

Lakeview Community Schools

Viking Voyager

May 2026

Issue 9



From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we reach the end of another school year, we find ourselves surrounded by milestones. For some students, it's the completion of another grade level. For others, it's the transition to a new building and new opportunities. And for our seniors, it's graduation, the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another.

These moments matter. They are the ones we remember. They are the ones we look back on years from now and realize just how important they were. Throughout this year, I've shared thoughts about the Power of Moments, and there is no better time to reflect on that than right now.

Graduation, in particular, is filled with those moments. Walking across the stage, hearing your name called, celebrating with friends, those are the moments that stand out. But I want to challenge our graduates, and really all of our students, to pause and take in something even bigger.

Take a moment to look beyond the stage. Look into the crowd.

Every person there, family, friends, teachers, coaches, community members, has played a role in your journey. Some have been there since the very beginning. Others stepped in along the way. Some cheered you on at games or performances. Some supported you quietly behind the scenes. Some may have only crossed your path briefly, but still made an impact.

While this milestone is something you have earned and should be proud of, it was never accomplished alone.

That support system is one of the most powerful things you carry with you, not just today, but into whatever comes next. And just as importantly, it's something you can continue to build. There will always be people willing to lend a hand, to encourage you, and to celebrate your success. The connections you make, and keep, are what make these moments truly meaningful.

So as you move forward, I hope you remember two things: never hesitate to lean on the support around you, and never underestimate your ability to be that support for someone else.

To our graduating class, we are incredibly proud of you. We are excited to see where your journey takes you, and we hope you always know that Lakeview will be part of your story.

Once a Viking, always a Viking.

We are Lakeview.

Rick Meyer
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools

The background is a solid mustard yellow color with white, wavy-edged borders at the top and bottom. Scattered around the text are illustrations of blue graduation caps with yellow tassels and blue graduation gowns with yellow stoles. A gold medal with a crest is also visible on the left side.

CLASS OF 2026

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 10th, at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview High School. The senior class would like to thank the parent graduation committee who volunteered to plan and organize this special event celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2026!

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.

**Planning ahead for Class of 2027:* Next year's 26-27 calendar shows the seniors' last day will be Wed, May 5, 2027. Please mark your calendar for commencement on Sunday, May 9, 2027, at 1:30 pm.

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.

Brianna Line

Congratulations to Brianna Line for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for April! Brianna is an excellent student. Brianna is patient and kind and is always willing to help others. She is a friendly student who has a positive attitude and is respectful to her teachers and peers. Awesome job Brianna!



Abby Bird

Congratulations to Abby Bird for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for April! Abby is an excellent student who takes pride in her work. She gives her best effort in class and in her activities. Abby is respectful to her peers and teachers. Great job Abby!



LAKEVIEW

Vikings

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & CAMPS



REGISTER TODAY!

SPRING EVENT:



Track

STARTS APRIL 30TH!

SUMMER LINEUP:



Boys Basketball



Girls Basketball



Football



Softball



Volleyball



Wrestling



[REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

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



VEHICLE DAY

On April 15, 2026, First Graders from Shell Creek and Platte Center participated in Vehicle Day. This event provides an excellent chance for students to see various vehicles up close, understand their purposes, and appreciate the vital roles they serve in our everyday lives. Additionally, students had the opportunity to learn from the professionals who operate these vehicles. The Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce organizes this event.





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

LAKEVIEW FBLA NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION



SERVICE



PROGRESS



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UPCOMING EVENTS



State Leadership Conference

On April 16-18th, twenty-one members attended the State Leadership Conference in Kearney. Members attended sessions, competed in several events, and networked with 2,200 other members around the state. Members also enjoyed golf at the new Drop Zone location in Kearney. Results are listed below:

Largest chapter in the state!
 Gold Seal of Merit
 Sweepstakes Award
 6 Ribbon Project Completions
 4th | Community Service | Elle Badstieber & Abby Ellsworth
 4th | Computer Applications | Vivienne Mulder
 4th | Digital Animation | Hailey Freeland
 5th | Intro to Business Concepts | Michael Rowe
 6th | Local Chapter Business Report | Abby, Ayla, Elle
 7th | Healthcare Administration | Katie Rowe
 7th | Career Portfolio | Katie Rowe
 7th | Intro to Business Procedures | Michael Rowe
 Job Interview Semi-Finalists | Reagan Hinds
 All State Quality Member | Elle Badstieber
 Who's Who Award | Elle Badstieber



Ribbon Projects



St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

"Fruits of the Spirit"

We give thanks for the many ways our students have been encouraged to grow academically, socially, and in their God-given talents. We were blessed to welcome the Lakeview Viking Voices and Viking Jazz Band, who shared their musical gifts with us. Their performances highlighted not only their talents but also the many opportunities available through the fine arts.

