



Superior Central Newsletter

Home of the Cougars

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FROM THE OFFICE OF MR. BILL VALIMA

Superintendent/Principal K-12

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This has been a year like no other. I want to again thank the students, staff, parents, grandparents, and community members for making this last school year a success. As you remember, last year at this time we had no idea what the 2020-21 school year would look like. We were just starting to learn of the state's plan to allow us to return to school in the fall and all the mandated safety protocols that we would have to put in place to allow us to return to school in person. During this time, we also created the Superior Central Online Academy for students who were uncomfortable returning in person. We had over 30 students work from home this school year. We also had about 20 withdraw completely from our district. I hope to see them back in the fall of 2021. **If you are planning to return, please give either office a call so that we can get you re-enrolled.** I want to state, that whatever your decision was last fall, I respect it. There were so many unknowns going into the school year. It is my hope that all students in the Superior Central School District will return under one roof next year.

I am so proud of the way that our school district and community worked through this virus. We as a school had to follow many mandates that came from the state and local health departments. There were many questions asked, answers given, discussions, and disagreements. Throughout the school year we had 8 positive student cases of COVID-19. Zero of these cases were transmitted at school. We quarantined over half of our student population this school year, to my knowledge none of those quarantined students became infected with COVID-19. As I write this, I am anxiously awaiting guidance for next school year. By the time this hits your mailbox, we might have answers. What I do know for certain is that we have a great school. We have great kids in our district and a fantastic, caring staff.

As you may know, we had a few retirements at the end of this school year. Mrs. Patty Tyner has retired after teaching in the district for 32 years. She is finally done frightening 5th grade students with "Scary stories" at Halloween! Mrs. Tyner will be greatly missed, and I would like to thank her for being a leader in the elementary school. Mrs. Rhonda Seppanen is also leaving the district after 32 years as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Seppanen has been an integral part of our Title One team for many years. Mrs. Jessica Straczowski is also retiring. Mrs. S. only taught in our district for a few years, but she has spent her lifetime educating students with learning disabilities. We will miss all three of these wonderful educators.

With retirements and growing class sizes we have hired new teachers. Ms. Heidi Patrick will be teaching a second section of Kindergarten this fall. Mrs. Jennifer Hodgins will be teaching elementary Special Education. Mr. Nathan Larson will be teaching 5th grade. Mrs. Holly McDonald will be teaching a second section of 6th grade. We are still actively seeking a Physical Education/ Health teacher and a Middle/High School Special Education teacher.

I also want to again thank the voters for passing the Sinking Fund Millage back in 2013. This summer's Sinking Fund Project will include a new boiler system. Again, thank you for allowing the district to make these wonderful upgrades the past 8 years without having to use "general fund" money.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer! Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to work with your children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me @ 439-5588 or email me @ bvalima@superiorcentralschools.org or better yet, stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,
Bill Valima



SUMMER is for LEARNING, too!

Dear Families,

Happy Summer—we made it! Just like the students, teachers and administrators alike are looking forward to several weeks of rest, relaxation, and continued learning. Yes, learning! As I tell the students all the time, we are constantly surrounded by opportunities that allow us to grow and learn. While some of my greatest memories come from my time in school, so many are recalled from summer days when I allowed my imagination decide what to do next. As a parent, I always enjoyed finding creative ways to mix all that my children learned in school with the freedom of summer. Disguised as fun, the learning never stopped. Check out these ideas to help your K-5 child continue to grow this summer. Have fun! ~Kathy McCowan



- family time together
- promote taking turns
- winners and losers
- critical thinking

- play to completion—no quitting
- reading, counting, strategy
- responsibility —putting things away
- working together



Game Time

Summer Journal

- let 2021 be the summer you will never forget—write it down!
- reinforce writing skills, storytelling, and artistic creation.
- add photos, receipts, tickets, etc.
- all family members can be included to write their memories



