

LMHS NEWSLETTER

April 2026

From The Principal's Desk



Happy April! I think we are all delighted to see the snow gone and temperatures start to rise. As we enter into the fourth quarter, please take some time to talk to your child about finishing the school year on a positive note. Believe it or not, some students will tend to direct their attention to other things as the weather starts to warm up and summer vacation creeps closer.

The fourth quarter encompasses not only spring co-curriculars, but important items such as PreACT Secure! testing, ensuring fall academic eligibility, Prom, final exams and graduation.

Our last opportunity for Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, April 16 and Thursday, April 23, both nights from 3:3--7:30 PM. You can find the sign up link in this newsletter.

We will be on a special schedule Tuesday, April 14 because of PreACT Secure! testing. The schedule for that day is also included in this newsletter.

Remember, you are the most important influence in your child's life, and you play a key role in helping your child learn how to make smart choices and decisions.

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

Cale Vogel
Principal

April Calendar

April

7 - Great World Texts Student Conference at UW-Madison

8 - Large Group Instrumental Festival Hosted by LMHS
 10 - Trivia Night Fundraiser for The Mill, 6 PM, Commons
 12 - Art Exhibit Reception
 12 - FFA Awards Program at LMHS
 14 - PreACT Secure! testing for Gr. 9 & 10 only - special schedule included in this newsletter
 15 - Large Group Choir Festival at Poynette
 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 PM
 16 - Junior Planning Meeting, 6 PM, Auditorium
 17 - Senior Portfolio Exit Interviews, 8:30 AM, Commons
 17 - State Forensics at UW-Madison
 17 - FFA Skills Competition & Midwest Horse Fair at Madison
 17 - Spring Play Performance, 7 PM, Auditorium
 18 - State Forensics at UW-Madison
 18 - Spring Play Performance, 7 PM Auditorium
 19 - Spring Play Performance, 2 PM Auditorium
 19 - Art Exhibit Ends
 20 - Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, LM City Hall
 22 - NHS Spring Blood Drive, 8 AM-1 PM, Lower Gym
 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 PM
 25 - State Solo & Ensemble, 8 AM-4 PM, UW-Whitewater



Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up



It's time to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences! You can choose either Thursday, April 16 and/or April 23 from 3:30-7:30 PM. The link to sign up is below.

Conferences can be either in-person or virtual. Please be sure to mark that on the sign up sheet.

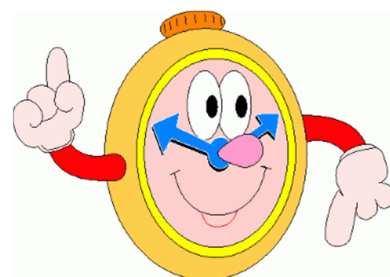
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LMHS Schedule for Tuesday, April 14

On Tuesday, April 14, FRESHMEN and SOPHOMORES will take part in PreACT Secure! testing in the morning. They should report to school as usual for a 7:50 A.M. start on this day. Testing will go until 11:30 A.M. and then we will have a condensed school day schedule in the afternoon.

Lunch is available for everyone from 11:30 AM-Noon

On this day, juniors and seniors should report to school at the time noted below. It will be a Day 2.



Tuesday, April 14 - Day 2

1st Block 12:00 - 12:45

2nd Block 12:49 - 1:33

3rd Block 1:37 - 2:20

4th Block 2:24 - 3:07

Study Hall/Phy-Ed. Passing Times

1st Block 12:00 - 12:21 and 12:24 - 12:45

2nd Block 12:49 - 1:10 and 1:13 - 1:33

3rd Block 1:37 - 1:57 and 2:00 - 2:20

4th Block 2:24 - 2:44 and 2:47 - 3:07

Spring Play Performances - April 17, 18 & 19



This year we are proud to present the Lake Mills High School Spring Play — *Larceny and Old Lace* by Van Vandagriff. We have an insanely talented group here, and this play offers them opportunities to push themselves and to show off what makes this group special. This play is an homage (or is it a parody?) of the classic stage play, *Arsenic and Old Lace* which was famously adapted into film in 1944 by director Frank Capra starring Cary Grant.

Our story follows Henrietta Peabody, an accountant, who is just a few days away from getting married when things go completely topsy turvy. After spending some time ensuring that her wacky uncle (who is convinced he is a pirate) doesn't hurt anyone or dig

up any azaleas while her aunts are out of town, she discovers a terrible (hilarious?) family secret. Her aunts — a pair of spinsters who are not good at cards, slots, or roulette — have decided to cut to the chase and rob casinos at gunpoint. All of this comes as a shock to their sweet, normal niece, Henrietta. She tries to find a way to make everything work out — to keep her aunts out of prison, to get Charlie to Serenity Hills Rest Home, and to make it to her wedding on time — when her evil (and very ugly) cousin breaks out of prison, robs a bank, and uses their aunt's house as a hideout from the FBI, and full blown chaos breaks out. Even as an accountant, Henrietta just can't make all this madness add up.

This play will be performed at the Lake Mills High School Auditorium on April 17th and 18th at 7:00 PM and April 19th at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door. They are \$9 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors, and free for children 3 and under.

Senior Portfolio Information

On Friday, April 17, a mixture of school district staff and community members will meet with seniors and discuss their portfolio in what we call our Senior Portfolio Exit Interviews.

For this day, we highly suggest seniors:

- ✦ Eat a good breakfast
- ✦ Dress as they would for a job interview. No jeans or t-shirts.
- ✦ Go in with confidence and a smile. Initiate a handshake, introduce yourself to your evaluator, and thank them for reading your portfolio.
- ✦ Answer questions with a positive attitude.
- ✦ Be prepared to talk about your work samples and to reflect on your high school experience.
- ✦ Shake hands and thank them at the end of your interview.



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

Prom 2026



The Lake Mills High School will be holding its annual Junior Prom on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 8 until 11 P.M. at the Lake Mills Elementary School. The theme for this year's event is "Night on the Bayou!" -- A New Orleans/*Princess and the Frog* inspired night of music, dancing, and fun!

More information will be coming soon as well as the announcement of the Prom Court.

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

May 17 - Scholarship Night, 6:30 PM

May 25 - No School, Memorial Day

May 31 - Graduation, 1 PM

June 1, 2 & 3 - Second Semester Exams

June 3 - Last Day of School



LMASD 2026-27 School Schedule



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.

Early College Credit and Start College Now Deadline

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 high 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).



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