



Superior Central Newsletter

Home of the Cougars

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FROM THE OFFICE OF MR. BILL VALIMA

Superintendent/Principal 6-12

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I want to again thank the students, staff, parents, grandparents, and community members for making this last school year a success. We started yet another year dealing with COVID and the mandates that it brought. I feel like we as a community took a common sense approach to how we managed school and COVID. We were fortunate to not have to close school at all to mitigate the virus. I really appreciated the support from the students, staff, parents, and community.

The end of the school year sometimes brings changes to the district. This year is no different. We have hired a few new people recently. Mrs. Gabrielle Trader is our new School Nutrition Program Director. Mrs. Trader has numerous years in the food service industry and will also continue in her role as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach at Superior Central. Ms. Kimberly Freitas will be joining us to teach 4th grade. Ms. Freitas is an Albion College graduate and previously taught at Springport Elementary School in Springport, Michigan. Mr. Scott Tiziani will serve as our new Technology Director. Mr. Tiziani is the owner of a local business in Marquette and previously worked for Verizon in Technology and Product Development as well as Network Operations. Mr. Josh Trader will be taking over the reins this fall as Varsity Football Coach. Mr. Trader previously coached Middle School Football and is also our Varsity Track Coach. We are still currently searching for an Athletic Director/ Academic & Career Advisor, a K-5 Instructional Aide, a K-12 Special Education Para-Professional, a Lunchroom Supervisor, and a Middle School Football Coach. All of our employment opportunities can be found on our website @ www.superiorcentralschools.org/page/employment-opportunities.

Summer is also the time when we get some much-needed capital improvement projects started. As you might know, the voters of our school district passed a Sinking Fund Millage back in 2013. This allows us to make upgrades to the facilities without having to use "general fund" money. This year our sinking fund will be used to completely renovate the high school gym. The old bleachers have been removed, the floor will be sanded down to the wood and relined, and refinished, and new bleachers will be installed. You can check out the shop drawing on our website @ <https://www.superiorcentralschools.org/article/770274>. The sinking fund has allowed us to remodel our bathrooms in both the elementary and middle/high school, install a new electrical panel in the elementary, remodel the elementary classrooms, remodel the locker rooms, replace almost all of the roof (we'll finish the last section next summer), install new lockers, install new flooring in the hallways, replace our septic pumps, and install new boilers and heating units in the elementary and middle/high school. We also applied for and were awarded a competitive safety grant through the Michigan State Police this spring. This \$35,000 grant will allow us to install new electronic door controllers on all exterior doors to ensure that they are securely locked and monitored at all times.

I thank you again for a great 2021-2022 school year!

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



From Kathy Mrs. McCowan, K-5 Principal/Special Programs Coordinator

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!

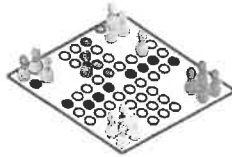
Have a



GREAT SUMMER!



Game Time



- promote taking turns
- winners and losers
- play to completion—no quitting

Summer Journal



- reinforce writing skills, storytelling, and art
- add photos, receipts, tickets, etc.

Get Lost in a Book

- read everything—books, magazines, signs, cereal boxes, recipes, menus...
- set aside a time, make a routine
- trade books from our 2 book boxes located at the Rumley Store or Limestone Store.

Outside Time



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



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the Elementary kids **BOUNCE into Summer**. A fun-filled day was had by all—bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones! In addition, thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts to make this possible.



Class of 2021

Katrina Rita Augustyn 1*^

Charlotte Dawn Charlebois *^

Zachary Isaac Frusti 1

Riley Ann Johnson 1*

Garrett Edward Koski *

Eva Marie LaVallie *

Dakota James Maki *

Olivia Pearl Millin 1*^

Ethan WC Phillipson 1*^

Quinton Rayne Pierce

Rhianna Marie Ricker ^

Anna Maria Robinson *

Faith Lucille Robinson

Maggie Mae Rondeau 1^

Emma Elizabeth Rutter 1*

Wyatt Orlando Smith

Christopher Jon Thompson *

Evan Ryder Thompson

Olivia Ann Viau ^

* denotes honor students

^denotes Peer to Peer cords

¹ denotes Youth in Government cords



Valedictorian

Ethan Phillipson

Salutatorian

Eva LaVallie



Class Flower

Sunflower

Class Colors

Black and Gold

Class Song

"Kickstart My Heart"

By Motley Crue

Class Motto

"Don't walk on the grass"

Class Advisor

Holly McDonald



Scholarships and Awards

Katrina Augustyn

Chester E. Bignall Scholarship, PTO Scholarship, Trenary Little League Scholarship, NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship

Charlotte Charlebois

Rapid River Relic Riders Scholarship

Riley Johnson

Northern Lights CFCU Scholarship, Marian Olson Scholarship

Garrett Koski

U.P. Whitetails Association Scholarship

Eva LaVallie

Harry B. Lane Memorial Scholarship, Alice Norlin Scholarship, PTO Scholarship, Heino Scholarship, Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship.