Our preschool and Pre-K students have been learning about how a seed grows by planting flower seeds in cups to watch them grow in our classroom. The children know that only God can make a flower grow as we've learned from singing the song "Oh, who can make a flower?!" Our Little Room welcomed two Pre-K students for Kindergarten Round-Up! This year's theme was Noah's Ark, and we are excited to have them join our classroom next year; they have been reviewing and learning about coin and dollar amounts and first grade students were introduced to conjunctions this week and are already putting their new skills into practice. The Primary Room has been reading their class novel, *Charlotte's Web*, and have learned a lot about spiders as well. In Math, they are learning multiplication and division, along with economics in Social Studies and pronouns in English. In the Middle Room, students have been working diligently to expand their understanding of fractions and decimals in Math and in Social Studies, learning about the expansion of our country during the Industrial Revolution. Our Big Room has been balancing strong academic efforts alongside a busy track season and learning lines and songs for the musical.

We enjoyed celebrating the joy of the Easter season with our annual Easter Egg Hunt, a time filled with excitement and fellowship for our students. On April 10, our school also participated in the Columbus United Way Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign by dressing in blue, showing our support for strong, safe, and healthy communities for all children.

A special highlight was the confirmation of seven of our eighth-grade students on Palm Sunday. We thank God for their continued growth in faith and pray that He will guide them in the years ahead.

Our eighth graders also had the opportunity to visit Lakeview for freshman orientation. They returned excited about the possibilities that await them next year and the many opportunities available to them.

We are proud of all of our students for their hard work during MAPS testing. They approached the week with focus and determination, and we look forward to sharing their results. We also had students in grades 1-5 participate in the Lakeview Spelling Bee, with Sawyer Alswager (1st grade) and Ava Siefken (2nd grade) earning second place in their respective divisions—an excellent accomplishment. Additionally, three of our students participated in "Sing Around Columbus" on April 21, representing our school.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly preparing for our musical, *Nic at Night*. We hope you will join us on May 5 at 1:00 p.m. and/or 6:30 p.m. as our students showcase their hard work and talents. Before that, we are looking forward to Lutheran School Field Day on May 1 and Lakeview FFA Farm Day on May 4. Following our musical, we will wrap up the school year with our all-school field trip.

We give thanks for the many blessings God continues to provide within our school community and for the opportunity to partner together in the education and growth of our students.

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

St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter





CHRIST ACROSS THE CAMPUS

CHURCH:
402-563-1314



SCHOOL:
402-564-3531



CHILDCARE:
402-270-8018



Come Worship!

Christ Lutheran Church has worship services every Sunday at 10AM. Join us for Sunday School hour beginning at 9AM. Children ages 3 and up meet down at the school and adult Bible study is held at the Cornerstone Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✳ **Choir and Prayer Partners**
Sunday, April 26

The last Prayer Partner event will be held after the K-8 choir sings at church. We hope to see you there!

✳ **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 7th, 2:30PM
Come join us at the flag pole for our National Day of Prayer ceremony and presentation from ALL of our students!

✳ **Upcoming Dates**

- 5/1: Lutheran Schools Track Meet at Lakeview, 8:55AM
- 5/10: Graduation Sunday
- 5/12: All School Field Trip
- 5/13: Last day of school and preschool!



A Spring full of Science and Spelling

Each Spring, CLS hosts a curriculum night, and this year was Science's turn to shine! We held a science fair for preschool-8th grade, and the projects were truly impressive. We are so proud of each student for the work they put in and the presentations they gave. We thank our five judges, who chose our winners, and we thank the PTL and preschool families for a delicious dinner for the evening!

This month we also sent two of our students to the Lakeview Spelling Bee, with BOTH of them doing an amazing job! Congrats to Leighton Sobota and Coy Klug on their outstanding performances! Our classrooms are busy this spring with field trips to the state capitol, Lincoln Children's Museum, Orphan Grain Train, Country Lane Gardens, and the Firehouse! Our new class of Kindergarten students will be visiting for round-up day, the annual plant sale wraps up at the end of April, and all K-8 students will attend the Lutheran Schools Track Meet at Lakeview on May 1st. The last day of school is May 13th, with an early dismissal day beginning with closing chapel at 8:15 and ending with our annual parent-student kickball game!

A "Splitt" Second

Enrollment for the '26-'27 school year is open! Registrations can be done online or with a paper form. Scholarships are available for families in need, applications are due May 15th. We are excited to see the growth in our program with large incoming classes. We are thankful for each and every family we get to serve and share the love of Jesus with!



Worship News

Spring Season

The season of Easter leads us to the Ascension of our Lord, and as His earthly ministry came to a close, ours begins with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We now are His body on earth, the hands and feet to carry out His will. The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few!

Psalm 104:14 - "You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth."

Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."



"Take time this spring to watch how God has made this world to give us what we need for each day. Plants spring up, many animals have young, trees bud, and green covers it all!" - Pastor Voelker

Week of the Young Child at the CLECC!



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." - Psalm 98:4



Toddlers and preschoolers created fun "sun" snacks using crackers, cheese, and peppers.



We had a police officer, a firefighter, and Heartland Cement visit us on Wednesday! We learned that we can all help in different ways!



We are all unique, made by God, and can "lend a hand" to others in need! Students each decorated their own hand art to remind us that we are both creative and helpful!



