



— Lakeview Local Schools —

LAKEVIEW LEDGER

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. This year has been filled with incredible achievements, growth, and moments of joy across our schools, and it is all thanks to the dedication and support of our students, staff, families, and community partners.



The holiday season offers us a chance to reflect on what matters most: the well-being of our students, the strength of our community, and the shared commitment to building a positive and supportive learning environment. I am continually inspired by the kindness, generosity, and hard work that define our district and community.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited about the continued growth and opportunities that await us. Our teachers and staff remain focused on providing the highest quality education, while our leadership team works to ensure that we have the resources and plans in place to support both short-term and long-term success.

I hope that you have the chance to enjoy a restful and joyful holiday season with your loved ones. May this time bring peace, renewal, and happiness to all. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together in the coming year.

Warmest wishes,
Ashley Handrych
Superintendent

Important Dates:

- 12/3: 6:00 P.M. 5th-7th Choir Concert
- 12/4: 6:30 P.M. 3rd Grade Winter Performance
- 12/5: 5:00 P.M. LHS Meet the Team
- 12/10: 6:00 P.M. 6th-7th Band Concert
- 12/12: 6:00 P.M. 8th Band & Choir Concert
- 12/16: 7:00 P.M. LHS Band & Choir Concert
- 12/20: **EARLY RELEASE**, End of 9 weeks
- 12/23 - 1/3: **NO SCHOOL**, Winter Break



NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Fall Highlights

As we wrap up a successful fall season, I want to take a moment to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our student-athletes and performers. Our fall athletics teams have demonstrated incredible dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with many achieving personal and team milestones. From thrilling victories on the field to strong showings



at regional competitions, our athletes have represented our district with pride. In addition, our student performers in band, choir, and drama have showcased their talent and hard work through memorable concerts and performances.

Whether on the field or on stage, these students continue to make us proud with their commitment to excellence and their passion for their craft.



8th Grade Returns to LMS

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year our 8th grade students will remain at Lakeview Middle School. Throughout the Fall of 2024, the administrative team worked to achieve this goal without adding staffing. At the time the decision was made to move 8th grade to LHS, there were two large classes that required additional staff members and classrooms to cover. We did not have the staffing or the space at LMS. Since those classes have moved onto the high school, we are now able to accommodate 8th grade in the K8 building with the current staffing structure we have in place. Additional rationale for this decision involves the facilities at Lakeview High School vs. the modern and climate controlled space at the K8 building as well as the developmental and academic needs of 8th grade students.

Art in the City

At the November Board of Education meeting, the Lakeview Board of Education and Mayor Petrosky recognized the students that participated in creating a large community mural at Cortland Mower. Thanks to the creativity and hard work of this group of talented students and their dedicated art teacher, Mr. Piper. Together, they designed and painted a vibrant, large-scale mural on the side of the building, transforming a blank wall into a stunning work of art that reflects our community's spirit. The mural, which features a rendering of the Mosquito Lake Causeway serves as a beautiful expression of the students' vision and the collaborative efforts of our school. Mr. Piper's leadership and the students' enthusiasm brought this project to life, and it is a powerful reminder of how art can inspire, connect, and beautify our community. We are proud of their accomplishment and grateful for their contribution to making our district an even more vibrant place to live and learn.



Veterans Day Ceremony

Lakeview Local Schools hosted a heartfelt Veterans Day Ceremony to honor local veterans and their service to the country. The event, which took place at the district's main auditorium, brought together students, teachers, families, and community members for a moving tribute. The ceremony featured a series of student performances, including a choral rendition of the national anthem, a dramatic reading of patriotic poems and an 8th grade band performance of Military Medley. Students also created personalized artwork to decorate the auditorium lobby to express their gratitude. The event was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served, as well as the importance of community and the next generation's role in preserving freedom and honoring those who protect it.



Five Year Forecast

The Board of Education approved the submission of our financial Five Year Forecast at their November meeting. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and strategic planning, this forecast provides a detailed look at our projected revenue, expenditures, and funding needs over the next five years, helping us plan for long-term financial stability while continuing to support our students and staff. The forecast includes considerations for rising costs, state funding trends, and potential investments in our educational programs and facilities. By proactively addressing our financial outlook, we can ensure that we make informed decisions that balance fiscal responsibility with the needs of our school community. We encourage everyone to review this forecast, as it plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our district. You can find the complete Five Year Forecast on the Ohio Department of Education website.

Lakeview Care Crew

The District is in search of retirees that are interested in joining our Care Crew. Care Crew volunteers would work on a rotating basis as morning greeters for our students in all three buildings. The time commitment can be as many or as few days a week as possible. St. Roberts Church has recruited two volunteers to start the program, but we'd love to have a robust group to join our team. If you have a family member or neighbor that you think would be interested, please refer them to Mrs. Handrych in the Lakeview Board of Education Offices or via email.

