



# SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

554 Green St., South Haven

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## AUGUST 29 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS



### MEAL PRICES

FREE! South Haven Public Schools is utilizing the Community Eligibility Provision to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to all students again this school year! Milk cartons will be available for \$0.50



### BUS INFO

Buses will run Aug. 29th. Students registered to ride the bus last year are automatically issued a bus this year. Information will be delivered in late August.



### SCHEDULE

<b>WAY SH</b>	8:00 AM—3:00 PM
<b>SHHS</b>	7:30 AM—2:19 PM
<b>BMS</b>	7:40 AM—2:38 PM
<b>NS</b>	8:34 AM—3:35 PM
<b>LE</b>	8:50 AM—3:51 PM
<b>MG</b>	8:50 AM—3:51 PM

### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

District-wide Building Open Houses with Teachers: **THURS., AUG 25, 4:30—6:00 PM**

#### SPECIAL ORIENTATIONS

Kindergarten Orientation (MG & LE):  
**AUG 25, 29, & 30 by appointment**  
6th Grade Orientation: **THURS., AUG 25 | 6:00 PM (Expectations, Procedures, Q&A)**  
SHHS Freshman Orientation: **WED., AUG 24 | 6:00 PM (Presentation, Building Tours, Q&A)**  
SHHS Self-Guided Tours, Chromebook/Schedule pick-up, & Photos: **FRI., AUG 26 | 9:00 AM —12:00 PM**



### PLEASE NOTE!

Regarding transportation assignments: South Haven Public Schools will make every effort to assign all participating students a bus by the first day of school. However, due to the high volume of needs and phone calls, if you have not pre-registered your child for transportation, we cannot guarantee a bus during the first two weeks of school. Please know students will be assigned as quickly as possible and families will receive a phone call as soon as an assignment has been made.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



While it may sound cliché, as we flip our calendars to August, the notion that summer break flies by faster and faster each year certainly rings true. With that said, I hope you and your family managed to set the busy world aside for a moment and enjoy some time together, reflecting on what went well during the 2021-22 school year and building on the positive. This process of recognizing areas of strength and weakness in our personal, professional, and academic goals while identifying points of improvement is a healthy and necessary practice for all of us—and having this conversation with children reinforces that we are all engaged in a continuous process of learning. A few topics of interest can include:

**Achievement:** We believe all students can achieve at high levels. I think it's fair to say that students develop differently and they all possess different gifts, but when they engage in learning and give an honest effort, they can all achieve great things. We have a wonderful and highly knowledgeable teaching and support staff and I believe they are committed to seeing your child reach their full potential.

**Attendance:** School attendance is vitally important for success both within the building walls and in life beyond. If students are missing school frequently, they are missing valuable instruction. There is a synergy in a classroom during a lesson that is difficult to replicate after the fact. While a teacher can present lessons to students afterwards if they are absent, kids are missing the interaction and engagement of other classroom participants.

**Attitude:** Whether positive, negative, or ambivalent, attitude, or the way we carry ourselves, is a two-way street between school and home. It's important for all of us to carry ourselves with an attitude of determination and willingness to work together. In closing, I do want to welcome you to what I'm sure will be a great school for all of us at South Haven Public Schools. Soak in the last few days of summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin Schooley  
Superintendent*



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:  
September 14  
October 19  
November 16  
December 14  
SHHS ILC at 6:30 PM

**Persons with  
disabilities  
requiring special  
accommodations  
should contact the  
Superintendent's  
office at  
(269) 637-0500.**





## MARKING PERIODS

MP 1: 08/29/22—10/28/22  
 MP 2: 10/31/22—01/20/23  
 MP 3: 01/23/23—03/24/23  
 MP 4: 03/27/23-06/02/23

Mid-Marking Period: 9/30/22  
 Mid-Marking Period: 12/2/22  
 Mid-Marking Period: 2/17/23  
 Mid-Marking Period: 5/5/23