Early Childhood Community

Week of the Young Child

We had a joyful and meaningful week celebrating the Week of the Young Child! Each day was filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and reminders of God's love woven into all we do. Here's a look at the special moments we shared together:

Music Monday - Making a Joyful Noise
We kicked off the week with the gift of music! Mrs. Frese's CLS class joined us and brought a variety of instruments for the children to explore. From boom sticks and clappers to maracas, tambourines, and shaky eggs, the classrooms were filled with excitement.

Tasty Tuesday - Learning Through Food & Faith: Our littlest learners explored new tastes and textures with a variety of purées, while toddlers and preschoolers created fun "sun" snacks. It was a beautiful day of discovery, creativity, and growing in faith with Mrs. Kayla.

Work Together Wednesday - Community Helpers: We were blessed by special visitors from our community, including parents and congregation members. This day reminded us how God gives each person unique gifts to serve others, and how working together makes our community stronger.

Artsy Thursday - God Made Our Hands
We reflected on how God created our hands to help, love, and serve. Ms. Hailey and the children talked about ways they can show kindness—helping friends, giving hugs, and caring for their space. As each child added their handprint to a class poster, we were reminded that while every hand is unique, together we are part of God's family, capable of doing amazing things.

Family Friday - Celebrating Our Families
To wrap up the week, we focused on the importance of family. Children shared pictures of their loved ones, talked about their siblings, and celebrated the special families God has given each of us.

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

- Elementary (Primary) Teacher (Shell Creek)
- After School Program Coordinator (Platte Center)
- Administrative Assistant (Shell Creek)
- Part-Time Kitchen Help (Shell Creek)
- Student Services Driver (District)
- Coaching
 - Varsity Softball Assistant
 - Varsity Volleyball Assistant
 - Junior High Volleyball Assistant



EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE TODAY!

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

May 2026

Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pizza Peas Cookie	2 Menu subject to change
3	4 Mandarin orange chicken Rice Broccoli Egg roll	5 Corn dogs Macaroni and cheese Peas	6 Hamburgers Chips Baked beans	7 Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	8 Baked pasta Green beans Bread sticks	9 Offered daily fruit and veggie bar
10	11 Cooks' choice	12 Cook's choice	13 Cooks' choice	14 Cooks' choice	15	16 Offer daily variety of fruits, juices, water, and milk.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 This institution is a <u>equal opportunity provider</u>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Have a great summer!					

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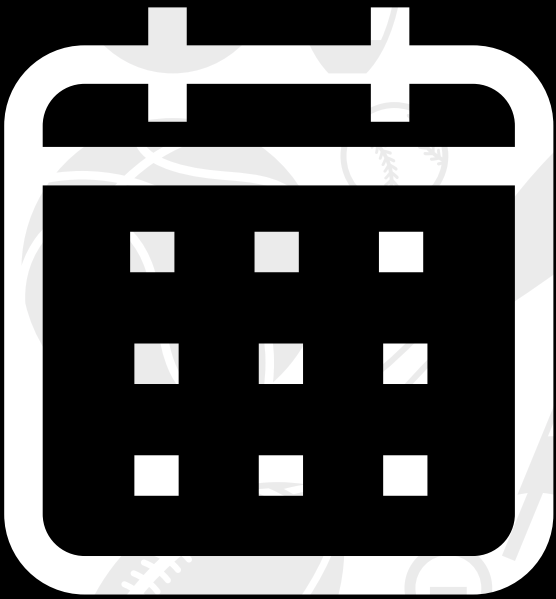


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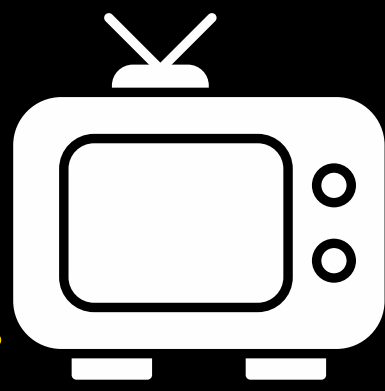
ACTIVITIES

Lakeview Community Schools Activities Calendar*



*new link coming after 2025-26 school year

Watch activities live on Striv





ATTENTION LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY!

We are excited to share that we are transitioning to a **new activities calendar** to better serve our students, families, and community!



YOU CAN NOW FIND TEAM SCHEDULES, SCHOOL EVENTS, TEAM STORES AND UPDATES ALL IN ONE PLACE AT:

<https://www.gobound.com/ne/schools/columbuslakeview>



TEAM SCHEDULES

Find game and event schedules easily.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Stay informed about all school activities.



TEAM STORES

Shop official team gear and show your pride.



UPDATES

Get the latest news and announcements.



BE SURE TO BOOKMARK IT AND STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THINGS LAKEVIEW ACTIVITIES!



MORE INFORMATION AND USER TIPS WILL BE PROVIDED THIS SUMMER! *STAY TUNED.*

Thank you for your continued support of our Vikings!



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	3214 25th St, Ste 2
Schuyler, NE	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