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January is School Board Appreciation Month



Superintendent McRae

The month of January provides a unique opportunity to acknowledge a special group of volunteer elected officials in education. It is School Board Recognition Month, and it offers communities across Michigan a way to acknowledge the continuing efforts of local and ISD school board members in providing leadership and guidance to local school districts. Across the state, there are more than 4,000 school board members who dedicate countless hours of hard work to improving education for Michigan children. They reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan.

School board members take that responsibility and public trust very seriously, dedicating an enormous number of hours to their work both in and outside of board meetings. Attending school functions, preparing for board meetings, reading financial reports, agendas and proposals, and making a host of difficult and challenging decisions are just a few of the regular activities board members participate in through their service.

In a year full of challenges for public education not seen in recent history, our school board members persevered through the adversity of 2020 to provide the best possible education for our students. Please take a few moments to read their reflections on this past year...

"2020 was a very tough year this is true, however, we continued to shine in different ways. As I look forward to 2021, we will see students back in the classrooms, staff continuing to provide the best services to our community and all of us returning to a bit of normalcy. I am claiming 2021 as the year of the Viking and look forward to celebrating this in many activities and events in our schools."

- 2020 President, Bob Aldrich

"There is no doubt that the challenges of 2020 have been difficult for our schools and community. Amazingly, I have witnessed our community come together to support each other - a huge thanks to our healthcare and essential workers who continue to work on the frontlines. Moreover, we have an incredible Swan Valley School staff who have responded diligently and continue to be determined, keeping focus on our kids and their education. They have been relentless in working on procedures, processes, and safety protocols during this pandemic."

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to these AMAZING people that keep our district running including: Superintendent McRae, the administration team, all support staff, custodial/maintenance team, bus drivers and especially our TEACHERS! They are a determined and resilient team that continues to work together for our kids.

So, together as a Swan Valley Family, we say "GOODBYE" to 2020 and "HELLO" 2021. And let's add a resounding, "WE'VE GOT THIS!"

- 2020 Trustee, Christy Boehler

"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." - T.S Eliot

Let's learn from 2020 and use that wisdom to prosper in 2021! Hoping the vaccine gives us some 'normalcy'."

- 2020 Vice-President, Liz Peters

"May the coming New Year continue to reflect the strength of our purpose, a clear vision of our future, and a steady foundation of what we hold near and dear to each of us. May kindness be at the forefront of our actions and guide our voices to unite for the good of all."

- 2020 Trustee, JoAnn Schneider

"To state the obvious, 2020 was difficult and tragic. Events were postponed or cancelled, milestone celebrations were missed and worst of all lives were lost. But, when I look back over the past 12 months, believe it or not, I can see many good things that have taken place as well. I think back on to the way the community came out and supported our graduates. Parades, yard signs, and signs on Gratiot are just a few ways that the students felt celebrated and they were still able to have a unique graduation ceremony. The same can be said for birthdays. Birthday parades replaced parties, maybe not ideal, but fun still the same. Large indoor weddings became small, intimate family gatherings maybe on a beach or even in your own backyard, and while the guests were fewer, the love and happiness were felt stronger than ever, making me realize bigger isn't always better. 2020 has taught me that we can be resilient, compromising and creative in the way we do things. 2020 has given me a new appreciation for technology. Video messaging can never replace seeing a loved one in person, but for me, it was better than not seeing them at all. Most of all, 2020 changed my family. Yes, we missed baseball games, proms etc., but the time we were able to spend together at a slower pace was a gift I can appreciate. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad we are approaching the end of this year, but I refuse to dwell only on the negative. Here's to a happier, healthier 2021!"

- 2020 Trustee, Kristy Young

On behalf of all Swan Valley students and staff, I would like to thank Mrs. Kristy Young for her service as a Swan Valley School Board member for the last six years. While she will likely not miss the many early morning meetings, I am certain she will miss being on the ground floor of the many great happenings in the Swan Valley School District.

The person appointed to Mrs. Young's Board seat for 2021 had not been decided by the Communicator printing deadline, but will be announced via website and social media once the Board has made that appointment.

Happy New Year to all...make it memorable!



ADULT & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

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Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Education

SHELLEY HANSON, Principal

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Swan Valley Adult and Alternative Education provides a blended and online learning opportunity. All students work independently by using online curriculum and classes are self-paced per semester and distance learning. Classes are through the Zoom platform Monday through Thursday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Alternative students are age 16-22 and Adult students are 18 and older. Free and reduced lunch is available in our evening program. All teachers are highly qualified in each of the core curriculum.

Any student wishing to apply to this program needs to contact Ms. Hanson and have on hand a copy of his/her transcript, discipline and attendance records, along with a copy of their birth certificate and two pieces of residency are required. Please call the number listed above to make an appointment.

