



IMPORTANT 2024 SEASON INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

TIME SENSITIVE - PLEASE READ NOW



CONGRATULATIONS from the LAKEVILLE SOUTH VOLLEYBALL BOOSTER CLUB!

Welcome to the 2024 Lakeville South High School volleyball season! Congratulations on a successful tryout and the accomplishment of making a team.

This year's motto "**NEVER SETTLE**" was chosen by the Varsity Captains to represent the teams' commitment to their sport, teammates, South High School and the greater community. We are committed to supporting you and your team and making it a meaningful season.

Together, we will NEVER SETTLE!

As you get started in the gym with your coach and teammates, here are some items your parents can review, and act on, to ensure the season gets off to a successful start, too.

Questions? Email us at lakevillesouthvolleyball@gmail.com

1. Visit www.lakevillesouthvolleyball.com for complete details on the season ahead. At the Home page menu, click on the following tabs for important information:
 - 2024 Master Schedule**. Check out this google calendar to make certain you never miss a practice, game or team event!
 - 2024 Team Information**. Use this link to find copies of all communications sent out during the initial stages of this season (including this letter!)
 - HS Coaching Staff**. Here you will find contact information for your coach.
2. **RSVP now** for the **All-Team Family Picnic** this Saturday evening! **RSVPs are due by 10pm on Thursday**. See the reverse side of this flyer for specifics on time, location, and what to bring!
3. The **Lakeville South Fall PAC (Parent Athlete Coach) Meeting is TONIGHT!** It will be held in the South Auditorium at 5:30pm and hosted by Chad Sexauer, Activities Director. All parents and players are encouraged to attend. A **Varsity Parent Meeting will be held immediately following the PAC meeting tonight** (in the back of the auditorium at approximately 6pm); at least one parent for each varsity player must attend.
4. If your JV or Varsity player has grandparents who would like to attend our home games this season, the Activities Office issues **Grandparent Passes** good for free admission to all JV and Varsity volleyball (and other sports) home games during the 2024-2025 school year. **Please email Naomi Rogness, Assistant AD at naomi.rogness@isd194.org by Thursday, August 22nd with the grandparent(s) name and player name and mention volleyball.** Grandparent passes will be available for pickup at the admission table beginning at the first home game vs Stillwater on Tuesday, August 27th.

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5. **Kemmetmueller Individual and Team Photos** will be taken next Monday, August 19th from 12pm-1pm at LSHS. Information regarding online ordering will be emailed to parents a few weeks after the photo session. All orders will ship directly to the player's home address. The **Varsity Poster Photo Session** will also be next Monday, August 19th from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the Lindquist Studio.
6. **Parent volunteers are an important part of what makes our program amazing!** Please check out the attached sheet with volunteer opportunities AND/OR **join us at our upcoming Booster Club Meetings** on September 9, October 7, and November 4. We meet in the LSHS Community Room (D204) near the Performance Gym at 7:30pm. We welcome new faces and fresh ideas!
7. Check out the **Team and Fan Gear Stores** at www.lakevillesouthvolleyball.com . The online stores will remain open only through this Sunday, August 18th so don't delay. This will be your last opportunity to order gear this season!

NOTE: Players will receive one short-sleeved practice shirt and one long sleeved warm up t-shirt from the booster club. The girls will be sized for the warm up shirt during the retreat – no action is required of parents. Additional practice shirts can be purchased through the **Team Gear Store**.

8. And, as always, don't forget to follow **Lakeville South Volleyball on Social Media!**
 - Facebook: [@lakevillesouthvolleyball](https://www.facebook.com/lakevillesouthvolleyball)
 - Instagram: [lshs.volleyball](https://www.instagram.com/lshs.volleyball)
 - Twitter: [@LSHS_VB](https://twitter.com/LSHS_VB)
 - Website: www.lakevillesouthvolleyball.com

Thank you and have a great season!

