



IMPORTANT 2026 SEASON INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

TIME SENSITIVE - PLEASE READ NOW



CONGRATULATIONS from the LAKEVILLE SOUTH VOLLEYBALL BOOSTER CLUB!

Welcome to the 2026 Lakeville South High School volleyball season! Congratulations on a successful tryout and the accomplishment of making a team.

This year's motto "**OPPORTUNITY**" was chosen by the Varsity Captains to represent the program's culture and mindset. They believe that every drill, every practice, every service opportunity, every gathering, every match is an opportunity to get better and stronger together as a team. We, the LSVB Booster Club, are committed to supporting you and your team and making it a meaningful season.

As you get started in the gym with your coaches 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:

2026 Master Schedule. Check out this google calendar to make certain you never miss a practice, game or team event!

2026 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 afternoon! **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 Eric Albright, Activities Director. All parents and players are encouraged to attend. A **Varsity Parent Meeting will be held immediately following the PAC meeting tonight** (in Community Room, D204 at 6pm); at least one parent for each varsity player must attend.
4. If your JV or Varsity player has grandparents that 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 home games. **Please email Heather Allen, Activities Assistant at heather.allen@isd194.org by August 27th 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 Thursday, 9/10.

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5. **Kemmetmueller Individual and Team Photos** will be taken Monday, August 31st 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 Monday, August 31st from 9-11am at the high school.
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 3, October 8, and November 5. 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** through the link shared in recent emails. The online stores will remain open only through this Sunday, August 23rd 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

2026 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 22nd
- Time: 1:00pm - will start right after scrimmages wrap up
- Location: LSHS Commons
- Menu: Baldy's BBQ (pork and chicken), mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, salad, fruit, and desserts and new this year: Dirty Soda Bar provided by Dakota County Lumber.
- 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 20th at 10pm.**
- Please respond even if you are not able to attend.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Beverages for your family if you want something other than the soda bar.

2026 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 Hudl. The parent volunteer will use their smartphone/device to stream matches through our Hudl account. More detailed instructions will be provided for the team volunteer. Use of a portable tripod will be available. Unfortunately, if a team cannot provide a volunteer, the matches won't be livestreamed.

WEBSITE MANAGER: We are in need of an individual with a background or interest in website design/technology to manage our program's website. This is a volunteer position that can be done from the comfort of your own home! Duties include keeping information and events current, posting important links, and designing the appearance of the website while promoting our business sponsors.

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: (a 9A/9B parent) 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 club, Activities Office, and custodial staff. **(2026: Thur, Sept 24 vs Farmington)**

TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT COORDINATOR: (a 10A/JV parent) Plan, coordinate and implement this game day event to celebrate our amazing teachers with assistance from the booster club, coaches, and custodial staff. Arrange/order player invitations, plan teacher gifts and photo opportunities. Work with the booster, Activities Office, and custodial staff. **(2026: Tues, Sept 29 vs Eagan)**

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