Adult Education

ENROLL NOW for 2nd Semester Classes Begin January 19, 2021

TIME	COURSE	TEACHER
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY on ZOOM		
2:00-3:00pm	Career Planning	Hanson
3:00-5:00pm M & W	English Courses	LaBrake
5:00-7:00pm M	Math Courses	Mojica
3:00-5:00pm T & TH	Science Courses	Halvin
5:00-7:00pm W	Electives	Wachowicz
5:00-7:00pm W	Electives	Ball
5:00-7:00pm T & TH	Social Studies	Haggitt
5:00-7:00pm	Student Check-Ins	Hanson & Wachowicz
FRIDAY – NO ZOOM		
9:00am-2:00pm	Independent	Hanson

First SV Graduate of 2020-2021

Jessicanne is our first Swan Valley graduate for the 2020-2021 school year! She is enrolled in the Swan Valley Adult Education Program. Jessicanne is a Future Frontliners applicant who worked as a caregiver for Wellspring Assisted Living during the Covid shut down. She is a Swan Valley Viking HERO!

Jessicanne will be awarded free college tuition to pursue her dreams as a nurse through the State of Michigan Future Frontliners!

Congratulations and thank you, Jessicanne!

"Once a Viking, Always A Viking!"



Dropping Out Happens...



but it's NEVER too Late...



to drop back IN!



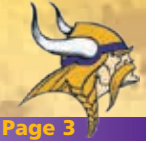
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | High School Diploma & Basic Education

Swan Valley School District
Adult & Alternative Education
989-241-2472

2019-20 Audit Report

On October 15th, the Swan Valley Board of Education approved the 2019-20 audit of the district by Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas, and Luplow, P.C. The 2019-20 school year ended with a general fund surplus of \$365,274 increasing the fund balance to \$2,750,614 or 15.5 % of general fund expenditures. It was recommended the fund balance be approximately 10% - 15% of general fund expenditures.

A copy of the audit report is available on the district's website.



Swan Valley Learning Center



Swan Valley Learning Center is a fully licensed year-round program that provides before and after school care, as well as a full and part-time preschool program.

Our preschool program focuses on pre-skills, which lay the groundwork for the future. Through their playing, singing and learning, preschoolers gain skills that ultimately help them learn to read, write, build math, science skills, and become successful students. Preschoolers also learn “school readiness” skills, which help them understand the routines of school, how to work in groups, and how to be students.

Preschool classrooms are organized by centers or areas that are divided by different developmental areas and types of play. Centers available include: reading, arts, crafts, water/sand table, building, math toys, fine motor skills toys, large motor skills toys,

and an area for pretend play. The preschool day is structured with both academic and free play time, during which children can choose which centers to play in, as well as a structured scheduled time devoted to academics.

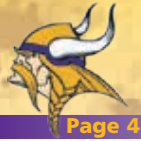
During our before school program, we provide a nutritional balanced breakfast daily, with a variety of hot and cold choices to ensure they start their day out right. After school we allow time for our children to work on their homework. Our Program has iPads and computers available for the children to use to further their learning through educational apps and websites. The children also have time to be with their friends.

Any child who meets the age requirement (3-12) and is enrolled in the Swan Valley District may attend. We also accept non-resident students. Transportation is provided to and from Havens Elementary and Shields Elementary during the school year. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our certified and enthusiastic team is dedicated to providing the best care for your child. With licensed teachers on staff at all times, we are sure to enhance your child’s experience while they are away from home.

For more information, please call **989-921-2461** or email Louisa Marx at lm Marx@swanvalley.k12.mi.us





2020 Adopt-A-Family

As we are all very aware, the year of 2020 has brought about numerous changes for everyone. Some changes have been simple while others have been very challenging, and even life changing. We know that with change, we can be faced with many hurdles and heartaches that can be difficult to overcome. Our hope for all of you as we close out 2020 is that you will all begin to rebuild and restructure your lives to be filled with positive events and happenings that will brighten your spirits and guide you into a safe, healthy, and happy 2021.

One thing that has not changed is the generosity and kindness of our community that went into our annual SVHS Adopt-A-Family program. Although we were not able to hold our annual fundraiser, "The Amazing Race", we were fortunate that we were still able to help many families in our district celebrate this holiday season.

With the help of many generous community businesses, churches, and individuals around our area, we were able to provide Christmas gifts, Christmas dinners, groceries, and other household items for 24 of our families.

A special thank you to Garber Chevrolet, Gardner, Provezano, Thomas & Luplow CPAs, The Mayan Agency of Merrill, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Swan Valley United Methodist Church, Swan Valley Pay It Forward, and various community members. Your overwhelming generosity has made it a special holiday for numerous Viking Families.

The counseling office and staff from SVHS wish you all a Safe & Happy 2021!



Swan Valley Student Giving Back

A recent charity fundraiser launched by one of Swan Valley's own has already started making a difference in the community during these uncertain times. **Emily Walter**, a freshman, at Swan Valley High School has started to use a recently acquired home economics skill to help spread kindness and love to those that rely on the Pregnancy Care Center in Saginaw.

A group called "Women of Hope" at Emily's church, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, are making knitted hats that are "bought" by members of the community as a way of raising funds for families relying on the center's services. The homemade stocking caps are given to the infants of those families and the funds are given to the center to continue their mission. The Women of Hope group would accept yarn donations and/or monetary donations to benefit their cause.

