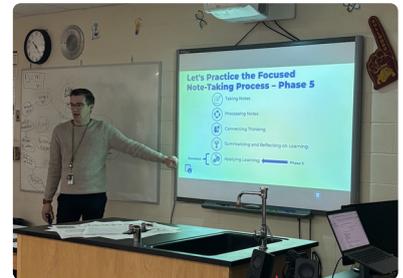


# LP SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2025

Dear Bulldog Families,

At Lester Prairie High School, we continue to expand opportunities that empower students to succeed – including our newest addition, the **AVID** class for all 9th graders. **AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) helps students strengthen the skills that make learning stick. Through an emphasis on writing, inquiry, organization, and collaboration, students develop habits that support success in every subject and beyond.

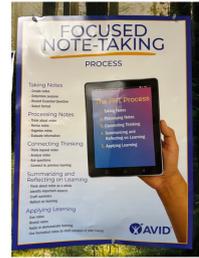


The ultimate goal of AVID is to ensure all students are **learning- and life-ready** – prepared to thrive after graduation, whether they pursue employment, college, or a career pathway. Right now, students are learning about **Focused Notes**, a structured five-step process that transforms note-taking into a powerful learning tool. Rather than simply copying what's written on the board, students learn to process information, make connections, summarize key ideas, and reflect on their understanding.

Students report that AVID is helping them zero in on what's most important, stay organized, and truly learn from their notes – not just take them.

As we continue to adapt to an ever-changing world, I couldn't be prouder of our staff for embracing innovative teaching practices and our students for their enthusiasm and determination to grow. Together, they exemplify what it means to be lifelong learners at Lester Prairie.

Sincerely,  
Supt. Melissa Radeke



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## DOOR DECORATIONS FOR COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH:



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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:



# Class OF 2026

Name: Kira Heimerl

Activities in HS: Basketball, Track, Band, and NHS

Plans after HS? Attend Minnesota State College Southeast for Radiology

Favorite memory in school? Homecoming Activities

Advice for underclassmen? Try new things and make the most of your high school experience

What are your hobbies or interests? Reading, being on the lake, being with friends

Favorite Movie: The Blind Side

Biggest Fear: Spiders

Biggest Pet Peeve: Talking during a movie

Favorite song/artist: Megan Moroney

Favorite Quote: "It always feels impossible until it's done"

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? Taylor Swift

What is your dream job? Working as an MRI tech at TCO

#### Would You Rather?

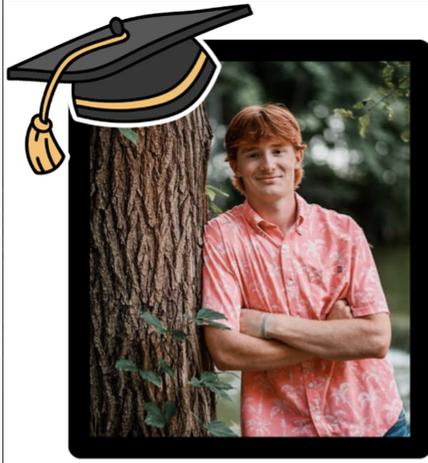
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Never listen to music again OR Never watch any movie or series again?



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# Class OF 2026

Name: Mason Kerkvliet

Activities in HS: Baseball

Plans after HS? Go to college or go straight to work

Favorite memory in school? Watching Broc fall off of the top of the locker room lockers acting like a monkey

Advice for underclassmen? "Which way does a tree fall? A tree falls the way it leans, be careful which way you lean"

What are your hobbies or interests? Ice fishing, Landscaping, Working

Favorite Movie: Dennis the Menace

Biggest Fear: Doing the splits and your pelvis snaps up the middle

Biggest Pet Peeve: People that drive under the speed limit.

Favorite song/artist: Anything that sounds good for at least the first 30 seconds

Favorite Quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? Jim Carrey

What is your dream job? Landscaping/Hardscaping business

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# Class OF 2026

Name: Madalyn Vinkemeier

**Activities in HS:** I participate in FFA, and horse riding

**Plans after HS?** University of Minnesota, for a doctorate of veterinary medicine

**Favorite memory in school?** Setting my pants on fire when I was welding

**Advice for underclassmen?** Do PSEO

**What are your hobbies or interests?** Reading, painting, horse riding

**Favorite Movie:** Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron

**Biggest Fear:** Getting kidnapped

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People watching stuff on their phone without earbuds or headphones

**Favorite song/artist:** Somewhere with you by Kenny Chesney

**Favorite Quote:** "Never give up on something you cant go one day without thinking about it"

**If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be?** No one

**What is your dream job?** Large animal vet

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## PRINCIPAL LEE:

### Attendance Matters

Research consistently shows that regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success. Whether absences are excused (due to illness, appointments, or family matters) or unexcused (such as oversleeping, missing the bus, or skipping), missing school has a negative impact on learning and achievement.