Read Daily

- read everything—books, magazines, signs, cereal boxes, recipes, menus...
- set aside a time, make a routine
- ask your child about what he/she is reading—characters? setting? predictions?
- trade books from our 2 book boxes located at the Rumely Store or Limestone Store.
- post about it! #MAREASummerReading #SuperiorCentral

- let nature be the teacher—explore
- create a scavenger hunt—promote reading
- gaze at the clouds—let the shapes tell a story
- use your senses
- learn about constellations in the night sky



Outside Time

- use chalk—write words, do math problems
- just be...so often we forget to just relax—kids don't always need a planned activity

...and finally, remind your K-5 student to

Live the R.O.A.R.

That includes being **Respectful, Organized, Accepting, and Responsible**...not because someone is watching, but because it is the right thing to do!



Class of 2021

Diane Marie Augustyn **1,2**

Isabelle Barbara Bernard **1**

Abbey Violet Burns

Hudson Lorence Charlebois

Isobel Mary Charlebois **2**

Stella Dawn Charlebois **2**

Clayton James Collier

Kyle Jacob Frusti **1**

Rhyse Thomas Hall

Michael Alan Leppanen **1**

James John Maki **1**

Parker Matthew Maki **1**

Paige Jacqueline McGee **1**

Mathew James McLaury

Caleb George Nimee **1**

Mason Anthony Porter **1**

Raymond Roy Robinson **1**

Michael Jason Rondeau **1**

Madisyn Jo Tyner **1**

Josephine Agnes Valima **1**

Kaeden Jayce Weir **1**

Elsie Ellen West **2**

¹ Honor Cord, 3.0 GPA or higher

²Peer to Peer Cord



Valedictorian

Mason Porter

Salutatorian

Isabelle Bernard



Class Flower

Trillium

Class Colors

Royal Blue and Silver

Class Song

"The Nights"

Avicii

Class Advisor

Bill Valima



Scholarships and Awards

Diane Augustyn – Central Michigan University School of Music Scholarship, Central Michigan University Merit Recognition Scholarship, the Moose Lodge Competitive Scholarship, the Limestone Baptist Church Scholarship, and the Chatham Lions Club Scholarship

Isabelle Bernard – Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, the VFW Scholarship, and the Chester E. Bignall Scholarship

Kyle Frusti – John F. Kennedy Scholarship and a St. Norbert College Merit Scholarship

Rhyse Hall – Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees Music Scholarship, the Dr. and Mrs. John X. Jamrich Music Scholarship, the U.P. Whitetails Association Scholarship, and the Superior Central Board of Education Scholarship

Michael Leppanen – Peoples State Bank Scholarship

James Maki – Western Michigan University Brown and Gold Scholarship and the Northern Lights Community Credit Union Scholarship

Parker Maki – Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship, a Trenary Lions Club Scholarship and the Chatham Co-op Scholarship

Paige McGee – Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship, a Trenary Lions Club Scholarship, a Peoples State Bank Scholarship, and the Harry B. Lane Scholarship

Caleb Nimee – Paul B. Grahovac Memorial Scholarship, and a Superior Central PTO Scholarship

Mason Porter – Michigan Tech Presidential Gold Scholarship, a Michigan Competitive Scholarship, a Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, the Michael G. Lindquist, PhD Scholarship, the Carl R. Swanberg Scholarship, and the Denim Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Madisyn Tyner – Personal Achievement Scholarship and the Toivo “TJ” Aho Memorial Scholarship

Josephine Valima – Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship, the Simonsen Scholarship, the Skandia Lions Club Scholarship, the Honor Credit Union Scholarship, the Sam M. Cahodas Scholarship, and the Heino Memorial Scholarship

Kaeden Weir – Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship, the Ade and Ana Karppinen Scholarship, and a Superior Central PTO Scholarship

Elsie West – Alice Norlin Scholarship



SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

2020-2021 Fourth Quarter

Congratulations to the following students for being named to the Honor Roll for the fourth marking period.