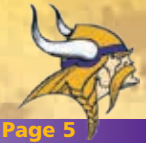
Emily's ability to take a recently learned knitting skill and apply it to such a worthy cause is a reflection of her creative drive and purposeful mission.

Way to go Emily!



The local deer are coming to the school, wondering where all the students are!

– Picture Courtesy of Brooke Charboneau



Michigan's Microsoft Office Specialist Champion

Congratulations goes to Jacob Przybylski!

Jacob received an exceptionally high score on his MOS Word 2016 exam during the 2020 Fall Qualifier. He took this National test as part of the curriculum in Technology Applications II A class, and received a perfect score on this test (1000/1000).

Jacob has been named Michigan's Microsoft Office Specialist Champion and he has been selected to compete in Certiport's 2021 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, Florida, June 21-23, 2021.

**Congratulations
Jacob!**



xello & SVHS Financial Literacy Students

Jon Horton, our Career Advisor, is working with Mr. Dawson's senior Financial Literacy students via Zoom on this year's new features in their Xello account. Swan Valley School District uses Xello to help students discover relevant college, university, trade, and career options based on their personality, skills, and knowledge. The site has features that go well beyond an interest survey then matching a student up with a few career choices.

As students work through the Earning Power module in the Financial Literacy curriculum, Xello will help Swan Valley Students get a deeper, more thorough understanding of their choices, which will increase their chances of making the best decisions for them. As students work with this program, they begin to see the impact of making informed choices not only to their eventual happiness, but to their financial bottom line as well.



Schoology Access Code For The Bird's Nest

*From the Offices of College and Career Advising
and the SVHS Counseling Office*

Seniors & Senior Parents: While we patiently wait to return to the halls of SVHS, it is crucial that seniors continue to develop their post-secondary plans for life after SVHS! I strongly urge you to read all emails that come from my office, read the announcements that come from the main HS office, and access the Bird's Nest Schoology Course on a frequent basis!

The code at the bottom of this page will allow you access to the SVHS Schoology College/Career pages for all four grade levels. Once you open the Schoology page, look for the class that is titled Bird's Nest 2019-2020. You will find a folder for each grade level: Freshman SV Class of 2024, Sophomore SV Class of 2023, Junior SV Class of 2022, and Senior SV Class of 2021. This email primarily focuses on the Senior Class of 2021. It is important that you access these pages on a frequent basis as they will be updated often. As always, if you have questions, be sure to ask!

Mr. Doug Bird, College/Career Advisor
dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

Access Code: XQ8B9-N7NSD

First Area Credit Union Supports SVHS Financial Literacy Program



**BUDGET
CHALLENGE®**

ROAD TEST FOR PERSONAL FINANCE™

First Area Credit Union has been a supporter of the SVHS Financial Literacy Program through the Adopt-A-Class program and has provided funds for the students to participate in the Budget Challenge program. The Budget Challenge is an online simulation for students to practice the process of managing all the finances of an independent young adult, including paying bills, saving for retirement, as well as accomplishing key goals like paying down debt, setting up an emergency fund, and dealing with unexpected events. During the 10 week real-time simulation, students get a practice round in personal finance management, by scoring points while achieving financial goals most adults struggle with.

As further incentive, Lynn McCoy CEO of First Area Credit Union (back right) offers a \$25 gift card to the top performing student in each class period. The winners for the first trimester are Alexis Bissonnette (back left), Zoe Kalnbach (front left), Leah Benjamin (front right). Congratulations to these Swan Valley seniors and we would like to thank First Area Credit Union for their support of Swan Valley High School and its students.





SVHS 2020-21 Tri 1 Academic Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Abigail Binder
 Abryana Bledsoe
 Mason Duperon
 Ava Duprey
 Logan Gast
 Brock Golden
 Sarabeth Jankowiak
 Elliana Johnson
 Amelia Jones
 Mallory Kretz
 Jack LaDouce
 Dylan Masur
 Mayle Miller
 Kenadie Mlujeak
 Kirstin Murday
 Evan Pearsall
 Michael Rigterink
 Marli Robinson
 Layten Schrems
 Jacob Simons
 Keri Stephens
 Kirsten Stevens
 Jewelliann Vanliew
 Sanai Williams
 Emily Zolinski
 Madison Zwingman

SOPHOMORES

Ellianna Avila
 Brooke Bailey
 Jackson Beery
 Jakob Benjamin
 Brian Booth
 Ethan Brooks

Rose Campbell
 Nathaniel Coffel
 Owen Diefenbach
 Piper Feldotte
 Kirstin Flory
 Owen Galsterer
 Gracelyn Ginardi
 Drew Griffith
 Andrew Grover
 Gabrielle Gutka
 Adison Hallead
 Alex Inman
 Karly Jones
 Jared Jurek
 Aida Karst
 Connor Klein
 Adam Kuhn