## NWEA TESTING WINDOWS

August 29th—September 16th  
 January 9th—January 26th  
 May 16th—June 1st



# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-23

DATE(S)	EVENT
Aug 22-26	Teacher Days (PD 23rd - 24th)
Aug 25	Building Open Houses, <b>4:30 - 6:00 PM</b>
Aug 29	First Day of School for Students
Aug 29-30	<b>1/2 Day for JK &amp; Kindergarten Students ONLY</b>
Sept 2	<b>NO SCHOOL for Students &amp; Teachers</b>
Sept 5	<b>NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)</b>
Sept 30	<b>NO SCHOOL for Students; Teacher In-Service</b> <i>Mid-Marking Period - Progress Reports</i>
Oct 5	<b>FALL PUPIL COUNT DAY</b>
Oct 12-13	6-12th Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Oct 14	<b>6-12th attend AM ONLY - Conferences PM</b>
Oct 26	<b>1/2 Day for Students; Records</b>
Oct 28	<i>Marking Period 1 Ends - 45 Student Days</i>
Nov 9-10	JK-5th Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Nov 11	<b>JK-5th Students attend AM ONLY - Conferences PM</b>
Nov 23-25	<b>NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)</b>
Nov 30	<b>1/2 Day for Students; Records</b>
Dec 2	<i>Mid-Marking Period - Progress Reports</i>
Dec 26-Jan 6	<b>NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)</b>
Jan 16	<b>NO SCHOOL (MLK Day) Students &amp; Teachers</b>
Jan 19-20	<b>1/2 Day for Students - Exams, Records</b>
Jan 20	<i>Marking Period 2 Ends - 46 Student Days</i>
Feb 8	<b>SPRING PUPIL COUNT DAY</b>
Feb 17	<b>1/2 Day for Students; Records</b> <i>Mid-Marking Period - Progress Reports</i>
Feb 20	<b>NO SCHOOL for Students; Teacher In-Service</b>
Mar 22	<b>1/2 Day for Students, Records</b>
Mar 24	<i>Marking Period 3 Ends - 45 Student Days</i>
Apr 3-7	<b>NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)</b>
May 3	<b>1/2 Day for Students, Records</b>
May 5	<i>Mid-Marking Period - Progress Reports</i>
May 29	<b>NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)</b>
June 1	<b>1/2 Day for Students, Exams, Records</b>
June 2	<b>1/2 Day for Students, Exams, Records</b> <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 44 Student Days</b>
June 4	High School Graduation (Tentative)

# FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



While spring might be associated with new beginnings for most people, fall is the season that brings a fresh start for those of us in the world of education. Fall is an exciting time in the school system. It means a clean slate for students, teachers, and coaches, and is a time when anything is possible. As we begin another athletic year for SHPS, I would like to remind everyone of a few important tasks for which we all share responsibility.

- 1) Support our student-athletes, programs, and coaches in a positive manner. Build up; don't tear down. Remember that everyone has a role in positively shaping, developing, and encouraging our students.
- 2) Be good stewards of our facilities. We are fortunate enough to have excellent, and in many cases brand new, athletic facilities. Enjoy and take care of them.
- 3) Get involved and promote South Haven. Become a volunteer, a coach, attend a concert or athletic contest, or simply be a great example for our kids and our community.

Our staff at SH Athletics is looking forward to a great year, and our high school sports teams are already practicing. Below are some things to be aware of as we approach the first day of school. Middle school sports begin shortly. As with high school, all students wishing to play school-sponsored sports must have a completed physical on file to participate.

The best way to find information about start times and locations, as well as articles about contest results, schedule changes, awards, photo galleries, and all other department news is by going to the South Haven Athletics Website at [www.shps.org/o/athletics](http://www.shps.org/o/athletics) or by visiting the SH Athletics Facebook page. These two pages are the number one place to find information about Ram sports at all levels.

Thank you very much for your continued support of Ram Athletics. Go Rams!

Sincerely,  
Adam Verseput  
Athletic Director



## BUS STOP/SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY TIPS

**At a glance:** Twice a day during the school year, sidewalks fill with kids who walk or bicycle to school, or ride the bus. Follow these tips to keep them safe—especially between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, when the most severe school-aged pedestrian injuries happen.

- 1) Look both ways before you back out or pull into your garage and driveway. Yield to kids who are walking or bicycling.
- 2) Drive slowly and be alert, especially near bus stops and school zones. Children rushing to meet the bus or to get to school might dart into the street. Kids might also walk in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks.

### Your state's school bus laws require you to:

- 1) Stop for any school bus that has its flashing red lights on and stop signal arm extended. Wait until the driver turns everything off before you pass.
- 2) Never pass on the right side of the bus where children enter and exit.

Teach your kids to be good pedestrians: Safe habits include walking with a group; walking on the sidewalk—if there isn't one, walking facing traffic, looking both ways before and while crossing the street and crossing only at corners or intersections.



