

Lakeview Community Schools

Viking Voyager

April 2026

Issue 8



From the Desk of the Superintendent

April is a unique point in the school year. The excitement of a new beginning has long passed, but the finish line is still ahead. If the school year were a baseball game, this is the **7th inning stretch**, a moment to take a breath, reset, and prepare for the final push.

By this time of year, something important has happened. The work has been done. The routines are in place. The habits that were built back in August, September, and January are now what carry us forward. This is no longer about motivation, it's about consistency. It's about showing up each day and continuing the work that has already been set in motion.

There's also a rhythm to this time of year. In many ways, we find ourselves in a state of flow, where learning, teaching, and growth are happening through established routines and expectations. But this is also when distractions can begin to creep in. The weather turns nicer, summer gets closer, and it's easy to start looking ahead. That's natural, but there is still important work to be done right now.

This is the time of year when we need to put the hay in the barn. There's still important work to be done before we can really enjoy the finish. Everything we've built toward this year is leading into the next few weeks, especially as students prepare for state assessments and other end-of-year milestones.

These moments matter. Not just because of the results, but because of what they represent. When students see their growth, reach a goal, or accomplish something they've worked toward for months, there's a sense of pride and satisfaction that stays with them. That's a moment worth preparing for, and one worth celebrating.

So as we enter this final stretch, I encourage everyone, students, staff, and families, to stay focused, stay consistent, and continue supporting one another. The work we do now ensures that when we reach the end of the year, we can truly appreciate what has been accomplished.

Finish strong,

We are Lakeview.

Rick Meyer
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools

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.

Mavrik Brichacek

Congratulations to Mavrik Brichacek for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for March! Mavrik is a hard working student. He demonstrated great leadership this year serving as our Viking mascot. Mavrik is always willing to help others. He is a friendly student who has a positive attitude and is very respectful to his teachers and peers. Awesome job Mavrik! .



Mia Moore

Congratulations to Mia Moore for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for March! Mia is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. She gives her best effort in class. She demonstrates a positive attitude, good sense of humor, and is respectful to her peers and teachers. Great job Mia!