Nicholas Kumar
 John McCarthy
 Matthew McKim
 Collin Miller
 Madison Morgan
 Katelyn Niss
 Erin Peters
 Elena Psetas
 Rachel Resio
 Ava Schiebner
 Kiersten Schiebner
 Maya Schnorenberg
 Tayla Slaybaugh
 Lexie Stephens
 Logan Turek
 Brianna Waldron
 Joscelyn Whelton
 Sarah Wortley

JUNIORS

Kayla Baase
 Kyra Booth
 Rachel Ciesla

Thomas Davis II
 Nicole Enderi
 Brody Fennelly
 Mason Ferrier
 Trevor Grandy
 Zachary Hahn
 Madison Hinsky
 Maxwell Kerby
 Elizabeth Killingbeck
 Adrianna Mileski
 Kirsten Nichols
 Ethan Parker
 Julia Rosas
 Lauren Sprague
 Matthew Todd
 Madison Walker
 Meagan Woods

SENIORS

Olivia Bell
 Leah Benjamin
 Mitch Benson
 Alexis Bissonnette
 McKenzie Bostwick
 Jessica Burgess
 Paige Catlin
 Makenna Dawson
 Maxwell Dawson
 Abigail Decess
 Hunter DuCharme
 Eric Dunn
 Ian Erlenbeck
 Malerie Ferrier
 Ines Fila
 Hailey Florence
 Matthew Guerrero
 Aiden Hooverman
 Morgan Johnson
 Rachel Joslin
 Zoe Kalnbach

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Callie Bauman
 Owen Bennett
 Owen Bierlein
 Alexander Burch
 Dakota Fowler
 Kamara Harris
 Blaise Hooverman
 Mason Horwath
 Amanda Kelly
 Makayla Ketzal
 Mackenzie Morgan
 Marissa Reese
 Summer Stevens
 Noah Throop
 Cianna Vasey
 Emma Wingerter
 Chevelle Ziembo

SOPHOMORES

Keegan Buggia
 Ashton Diblasi
 Hannah Fogg
 Claire Fordney
 Landon Geiling
 Makenzie Grandy
 Payton Guilbeaux
 David Hernandez III
 Braylen Himmelein
 Ethan Hoepfner
 Kennedy Hubbell
 Sawyer Johnson
 Drew Kaecmeister
 Brooke Leddy
 Rylei Muter
 Drew Sas
 Cohen Schneibner

JUNIORS

Emma Gaertner
 Genevieve Kilts
 Megan LaLonde
 Alyssa Leddy
 Hailey Sobol
 Alexandra Turner
 Brice Tweddle
 Amy Walkiewicz
 Abigail Woycik

SENIORS

Joseph Bula
 Ariana Burden
 Anthony Davis
 Maya Demand
 Hunter Garpiel
 Allison Jones
 Megan Menchaca
 Paige Rosas
 Lauryn Scharck

Bowen Steinke
 Teagan Waite
 Jalen Williams

CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Isiah Baniel
 Kaitlyn Bartley
 Hannah Bell
 Landon Charboneau
 Alexis Curtis
 Jordan Everett
 Pablo Gielarowski
 Jacob Hoffman
 Gabriella Jamino
 Araceli Lara
 Alex MacDonald
 Jermaine Miller
 Haileen Mizoory
 Katelynn Nichols
 Sophia Reynolds
 Issac Streng-Beougher
 Kennedy Tiitola
 Jonathon Walkiewicz
 Hannah Wilcox

SOPHOMORES

Stella Adams
 Jazmine Bowns
 Parker Burkey
 Kylie Call
 Kyle Demand
 Zaryah George
 Melody Hartwick
 Aaron Harvey
 Kiran Kurup

Claire Leddy
 Aidan McKendree
 Antonio Schroyer
 Hunter Smith
 Evan Toth
 Matthew Turpin
 Sam Wickham

JUNIORS

Hallie Ackerman
 Mark Adams
 Laikyn Arndt
 Dodge Butler
 James Corriveau
 Krystal Duby
 Avarie Dupuis
 Makenna Fruk
 Jacob Garpiel
 Joshua Hamlin
 Gage Hammis
 Samuel Hart
 Hudson Karst
 Corey Leas
 Alexander McClure
 Ashlyn McGregor
 Hannah Murphy
 Hunter Taylor
 Cameron Vacic
 Connor VanBocxlaer

SENIORS

Thomas Allen
 Brady Alverson
 Nolan Bailey
 Carla Compian
 Emily Dombrowski
 Benjamin Fordney
 Mikayla Haulcy
 Shya Jones
 Jaina Kittle

Peter Kross
 Donovan Leahy
 Madelena Mira
 Justin Rosas
 Collin Schramke
 Mea Syed
 Hunter Tiitola
 Ariel Trumble
 Camden Windy



SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021 Events Calendar (JANUARY – JULY)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/15/2021	7:30am	NHS Blood Drive	5/05/2021	8:00am	AP Lit
1/18/2021		No School	5/05/2021	6:00pm	Underclassmen Awards Night
1/28/2021	6:30pm	NHS Induction	5/10/2021	8:00am	AP World History Exam
3/09/2021 – 3/12/2021		Trimester 2 Exams	5/10/2021	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
3/15/2021		Trimester 3 Begins	5/11/2021	7:00pm	HS Spring Band Concert
3/22/2021	6:00pm	Trimester 3 Virtual Open House	5/12/2021	6:30pm	Senior Awards Night
3/29/2021 – 4/04/2021		Spring Break – No School	5/13/2021	8:00am	AP Comp Science Exam
4/05/2021	7:30am	Back to School from Spring Break	5/20/2021		Decision Day
4/09/2021		Local Scholarships Due	5/20/2021	10:30am	Senior Class Meeting
4/13/2021	7:30am	PSAT – Grades 9 & 10	5/21/2021		Beautification Day
4/13/2021	7:30am	MME Testing – SAT with Writing	5/27/2021	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet
4/14/2021	7:30am	MME Testing – WorkKeys	5/28/2021 – 5/29/2021		Senior Exams
4/15/2021	7:30am	MME Testing – MSTEP Social Studies & Science	5/31/2021		No School – Memorial Day
4/19/2021		Student Government Applications Available	6/01/2021		Senior Exams
4/23/2021		Student Government Applications Due	6/02/2021		Senior Trip
4/26/2021		Student Government Rep Apps Pick Up	6/04/2021	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
4/26/2021 – 5/07/2021		Senior Project Window	6/06/2021	3:00pm	Baccalaureate
4/27/2021	7:30am	MME Testing – SAT with Writing – Retakes	6/06/2021	7:00pm	Adult & Alternative Ed Graduation
4/28/2021	7:30am	MME Testing – WorkKeys – Retakes	6/07/2021	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
4/30/2021		Student Government Rep Apps Due	6/07/2021 – 6/07/2021	7:00pm	Graduation
5/04/2021	8:00am	AP Calc Exam	6/09/2021 – 6/11/2021		Trimester 3 Exams
			6/14/2021	8:00am	No School – Teacher Work Day



Be The Light Giving Competition

Swan Valley Middle School just wrapped up a successful Month of Giving. Our "Be the Light" Competition kicked off at the beginning of November and continued on through the first weekend in December. Students competed by grade level and the class with the most amount raised will be rewarded upon our return to school in January.



Our first week, we collected toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and other household essential items. Our second week, we collected non-perishable food items such as noodles, sauce, cereal, and soups. And our last week, was a drive-thru giving event where families could drop off cash and gift card donations to Santa and his Elves!

We are proud to announce that over the course of a three week time span, we collected a combined total of 3,181 items (toiletry, nonperishables, and money were all added together). The eighth grade was third place with 945 items, the 7th grade in second with 1,080 items, and the first place grade was sixth grade with 1,156 items.

We are so grateful to all those that were able to contribute to this service event. We were able to spread a lot of joy to many homes during Christmas because of the generosity of our SV Families.

Yearbook Cover Winner!



Congratulations 2020 Outstanding 8th Grade Students!

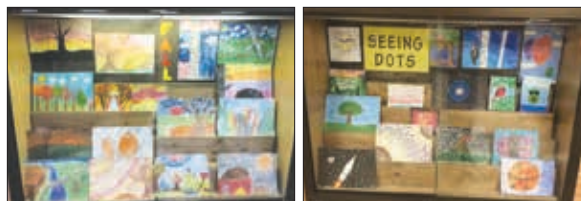


Malory Kretz and the 8th grade staff



Logan Gast and the 8th grade staff

Student Projects from Mrs. Decker's Art Class



SVMS Participates in Thomas Township Winter Wonderland Event

Thank you to the staff and students who helped us set up our display at the Thomas Township Winter Wonderland event. This was an outstanding community event that supported the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation programs. We look forward to participating in the future in whatever form it takes - Christmas Train or Winter Wonderland.



Delta College STEM Explorer Bus Visits 6th Grade Science Classes





SVMS HONOR ROLL – 3.50-4.00

1st Marking Period 2020-2021

6TH GRADE

Baird, Savannah L.
Bartrum, Gabrielle M.
Brethauer, Emmy L.
Canaday, Lochlan K.
Dunn, Elizabeth G.
Erlenbeck, Nolan R.
Espinoza, Ryan E.
Gebauer, Jackson T.
Golden, Drew M.
Hall, Liliana G.
Hare, Aubrey A.
Hare, Owen L.
Hebl, Owen T.
Hernandez, Noah M.
Horwath, Olivia G.
Irvine, Zachary T.
Johnson, Brooklyn N.
Johnson, Lilyana
Kalenak, Jorja A.
Looby, Dempsey J.
Looby, Madison M.
Luplow, Marygrace E.
McDonald, Trenton J.
Medema, Gavin J.
Miller, Maxwell T.
Powell, Mackenzie M.
Ragnone, Rocco P.
Ray, Braden P.
Robles, Ana L.
Rohde, Haven J.
Rousseau, Sarah R.
Rush, Corbin M.
Scharck, David A.
Schiebner, Pierce M.
Selasky, Nolan M.
Shanks, Layla A.
Smith, Noah
Southerland, Garrett R.
Stephens, Brady A.
Stephens, Chloe G.
Throop, Lila O.
Trevino, Matthew
Wagner, Hadley H.
Whelton, Makena L.
Woods, Lisa M.
Young, Blake P.
Zissler, Maddelyn L.

