

# LP School District Newsletter

January 19, 2024

The 2024 School Board meeting dates are listed on the School Board page of the District website. ***All regular School Board meetings begin at 5:45pm in the Media center, unless otherwise noted.***

The meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, February 12

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 20

Monday, June 17

Monday, July 15

Monday, August 19

Monday, September 16

Monday, October TBD

Monday, November 18

Monday, December 16





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## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEE:

### Crisis Procedures

Monday is the start of the 2nd semester. It seems like a good time to remind everyone that throughout the school year students and staff practice drills/procedures for student and staff safety. In the next several weeks, we may be practicing several of the following procedures.

**HOLD:** The lowest level of securing the school is to implement the HOLD procedure. The HOLD procedure may be issued in situations where something is happening inside the school/hallways in which students/staff need to stay away from. Examples of when the HOLD procedure may be issued includes: medical emergency or an altercation in the hallway.

**SECURE:** Occasionally the school may need to issue the SECURE protocol. This procedure will bring everyone into the school building and lock all exterior doors. The SECURE protocol is when there is a potential threat or hazard outside of the school building. It may include criminal/police activity in the immediate neighborhood or a dangerous animal outside of the building (playground).

**LOCKDOWN:** A LOCKDOWN will be issued when there is a direct threat to the safety of students or staff. It may include an active assailant, report of a weapon, or angry/violent parent or student. LOCKDOWN uses classroom and school security actions to protect students and staff from the threat.

**EVACUATE:** The school building and/or school campus may need to be evacuated for a variety of reasons, such as, fire, hazard chemical spill, bomb threat, etc. Evacuations need to be

conducted in a controlled and orderly fashion.

**SHELTER** is called when specific protective actions are needed based on a threat or hazard. Tornado and/or severe weather warnings are examples when the SHELTER procedure would be initiated.

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## ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES:

Even though winter has finally arrived, that hasn't slowed down the activities here at Lester Prairie Schools.

The One Act Play cast and crew had a good showing at the MRC Festival in LeSeuer Henderson this past Saturday with Annika Hollister and Matthew Tervo receiving All-Conference honors. The One Act team will now head to Mayer Lutheran on Saturday 1/27 to compete in sub-section competition and following that up with a public performance on Sunday 1/28 in the North gym at 2:00pm.

Mrs. Helland is taking 3 contestants to Pine Island on Friday 1/19 for a Music Listening competition. If you have never heard of this, the students listen to pieces of music and then critique what they hear. They are then judged on their critiques of the music selections.

As always, check out the school calendar for opportunities to come out and support the Bulldogs.

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## COUNSELOR CORNER:

Our support services staff has been working hard to ensure that all students at Lester Prairie have the emotional and developmental skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. Beginning in the elementary grades, counselors are facilitating various social skills groups and social emotional classroom lessons to foster social and emotional growth. At the high school level self-awareness and career development activities are embedded in the classroom. It is our intention that every graduate of Lester Prairie Schools will leave not only with their high school diploma, but also with an understanding of who they are, and the tools they need to be successful for the next chapter of their lives.

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## CUSTODIAN CORNER:

A couple reminders:

Help us take good care of our beautiful facility: After games and activities, please pick up garbage around you in the bleachers.



Stay safe! Do the penguin walk during below zero weather when salt is not very effective

# SENIORS:



**Owen Niesen**

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
Football, Baseball, NHS, Basketball, Wrestling, Trap Shooting

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Mitchell Technical Institute for Powerline Maintenance and Construction

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
Winning the Section Championship in Football last year.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My dad, he always had the best work ethic.

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Sports, weightlifting, and gaming

**Favorite Movie**  
Either Top Gun or Oppenheimer

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Outback Steakhouse

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Ride The Lightning- Metallica

**Favorite Quote**  
"I don't believe in luck. Luck comes to men of action."-Tom Platz"

**What is your dream job?**  
Electrical Lineman

**Would you rather:**  
~~Only be able to charge your cell phone once a week~~  
Only have a cell phone without a camera

**Would you rather eat:**  
Raising Cane's  
Chick-It-A

**Would you rather:**  
~~only watch movies~~  
only watch TV series

**Favorite "dad" Joke**  
What do you call it when a group of apes starts a company? Monkey business.



## Megan Tonn

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Trap Shooting, band, and softball.

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Finish my AAS in Legal Assisting at Ridgewater College.

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
Beating Mayer in the football section championship game our junior year.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My grandma. She has always taught me to be kind to others because you never know their situation. I wouldn't be me without her.

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Hiking, traveling, shopping

**Favorite Movie**  
Inside Out

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Garage Bowl & Bar in Waconia

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Dawns-Zach Bryan or Folsom Prison Blues-Johnny Cash

**Favorite Quote**  
"Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope I find it along the way." -Michael Scott

**What is your dream job?**  
Stay at home mom.

**Would you rather:**  
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~~Only have a cell phone without a camera~~

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Raising Cane's  
Chick-fil-A

**Would you rather:**  
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**Favorite "dad" Joke**  
"I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro. It's a total rip-off."



## Matthew Tervo

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
One Act Play, Chess, Knowledge Bowl.

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Electrician

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
There's plenty, but one of them was the last pep fest.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My parents or my friends. My closest friends have helped me become who I am.

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
I love to draw, skateboard, and listen to music.

**Favorite Movie**  
Perfect Blue or Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse.

**Favorite Restaurant**  
It really depends what mood I'm in.

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Travis Scott without a doubt.

**Favorite Quote**  
"I'm not a gangster." - A\$AP Rocky

**What is your dream job?**  
Becoming a comic artist. It seems impossible.

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**Favorite "dad" Joke**

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## Ruff Ruff Report with Mr. Machemehl's Class:

[Click here for the latest Ruff Ruff Report.](#)

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### Does the School District have your most current contact information?

The School District uses the School Messenger Alert System to inform parents of school closings, late starts, early outs, and emergencies. Please make sure we have your current contact information so you receive our communications!



Community members can sign up to receive our inclement weather and emergency messages using a form on our website under the Community tab or [click here](#).

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### Dates to Know:

February 12 - Regular School Board Mtg 5:45pm

February 19 - President's Day - no school

February 22 and 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

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### Next School Board Meeting: Monday, February 12 at 5:45pm in the Media Center

Please visit the School Board tab on our website to view upcoming Board Meeting agendas.

<https://www.lp.k12.mn.us/page/2452>



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### Do you have any comments or feedback to share?

We would love to hear from you because your voice is important to us. Please click on the Google Form below. Thank you!



## Comments and Feedback

We would love to hear your thoughts and/or feedback about our school district. Please include your contact information so we can follow up with you.

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\* Indicates required question

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