Junior High Honor Roll - 2025-2026 School Year - Quarter 3

Student Name	Grade Level	Level	Student Name	Grade Level	Level
Abegglen, Caleb Jon	8	Distinction	Lorenz, Paige Diane	7	Distinction
Aerni, Ethan G	8	Distinction	Loseke, Elizabeth Marie	7	Distinction
Bartos, Aida Mae	8	Distinction	Loveless, Audiella Renee	7	Distinction
Bauer, Lauren Michelle	8	Distinction	Luebe, Brice Christopher	7	Distinction
Behnk, John Michael	8	Distinction	Marxsen, Jacob Ryan	7	Distinction
Bell, Jaxon Steven	8	Distinction	Miller, Isaiah Robert	7	Distinction
Buss, Aliyah Rae	8	Distinction	Moore, Mia Hananel	7	Distinction
Christie, Avery Lee	8	Distinction	Oltman, Jaxton Ryder	7	Distinction
Cruz Flores, Gisselle Alice	8	Distinction	Palensky, Kylie Brielle	7	Distinction
Curtis, Lathan Eli	8	Distinction	Recinos Mendez, Gilma Sophia	7	Distinction
Epley, Kaira Rose	8	Distinction	Riojas Arenivas, Natalia	7	Distinction
Escen, Brady Donald	8	Distinction	Seda, Holden James	7	Distinction
Fendrick, Amber Lynn	8	Distinction	Toth, Megan	7	Distinction
Groteluschen, Aubrey Ann	8	Distinction	Wagoner, Emerie Lynn	7	Distinction
Jimenez Vargas, Diego	8	Distinction	Wortman, Reese Elizabeth	7	Distinction
Kaup, Makenna Rae	8	Distinction	Zamora Rodriguez, Aleksa	7	Distinction
Luckey, Kodee Lynn	8	Distinction	Bell, Akryn Gene	8	Honor Roll
Mohrman, Avery Lance	8	Distinction	Brunott, Avy Ruth	8	Honor Roll
Molt, Tylea Ann	8	Distinction	Cech, Ryker Lada	8	Honor Roll
Mora, Daisy	8	Distinction	Hadenfeldt, Hunter Thomas	8	Honor Roll
Perrin, Elyena Grace	8	Distinction	Hernandez Santos, Natalia	8	Honor Roll
Schreiber, Carly Jo	8	Distinction	Marxsen, Colton James	8	Honor Roll
Schroeder, Hailey Annette	8	Distinction	Robinson, Keeley Jonel	8	Honor Roll
Shuster, Ethan Alan	8	Distinction	Runge, Vivienne Rose	8	Honor Roll
Swanigan, Mila Christine	8	Distinction	Schrader, Brinlee Mae	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Alexandria Rae	8	Distinction	Sucha, Bailey Ann	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Carley Marie	8	Distinction	Sutton, Addisyn Danielle	8	Honor Roll
Wemhoff, Kase Christopher	8	Distinction	Zamora Rodriguez, Juan Pablo	8	Honor Roll
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	Delgado, Angel Romeo	7	Honor Roll
Becker, Lucy Lauren	7	Distinction	Dicke, Sonia Michel	7	Honor Roll
Blum, Silas James	7	Distinction	Espiritu Emigdio, Jencarlos	7	Honor Roll
Brunott, Lila Drew	7	Distinction	Fittje, Nathaniel Harold	7	Honor Roll
Carey, Avalynn Rose	7	Distinction	Gloria Espino, Jovany	7	Honor Roll
Cuda, Jase Thomas	7	Distinction	Hake, Lance Michael	7	Honor Roll
Czapla, Camille Marie	7	Distinction	Hernandez Espino, Yesenia	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	Mousel, Brooklyn Janaye	7	Honor Roll
Franzen, Kinley Jayne	7	Distinction	Podany, Albie Rae	7	Honor Roll
Freeland, Trevor Jackson	7	Distinction	Robinson, Ava Ryan	7	Honor Roll
Gonka, Avery	7	Distinction	Seamann, Tobiah Emmanuel	7	Honor Roll
Jaeger, Taya Sophia	7	Distinction	Sempek, Boone Gerard	7	Honor Roll
LeSuer, Mason Ray	7	Distinction	Williams, Harwin Fredrick	7	Honor Roll

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 floral design 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!

Summer School 2026

LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Coordinator

Megan Legenza 402-564-8518 (W)
402-340-1629 (H/C)
mlegenza@lakeview.esu7.org

Location

Lakeview High School - Rm. 202
(first day only)
Edgenuity Online Curriculum

Fees

\$180.00 per semester class
Fees must be paid when registering.
The student is not considered
registered until payment is made.
Make checks payable to coordinator,
Megan Legenza.
Registration and payment is due Weds,
May 21st.

Forms and payment can be sent to:
Lakeview High School
Attn: Megan Legenza.
3744-83rd St.
Columbus, NE, 68601

Time & Date

Dates: Tuesday, May 26th – Tuesday,
June 30th 2026

Time: Self-paced online classes.

Eligibility

Any student needing credit recovery
for grades 9-12.
(Note: Credit recovery is subject to
approval from the student's school
district.)

Notes

Students must have access to the internet as well as their own electronic device in order to complete credit recovery.

Once enrolled and payment is received, students will be given a link to the online Edgenuity program with a username, password, and schedule.

One completed course will equal one semester of credit.

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2026
REGISTRATION FORM:**

Name: _____

Grade in 25/26: _____

High School _____

H.S. Phone Number _____

High School Guidance Counselor: _____

Counselor email: _____

High School mailing address (if not Lakeview):

School counselor is aware that I am enrolling in credit recovery: Yes No

Student Cell: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Mother's Place of Employment: _____

Work Phone: _____

Father's Place of Employment: _____

Work Phone: _____

Student's Place of Employment: _____

Work Phone: _____

REGISTRATION FORM (CONTINUED)

Course Selection

I wish to enroll in the following summer school course(s).
(Reminder: Each course represents one semester.)

Please clearly indicate the specific semester you are completing.
For example, if you only failed Semester 1 of English 9, be sure to list "English 9 – Semester 1."