7TH GRADE

Allen, Terry L. III
Barnes, Mitchel D.
Bastian, Drake W.
Belt, Katherine A.

Benkert, Alexandria J.
Bryce, Tamera J.
Burkey, Bradyn J.
Charboneau, Shiloh A.
Diaz, Romelo A.
Diefenbach, Greer E.
Gage, Hunter J.
Gardey, James W.
Garza, Alexandro A.
Gast, Ian D.
Grandy, Gavin D.
Guilbeaux, Alivia A.
Hartley, Jaxon C.
Horny, Caleb A.
Ittner, Alexis R.
Kelly, Taylor M.
Killingbeck, Emily V.
Kilts, Audrey M.
Kittle, Colton W.
Krantz, Elijah M.
Kumar, Evan P.
LaFond, Aiden R.
Lederer, Ashleigh N.
Lietzke, Sydney T.
Mair, Cameron G.
Matzke, Bryn M.
McCoy, Brody R.
McCoy, Madison M.
Meyette, Jessica
Morales, Thalia N.
Palmer, Keegan A.
Parsons, Brooke E.
Pelt, Jamison M.
Rausch, Nadia M.
Reeves, Sarah E.
Robinson, Mia L.
Schicht, Eve V.
Selasky, Logan C.
Simons, Katelyn E.
Sova, Gannon
Stiener, Zoey L.
Stimpson, Brooklyn
Streng-Beougher, Boston R.
Taylor, Makayla L.
Teneyuque, Alyssandra E.
Turner, Madeline
Vasquez, Maya E.
Wagner, Cooper T.
Wagner, Murphy J.
West, Cheyenne L.
Wilcox, Ella D.
Wilson, Byron J.
Zwingman, Garrett

8TH GRADE

Adelberg, Lauren E.
Ball, Jameson M.
Banda, Celestina A.
Beck, Hallie K.
Beery, Reese P.
Boehler, Conner A.
Boehler, Violet S.
Brethauer, Aubrey L.
Bush, Addison E.
Dammann, Harrison G.
Decker, Erika D.
Delgado, Mia C.
Delisle, Cal J.
Dunn, Emily S.
Duron, Amya R.
Du Russel, Kyle D.
Fennelly, Owen M.
Freeman, Isabelle V.
Fulgencio, Alexzander M.
Galsterer, Alexander J.
Gomez, Isabelle J.
Hartwick, Justin C.
Hernandez, Isabel
Hoffman, Nicholas J.
Howard, Hunter
Janetsky, Braidan A.
Koch, Hailey A.
Krawczak, Allison M.
Kuhn, Sydney M.
Larner, Caitlyn N.
Leitz, Griffin W.
Looby, Sophia A.
MacDonald, Aliceon A.
Maturen, Joseph J.
Mileski, Annalise M.
Mitchell, Brianna M.
Moore, Makenna
Neiderquill, Damon R.
Neuenfeldt, Jason E.
Nguyen, Tuan T.
Olivarez, Anthony J.
Ortiz, Marcelo D.
Phillips, Landen A.
Premo, Aleigh L.
Reeves, Julia C.
Rousseau, Natalie G.
Shinners, Delaney
Short, Olivia R.
Spitz, Michael R.
Stearns, Alivia
Taylor, Megan E.
Wiktorowski, Hunter A.
Zahn, Logan D.

SVMS MERIT ROLL – 3.00-3.499

1st Marking Period 2020-2021

6TH GRADE

Adelberg, Ella S.
Aldrich, Ariel A.
Alford, Grace
Bielby, Olivia D.
Chacon, Aricella M.
Chasnis, Olivia A.
Dammann, Spencer M.
Duprey, Olivia M.
Favela, Cruz J.
Ginardi, Brighton N.
Graham, Leila B.
Greko, Grace P.
Habina, Cooper L.
Haley, Gabriella D.
Henderson, Reed P.
Howie, Nathan A.
Johnson, Sylvie O.
Kowalski, Kenneth
Lamb, Christopher B.
Markhart, Nicholas R.
McNeil, Emilie
Ortega, Anicela D.
Rodriguez, Jaden M.
Ruiz, Jayda N.

Shemanski, Lucy B.
Unger, Ayden M.
Weston, Noah W.
Wingerter, Kara D.

7TH GRADE

Ardouin, Cash H.
Bryce, Joseph G. Jr.
Chaltraw, Audrilynn M.
Clark, Carly
Coffel, Isabelle G.
Gerard, Michael J. Jr.
Gonzales, Isaiah M.
Hogue, Nicholas J.
Howard, Colten M.
Judd, Estella A.
Malacos, Charles J. II
McCracken, Kendall
McKay, Madison L.
Megerle, Abigail G.
Mey, Lukas M.
Mizoory, Souleen B.
Murday, Karissa M.
Oldham, Isaiah R.
Psetas, Christa J.