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration







# BOND UPDATE



## STARTING THE YEAR

Looking forward to the school year, we are eager to share all the facility improvements and upgrades from the 2020 bond with our students, staff, and school community. With that being said, as we continue through the construction process, there is a difference between a project being completed and a facility being usable.

Our facilities will be ready for athletic events this fall. We are committed to hosting events that our students want, parents deserve, and the entire school community enjoys. Please keep in mind, however, that some projects are still a work-in-progress. Our construction team is working very hard to get us to the finish line, but we do anticipate having to accommodate both events taking place and construction completion. We thank you for your patience and understanding!

## RATCLIFFE FIELD

- Mill old track
- Pour track boarder
- Continued plumbing at Field House
- Installation of new track
- Masonry at Ratcliffe Field House
- Prep track, long jump, and pole vault
- Install storm and water
- Irrigation repairs and sleeves
- Lay brick for Team Room



## SOUTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

- Pouring tennis court floors
- Pouring concrete sidewalk
- Install fence posts at tennis courts
- Brick at Team Room



## AYLWORTH FIELD

- Storm install at soccer fields
- Installation of water tap at road for soccer field and MDOT street patch



SHPS has partnered with Geskus Photography for the 2022-23 school year.

Photo Schedule by Building:

**High School & WAY South Haven**

Aug. 25 (4:30—6)  
\*During Open House  
Aug. 26 (9-12)  
Retakes: Sept. 9 & Oct. 3

**Baseline Middle School**

Oct. 12  
Retakes: Nov. 17

**North Shore Elem.**

Oct. 4  
Retakes: Nov. 10

**Lincoln Elem.**

Oct. 6  
Retakes: Nov. 11

**Maple Grove Elem.**

Oct. 6  
Retakes: Nov. 10

**For more information, please contact the appropriate school front office.**

# E-SPORTS & SUMMER ENGAGEMENT



The conversation around e-sports has traditionally centered around the collegiate and secondary level, but recently it has shifted to include elementary education. A big voice in that conversation is South Haven Public Schools' very own Mary Phillips. Mrs. Phillips is an elementary STEM teacher at North Shore Elementary. She graduated from WMU with her Bachelor of Science in Education. There her passion for inclusion, equity, playful learning, and design thinking was magnified and she has since dedicated a portion of her time to understanding and incorporating e-sports into her teaching. Last fall, Mrs. Phillips received the prestigious honor of being accepted into the NASEF (North America Scholastic Esports Federation) Scholastic Fellows Program! The program,

designed to pioneer the use of scholastic e-sports in education, is made up of just 25 educators from across the globe, selected from over 100 educators that applied. With her unique position, and expertise in the field, Mrs. Phillips offered the students of South Haven an amazing e-sports experience through her enrichment camp this summer. She utilized the Minecraft world for e-sports competition called Farmcraft. The mission: work collaboratively to successfully farm in different biomes. While many of our community's families rely on local farms for their livelihood, Farmcraft provided the perfect opportunity to draw students into a science camp. Competitive video game play interested students, and discussing healthy gaming habits furthered the educational experience. Mrs. Phillips looks forward to utilizing these opportunities for students during the school year, as well.

## GRADE 11 STATE OF MI SAT/WORKKEYS REQUIREMENTS

The state of Michigan requires all 11th graders to take the SAT and WorkKeys exam in March as part of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). These required tests are free and are administered during school. Juniors also take a practice SAT (PSAT) in October. The SAT or ACT is required for admission to four-year colleges, and for some local and national scholarships. Most colleges will accept either the ACT or SAT test scores. National testing dates are on Saturday mornings with several dates throughout the year. Register and check testing dates and locations at the testing website.



## VB TECH CENTER BUS REGULATIONS & DRIVING PROCEDURES

Students who attend the Van Buren Technology Center must ride the bus or have a signed permission form on file with the high school office to drive or ride with another student to the Tech Center. **Students who ride the bus to Vo-Tech MUST also return on the bus, otherwise their riding privileges may be revoked.**

**The AM Tech Center bus** departs from the **front** of the high school at 7:20 AM and returns to the **front** of the high school around 11:10 AM.

Students are expected to follow the same rules that are demanded of riders of the regular busses and as required in the classroom. Violations of these rules will be handled through the principal's office.