An * denotes all A's

UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Thompson's 3rd Grade: Emma Beaupied, Leyton Bell, Joy Brown, Edye Burdett, Daniel Jarquin, Evan Kelto, Jaxon Klyk, William Kolpack, Braelynn Lawson, Larissa Lindgren, Harrison McDougall, Cole Raspor, Justin Timonen

Mrs. Kelto's 4th Grade: Liza Helminen, Aubrianna Kroupa, Nina Massie*, Jon Young

Mrs. Tyner's 5th Grade: Riley Balkum, Marlene Johnson, Levi Kempainen, Alina Kolpack, Lillian Lindgren, Conor McDonald, Kendra Pederson, Hailey Quarfoot*, Natalia Salmi, Lilly Simon, Kylie Stuer

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade: Peyton Adams, Connor Blomgren, Anthony Brown, Andrew Charlebois, Samuel Charlebois, Mercedes Edmondson, Teagan Hall, Rory Hancock, Ryder Kroupa, Zander Mullins, Jasmine Nesberg, Kianna Perron, Jaimes Rintamaki, Evan Simon, William Spranger, Elijah Valima

7th grade: Joseph Augustyn, Gwenyth Charlebois, Kalli Foro, Adrianna Frusti, Isaac Gleason*, Cassie Helminen, Clay Horne, Jenna Hoy, Jack Kasten, Luke Kempker, Carter Korpi, Christopher Kulik, Morgan Martin, Kiera McDonald*, John McDougall, Janessa Perron, Danica Purdy

8th grade: Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson*, Calla Porter*, Derick Tyner

9th grade: Craig Adams, Grant Garrow, Alice Hancock, Liam McDougall, Elijah Penney, Breanna Swajanen*

10th grade: Emily Augustyn, Izabel Barber, Madisen Begovac*, Hudson Cady, Wyatt Kulik, Riley Moore, Adair Porter, Evelyn Smyth*, Brylee Tyner*, Sophia Valima*, Emmett Vining

11th grade: Charlotte Charlebois, Riley Johnson, Garrett Koski, Eva LaVallie, Dakota Maki, Olivia Millin, Ethan Phillipson*, Emma Rutter*, Christopher Thompson, Evan Thompson

12th grade: Isabelle Bernard, Abbey Burns, Hudson Charlebois, Rhyse Hall, Michael Lep-panen, James Maki, Parker Maki, Paige McGee, Caleb Nimee, Mason Porter*, Raymond Robinson, Madisyn Tyner, Josephine Valima



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Mrs. Kelto's 4th Grade: Liza Helminen, Aubrianna Kroupa, Nina Massie*, Charli Nordness, Amerie Pizzi, Jon Young

Mrs. Tyner's 5th Grade: Mali Hillier, Marlene Johnson, Levi Kempainen, Lillian Lindgren, Conor McDonald, Kendra Pederson, Hailey Quarfoot, Natalia Salmi, Lilly Simon, Emma Stoliecki, Kylie Stuer

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8th grade: Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson*, Samantha Johnson, Calla Porter*

9th grade: Craig Adams, Grant Garrow, Alice Hancock, Jason Kanerva, Liam McDougall, Elijah Penney, Breanna Swajanen*, Lily Swetich, Neo Wilson

10th grade: Emily Augustyn, Izabel Barber, Madisen Begovac*, Amy Burns, Hudson Cady, Wyatt Kulik, Riley Moore, Adair Porter, Evelyn Smyth*, Brylee Tyner*, Sophia Valima*, Emmett Vining

11th grade: Katrina Augustyn, Charlotte Charlebois, Zachary Frusti, Riley Johnson, Garrett Koski, Eva LaVallie, Dakota Maki, Olivia Millin, Ethan Phillipson*, Maggie Rondeau, Emma Rutter*, Christopher Thompson, Olivia Viau

12th grade: Diane Augustyn, Isabelle Bernard, Hudson Charlebois, Kyle Frusti, Rhyse Hall, Michael Leppanen, James Maki, Parker Maki, Paige McGee, Caleb Nimee, Mason Porter, Michael Rondeau, Madisyn Tyner, Josephine Valima, Kaeden Weir



Salmon in the 7th Grade Classroom



It was a year of changes, challenges, and uncertainty, however, I decided to avoid the virtual salmon in the classroom option the DNR had offered and went all in for another year of raising salmon. This was the 9th year I have done this program with my students and it has always been a fun learning experience.

