



LP School District Newsletter

December 19, 2025



Dear Bulldog students, staff, and families,

However you choose to spend this holiday season, I hope you will experience many moments of joy and find time to create cherished memories with family, friends, and those you hold dear.

Wishing you good health and much happiness in 2026!

~Superintendent Melissa Radeke

ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, AT 7PM

2026-2027 School Calendar

The calendar can also be found on the website: [click here.](#)

August 2026

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Lester Prairie School District #424 2026-2027 Calendar

Board Approved 12/15/25

Aug. 11	New Teacher Workshop Day
Aug. 12	Paraprofessional Conference
Aug. 24-27	Staff Development Teacher Days
Aug. 25	TUESDAY—OPEN HOUSE 4-7pm
Aug. 31	No School
Sept. 1 & 2	First Day of School—Grades 1-12
Sept. 3	Kindergarten Listening Conferences
Sept. 7	First Day of School—Kindergarten
Sept. 8	Labor Day—No School
Sept. 9	First Day of Preschool
Sept. 30	Mid-Quarter 1
Oct. 1 & 5	Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30
Oct. 15-16	MEA Break—No School
Oct. 30	End of 1st Quarter
	11:30 Dismissal—half day Staff Development
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Break—No School
Dec. 9	Mid-Quarter 2
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break—No School
Jan. 4	First Day back from Break
Jan. 15	Last day 2nd Quarter—End of Semester
	11:30 Dismissal—half day Staff Development
Feb. 4 & 8	Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30
Feb. 12	Staff Development—No School
Feb. 15	President's Day—No School
Feb. 17	Mid-Quarter 3
March 19	End of 3rd Quarter
	11:30 Dismissal—half day Staff Development
March 20-28	Spring Break—No School
April 28	Mid-Quarter 4
May 21	Graduation
May 28	Last Day for Students
May 31	Memorial Day
June 1	No School—Staff Development Teacher Day

February 2027

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Student Days

QTR 1	40.5
QTR 2	43.5
QTR 3	42.5
QTR 4	45.0
TOTAL:	171.5



- New Teacher Workshop
- NO School/Prof Development Day
- First Day of Classes
- Regular School Day—Evening Conferences 3:30–7:30
- Graduation
- Holiday/No School Days
- End of Quarter
- Mid-Quarter
- Paraprofessional Conference

Staff Days Total: 181 Days

Aug. 11	New Teacher WS (0)
Aug. 24	Staff Dev. (1)
Aug. 25	Staff Dev. (1.5)
Aug. 26	Staff Dev. (1)
Aug. 27	Staff Dev. (0.5)
Oct. 1 & 5	Conferences (1)
Oct. 30	Staff Dev. (0.5)
Jan. 15	Staff Dev. (0.5)
Feb. 4 & 8	Conferences (1)
Feb. 12	Staff Dev. (1)
March 19	Staff Dev. (0.5)
June 1	Staff Dev. (1)

From the Office of Higher Education:

Join The Office of Higher Education for virtual college and financial aid events, Tuesday evenings starting January 20. The College Planning Series will cover important college and financial aid topics with professionals and live Q & A. The events are free for MN students and families. Interpreters are available in Hmong, Spanish, Somali. Visit bit.ly/CollegePlanningSeries for more information and to register.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:



Class OF 2026

Name: Anah Lee

Activities in HS: **Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band, and NHS**

Plans after HS? **Go to a 4 year college**

Favorite memory in school? **Basketball seasons**

Advice for underclassmen? **Be yourself**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Hanging out with friends and playing sports**

Favorite Movie: **Mr. and Mrs. Smith**

Biggest Fear: **Small Spaces**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **Breathing Loud**

Favorite song/artist: **Olivia Dean**

Favorite Quote: **"Everything happens for a reason"**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Barack Obama**

What is your dream job? **NBA Journalist/Reporter**

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: Alex Perez

Activities in HS: **Choir, Basketball, Track, and Cross Country**

Plans after HS? **Go to UMD for Financial Markets Finance**

Favorite memory in school? **10th Grade Psychology class or 11th Grade XC**

Advice for underclassmen? **Don't make school your entire personality**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Playing video games, hanging out with friends, and staying home**

Favorite Movie: **Spider-Man Across the Spider Verse**

Biggest Fear: **Getting stuck in a black void**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **When people wear no socks with crocs**

Favorite song/artist: **Daniel Caesar**

Favorite Quote: **"If you weren't invited don't ask to go" - Duke Dennis**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Daniel Caesar**

What is your dream job? **Streamer**

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Class OF 2026

Name: Ashlyn Rosenau

Activities in HS: Volleyball, Track, Basketball Manager, Golf, NHS, Student Council, and Band

Plans after HS? Go to college in Eau Claire for sonography

Favorite memory in school? The Ridgewater career fair

Advice for underclassmen? Always try to be the kind of person other people can look up to

What are your hobbies or interests? Baking, hanging out with friends, shopping, and volleyball

Favorite Movie: Hacksaw Ridge

Biggest Fear: The dark

Biggest Pet Peeve: Walking slow

Favorite song/artist: Adele

Favorite Quote: "So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time"

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? Andrew Garfield

What is your dream job? Celebrity hair stylist

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PRINCIPAL LEE:

Wishing you and your family
Happy Holidays
and a
Merry Christmas!
Mr. Lee

AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

May you have a Blessed and Happy Holiday season!

Go Bulldogs!!

Ross Scheevel
AD/DoS/CE

LP Schools

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Greetings everyone,

Students have begun their tutorials in AVID class, and have really come a long way these past two weeks with their ability to ask questions, and grapple with points of confusion in their core classes. We have also been working with assessments in our PLC (Professional Learning Communities) and strengthening our ability to assess students, analyze those assessments, and take meaningful actions in order for our teachers to better understand what is being taught in class and how to support all students. In the future, we will be working as a core teaching group to dive deeper into what it is we want students to learn and what we do when students are not understanding what is being initially taught. As we come to a long break, it is important for students to continue practicing your skills at home, for when students arrive back on campus, they will feel ready to take on the new year and new learning. We will have Winter Testing quickly when students return to help inform teachers where the learning needs to go from here. Have a great break!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Sinda
Student Success Coach/MnMTSS Coordinator

COUNSELOR CORNER:

New Year Intentions vs. Resolutions

As we welcome the new year, January offers a meaningful opportunity for reflection and a fresh start. Rather than focusing on resolutions that can feel overwhelming or rigid, we encourage students and families to think about setting intentions. Intentions are positive, purposeful goals that guide daily actions and growth throughout the year.

Intentions help students focus on progress rather than perfection. For example, an intention might be to ask for help when needed, stay organized, or practice kindness toward others. These small, thoughtful commitments can build confidence, resilience, and healthy habits over time.

Families can support students by having open conversations about what they hope to improve, what they are proud of, and how they can take small steps toward their goals. Encouragement, consistency, and celebrating effort along the way can make a powerful difference.

As we begin this new year together, we look forward to supporting students as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally with one intentional step at a time.

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!



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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:

Dec. 24-Jan 4: Winter Break - no school

Jan. 5: Classes resume

Jan. 12: Regular and Reorganizational School Board Mtg 5:45pm

Jan. 16: Last day 2nd Quarter - 11:30 dismissal



Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, January 12th 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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