



— Lakeview Local Schools — **LAKEVIEW LEDGER**

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Lakeview Families,

There's something about spring in K-12 education that feels a lot like the final stretch of a relay race.

The baton has been passed countless times since August, between teachers, students, families, and staff, each doing their part to keep things moving forward. And now, as the weather begins to shift and the days grow longer, we find ourselves in that final lap. It's the stretch where everything matters just a little bit more. Where focus sharpens, energy is tested, and the finish line finally comes into view.

But unlike a sprint, this part of the race is layered.

Classrooms are still full of meaningful learning, with teachers pushing to ensure every student crosses the finish line with confidence. At the same time, calendars fill quickly: state testing, concerts, field trips, award ceremonies, proms, graduations. Each event is a milestone, a celebration, a marker of growth. Each one matters.

There is also something less visible that arrives with spring: change.

For some students, it means moving on to a new building, a new grade level, or even a new path entirely. For seniors, it's the closing of one chapter and the uncertainty and excitement of what comes next. For staff, it can bring shifts in roles, new challenges, and the quiet reflection that comes with another year coming to a close.

Spring holds both celebration and uncertainty at the same time.



And yet, through it all, one thing remains constant, we are on the same team.

In a relay, no single runner carries the entire race. Success depends on trust, on shared purpose, and on the understanding that each leg matters. The same is true in our schools. Students, educators, families, and the broader community all play a role in getting us to the finish line.

There will be moments of fatigue in this final stretch. There will be days when the pace feels fast and the demands feel heavy. But there will also be moments of pride, seeing growth, celebrating achievements, and recognizing just how far we've come together.

As we move through these final weeks, it's worth remembering that the finish line is not just an end, it's also a handoff. What we build, support, and accomplish now sets the stage for what comes next.

So we lean in. We support one another. We keep our eyes forward.

Because in this race, we don't run alone.

Educationally,
Ashley Handrych, Superintendent

Important Dates:

- ▶ APRIL 9th : 1st Grade Concert, 6 PM
- ▶ APRIL 17th: LMS Dodgeball Tournament
- ▶ APRIL 17th: HS Musical, 7 PM
- ▶ APRIL 18th: HS Musical, 7 PM
- ▶ APRIL 18th: Trash to Treasure Sale
- ▶ APRIL 25th: HS Musical, 7 PM
- ▶ APRIL 26th: HS Musical, 3 PM
- ▶ APRIL 28th: District Art Show 5 PM - 7 PM
- ▶ APRIL 28th: State of the Schools, 7 PM

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Prom Preview Gets an Upgrade: Join Us for Prom Coronation!

One of Lakeview's most exciting traditions is getting even better this year and the entire community is invited to be part of it.

The annual Prom Preview has been reimagined as a **Prom Coronation**, creating an even more memorable experience for our students and families. This year's event will take place on **May 1st at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Lakeview High School Raidel Auditorium**.

Guests will have the opportunity to cheer on our prom attendees as they are introduced and celebrate together as we crown the **2026 Prom Royalty**. It's a special evening that highlights not only the excitement of prom, but also the pride we have in our students.

Admission is **free for prom attendees**, **\$2 for students**, and **\$5 for outside guests**. Whether you're a parent, friend, or community member, this is a wonderful chance to come together and support our students as they shine.

We hope you'll join us for this upgraded tradition and help make it a night to remember!

National Honor Society Hosts Memorable Senior Citizen Bash

Lakeview's National Honor Society recently hosted a heartwarming Senior Citizen Bash, bringing together students and members of our community for an afternoon full of connection, laughter, and fun.

The event featured a variety of activities including games, food, and dancing, creating a welcoming atmosphere where everyone could relax and enjoy each other's company. From friendly competition during games to sharing stories over a meal, the room was filled with smiles and meaningful conversation.

What made the event truly special was the interaction between our students and senior citizens. These moments, simple conversations, shared dances, and genuine laughter, highlighted the power of connection across generations. Our NHS students demonstrated kindness, respect, and a true sense of community, making each guest feel valued and appreciated.



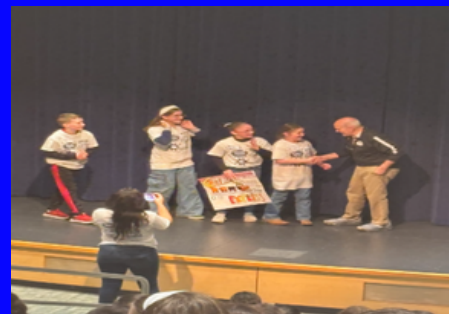
Events like the Senior Citizen Bash remind us that some of the most impactful experiences don't happen in a classroom, but through relationships and shared time together. We are proud of our students for their leadership and for representing Lakeview so well.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. It was a wonderful celebration of community spirit and connection.