Class: _____

Class: _____

Class: _____

Summer School Expectations & Policies

By registering for this course, students and families acknowledge and agree to the following:

- **Course Format:** This course is 100% online and self-paced. Students are responsible for managing their time and making consistent progress throughout the session.
- **Academic Integrity:** All work must be completed by the enrolled student. Cheating, plagiarism, or the use of unauthorized assistance (including AI or other individuals) is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the course without credit.
- **Completion Deadline:** All coursework must be completed by the stated final deadline.
- **Tuition & Payment:** Full payment is required prior to the start of the course. Students will not be granted access to course materials until payment has been received in full.
- **Refund Policy:** No refunds will be issued for students who fail to complete the course or choose to withdraw after enrollment.

By enrolling, students and guardians agree to uphold these expectations and understand the responsibilities required for successful course completion.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Forms and payment can be sent to:
Lakeview High School
Attn: Megan Legenza.
3744-83rd St.
Columbus, NE, 68601

Ag Literacy Night

On March 17, families gathered for a Title I Family Night celebrating National Ag Day. The event took place in the Ag Lab at Lakeview High School. Guests explored seven hands-on stations that highlighted how agriculture supports our community, including “planting” a farm in a glove, spinning an agriculture fact wheel, and guessing seeds. Mrs. Barcel and Mrs. Osten are grateful to everyone who joined the fun.



Special thanks to the Lakeview FFA Alumni for the donation of popcorn for the event. And two awesome FFA members and Advisor Krause for their help.



Health Science Surgical Tech Visit

Health Science 2 had a visit from Rick Horne, an instructor with the Southeast Community College Surgical Tech program. Rick talked to the students about the education and job responsibilities of a surgical technician. He also taught them how to don a surgical gown and gloves properly. Using some of what Rick taught us later in the week, we turned the classroom into an OR and performed simulated cesarean section deliveries!

Important Yearbook Info

2025-2026 Yearbooks- LAST CHANCE!

Get yours ordered TODAY! Every student should have a copy of this awesome keepsake to archive this year! The yearbook includes all students in grades 7-12. Order directly online at www.yearbookforever.com. Price is \$60! Final day to order is April 30!! *No in school sales this year, so make sure to order online TODAY!





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

"Fruits of the Spirit"

Reflecting on the past month, we give thanks for the many opportunities our students have had to grow, compete, and share their gifts. Our basketball season wrapped up with exciting success, as our boys' team earned the championship title at the Seward C Club Tournament, and our girls' team brought home a consolation bracket victory. We are proud of their excellent teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed throughout the season.

March proved to be a short but full month, highlighted by a well-earned spring break. During that time, we are especially grateful for the support shown through our Tropical Smoothie fundraiser—thank you to all who participated and contributed. Before the break, our students and families worked together to sell an impressive 400 boxes of Puffins, demonstrating strong community involvement and support.

In addition, our middle room students had the wonderful opportunity to join peers from across Nebraska in a recorder concert at the Omaha Symphony. This memorable experience allowed them to use their musical talents in a larger setting. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Nicole Ripke for teaching our students about the recorders and lining up the field trip and an extended thank you to Fran Groteluschen and Kelsy Greisen for providing transportation and support for this event.

We are thankful for these moments of achievement, service, and shared experiences, and we look forward to all that the coming months will bring. In the next month, we are looking forward to listening to the Viking Voices, the Viking Jazz Band, and celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. We will be working toward preparing our musical, Nic at Night, so mark your calendars to join us on May 5!