Schmiegel, Grace E.
Spear, Grace E.
Taylor, Hayden M.
Windy, Alison E.
Wolfgang, Isabelle M.

8TH GRADE

Avila, Gracie E.
Buckley, Demi M.
Chasnis, Nicholas F.
Davis, Matthew J.
Dibiasi, Samuel B.
Gonzales, Madison M.
Guerra, Jasmine L.
Kalenak, Johnathon C.
Keyser, Madison E.
Kinney, Liam A.
Klein, Colton R.
Merkle, Gibson T.
Myles, Julian J.
Pardo, Annabelle G.
Rodarte, Audriana
Stockford, Ashlyn T.
Thomas, Calla J.

Benches by Girl Scout Troop #50868

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #50868 built and installed six wooden benches for Swan Valley Middle School students so they would have a place to sit while being able to get some fresh air outside. The troop members, Sarah Clor, Natalia Mojica, Jaelyn Simerson and Alexis Raymond are 8th grade students at SVMS and are working to earn the Silver Award in Girl Scouts. The Cadettes learned new skills in woodworking and enjoyed constructing the benches. They are happy to be able to donate a welcomed addition to the campus.





Giving Spirit

Although it has been a difficult year, the giving spirit of the Shields Community was not dampened. Families at Shields donated enough food during our Canned Food

Drive to stock the pantry shelves for 6 Shields families. Also, over 50 families donated to our Giving Tree for families needing a little extra support this holiday season.



Start With Hello Week

Start With Hello Week was observed at Shields at the end of September. Students were encouraged to find ways to include others and to find additional ways of being kind to make our community a better place.



ABC Fashion Show

Each year, Shields kindergarten students give the alphabet a makeover with their ABC Fashion Show. This year was no exception. There were a couple differences though. Remote students send photographs or Zoomed in to take part in the red carpet festivities.



Operation Thank You Card

This holiday season, students at Shields were encouraged to create cards for local hospitals.

The cards are then given to local frontliner healthcare workers at Covenant.



WinterWonder

Shields teachers at all grade levels and parents worked together to set up a festive display at the Thomas Township Winter Wonderland Drive Through! The event raised \$6,300 in donations.



50th Day of School

Shields students rocked their best 1950's era clothing on the 50th day of school this year. Jeans, white t-shirts, leather and poodle skirts flooded the hallways!



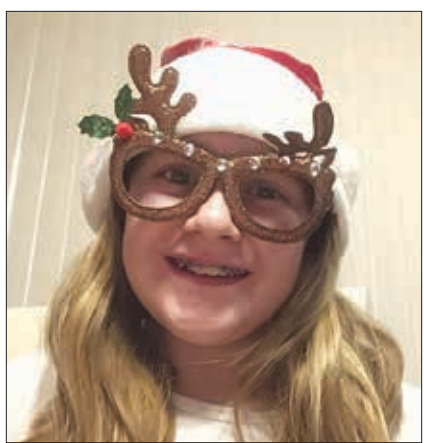


HOLIDAY FUN!



Havens Learning Fun!

Whether our students are learning from home or from school our teachers continue to engage students in a variety of learning opportunities.



Third grade didn't let remote learning stop them from taking field trips this year! Mrs. Zetterholm set up Zoom sessions with the Buffalo Bill Center of the West (Wyoming), Longwood Gardens (Pennsylvania), and Zoo Montana for all third graders to learn about adaptations from the experts. Students were able to see plants and animals from these places and ask questions to the scientists on site. In addition to this, third grade was also able to zoom with Oklahoma Aquarium later in December to learn all about turtle adaptations and ecosystems. Students met with an education liaison to ask questions about turtles, their habitats and what the aquarium has to offer.



A special thank you to the many Havens parents, staff, Pay It Forward, and additional community members that helped us provide gifts and food items to families in need this year. Your support was greatly appreciated!



2021 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

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2021 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wednesday	January 27	Away	7:30	Alma
Friday	January 29	Home	7:30	Garber
Wednesday	February 3	Home	7:30	Birch Run
Friday	February 5	Away	7:30	Freeland
Saturday	February 6	Away	TBA	John Glenn
Wednesday	February 10	Home	7:30	Alma
Friday	February 12	Away	7:30	Frankenmuth
Wednesday	February 17	Home	7:30	Freeland
Friday	February 19	Away	7:30	Bridgeport
Wednesday	February 24	Away	7:30	Garber
Friday	February 26	Away	7:30	Birch Run
Saturday	February 27	Home	TBA	John Glenn
Wednesday	March 3	Home	7:30	Frankenmuth
Friday	March 5	Home	7:30	Bridgeport