**OPT-OUT FOR MILITARY RECRUITERS:** Each high school receiving federal funding is required to turn over student contact information (name, address, phone number) to local military recruiters unless parents opt out in writing. To opt out a student, the parent or the student must submit Opt-Out letters by postal mail to your high school principal. This does not release all males from registering with the selective service within 30 days of their eighteenth birthday.

Opt-Out form letters are available on the document tab of the South Haven High School website, [www.shps.org/highschool](http://www.shps.org/highschool). The Pentagon also recently set up a database of 30 million 16-25 year olds, including name, address, email addresses, cell phone numbers, ethnicity, social security numbers and areas of study. This Pentagon database is updated daily and distributed monthly to the Armed Services for recruiting purposes. A parent or the individual may opt out of this database by sending a letter in writing by postal mail to:

Joint Advertising and Marketing Research & Studies Office (JAMRS)  
Attn: Opt Out  
4040 North Fairfax Dr., Ste. 200  
Arlington, VA 22203

As above, sending this letter does not release all males from registering with the selective service within 30 days of their eighteenth birthday.

## SECTION 504—POLICY STATEMENT

The District shall not discriminate against any student having a disability, a record of having had a disability, or who is otherwise regarded as having a disability. The District shall also, as required by law, attempt to locate and identify each student within the District's jurisdiction who may be an eligible student under Section 504. The District shall evaluate each student identified under Section 504 and provide each eligible student with a FAPE as defined by law.



**When in person before school is in session:** SHPS will not operate on days that buses cannot run. All notices that buses will not run will be broadcast over area radio stations COSY (103.7 FM), WKZO (590 AM), WOOD (1300 AM); and TV stations Channel 3 (WWMT) and Channel 8 (WOODTV). Phone notification will also be made via the school district's notification system. It is suggested that you keep a radio or TV turned to one of the listed stations each morning during the winter days so that you will be sure to receive announcements when issued.

**When in person after school is in session:** When deemed neces-

sary, students will be dismissed early from school due to emergencies such as sudden snow storms, severe thunderstorms, or utility failures. If this becomes necessary, the radio and TV stations will be notified to announce this, as well as the notification system, and students will be sent home as soon as possible. Rural students will be bussed home as soon as drivers report. In the event buses cannot run, students will be maintained at school until such time that parents can pick up their children. **It is very important that parents instruct students what to do in case they arrive home early and no one is at home.**

## NO USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT SCHOOL

The Attorney General's opinion states that schools are forbidden by law to designate a special area for minors to smoke, and that students under 18 years of age may be arrested for using tobacco on school property. The opinion references the Use of Tobacco policies of the Board of Education. The High School Student Handbook clearly states that students who smoke or use other tobacco products (i.e., chewing tobacco) at school are to be charged for smoking on State property, which is a fine up to \$50.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

South Haven Public Schools' "Anti-Harassment Policy" is available on the district's website: [www.shps.org](http://www.shps.org).

If you or someone you know has been harassed, you may file either a written or verbal complaint with the District's Civil Rights Coordinator.

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## MEDICINES AT SCHOOL

Each year misunderstandings occur while arranging for students to take medicine at school. The following list will hopefully clarify the limits placed on the school by various state and local agencies. It is certainly our intention to dispense medications as directed by a physician within the established guidelines:

- The school cannot dispense medication on the student's request only (including aspirin).
- Any medication that is to be taken at school must be dispensed through the school office (except asthma medication with proper written permission from a parent/guardian and written permission and instructions from the student's doctor.)
- Directions to the office explaining times and dosage, along with any special concerns should be part of a doctor's note giving permission for the school to issue the medicines to the student.
- Prescriptions to be used during school hours must be in

the original container (one issued by the doctor or pharmacy) with the student's name and dosage on the container it comes in. If it is a prescribed medication, the name of the doctor should also be on the label.

### **\*Over-the-counter drugs and prescribed drugs for students:**

Parents/Guardians must complete a new Authorization for Prescribed Medicine or Treatment form and/or Authorization for Non-Prescribed Medicine or Treatment form for their student at the beginning of each school year whether it is for an over-the-counter drug or a prescribed medication. Completed forms for the previous year will **NOT** be used as information changes and must be updated on new forms. Also, all medication is to be in its original container with the student's name and dosage on the container it comes in. If it is a prescribed medication, the name of the doctor should also be on the label along with the previously mentioned information

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH—NOTICE TO PARENTS

The South Haven Public School Board of Education has approved age appropriate programs in Reproductive Health. By Michigan law, a single lesson per year is offered on HIV/AIDS at each of the K-3 grade levels. A single lesson is also offered to 4th grade girls regarding menstruation. Progressively more in-depth programs are offered at the 5th, 7th, and 9th grade levels. Topics may include puberty, reproductive health, genetics, abstinence, human sexuality, pregnancy, labor, childbirth, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, relationship skills, sexual orientation, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and criminal sexual conduct laws. Not all topics are discussed at all grade levels.