This year we started with approximately 150 eggs in November and released 138 very healthy salmon smolt at the Dead River in Marquette this spring. Throughout the school year, students took turns becoming "fish parents" for a week. Fish parents were in charge of feeding, water changes, filter changes and all of the responsibilities that went along with keeping our salmon alive and healthy.

This year's 7th grade students did a fabulous job keeping up with tank maintenance and fish care; the salmon were the largest and healthiest we've had in a long time. We are all hopeful that many of the salmon raised make their way to Lake Superior to grow up and eventually come back to the Dead River to spawn.

Many thanks go out to the Trout Unlimited - Fred Waara Chapter for tank supplies and yearly support; Chelsea Martin, Brad Hoy, and Bonnie (Jack L's Grandma) for helping with the release day; Dawn Hayse and Holly McDonald for making sure the salmon eggs got to school and into the tank while I was quarantined and most importantly, the 7th grade students that worked so hard to raise our salmon this year.



2021 Summer Soccer and Trail Running and Biking



Hey Parents, are you starting to think about how to keep your kids active and engaged this summer? We have an idea for you. We are going to have a twice weekly evening play date? Which evenings are yet to be decided based on interest and availability. We are going to bike, hike, run and play soccer for a couple of hours each night. We are targeting middle schoolers, but are open to mature elementary kids. We are not interested in babysitting, but rather provide structured active fun. You do not have to commit to the whole summer, just come when you can.

Just call or text your contact information to Holly and Kim if you are interested and we will be in touch. We plan to start right after school is out so the kids do not lose momentum/contact.

Coaches: Holly McDonald: 906-439-5366 or cell 906-360-5305
Kim Spranger: 906-235-1739



A Great Year of Boat Building and Projects

We did it! After all of the challenges of this crazy school year came and went, the biggest Natural Resources and Watercraft Design class SC has ever seen finished all of their Independent Projects and pirogues and still managed to paddle together twice before the end of the school year.

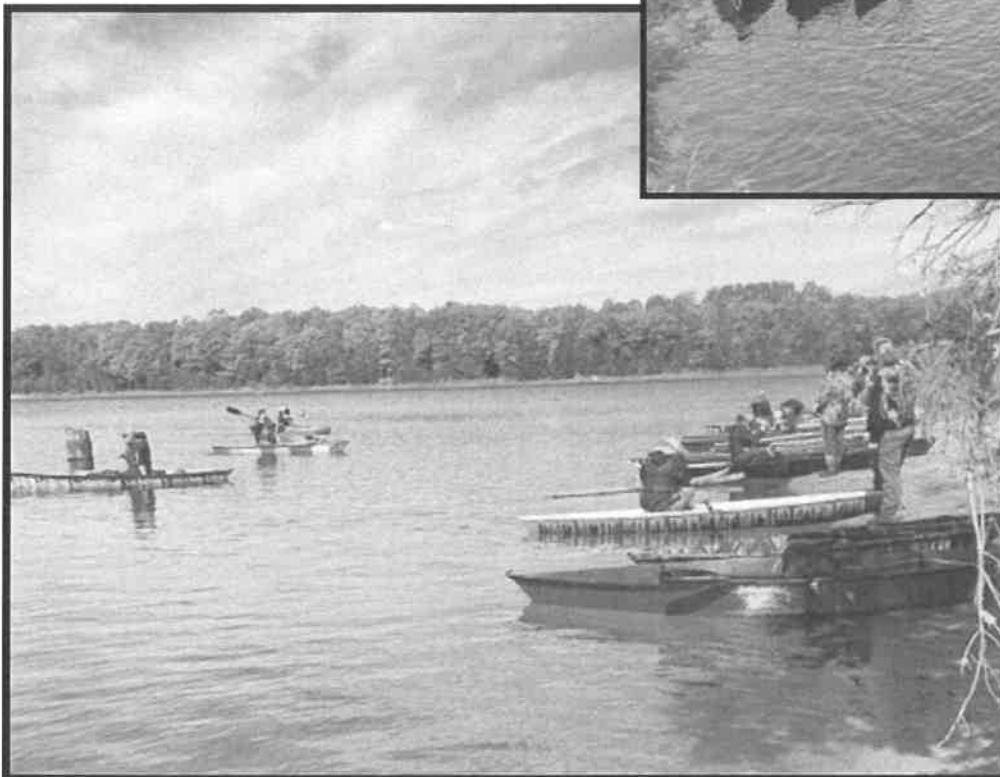
This year's Natural Resources Independent Projects included:

- ◆ Charlotte Charlebois and Olivia Viau- planting pollinator gardens
- ◆ Quinton Pierce- building Mason Bee boxes
- ◆ Maggie Rondeau, Katrina Augustyn, and Olivia Millin- building bat houses
- ◆ Eva LaVallie and Rhianna Ricker- surveying the school forest for Emerald Ash Borer
- ◆ Riley Johnson- building and painting a new School Forest Trailhead Sign
- ◆ Emma Rutter, Dakota Maki, Brayden Johnson, and Zach Frusti-pruning the school's many apple trees
- ◆ Evan Thompson, Chris Thompson, Wyatt Smith, and Garrett Koski upgrading our storage shed into a more user friendly and efficient Sugar Shack

Several of these teams presented lessons about their projects to various classes in the elementary.

With the arrival of an early spring, we kept a close eye on the weather forecast and conflicting schedules in order to find a couple dates so that we could all launch our boats in the Quarry Pond and spend a full day together on the Au Train Basin paddling, fishing and sitting around a campfire. Eventually those dates came together and as usual, the students did a great job learning how to paddle and safely handle their handmade creations. I couldn't be more proud of this class with how they handled the challenges of this unprecedented school year. I hope they are all looking forward to many more years of use and adventure paddling their pirogues.

Mr. Bliss



Stewards of our School Forest

Approximately 5 years ago Superior Central began working with Jim Ferris of Caretaker Forestry to develop a Forest Stewardship plan for our school forest. In that plan we outlined how we utilize our forest for education, athletics and recreation, as well as what our long term goals were.

One of our biggest goals is to improve the overall health of the forest while at the same time, increasing the diversity of both the species and age class of the trees. To do this in a sustainable manner, where students are able to participate in the evaluation and selection of which trees should be harvested and which trees should be spared, our plan states that we will harvest a 4-acre area every two years. This process has already been accomplished twice in the past and the spring of 2021 brought us to our third harvest.

On a beautiful May morning we met with Mr. Ferris who walked the Agriculture and Forestry class through the woods as he explained which trees should be harvested, spared and why. Basal area, tree species, tree health, den trees, and even soil drainage had to be taken into account for each tree selected. Then after a little guided practice, the students split off into teams and began flagging trees for harvest within our selected 4-acre area. Sometime this summer one of our local loggers will arrive to complete the harvest and another step in our stewardship program will be complete.



Mr. Bliss

Please:

Report any changes of your: Mailing, physical address or phone numbers.

E-mail changes to :

dkanerva@superiorcentralschools.org For MS/HS

bwells@superiorcentralschools.org For Elementary

Or

Call : High School 439-5532 x 242

Elementary 439-5531 x 201

Thank you.