Karyn Utecht, President & Your Lakeville South Volleyball Boosters

2024 FAMILY PICNIC – YOU'RE INVITED

Each year we look forward to our family picnic hosted by the varsity parents as an opportunity to meet teammates, coaches, and other families, learn about the season ahead and enjoy a meal together! Teams will break out into small groups with their coach for a brief meeting after dinner and the main presentation.

DETAILS:

- Date: Saturday, August 17th
- Time: 4:30pm (Dinner at 5pm.) Players should plan to drive with their families.
- Location: Ritter Farm Park, Gazebo (19300 Ritter Parkway Trail, Lakeville)
- Menu: Baldy's BBQ (pork and chicken), mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, salad, fruit, and desserts.
- Tickets: \$12/person, including athletes. Advanced registration is required.

RSVP REQUIRED:

- Link to RSVP: Emailed to families or go to www.lakevillesouthvolleyball.com.
- **RSVP's YES OR NO are due by Thursday, August 15th at 10pm.**
- Please respond even if you are not able to attend.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Lawn Chairs
- Beverages for Your Family

2024 Lakeville South Volleyball: PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hello Lakeville South Volleyball Families!

We are so excited for the new season ahead! Parent volunteers are a crucial part of the success of our volleyball program here at Lakeville South High School and many are needed each season to enhance the high school experience for our players and the community. Our fall volleyball season is short and goes quickly so we need to fill these open volunteer spots quickly:

TEAM PARENT (one per team): Acts as a liaison between the Booster Club, team coach and the other parents on the team. Attends booster meetings. Coordinates tournament volunteer assignments. Partners with Special Events Coordinators to host their team's assigned event (Youth Night, Teacher Appreciation or Senior Night.) Partners with other parents on the team to plan team building activities and dinners.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER (one per team): Take photos on and off the court throughout the season and upload them to the teams' Google Photos account (provided by the Booster Club.) Photos will be used for the year-end slide show and may also be used in social media posts. Access to these photos is provided to all team families.

TEAM LIVESTREAMER (one per team): Responsible for overseeing the livestreaming of all team matches on Facebook Live. The parent volunteer will use their smartphone to stream matches through the Lakeville South Volleyball Facebook page.. Use of a portable tripod will be available, if needed.

Unfortunately, the boosters can no longer assist with the game day live streaming. If a team cannot provide a volunteer, the matches won't be livestreamed.

COUGAR MASCOT: Looking for a parent, player sibling or anyone interested in wearing the South Cougar Mascot for several games/events throughout the high school season. Typically the Cougar appears at our Youth Night and the home match against Lakeville North. No experience necessary!

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR(S): (typically a 9A/9B/10A parent) The Booster Club is seeking a Tournament Coordinator to assist the Head Coach, Booster Club President and Treasurer with the planning and execution of three Lakeville South Volleyball tournaments in September and three to six winter and spring events, typically hosted by Kokoro Volleyball in our facilities. Duties include coordinating admissions (workers, credit card and cash setups), securing concessions by other groups or outside vendors, and general coordination with the site directors.

YOUTH NIGHT EVENT COORDINATOR: Coordinate publicity and activities for this game day event with assistance from 9A/9B parents and players that evening. Includes games, poster making, giveaways, pizza dinner, and other fun activities. Work with the booster president and other members, the Activities Office, and custodial staff. **(2024: Thurs, Sept 19 vs Burnsville)**

DIG PINK EVENT COORDINATOR: Plan, coordinate and implement this game day event to promote October Breast Cancer Awareness month with assistance from the booster president and members, coaches, and custodial staff. Encourage player, coach and fan participation. May include a fundraising component to benefit the The Side-Out Foundation.

(2024: Thurs Oct 3 vs Minnetonka)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or just want to learn more, please contact Karyn Utecht at lakevillesouthvolleyball@gmail.com or 612-275-1931. Thank you.

Let's make this another great Cougar Volleyball season together!

- Your Lakeville South Volleyball Booster Club