These programs have also been approved by the District Reproductive Health Advisory Committee, the District Curriculum Development Committee, and the District School Improvement Committee. According to Public Act. 165 (section 1507 subsections 3 and 4) revised 2004, parents have the right to review the course content and materials. Parents also have the right to have their child excused, without penalty, from any session(s). If you wish to review materials, please contact the appropriate building principal. Parent notification will be made prior to instruction at each grade level.

## PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS & ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

### Pesticide, Insecticide, Herbicide Application

South Haven Public School District utilizes an integrated pest management program. This program is designed to control insects and other pests commonly found in school buildings and associated school grounds. The intent of the program is to manage pest at an acceptable level. Non-chemical methods are used for infestations when ever possible.

Exterior spraying for ants, grubs, or other pests, in conjunction with the application of herbicides to control weeds and fungicides to control turf and plant diseases is accomplished by school district employees or a licensed contractor. Employees who are assigned this work are licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as certified applicators.

General treatment is made depending on where pests have become a nuisance or where a chronic problem has been identified. Notices will be posted on the district web site and at the main entrance of the treated facility not less than 48 hours before application of non-exempt pesticides. In the case of emergency treatment notifications will be made after the application has occurred.

Parents or guardians may review the school's IPM program records and request prior notification of applications by contacting the Superintendent's office. If this method is elected by parents or guardians, notice will be sent by mail 3 days prior to applications. In case of emergency applications, notification will be made after the application occurs.

### Asbestos Management

It is believed that at this time all remaining asbestos is either not friable (flaking) or contained in such a manner that it is not a threat to the welfare and safety of our students. If you are concerned about the location of asbestos in a building that your child attends, the district has a management plan for each building and this plan is located in the principal's office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent office located at 554 Green Street or by phone at 269-637-0578.

For additional pesticide information call the national Pesticide center, 1-800-858-737.

## SENIOR CITIZEN ATHLETIC PASSES

Senior Citizen Athletic Passes are available for residents of the South Haven Public School District, age 62 & older. The passes are good for free admission to home athletic events (not tournaments or reserved seating). Passes are available at the Administration Center at 554 Green St., South Haven



## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Dear Parents,

As a service to students and their families, the school district is making available a student accident insurance plan for your child at a very nominal cost.

The premium for this policy is minimal per year for school-time coverage. All school-sponsored and supervised activities and time spent in school are covered in accordance with the terms and limitations of the policy. For an increased premium, the policy will cover your child 24 hours a day, 12 months a year, rather than only during school-time.

Brochures and applications, which explain the plan and details of coverage, are available in each building and on our website. Please read the brochure carefully so that you understand the extent of the coverage. A major point to keep in mind is that this policy pays the first \$100 of eligible medical costs regardless of other insurance. Medical bills beyond the first \$100 must then be filed with your family or employer group insurance plan, if any. Those items not covered by your own insurance or plan will then be paid by this coverage, within the limitations outlined in the brochure.

The plan is underwritten by the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company of Glenview, IL. The agent is First Agency, Inc., 5071 West H Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009-8501. Phone: (269) 381-6630. To enroll your child in this accident plan, it is necessary to proceed as follows:

1. Obtain an application in the principal's office.
  2. Detach and complete the envelope.
  3. Enclose the correct premium (check or money order only), seal, and mail directly to the company. Coverage becomes effective as soon as the application and premium are received by the company. -OR- For faster enrollment (paying by credit card) coverage may be purchased at [www.1stagency.com/voluntaryaccidentcoverage.htm](http://www.1stagency.com/voluntaryaccidentcoverage.htm), choose Michigan from the drop down menu and use "South Haven" as the district name.
- Please use one application for each child – do not combine several children on one application.
  - Be sure to retain the summary of benefits for later reference.

We are happy to make this student accident insurance plan available.

