



LCS Athletic Update

Board of Education Meeting

August 6, 2025



Athletic Topics

- 2024-2025 Year in Review
 - Accomplishments
 - Booster Club Update
- 2025-2026
 - Goals for 2025-2026



Lapeer Lightning Athletic Staff

- Rich Cross: District Middle School AD
- Paula Hall: Zemmer Athletic Secretary
- Austin Green: LHS Athletic Building Manager
- Lisa Merillat: LHS Athletic Secretary
- Shad Spilski: District AD



2024-2025 Year in Review

Lapeer High School Athletics


- Accomplishments
 - Added Girls Lacrosse to LHS sports offerings
 - SVL Championships: Wrestling, Sara Henry #4 Girls' Tennis Singles
 - State Qualifiers:
 - Isabellah Asaro (GBOWL), Billy Drake (TR), Jacob Essenmacher, (TR, XC), Jase Fuller (WR), Conner Haslett (WR), Chris Rodgers (TR), Jax Turner (TR), Braylen Wojciechowski (WR)
 - Hosted: District Boys Basketball, District Baseball
 - ACAT Mentoring



2024-2025 Year in Review

Middle School Athletics

- Highlights and accomplishments at the Middle School Level
 - Hosted the 2024 GFMSL Cross Country League Meet @ CFI
 - 17 Teams Attended – Over 500 student athletes competed and over 1000 spectators attended the event
 - Increased participation across most sports -
 - Increased number of student athletes trying out for sports
 - Continued implementation of 6-12 vision across all sports programs
 - Summer weightlifting, camps, clubs and workouts for MS Fall Athletic teams and many other programs
 - Lapeer will remain part of the GFMSL for the foreseeable future
 - Creation of “Competitive Balance Committee”
 - Creating and modifying schedules each season to ensure consistent competitive balance across all sports



2024-2025 Year in Review

Booster Club

- Highlights of the Lapeer Athletic Booster Club
 - Distributed
 - \$32,535 to high school and middle school teams
 - \$15,000 to LHS weight room
 - Honors Convocation
 - Presented 8- \$500 scholarships to student-athletes in June
 - Male & Female Athlete of the Year- \$1000/athlete
 - Funds Raised Through
 - Lightning Strike Field Day, Fall Football Concessions, Donations, Spirit Wear Sales
 - Lightning Strike Field Day: Saturday August 9 from 1pm-3pm at the Fitzpatrick Field



Athletic Facility & Equipment Updates

- New LHS gymnasium sound system
- Tennis court resurfacing
- New tennis hitting wall
- New soccer field sound system & scoreboard
- Field maintenance of soccer field 10
- New weight room & equipment



Athletic Facility & Equipment Updates

- New LHS athletic auxiliary space/wrestling room
- Field maintenance of varsity baseball and softball fields
- Zemmer gymnasium floor
- Zemmer weightroom
- New volleyball standards and net system
- Football field redistribution of rubber pellets on turf



Focus for 2025-2026

“Compete”

- SVL Update
- Football at Division 2
- Middle School Programing
- ACAT
- Strength and Conditioning
- Atheltic Data



LCS 6-12 Athletic Offerings

- 6th Grade:
 - Cross Country, Track, Wrestling
- 7th-8th
 - Baseball, B & G Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Sideline Cheer, Softball, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling
- 9th-12th
 - Baseball, B & G Basketball, B & G Bowling, Competitive Cheer, B & G Cross Country, Football, B & G Golf, Hockey, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse Sideline Cheer, B & G Soccer, Softball, B & G Swim & Dive, B & G Tennis, B & G Track, Volleyball, Wrestling



Leadership in the Saginaw Valley League

- 2024-25 School Year:
 - Executive Director
 - SVL Coaching Clinic
 - SVL Scholar Athlete and Teacher of Year Award Banquet
 - B#4 Foundation: Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Presentation
 - Annual Coaches Award Banquet



SVL Reconfiguration

- LHS Football will play in Division 2 during the 2025-26 season
- SVL Team Sports: North and South Divisions
 - Keep students in class more
 - Cut down on travel time
 - Increase home attendance



