



# Lakeview SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ViewPoints

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Lakeview School District Board of Education is to represent the public's interest in providing equitable educational experiences in a safe learning environment that develop knowledgeable, healthy, responsible citizens who contribute and flourish in the global community.

### From the Superintendent



It is with great humility and honor that I start my tenure as Superintendent of Lakeview School District. Lakeview is a school district focused on excellence for every student. This summer, Lakeview High School was awarded bronze medal status by US News and World Report as one of the top high schools in Michigan. Last spring, Riverside Elementary School was recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as a Reward School based on student achievement.

What makes Lakeview an excellent school district? We believe in nurturing the "whole child" because education is more than just academics. We challenge students to be creative, collaborative, problem solvers in the classroom, on stage, on the playing field, and in life. We prepare them to work in our diverse and complex world.

We believe that every child has unlimited potential. Our challenge is to determine which supports each child needs to reach that potential. We easily anticipate and accommodate the needs of a student using a wheelchair, but how do we meet the needs of children who are hurting on the inside? All of us, during our youth, benefited from a caring adult who believed in us. Our goal is for every student to know that the adults they come in contact with believe in them and support their achievement.

I invite you to come to one of our schools and feel the welcoming, nurturing environment. Come out and support our students during one of our many athletic events and fine arts performances. Help us become a community of adults that believes in all children.

**With Spartan Pride,  
Blake J. Prewitt Ed.S.  
Superintendent  
Lakeview School District**

### —District Welcomes New Superintendent Blake Prewitt—



Lakeview School District officially welcomed new Superintendent Blake Prewitt on July 1.

Mr. Prewitt was most recently superintendent of Ferndale Public Schools where he led a team focused on achievement, sustainability and equity. He also has experience as a curriculum director, a high school principal, a fine arts director, a school counselor and a band and choir director.

Lakeview's Board of Education hired Mr. Prewitt last March following a six month search process. Board members cited his focus on students, strong commitment to equity, collaborative leadership style and demonstrated ability to impact student outcomes as reasons for his selection.

Parents and community members are invited to meet Mr. Prewitt during a series of "Superintendent Coffees" this fall. Coffees will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on October 18 and November 29. Individuals who wish to participate are asked to RSVP to [wmeyer@lakeviewspartans.org](mailto:wmeyer@lakeviewspartans.org) or 269-565-2406.

### Bond Update

Lakeview students continue to benefit from the generosity of our community, with the first phase of construction - renovations and additions at Minges Brook and Prairieview Elementary Schools - scheduled for completion this fall. Work at the four elementary buildings and updates at Lakeview Middle School and Lakeview High School are made possible through a \$30 million bond approved by voters last May.

Work began last spring to prepare Minges Brook and Prairieview Elementary Schools for the bulk of renovations and construction which have taken place over the summer months.

Students and staff from both buildings were surprised to see the progress upon their return to school. Highlights of the work that took place in both elementary buildings this summer include: new windows and LED lighting, updated electrical service and fire alarm systems, and renovated student bathrooms. A new main entry secure vestibule with added security cameras and electronic entry was installed at Prairieview and will be completed at Minges Brook this fall.

Also this summer, foundations were poured and walls were constructed for two new classrooms at each building. A new cafeteria was added at Minges Brook and the cafeteria at Prairieview renovated. Infrastructure for new heating and air conditioning systems was installed, and the units will be ready to keep both buildings warm and cozy this fall.

Construction crews will continue working while school is in session, primarily in the new additions, with the anticipation of completing all work by late fall/early winter.

THANK YOU LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY for supporting these incredibly important updates to Lakeview schools. Dates for open houses will be announced once the buildings are completed!



Photos of the work in progress this summer include: foundation work for new classrooms, electrical and lighting upgrades, new heating/cooling units and windows at Minges Brook and Prairieview Elementary Schools.



## 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees

### ■ **Blake Birmingham, Class of 2006 - Wrestling**

Career highlights: earned two varsity letters for wrestling at LHS; two time city, conference, district and regional champion; **2006 STATE CHAMPION**; 2nd all-time in season wins, 4th all-time career pins, 5th all-time career wins; wrestled collegiately at Central Michigan University and at Olivet College

### ■ **Donna Bolenz, Class of 1990 - Softball**

Career highlights: two varsity letters as a pitcher; career ERA of 1.21 and a 30-15 record; school records for 323 strikeouts, most games won in a season and most strikeouts in a game/season/career; pitched four no-hitters and three one-hitters; .371 batting average; two time All-City, All-Conference, All-District and All-Region champ; played collegiately at Hope College; four time All-American Scholar Athlete

### ■ **Kyle Labrecque, Class of 2005 - Wrestling**

Career highlights: four varsity letters; four time All-City, All-Conference; three time district and two time regional champ; All-State; team captain; 2nd all-time in career wins and takedowns; 3rd all-time in 1st period takedowns; 4th and 6th MHSAA State Meet finishes; lettered four years at Olivet College; two time mid-states All-Conference; 2008 Conference Champ, Academic All-Conference; Regional Runner-Up

### ■ **Courtney McCotter, Class of 2007 - Volleyball and Basketball**

Career highlights: (VOLLEYBALL) four varsity letters; three time All-City, two time All-Conference and All-Region; All-State and Academic All-State; team captain, MVP; Most Competitive Award; lettered four years at Grand Valley; NCAA Semi-Finalist; team captain; four time Academic All-Conference; (BASKETBALL) three varsity letters; two time All-City and All-Conference; team captain; MVP; Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete

### ■ **Brooke Ruble, Class of 2006 - Golf**

Career highlights: four varsity letters; four time All-City; three time All-Conference; two time All-State; 1st Team All-State, 2005; State "Super Team," 2006; LHS records for 9-hole season average (39.4) and lowest 18 hole round (71); three time team captain; four time team lead scorer; played collegiately at Western Michigan University

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 2017 Cereal City Marching Band Invitational

Hosted by Lakeview Band and Orchestra Boosters  
Featuring YOUR SPARTAN MARCHING BAND  
**Saturday, September 23**  
Spartan Memorial Stadium  
Check the website for details to come

### 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame

You're Invited - 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame  
**Friday, September 15; 4:30-5:30 p.m.;**  
LHS Performing Arts Theater

This will be the 18th year for the Hall of Fame that now includes 109 for Spartan athletes and coaches. Light refreshments will be served and the induction is open to the public. There is no cost. Come join us and meet five outstanding Lakeview Athletic Alumni!

# Your Lakeview High School Marching Band



Photos by  
Donna Keenan



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# Welcome Class of 2030!

## MINGES BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## WESTLAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





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## Athletic Fundraisers — help offset transportation costs for Spartan athletes!

### 'YARD SALE' FUNDRAISER

Buy a yard line - \$20 for the remainder of the season (5 home games)! Yard lines will be designated left to right (viewing from the home press box) north end zone to south end zone.

At the end of the 3rd quarter of every home game, if the ball lands on your yard line, you will

receive a prize for the evening and be entered into a drawing for a \$300 cash prize. Drawing for the cash prize will take place during the 4th quarter of our last home game on October 20th. You do not have to be present to win.

Call now to reserve your yard line! 269-565-3711.

### ADOPT-AN-ATHLETE

The adopt-an-athlete program provides an avenue for family, friends, and alumni to support LHS athletics. The generous donations by these bene-

factors are directly used to help us provide two-way transportation for all LHS & LMS athletic trips. You can adopt an athlete for \$30 by calling 269-565-3711.



Special thanks to participants of the 2017 Annual Spartan Scramble fundraising event in support of Lakeview athletics.



## Superintendent's Coffee

Meet Lakeview's new Superintendent Blake Prewitt!

*Coffee is on us!*

—October 18—

—November 29—

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Central Office, 15 Arbor Street

RSVP – Date & Time to [wmeyer@lakeviewspartans.org](mailto:wmeyer@lakeviewspartans.org) or 269-565-2406



## Calendar of Events

9/15	½ Day; Athletic Hall of Fame – 4:30-5:30, LHS Performing Arts Theater
9/18	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
9/23	Cereal City Marching Band Invitational
10/4	Student Count Day
10/6	Homecoming Football Game – 7:00 p.m.
10/18	Superintendent's Coffee
10/20	½ Day
11/10	½ Day
11/20	½ Day*; Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
11/21	½ Day* - 1st Trimester Ends
11/22-24	Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/2	Superintendent's Coffee
12/1	½ Day
12/18	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
12/20-1/2	Winter Break - No School
1/15	MLK Day – No School
1/16	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
2/14	Student Count Day
2/9	½ Day
2/19	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
3/8	½ Day*
3/9	½ Day* – 2nd Trimester Ends
3/16	½ Day
3/19	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
3/30-4/6	Spring Break – No School
4/16	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
5/4	½ Day
5/21	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LHS Forum
5/28	Memorial Day – No School
6/3	Graduation
6/7	½ Day*
6/8	½ Day* – Last Day of School, 3rd Trimester Ends

\*½ Day for Students & Teachers

## New Athletic Passes - Save Money and Time

Support your favorite Spartan athlete while saving time and money!

New this year, the district will offer two types of athletic passes:

- \$40 Student Pass
- \$60 Family Pass (covers anyone living in the house, college age siblings and grandparents)

**SAVE \$\$\$** - A family of four would spend \$60 to attend three varsity football games. That means after the third game, all other events for the rest of the year would be FREE for the entire immediate family.

**SAVE TIME** - The new **paper-free** athletic passes are good for **all regular season middle school and high school events**. No more keeping track of punch cards or coordinating family members to arrive at the same time. Name(s) of all pass holders will be maintained on a list at the entrance to all home events - bypass the ticket line and head straight to the entrance where a ticket taker will check your name off of the list!!

Buy yours today! Passes may be purchased online ([www.LakeviewSpartans.net](http://www.LakeviewSpartans.net)) and in the LHS and LMS school offices during the school day.

Bus Schedules are available online!

[www.LakeviewSpartans.org/bus](http://www.LakeviewSpartans.org/bus)

## School Bus Safety - Michigan Laws and Tips



With school back in session, now is a great time to review Michigan law regarding school bus safety. Below are the laws regarding passing a school bus and some important safety tips for students and motorists.

**Red means stop** - Michigan law states that motorists must come to a complete stop at least 20 feet from a school bus whenever a bus is stopped and using its red flashing signals. The driver may only proceed once the bus resumes motion.

**Yellow means proceed with caution** - When yellow hazard warning lights are flashing on a moving or stopped bus, motorists must drive with caution and be prepared to stop. The yellow lights mean the bus is slowing down and preparing to stop.

Here are some additional safety tips from the [Michigan State Police](#) and the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#):

### MOTORISTS

- When backing out of a driveway, watch for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially in neighborhoods with no sidewalks.
- Slow down. Watch for children waiting at bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

### STUDENTS

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- Walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.