When students are absent, they not only miss valuable instruction but also the chance to collaborate with classmates, participate in discussions and labs, and engage in shared learning experiences that strengthen understanding for everyone. Student's attendance can impact the entire class not just the student who is missed.

Absences affect a student's ability to keep up with class progress. While our teachers work diligently to help students catch up, learning outside of class cannot fully replace the benefits of being actively present and engaged in real time. Every day of learning matters, and each absence represents a missed opportunity for growth.

By the end of the first quarter, students who have missed 4 or more days of school are considered chronically absent. Our goal is for every student to be present and ready to learn each day so they

can reach their full potential. Thank you for your partnership in supporting consistent attendance and student success.

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## AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

It's hard to believe that I have to start talking about Winter activities already, but it will be here before we know it. As we transition from Fall to Winter activities, I just want to run through the process to register again. We did change registration platforms this summer and with that came a few challenges. There are also some differences in how the registration looks when registering for your next activity. For those who did not participate in a fall activity, this will all be new. So here we go. On our school website under the Athletics and Activities Tab you will see a tab for Activity Registration. If you have not created an account, you will need to do that before you can sign up. If you already have an account, you just need to log in and choose the activity as your account information should already be entered. If you have any questions or problems please contact me and I will be happy to walk you through it, although I'm still learning the entire process myself. We also are including all of our Community Education activity registrations on this same platform. So if your student is K-6 and is interested in participating this winter, the registration process is the same as I mentioned above, you will just look for the Community Education link when choosing an activity. Registrations are currently open for all high school winter activities, including Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling, One Act Play and Knowledge Bowl. Community Education registrations are also open, which includes 4-6th grade Girls and Boys Basketball, K-6th grade Wrestling and K-3rd grade Future Hoopsters. There will also be a Winter/Spring Activities meeting on November 3rd at 6pm in the North Gym for those that did not attend the Fall meeting. We will also have a Community Education 4-6th Girls and Boys Basketball meeting on November 3rd at 6:30pm. Hope to see you all there!

Go Bulldogs!!

Ross Scheevel  
AD/DoS/CE  
LP Schools

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## TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Greetings everyone,

As the year is flying by, we are getting organized as a teaching staff by diving into the state standards, especially as we work in our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)! As we organize ourselves, we are better able to understand the data behind our Tier 1 instruction inside the classroom. Once we have this data, we are better able to make informed decisions about our instruction and work towards supporting all students. We have also been working through our

MnMTSS process of training through the Minnesota Department of Education, and as a team of educators, we are better able to make informed decisions on how well our Tier 1 instruction is supporting all students. Finally, as we continue to move forward, we are working hard as a staff to ensure that all students are receiving the best possible instruction that is well organized and while at the same time, using our roadmap to a better college/and or career readiness program here at Lester Prairie Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Sinda

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## COUNSELOR CORNER:

### Ignite Your Future

On Friday, October 10th we took the 10th grade class to Ridgewater College for the Ignite Your Future Event. Ignite Your Future is a hands-on career exploration event where students from more than a dozen area schools spend two to two and a half hours engaging directly with professionals and learning about a variety of career pathways. This experience encourages students to begin thinking about their future goals, interests, and the skills needed for success after high school.

Upon returning from the event, we hosted a *Lunch and Learn* session for our 10th graders. During this time, students shared insights and key takeaways from the career fair, fostering peer learning and reflection. We created a relaxed, collaborative environment for students to discuss their experiences and make meaningful connections between what they learned at the event and their own academic and career planning.



## 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:

- Oct. 27: No Tricks Just Treats Band Concert Grades 6-12 - 7:30pm
- Oct. 31: End of 1st Quarter 11:30 Dismissal for all students
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day Program in North Gym - 9am
- Nov. 21: K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30
- Nov. 24: Regular School Board Meeting 5:45pm
- Nov. 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break - no school



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### Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, November 24th 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

*It is the mission of ISD 424 to develop every learner to the learner's maximum potential, to succeed and continue to learn in a changing world.*



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