## ANNUAL NOTICE: RIGHT TO REQUEST TEACHER & PARAPROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Since your child attends a school that received federal funds from the Title I program, you may request the following information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s):

1. Whether the teacher has met Mi licensing requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) for which the teacher provides instruction;
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Mi li-

censing requirements have been waived;

3. The teacher's college degree(s), major(s), and field(s) of discipline, as well as any graduate degree of certification.

you may also request this information about any paraprofessional who provides Title I services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, please contact Superintendent Kevin Schooley. Your request will be processed in a timely manner.

## SHPS NOTICE OF RIGHT TO ACCESS & PRIVACY OF RECORDS

Parents and guardians of each student under 18 years of age and each student who is 18 years of age or older have certain rights respecting the records kept on the student by South Haven Public Schools. These rights include:

1. The right to examine the student's records. Requests for inspections shall follow the following procedure: Request is to be made in person or in writing to the building principal of the building of the student's primary attendance. Review may take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. except when prior arrangements have been made. Review shall take place in a facility designated by the building principal. Records shall not be removed from said facility.
2. The right to have the administration hear evidence that any part of the record is inaccurate, misleading or violates a student's privacy or other rights, to have the record changed if the administration agrees with the applicant's evidence and to insert an explanation in the record if the administration disagrees.
3. The right to have records, other than directory information, which personally refer to a student kept confidential except either by consent of the parent or eligible student, or when being used by school personnel for school business. Certain official agencies may also request records. These are listed in the Administrative Guidelines on Privacy of Student Records.
4. South Haven Public Schools has designated the following categories of information as directory information that may be made public with respect to each student:
  - a. Name
  - b. Address
  - c. Telephone listing
  - d. Date and place of birth
  - e. Dates of attendance
  - f. Degrees and awards received
  - g. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
  - h. School photographs/student portraits
  - i. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
  - j. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended If a parent or student does not wish this information to be available for publication, notice must be given to the Superintendent's Office: 554 Green Street, South Haven, MI 49090, by September 27, 2021. High School students and their parents/guardians may prevent disclosure of a student's name, address, and telephone number to military recruiting representatives (who can only use that information to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the U.S. Armed Forces or service academies) by submitting a signed written request to that effect to the high school principal.
5. All rights and protections provided to parents of students under this policy transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of eighteen (18) or enrolls in a post-secondary school.
6. The right to obtain a copy of the Administrative Guidelines or Privacy of Student Records from: South Haven Public Schools Superintendent's Office 554 Green Street South Haven, MI 49090
7. The right to protest to:
 

The Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605  
if the school district is not complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or the Department of H.E.W. rules.

## RULES REGARDING LEAVING SHHS

When physically at school, students may be excused to leave the high school building if they are sick or have an appointment as long as a parent/guardian has contacted the high school office PRIOR to the student leaving the building. Students are **NEVER** excused to leave the building without permission from the office. If a student needs to leave, he/ she must come to the office and get permission to leave and sign out. If permission has not already been given by an adult/guardian, an office secretary will contact a parent (or authorized adult) before the student is excused to leave. Students who do not follow the above policy/ procedure will be given an unexcused absence. The most effective way for students to be released is for them to bring a note to the office indicating the reason and time they need to leave before they will be excused for that purpose. In such a case, students will be given a pass from the office permitting them to leave class and the building at the designated time. Co-op students, Tech Center students and Dual Enrollment students will be given permission to leave once the paperwork is completed.



# HAVE YOU HEARD?

## BASELINE MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES A NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MR. ISLEY WEST

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 school year! My name is Mr. Isley West. I am the new assistant principal of Baseline Middle School. Many of you may already know me, but for those of you that don't, I'd like to say hello and welcome you to South Haven Public Schools. South Haven is truly home and where I want to be. After graduating from our high school in 2003, I was a collegiate athlete where I received my undergrad from Indiana University and most recently obtained my administrative certification. I have a wife and four children that are in multiple buildings throughout the district. Going into my 11th year at Baseline, I have held various positions such as the Dean of Students, Success Coach, Boys Basketball Coach, participating on the District's Crisis team, Be Nice Liaison, the director of 6th Grade Camp, and currently holding the title of Baseline's Ultimate Tour Guide. I want to see BMS succeed, grow, and celebrate the good things we have going on within the building. While maintaining a safe and engaging learning and working environment, I want to be an advocate for students and help teachers reach their full potential. It's a blessing to be at my alma mater and giving back to the community that helped raise me. I am eager for the school year to start and can't wait to see what this year has to offer! Go Rams!