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23





CHRIST ACROSS THE CAMPUS

CHURCH:
402-563-1314



SCHOOL:
402-564-3531



CHILDCARE:
402-270-8018

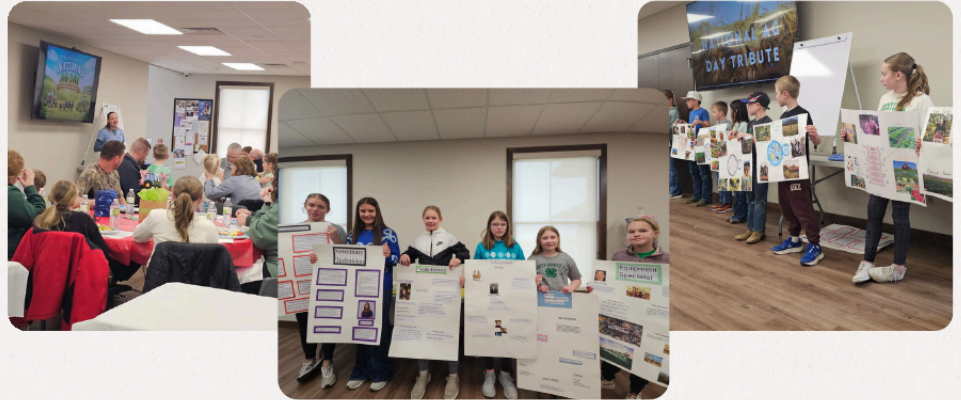


Come Worship!

Christ Lutheran will have Holy Week services as follows:
 Palm Sunday with Confirmation: March 29th, 10AM
 Maundy Thursday, April 2nd: 7PM
 Good Friday, April 3rd: 7PM
 Easter Sunrise Service: 7AM
 Easter Celebration Service: 10AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Confirmation Sunday**
Sunday, March 29th
 We will celebrate our two confirmands this year, Ellie Frese and Colton Marxsen! We hope you can join us!
- * **Science Fair and PTL Supper**
Thursday, April 16th, 5:30PM
 Our annual curriculum night this year is a Science Fair! Come see all of the interesting projects our students have "cooked up"! PTL supper begins at 5:30 at the Cornerstone Center. Science Judging begins at 6.
- * **Campus-Wide Clean Up!**
Saturday, April 18th, 10AM
 It's time for a Campus-Wide Spring Cleaning! Join the youth group as we all work together to freshen up the campus grounds!



Agriculture Drives, Nebraska Thrives!

Our 3rd Annual National Ag Day luncheon was held on March 17th, with over 35 area Ag professionals and families in attendance! This is such a great opportunity each year for our students to take a deeper dive into an Agriculture topic and present their findings to our local ag producers and families. As a rural school, we are intimately involved with the number one industry in Nebraska, and we are proud to be a part of this amazing community! From crop and livestock farmers to crop dusters and genetic breeders, from production to transportation, from seed to store, we just about cover it all right here at Christ Lutheran!

A few of our goals at Christ Lutheran School are to cultivate community and respect for God's creation, and honoring those who are helping our state thrive through agriculture is a great way for us to do both! This year students interviewed area ag producers, traced their food on their plate back to the source, and researched women who have made a difference in agriculture. Students and families helped prepare a delicious meal, and we enjoyed a lovely presentation from June Loseke, local large animal veterinarian! Thank you to ALL who came and made the day so special!

A "Splitt" Second

Every year during national Agriculture week I am always reminded of how DEEPLY rooted our families are in this amazing industry. My students asked several ag producers what their favorite thing was about their job, and the one answer we saw over and over again was that they get to do it with their FAMILY! An "ag culture" they grew up with and now pass on to the next generation.



Worship News

Confirming the Faith and Celebrating Easter!

As is Christ Lutheran tradition, our Palm Sunday service will also be a time to celebrate our Confirmands, Ellie Frese and Colton Marxsen, as they proclaim their faith in front of the congregation. Holy week continues with Maundy Thursday, a time to remember the Last Supper, and then Good Friday service, a time to mourn the death of the Lamb. However we don't stay sad for long, because we Celebrate the Risen Savior on Easter morning, along with our youth group, at sunrise service, followed by a delicious breakfast! The choir also has some amazing pieces prepared for the 10AM service as we proclaim, "Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed!"

"Jesus changes everything when He rises from the dead on Easter Sunday. The power of death is broken, He is shown to truly be our Savior from sin and death, and we now have the certain hope of resurrection for all His people. So we sing, rejoice, and give thanks because He did all this for YOU!" - Pastor Voelker



Read Across the Campus!!