Pizza Joes Innovators Challenge

Our Lakeview 5th and 6th grade students recently had the exciting opportunity to participate in the Pizza Joe's Innovators Challenge at Kent State Trumbull and they made the most of it in a big way!

The Innovators Challenge brings students together to think creatively, collaborate as a team, and step into the role of young entrepreneurs. Each team was tasked with developing a brand-new, original



pizza concept, from ingredients and flavor combinations to branding and presentation. But the challenge didn't stop there.

Students then took the stage in the Kent State auditorium, where they pitched their ideas to a panel of judges. Standing in front of an audience, they confidently presented their creations, explained their inspiration, and made the case for why their pizza deserved to win.

We are incredibly proud to share that Lakeview's team was recognized as the Best Innovators of the event!

This accomplishment speaks volumes about our students' creativity, teamwork, and communication skills. They embraced the challenge, supported one another, and delivered a presentation that stood out among their peers.

Experiences like this go far beyond the classroom, giving students the chance to apply their learning in real-world, meaningful ways.

Board of Education Recognizes Students with Perfect State Test Scores

At last month's Board of Education meeting, Lakeview Local Schools proudly recognized an outstanding group of students for a truly remarkable achievement, earning perfect scores on their Spring 2025 state tests.



Reaching a perfect score is no small accomplishment. It reflects not only a deep understanding of the material, but also dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to doing one's very best. These students have set themselves apart through their hard work and focus, and their achievement is something worth celebrating.

During the recognition, Board members and administrators had the opportunity to honor each student, acknowledging both their academic success and the effort it took to reach such a high level of performance. Moments like these highlight the importance of academic excellence and the role it plays in preparing students for future success.

Congratulations to the following students:

Everest E., Math
Brady S., Math
Jack S., Math
Jonah S., Math
Brent M., ELA
Ava S., ELA & Math
Blake B., Math
Henry K., Math

Connor M., Math
Alex B., Government
Grayson C., American History
Cecelia D., Geometry
Hudson L., American History
Lindsay R., American History
Thomas R., Geometry
Paige S., American History

Ranked: A Musical

Ranked
"Everything's Changing"
A Musical

Show Dates:
April 17th @7:00 pm
April 18th @7:00 pm
April 25th @7:00 pm
April 26th @3:00 pm

Location:
300 Hillman Drive, Cortland OH 44410
Lakeview High School
You may enter through the auditorium doors
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Libretto, music & lyrics copyright © 2019 by David Taylor Games

Official Mascot Rendering

Lakeview Local Schools is proud to unveil a new, unified look for its Bulldog mascot thanks to the talent of one of our own.

At the February Board of Education meeting, members officially adopted a Bulldog rendering created by Lakeview graduate **Rachel Clark**. Her design will serve as the district's official mascot image moving forward, helping to bring consistency and pride to Lakeview branding across schools, teams, and programs.



Rachel's work captures the strength, determination, and spirit that define the Lakeview community. As a graduate, her connection to the district made this contribution especially meaningful, and her

design reflects both tradition and a fresh, modern identity for our Bulldogs.

The adoption of an official mascot rendering is an important step in unifying how Lakeview is represented, from athletic uniforms and facilities to publications and community materials. It ensures that wherever the Bulldog appears, it does so with a consistent and recognizable presence.

We are grateful to Rachel for sharing her talent and creativity with the district and for leaving a lasting mark on Lakeview. This is a point of pride not only for her, but for our entire community.

Be on the lookout for the new Bulldog making its debut across the district in the months ahead!

Trash to Treasure Fundraiser

HELP A FORMER BULLDOG FIGHT CANCER!

SUPPORT SAM BALEST!
2024 LAKEVIEW GRADUATE

- All State Honorable Mention
- First Team All-District
- First Team All-County
- First Team All-Conference
- Don Jones Mayors Award Winner
- Voice of Lakeview Basketball on YSN

Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Battling Medical Expenses

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE!
★ Big Indoor Garage Sale Fundraiser! ★

SALE DATE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
8:30 am - 4 pm
Lakeview High School - Old Gym

DONATION DROP-OFF:
Friday, April 17th
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Lakeview High School - Old Gym

Need item pickup? Call or text 330-507-9058

★ ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING DONATIONS:
Children's Sizes 6T and Smaller
or Lakeview Gear (Any Size)

BULLDOGS TAKE CARE THEIR OWN.

Support Sam here. Comment: SAM

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