, students are passionately plowing plush parks of perfect prepositional phrases and alliteration. In Science, we are learning the importance of covering our coughs and washing our hands with soap to stay healthy. Second grade has begun to learn cursive writing this semester and Third grade is still learning their multiplication facts.

In the Middle Room, Social Studies has led us into meaningful conversations about the foundations of our nation as we study the Revolutionary War and the sacrifices made in the pursuit of freedom. In Language Arts, we continue to build strong spelling skills by focusing on letter sounds, base words, and suffixes, giving students tools they can use across all areas of learning.

The Big Room continues to plug away at our daily math and reading lessons, keeping us challenged every single day. Math lessons range from solving proportions in Course 2, to special right triangles in Pre-Algebra, and graphing nonlinear functions and quadratic functions in Algebra. 6th graders are reading *Hatchet*; 7th graders are reading *The Bronze Bow*, and 8th graders are reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

March is shaping up to be another busy and exciting month in the life of our school and church community. We are looking forward to the Prayer Partner Soup Luncheon on Sunday, March 1, as well as our Fish Fries on March 6 and March 20. Our third quarter will come to a close on Friday, March 6, followed by Spring Break from March 8–13. Later in the month, we anticipate Confirmation Questioning on March 22 and joyfully celebrate Confirmation on March 29. We are also excited to host Early Childhood Night on March 23 and Kindergarten Roundup on March 26 as we welcome and connect with families. These events provide wonderful opportunities for fellowship, outreach, celebration, and spiritual growth as we continue our journey through this Lenten season together.



CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH;
BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS SONG AND SING PRAISES! PSALM 98:4

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Christ Lutheran Happenings

January and February have been FULL of fun here at Christ Lutheran School! We kicked off our second semester by celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with dress up days, a pancake feed, a book fair, a Pickleball Tournament, and an online mission trip to Mongolia! Our theme this year was to Make a Joyful Noise, and so we spent a few of our mornings building our own instruments that we then used in a praise parade at the end of the week. We also had our 100th day of school during that week, with lots of fun activities to remind us that we are 100 days smarter!!

Several of our classes have led chapel this month as well, with the older grades reminding us to fill one another's buckets, the preschoolers teaching us to "love like a preschooler" for Valentine's Day, and our lower grades reminding us of the importance of Ash Wednesday by learning about the symbols of Lent.

Our chapel families are a great way for our youngest and oldest students to work together on faith projects, it's one of our favorite aspects of a small Lutheran school! If you would like to join us next year, registration is now open!



Upcoming Dates

- **March 1st: K-8 Choir and Prayer Partners 3rd Qtr Event**
- **March 2-6: Read Across America Week**
- **March 9-13: Spring Break**
- **March 17th: National Ag Day Banquet and Program**



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

- Vocal Music Teacher
- Part-Time Kitchen Help
(Shell Creek)
- Student Services Driver
(District)
- Head Softball Coach



EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

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

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Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Hamburgers Baked beans Fries	3 Pork steak Au gratin potatoes Corn Roll	4 Pizza Peas Cookie	5 Chicken nuggets Rice Broccoli Roll	6 Fish sticks Mac cheese Mixed veggies	7 Menus are subject to change
	9 Fiestada Green beans Jello	10 Meatball sub Mixed veggies Chips	11 Pork Nachos/ cheese Black beans Corn	12 No School	13 No School	14 This institution is an equal opportunity provider
5	16 No School	17 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish rice Corn	18 Corn dogs Mac cheese Peas	19 Pasta baked Green beans Bead stick	20 French toast Sausage links Tri-potato Juice cup	21 Offered veggie Bar Assorted Milk and Water
22	23 Mandarin orange chicken Brown rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	24 Burritos/cheese sauce Tater tots Green beans	25 Chili soup Crackers Cinn roll	26 Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	27 Cheese Pizza Peas Cookie	28
9	30 Hot ham cheese Chips Baked beans	31 Bosco sticks/sauce Tri potatoes Green beans				

LAKEVIEW VIKINGS

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DESIGNS

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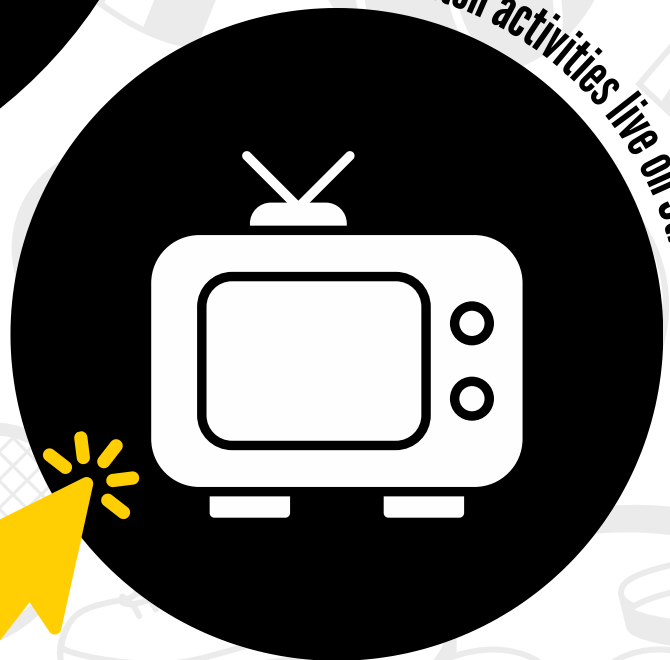
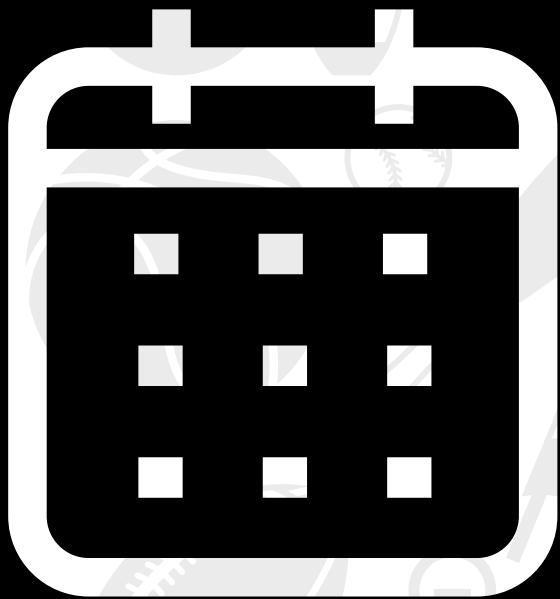


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ACTIVITIES

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
Schuyler, NE

3214 25th St, Ste 2
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