MHSAA Girls Basketball Districts – March 8, 10, 12

2021 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	January 26	Home	7:30	Alma
Thursday	January 28	Away	7:30	Garber
Tuesday	February 2	Away	7:30	Birch Run
Thursday	February 4	Home	7:30	Freeland
Saturday	February 6	Away	TBA	John Glenn
Tuesday	February 9	Away	7:30	Alma
Thursday	February 11	Home	7:30	Frankenmuth
Tuesday	February 16	Away	7:30	Freeland
Thursday	February 18	Home	7:30	Bridgeport
Tuesday	February 23	Home	7:30	Garber
Thursday	February 25	Home	7:30	Birch Run
Saturday	February 27	Home	TBA	John Glenn
Tuesday	March 2	Away	7:30	Frankenmuth
Thursday	March 4	Away	7:30	Bridgeport
Friday	March 5	Away	7:00	Arthur Hill

MHSAA Boys Basketball Districts – March 9, 11, 13

2021 JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wednesday	January 27	Away	6:00	Alma
Friday	January 29	Home	6:00	Garber
Wednesday	February 3	Home	6:00	Birch Run
Friday	February 5	Away	6:00	Freeland

Wednesday	February 10	Home	6:00	Alma
Friday	February 12	Away	6:00	Frankenmuth
Wednesday	February 17	Home	6:00	Freeland
Friday	February 19	Away	6:00	Bridgeport
Wednesday	February 24	Away	6:00	Garber
Friday	February 26	Away	6:00	Birch Run
Wednesday	March 3	Home	6:00	Frankenmuth
Friday	March 5	Home	6:00	Bridgeport

2021 JV BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	January 26	Home	6:00	Alma
Thursday	January 28	Away	6:00	Garber
Tuesday	February 2	Away	6:00	Birch Run
Thursday	February 4	Home	6:00	Freeland
Tuesday	February 9	Away	6:00	Alma
Thursday	February 11	Home	6:00	Frankenmuth
Tuesday	February 16	Away	6:00	Freeland
Thursday	February 18	Home	6:00	Bridgeport
Tuesday	February 23	Home	6:00	Garber
Thursday	February 25	Home	6:00	Birch Run
Tuesday	March 2	Away	6:00	Frankenmuth
Thursday	March 4	Away	6:00	Bridgeport
Friday	March 5	Away	5:30	Arthur Hill

2021 FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	January 26	Home	4:30	Alma
Thursday	January 28	Away	4:30	Garber
Thursday	February 4	Home	4:30	Freeland
Tuesday	February 9	Away	4:30	Alma
Thursday	February 11	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Tuesday	February 16	Away	4:30	Freeland
Thursday	February 18	Home	4:30	Bridgeport
Tuesday	February 23	Home	4:30	Garber
Tuesday	March 2	Away	4:30	Frankenmuth
Thursday	March 4	Away	4:30	Bridgeport
Friday	March 5	Away	4:00	Arthur Hill

*Please check our website at www.swanvalleyschools.com

Athletics / Winter Sports Schedules link for the remaining team's schedules posted when we receive them.



Volleyball Success during a Pandemic

By Swan Valley Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Sarah Gyger

Unprecedented. Unpredictable. Unknown. These are just a few words that describe our 2020 volleyball season. In March, when everything got shut down, hope was all we had to hang onto. Hope kept us going even though we were never really given answers. 14 eager athletes waited every day in anticipation to get the "ok to play" from the MHSAA.

Mid-June through mid-September seemed like the longest months. We were given the go ahead to practice, but only outdoors. We had a net, field, and a bag of volleyballs. The team said they wanted to play by "whatever it takes."

On September 9th, we were told we could practice and compete INDOORS! We scrambled to fill our 18 competition dates so that we could make the most out of our shortened season. Junior captain Kayla Baase told the team to "play every game like it's your last, because you never know when we'll get shut down." So we did. We masked up and fought all season to improve.

Our goal was to make it to district finals. After one of our starters was told to quarantine, we had to make some quick adjustments. A change in lineup didn't stop these athletes. They were determined to win, and they did just that. They brought home that district title defeating Chesaning in 3 games. They gave it their all and made it to regional finals the following week. Even though they didn't win, they played with heart.

To say I am proud of this team would be an understatement. Through fighting the weather outdoors to playing every game in a mask, they were able to overcome and succeed. Five of our athletes received Tri-Valley Conference Division awards and one received All-Region recognition. Senior Rachel Joslyn was awarded First Team All-Conference along with All-Region honors. Senior Ellie MacDonald and junior Kayla Baase were presented with Second Team All-Conference. Senior Makenna Dawson and junior Adrianna Mileski received Honorable Mention.

Athletic honors are great, but what makes this team truly remarkable is their academic honors. During this unprecedented time, academics remained their number one focus. The team earned Academic All-State holding an average GPA of 3.89. All four of the team's following seniors also earned Individual Academic All-State with a GPA of 3.85 or higher: Makenna Dawson, Rachel Joslyn, Hannah Koch, and Ellie MacDonald.

A team that can excel, athletically and academically, in what seemed like the darkest of times, is a team that I would coach 100 times over.

Swan Valley Athletic Association Viking Mask & Gaiter Fundraiser

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Proceeds go to supporting Swan Valley Athletics

Checks can be made out to: **SVAA**
Purchase from the Swan Valley Athletic Office or by appointment by emailing rstephens1@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

