

LP School District Newsletter

November 21, 2025

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

May your Thanksgiving holiday be filled with countless reasons to be grateful!

I am personally so grateful to be a part of this wonderful learning community.

I am grateful for your partnership as we educate our amazing kids.

I am grateful to be a Lester Prairie Bulldog.



I hope this holiday offers you a chance to enjoy time with friends, family, and loved ones.

Most Sincerely,
Supt. Melissa Radeke

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:



Class OF 2026

Name: Valeria Rocha

Activities in HS: **None**

Plans after HS? **Go to work**

Favorite memory in school? **My teachers who help me with another language**

Advice for underclassmen? **Fight for your dreams and don't stop**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Watch movies**

Favorite Movie: **Shrek**

Biggest Fear: **None**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **None**

Favorite song/artist: **Se vale soñar - tigrillo palma**

Favorite Quote: **None**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Junior H**

What is your dream job? **Adolescent psychologist**

would you rather?

lose all of the money you've earned this year OR lose all the memories you've gained this year?
never listen to music again OR never watch any movie or series again?



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Class OF 2026

Name: **Averi Tritabaugh**

Activities in HS: **Cheer and Theater**

Plans after HS? **Gaining a Certificate in Early Child Education**

Favorite memory in school? **When the cafeteria served potato wedges**

Advice for underclassmen? **I don't know**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Long walks on the beach and shopping**

Favorite Movie: **White Chicks**

Biggest Fear: **The Dark**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **When people take their retainers out**

Favorite song/artist: **It Wasn't Me - Shaggy/Rick Roy**

Favorite Quote: **I don't know**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Nobody**

What is your dream job? **An Educator**

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Class OF 2026
Name: **Cael Heimerl**

Activities in HS: **Football, Baseball, Band, Jazz Band**
Plans after HS? **Ridgewater Willmar for electrical**
Favorite memory in school? **Going to state for football**
Advice for underclassmen? **Don't take any moment for granted, you never know where it might lead**
What are your hobbies or interests? **Sports, listening to music, fishing**
Favorite Movie: **Dumb and Dumber**
Biggest Fear: **Spiders**
Biggest Pet Peeve: **People that third party in Fortnite**
Favorite song/artist: **Hudson Westbrook**
Favorite Quote: **"Just do it" Nike**
If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Adam Sandler**
What is your dream job? **Pilot**

Would You Rather?
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PRINCIPAL LEE:

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, I want to take a moment to share my gratitude for our wonderful school community. I am truly thankful for our hardworking students, our dedicated teachers and staff, and our supportive families who partner with us every day. Your commitment, kindness, and collaboration make our school a special place to learn and grow.

Whether you spend the holiday celebrating with loved ones, serving others, or taking time to rest, I hope this Thanksgiving Break brings you joy, renewal, and a moment to reflect on what matters most.

Wishing you a safe, restful, and Happy Thanksgiving!

AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to take a group of Lester Prairie students to the Tomahawk/Valley Youth Leadership Summit. There were 13 schools from our conference in attendance. Our students engaged in both large and small group discussions ranging from mental

and physical health to peer pressure and inclusivity. The keynote speaker was Tom Horner, the mental health and leadership coach from the Pine Island School district. Tom did an excellent job talking about topics that were relevant to the students and talked to them about how to navigate situations, not only on a personal level, but also how to educate their peer groups at school. A key theme that connected Tom's topics was the fact that students become too comfortable and need to step out of their comfort zones in order to make changes in themselves and their peer groups. He had numerous activities that involved interacting with students from different schools, which gets the students out of their school groups (their comfort zones) and either competing or collaborating with students that they don't know and just met, in order to accomplish the task that was asked of them. I always have a debrief session on the bus on the way home. When asked what their favorite activity of the day was, they all said the small group discussions. As we talked, it became apparent to me that the small group discussions let the students know that the issues they face as a growing teen is not exclusive to them, but to all teens. I think they took solace in the fact that they are not alone and now, because of this event,(and the instagram exchanges), they have other students they can reach out to for advice or comfort knowing they may be dealing with the same issues. It's hard not to be a fan of these types of events. The students learn so much and the hope is that they can bring some of what they learned back to Lester Prairie School and spread that information throughout the school.

Go Bulldogs!!

Ross Scheevel
AD/DoS/CE
LP Schools



TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Greetings everyone,

I want to take this time to highlight our AVID Elective Class and the work we are doing around AVID - Schoolwide. These past few weeks, we have been working on Focused Note Taking in class and we have been focusing on organizing ourselves in order to engage in a process called the Tutorial Request Form - aimed at developing a Tutorial question around any points of confusion

students may have in their core classes. This Tutorial Process all revolves around step-by-step explicit teaching to get students to a point of confusion they may have in areas like science, social studies, math, and language arts. Students will engage with this process on a consistent basis. Finally, for staff, we have recently engaged in philosophical chairs and talk moves that have begun a conversation as to what this may look like in our own practice.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Sinda
Student Success Coach/MnMTSS Coordinator

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](#).

Dates to Know:

Nov. 24: Regular School Board Meeting 5:45pm
Nov. 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break - no school
Dec. 5: PTO Holiday Store
Dec. 12: Grades K-6 Early Dismissal at 11:30
Dec. 15: Grades 6-12 Band Concert 7:30pm
Dec. 15: Regular School Board Meeting 5:45pm
Dec. 18: Grades K-5 Elementary Concert 7pm
Dec. 24-Jan 4: Winter Break - no school
Jan. 5: Classes resume



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>

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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