Board of Education

Please take notice that upcoming meetings of the Board of Education of the Superior Central School District in Eben Junction, Michigan are scheduled as follows:

<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Monday July 19, 2021	Monday August 16, 2021	Monday September 20, 2021
	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

Regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. Work sessions as needed. All meetings are 7:00 PM

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in these meetings.

Request must be received at least five days in advance of the meeting.



Elementary Suggested Supply List

Kindergarten

Backpack
 Pencil Box
 Crayons- 24 count
 Washable markers- 10 count
 2 dry erase markers- black
 4 glue sticks
 1 bottle Elmer's school glue
 2 large pink eraser
 Scissors
 Headphones
 Water bottle
 Tissues
 Hand sanitizer
 Disinfecting wipes
 Table napkins
 Bagged/boxed snacks

3rd Grade

Backpack
 Pencils and pencil box
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 12 ct. colored pencils
 or 24 ct. crayons
 Scissors
 Glue sticks
 Erasers
 Dry erase markers
 Pocket folders- green, yellow, blue
 red, black/purple
 Spiral Notebooks
 same color as folders
 Tissues
 Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes
 Headphones/earbuds
 Water bottle

1st Grade

Backpack
 Pencil box & pencils
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 Crayons- 24 count
 Dry erase markers- fine point
 Glue sticks
 Erasers
 Markers
 Scissors
 Plastic pocket folder
 Tissues
 Disinfecting wipes
 Headphones/earbuds
 Water bottle

4th Grade

Backpack
 Pencils and pencil box
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 Colored pencils
 Dry erase markers
 Glue sticks
 Large heavy scissors
 Ruler - inch/cm
 Pocket folders-
 green, yellow, blue, red
 Plastic pocket folder (1)
 Tissues
 Disinfecting wipes
 Headphones/earbuds
 Water bottle

2nd Grade

Backpack
 Pencils- no mechanical
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 Highlighter
 Scissors
 Markers
 Glue sticks
 Erasers
 Crayons - 24 count
 Dry erase markers
 2 composition books
 Plastic pocket folder (1)
 Tissues
 Disinfecting wipes
 Headphones/earbuds
 Water bottle

5th Grade

Backpack
 Pencils
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 Colored pencils
 Highlighter
 Large erasers
 Dry erase markers & eraser
 Glue sticks
 Large heavy scissors
 2 black fine pt. Sharpie
 Ruler inch/cm
 5 Pocket folders - any color
 5 Spiral notebooks
 Tissues
 Disinfecting wipes
 Headphones/earbuds
 Water bottle



Middle School/ High School

Suggested Supply List

Notebooks— one per class
 Pocket Folders
 Pens Pencils
 Other Suggestions:
 Colored Pencils Erasers
 Lined Paper Markers
 Tissues Calculator
 6th –8th
 1" -3 ring binder





SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS 2021-2022



August	31	First Day of School for Students 8:15 A.M. to 3:11 P.M.
September	3 & 6 22/23	No School – Labor Day weekend School pictures
October	8	No School – Teachers Professional Development
November	5 8 11 24 25-26	End of 1 st marking period Picture retakes 11:48 dismissal-Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 11:48 dismissal No School- Thanksgiving Break
December	22 23-	11:48 dismissal No school – Holiday break begins
January	4 14 20-21 21	School Resumes 11:48 dismissal – Teachers Professional Development 1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams End of 2 nd marking period and 1 st semester
February	11 14	11:48 dismissal No School
March	12 14 25	11:48 dismissal – Teachers Professional Development No School End of 3 rd marking period
April	4-8 11 15 18	No School- Spring Break School Resumes 11:48 dismissal No School
May	27 30	Graduation 7:00 PM No School – Memorial Day
June	8-9 9 10	1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams Last day of School (provided we do not exceed 6 snow days) All day Teachers Professional Development

Doors open at 7:55 School Day begins at 8:15 A.M. and ends at 3:11 P.M.