Read Across America Week was March 2nd-6th, and our campus celebrated with several fun activities and dress-up days! Our upper grades students read a different genre of book to the school each day, the childcare had several guest readers as well, and we wrapped up the week with a Dr. Suess Carnival! We love to see the joy of reading shared across the campus!



Early Childhood Community

A SWEET Summer Ahead!

As the weather warms up, we are beginning to prepare for **summer camp**, and excitement is building! Our school-age Summer Program runs from May 18th to August 14th . Join us for weekly themes and field trips, hands-on STEM and creative arts projects, outdoor adventures, and of course faith-based learning! For more information please email CLECCcamp@gmail.com.

We will have a limited number of **infant openings** available this summer! Families interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact us to schedule a tour or complete a waitlist application. We would love to welcome your little ones to our program!

As we grow, we are **currently hiring** for opening and closing shifts (applicants must be 16 years or older). If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out.



"We are so grateful to share that our Donuts for Swings & Things fundraiser was a wonderful success -we raised nearly \$4,500! Thank you to everyone who supported, donated, and participated. Your generosity is helping us continue to create meaningful outdoor play spaces for our childcare children.

- 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. This Spring we have a campus-wide clean up day to help get the ground ready for the warmer weather. We also are in need of mowing volunteers for the summer season! Let a trustee know if you are willing to help out!

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 Helper
(Shell Creek)
- Student Services Driver
(District)
- Head Softball Coach

OLD



EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

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



April 2026

Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Crispitos cheese sauce Tater tots Corn	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Menu subject to change 7-12 grab n go meals offered.
5	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Rib patty Fries Mixed veggies	8 Mandarin orange chicken Brown rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	9 Pasta bake Peas Garlic bread	10 Pizza Green beans Cookie	11 offer daily fruit and veggie bar
12	13 Chicken quesadillas Spanish Rice Black beans	14 Breaded beef steak Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	15 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped potatoes Carrots Roll	16 Meat ball subs Chips Broccoli	17 Chicken Patty Fries Mixed veggies	18 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
19	20 Hamburger French fries Carrots	21 Chicken Alfredo Green beans Bread stick	22 Beef nacho Refried Beans Fruit crisp	23 Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	24 Pulled pork Baked beans Chips	25 Water and Milk offered daily
26	27 Max sticks Peas Cookies	28 Grab n go lunch	29 Sausage gravy over biscuit Tri-potato yogurt cup	30 Hot ham and cheese Sun chip Baked beans		

LAKEVIEW VIKINGS

SIDELINE STORE

FIND YOUR STYLE



70 +
CUSTOM
DESIGNS

OVER
25
BRANDS

YOUR PURCHASE SUPPORTS THE
LAKEVIEW ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

SHOP NOW

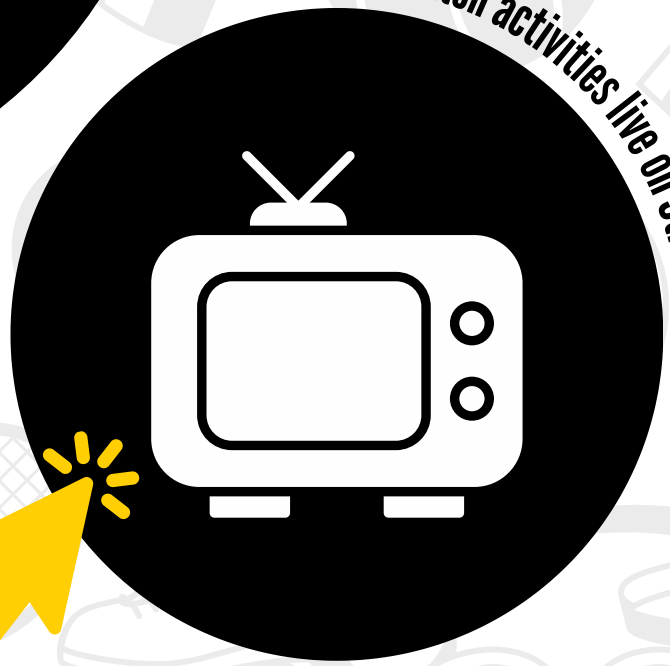


<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/columbus/lakeview-high-school>

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
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