Middle School Athletics

- Grade level realignment in 2025-2026
- Returning approximately 20 coaches from last year
- New Zemmer Gym Floor (see photos next slide)
- New Zemmer Weight Room (see photos next slide)
- After school weight lifting planned for fall
- Weight Training/Athletic Enhancement classes planned for 2026-2027 school year
- Working in conjunction with building level administrators and deans on event supervision

Zemmer Weight Room



Zemmer Gym Floor





Athletic Coaches Advisor Team(ACAT)

- Goal of ACAT:
 - To provide mentorship to new coaches
 - To provide mentorship to new coaches to LCS
 - To provide mentorship to first time varsity head coaches
 - To provide mentorship to struggling coaches
- ACAT Mentors
 - Kevin Becker, Tessa Becker, Bob Jannuzzi, Chad Kenny, Tony Merlo, Matt Nowak, Russ Reitz, Mike Smith, Bill Spruytte, Sara Taylor
- 2024-25 School Year
 - Fall Season: 5
 - Winter Season: 12
 - Spring: 10



Athletic Coaches Advisor Team(ACAT)

- Created the 4 Pillars of LCS Athletics
 - Increased Student-Athlete Participation
 - Positive Experience
 - Unity
 - Competitiveness
- Proactive Coaching Curriculum
 - Coach & Inspire
 - Compete



Strength & Conditioning Program

- Strength & Conditioning Program
 - Collaborative Effort
 - Supervisors: Tony Merlo, Austin Green, Eric Hensel,
- Teambuildr
 - Website & App based
 - Coach & Athletic interactive interface
 - Coaches & Athletics can track progress daily and over time
- Weight Room Updates
 - Flooring
 - Equipment

LCS 6-12 Athletic Participation

Graduating Year	Total # of Students	# of Male Athletes	# of Female Athletes	24-25 Participation Rate	23-24 Participation Rate	22-23 Participation Rate
Class of 2025	414	55	32	21.0%	26.5%	33.3%
Class of 2026	339	51	44	28.0%	31.7%	32.7%
Class of 2027	340	49	53	30.0%	35.4%	32.9%
Class of 2028	338	73	54	37.6%	40.1%	30.5%
Class of 2029	308	48	46	30.5%	38.4%	10.9%
Class of 2030	320	50	55	32.8%	16.4%	-
Class of 2031	303	21	19	13.2%	-	-



LCS 6-12 Athletic Participation

LHS Scholar Athletes

- Lapeer High School
 - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (for 9th grade current GPA is used)

Graduating Year	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Class of 2023	-	-	46
Class of 2024	-	42	44
Class of 2025	39	36	48
Class of 2026	37	39	46
Class of 2027	29	36	-
Class of 2028	53	-	-



LCS 6-12 Athletic Participation

SVL Scholar Athletes

- Saginaw Valley League
 - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher
 - Second year on team of same sport, one of them being varsity

Graduating Year	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Class of 2023	-	-	47
Class of 2024	-	43	44
Class of 2025	43	47	31
Class of 2026	40	28	-
Class of 2027	19	-	-
Class of 2028	-	-	-

LCS 6-12 Athletic Participation

2024-2025 Male Multi-Sport Athletes

Graduating Year	# of Male Athletes	# of Male Multi-Sport Athletes	Multi-Sport Rate
Class of 2025	55	25	45.5%
Class of 2026	51	21	41.2%
Class of 2027	49	20	40.8%
Class of 2028	73	39	53.4%
Class of 2029	48	34	70.8%
Class of 2030	50	21	42.0%
Class of 2031	21	4	19.0%

LCS 6-12 Athletic Participation

2024-2025 Female Multi-Sport Athletes

Graduating Year	# of Female Athletes	# of Female Multi-Sport Athletes	Multi-Sport Rate
Class of 2025	32	13	40.6%
Class of 2026	44	19	43.2%
Class of 2027	53	17	32.1%
Class of 2028	54	20	37.0%
Class of 2029	46	14	30.4%
Class of 2030	55	27	49.1%
Class of 2031	19	6	31.6%