## GIVING PUMP GIVES WAY TO NEW RESOURCES

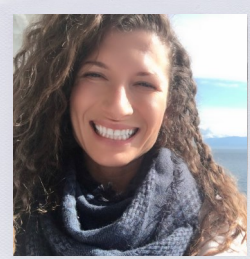


Students and staff at WAY South Haven would like to thank Fleming Brothers for their generosity.

Each school in the district was gifted funds through the Giving Pumps program at local Shell stations. With the donated funds from this drive, the Lab is now equipped with \$500 of STEM materials for students to incorporate into their learning such as a Green Screen Productions Kit, a table-top Sling Study (slingshot), and an assortment of math manipulatives. Thank you for your continued support! Our students are thrilled to incorporate these new tools into their projects!

## SHPS HAS SOME GREAT NEW STAFF

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHERS/SOCIAL WORKERS



**KRISTI ALLEN**  
NS SOCIAL WORKER



**SHERICE SINGER**  
BMS TEACHER



**AUBREE BUTLER**  
NS 5TH GRADE



**TANYA HARTMANN**  
BMS SOCIAL STUDIES/  
NS ELECTIVE



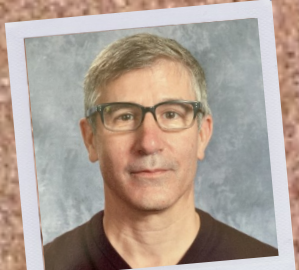
**LINDSEY HEYES**  
BMS ELA



**MORGAN HOOGEVEEN**  
LE 3RD GRADE



**INGRID RYNEARSON**  
SHHS ELA



**ADAM LURIE**  
NS 5TH GRADE



**KIM MEYER**  
SHHS SPECIAL ED.



**SETH SIUDA**  
MG SPECIAL ED.



**TREVOR SMILEY**  
SHHS SOCIAL WORKER



**MELISSA STIBAL-VALENTI**  
NS 4TH GRADE

Not pictured: Abigayle Borland, MG 1st grade



# SHPS SPOTLIGHT

## TRI-M NAMED NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

In its fourth year, the South Haven High School Tri-M National Honor Society has brought our schools and community to the national stage, having been selected as this year's National Chapter of the Year!

The National Chapter of the Year Program is designed to motivate and reward chapters that perform service projects, encourage Chapter Officers to perform their duties properly, and increase awareness and interest in what other Tri-M chapters are doing. All active chapters are eligible to participate. The 2021-2022 National Chapter of the Year was chosen by a review of the Chapter Summary Report submitted in April. As the winner, South Haven High School will receive recognition via NAFME publications and social media, a news story in Teaching Magazine, a \$1,000 chapter scholarship, an engraved permanent service plaque, and all individual members will receive a certificate of recognition.

"This program has helped raise the bar in the music department at South Haven High School. Students are able to take ownership of their music, learn leadership skills, give back to their community, and develop tools for succeeding as people beyond the classroom," said Chapter Advisor and South Haven High School Band Director, Jeff Bopp.

The South Haven High School Chapter is made up of 28 students with Jeff Bopp serving as High School Chapter Advisor, Jessica Fiedorowicz as Middle School Chapter Advisor, and Sarah Bopp, Katie Hillyard, and Karah Hiscott as co-advisors.

## SHPS MIGRANT PROGRAM

Each year, South Haven Public Schools holds a summer migrant program designed to minimize educational disruptions for migratory children. This year's program consisted of approximately 43 students, ranging from pre-kindergarten to 11th grade. Along with an academic focus, students have the opportunity to participate in unique engagement activities through weekly field trips. They traveled to the Saugatuck Dunes and enjoyed an exciting ride, had a blast at the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, learning about aviation, and refining their bowling skills at Lakeside Lanes Entertainment. Additionally, they visited the Holland Aquatic Center and frequented the South Haven High School pool for lots and lots of swimming. Students were thrilled to attend the Van Buren County Youth Fair and venture downtown South Haven.

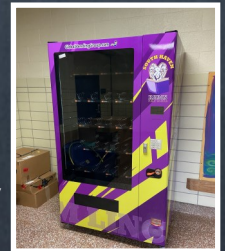
To wrap up the summer program, advisors coordinated a Parent Night on July 25, 2022 at Kid's Corner in conjunction with InterCare, WeCare, and Isaac Lopez of the State Department. Families were introduced to the services available through the partnering agencies and Mr. Lopez surprised the students and staff with books and care packages.

We look forward to continuing this program and providing additional experiences to our students and their families.



## BOOK VENDING MACHINE

Thanks to the generosity of the South Haven Public Schools Foundation, Albermarle, and the support of our school families through the Readathon fundraiser, Lincoln Elementary is sporting a brand new Book Vending Machine this fall.



Students will utilize PBIS points (positive behavior interventions and supports) to purchase a book of their choice. Thanks to the UPS Store in South Haven (below), the vending machine will be fully stocked with books at all reading levels.

## UPS READING DONATION



In an effort to help deliver the gift of reading, the UPS Store in South Haven has provided \$900 worth of books to local children at Lincoln Elementary School. These books

have enhanced reading skills for our At-Risk & Migrant Summer School Programs. Furthermore, this generous donation will be used to stock the book vending machine for the upcoming school year.

"Reading is a critical skill that helps children succeed in school and beyond," said the UPS Store franchise owner Glenn A Cowles, "the UPS Store is dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of these children through literacy and education throughout the year."

Donations for the Toys for Tots campaign will begin again this year during the Holiday season at both locations of the UPS stores in South Haven and Paw Paw. All donations help support local schools. Thank you, UPS, for going above and beyond to benefit our kids.



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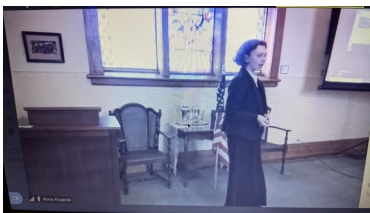
### upcoming events

A full list of athletic events, along with the latest handbook, policies, and forms can be found on the South Haven Athletics Webpage at [www.shps.org/o/athletics](http://www.shps.org/o/athletics).

### annual re-registration

Help us stay connected and complete your annual re-registration prior to the start of the school year. This ensures we have accurate contact information in the event we need to reach you. Your re-registration is available on your PowerSchool Parent Portal or via email at the address we have on file. Questions? Contact the Administration Building at (269) 637-0500.

# HISTORY CLUB



The South Haven History Club impressed for the 13th consecutive year at the national competition this month. Seniors Nic Sheppard and Myles Daugherty secured second place in their age-group category with a project titled *"Debate and Diplomacy: The Acquisition and Creation of the Panama Canal."* Additionally, they placed in the top 20 group exhibits in the nation, battling over 3,000 other competitors from across the country, and were invited to display their exhibit virtually in the Smithsonian American History Museum in Washington, D.C.

The project can be physically viewed in the CMU History Museum this summer. Nic and Myles' work is also available at the South Haven History Museum and the MHD Headquarters. Victoria Moody, in her second year as a member of the SHPS History Club, was awarded third place in the Individual Performance Junior Division with *"Leading the Way in Copper Country."* Her performance landed her a place in the top 30 projects in the U.S.

In the past 13 years, South Haven has made a name for itself as one of the most competitive clubs across the State. In this time, they've earned two national titles, two top ten placements, two top twenty placements, and two special awards for use of historical newspapers. For Nic Sheppard and Myles Daugherty, this season marks their fifth time representing Michigan at the national level. During the almost year-round preparations, Club Advisor, Mrs. Julie Sheppard, seeks opportunities for hands-on learning experiences. Students interview first-hand witnesses, speak with historians, and even retrace the steps of historical figures. Recently, Nic and Myles traveled to North Dakota to meet with Joe Wiegand, a Teddy Roosevelt Historian, to wrap up their project. They visited Roosevelt's ranch and spoke with Governor Doug Durum about the installation of the new Teddy Roosevelt Library.

"It's always one thing to read, watch video documentaries, fully understand and grasp a topic or subject but until you are there and you see the same things they see, you don't have all perspectives. Being able to go see physical objects, see locations, and meet

people that are involved and/or were a part of events through history allows you to gain that perspective. Those experiences provided through our History Club have been my favorite and created lifelong learning moments," said Nic Sheppard.

Not only does Mrs. Sheppard inspire her students to become better educated citizens, but she has also been recognized for her efforts by National History Day. In 2020, Mrs. Sheppard was the Michigan nominee for the senior division teacher of the year and in 2021 she was named Michigan Historical Association History Educator of the Year.

Of the Club's 31 members, 90% qualified for the first round of districts and 67% moved on to state.

South Haven's History Club is a unique program that elevates learning opportunities and represents our community, region, and state in the best of light.