Dakota Maki

NMU Faculty and Staff Scholarship

Olivia Millin

Chatham Co-Op Scholarship

Ethan Phillipson

People's State Bank Scholarship, Carl R. Swanberg Scholarship, Ade and Anna Karppnen Scholarship, Trenary Lions Club Scholarship, Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, MTU Presidential Platinum Scholars Award, 906 Scholarship

Anna Robinson

Denim Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Sam. M. Cahodas Scholarship, NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship

Maggie Rondeau

Chatham Lions Club Scholarship, Chatham Co-Op Scholarship

Emma Rutter

VFW Scholarship, People's State Bank Scholarship, Board of Education Scholarship, Bay College Annual Scholarship, Eric and Danielle Beverly Scholarship

Olivia Viau

Rapid River Relic Riders Scholarship, Moose Lodge Scholarship, Sullivan Supply Gold Star Scholarship



SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

2021-2022 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

Miss Hill's 3rd Grade: Kaden Edmondson, Riley Gohl, Ailie Heinonen, Mason Heyrman, Elias Hughes, Clay Johnson, Zayden Karvinen, Aundraya Kulik, Henry Mallory, Eveyln McGlone*, Blake Pederson, Lane Porter*, Mathew Taskey

Ms. Thompson's 3rd Grade: Duane Helminen, Finn Johnson, Ainsley Karvinen, Anthony Knaus, Nevaeh Lawson, Marlee Miron, Josyia Perron, Ellie Slifka, Dominik Wachter

Mrs. Kelto's 4th Grade: Emma Beaupied, Joy Brown, Edye Burdett, Jacelyn Denman, Daniel Jarquin, Evan Kelto, William Kolpack, Braelynn Lawson, Larissa Lindgren, Harrison McDougall, Cole Raspor, Oliver Rondeau, Caleb Simon

Ms. Stebelton's 5th Grade: Harlow Fairbanks, Liza Helminen, Aubrianna Kroupa, Jerry Kulik, Nina Massie*, Charli Nordness, Violet Porter, Gisela Schultz, Ellarie Wachter

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade: Riley Balkum, Marlene Johnson, Meredith Kempker, Alina Kolpack, Lillian Lindgren, Conor McDonnald, Kendra Pederson, Hailey Quarfoot, Natalia Salmi, Lilly Simon, Emma Stoliecki, Stevie Suhs, Aiyana Taskey*

7th grade: Peyton Adams, Teagan Hall, Rory Hancock, Zander Mullins, Jasmine Nesberg, Kianna Perron, William Spranger, Elijah Valima, Gavin Vining

8th grade: Rowan Allender*, Joseph Augustyn, Jamie Brown, Gwenyth Charlebois, Kalli Foro, Adrianna Frusti, Isaac Gleason, Roi Helminen, Clay Horne, Jenna Hoy, Jack Kasten, Kiera McDonnald, John McDougall, Janessa Perron, Danica Purdy, Dustin Tyner, Kyleigh Wright

9th grade: Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson, Montana McGlone, Sierra Moore, Stephanie Nordness, Calla Porter, Abbagale Stoliecki, Derick Tyner

10th grade: CJ Adams, Alice Hancock, Liam McDougall, Clara Rondeau, Breanna Swajanen*, Lily Swetich

11th grade: Emily Augustyn, Madisen Begovac*, Hudson Cady, Jacob Charlebois, Wyatt Kulik, Natalie McGee, Riley Moore, Adair Porter, Logan Silta, Evelyn Smyth*, Lucas Swetich, Brylee Tyner, Sophia Valima*, Emmett Vining, Joseph Wolfe

12th grade: Katrina Augustyn, Riley Johnson, Eva LaVallie, Dakota Maki, Ethan Phillipson*, Anna Robinson, Maggie Rondeau, Emma Rutter, Evan Thompson



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Wildlife Corridors and Carbon Sequestration

When the U.P. weather finally turns from cold and wet to warm spring days, it is common to hear students ask if they can go outside. The problem with this is "going outside" is often not very productive. The Natural Resources and Watercraft Design class had an opportunity this spring to do both. The Superior Watershed Partnership offered a \$1000 grant with the focus on forestry-based outdoor educational opportunities. We designed our project around Wildlife Corridors, Carbon Sequestration and giving our trail users a place to rest and enjoy our school forest.



The main focus of our project would focus on our ongoing efforts of creating a more species diverse forest. The overwhelming majority of trees within the school forest are sugar maple. By increasing the variety of tree species, our habitat will become more diverse and the variety of mammals, birds and even insects will follow suit. As these trees grow through photosynthesis, they will absorb atmospheric carbon and sequester it in their biomass. This process is beneficial for both Earth's climate and the soil. With this grant we were able to purchase almost 2200 tree seedlings which kept this class, the 8th grade Science class, and the Ag/Forestry class busy for several days. Additionally, 12 students from the Natural Resources class taught this lesson to 4 different elementary classes and helped them plant dozens of trees as well.

Users of our school forest trail may need a place to rest, relax and enjoy nature. Next fall, the new students of this class will build and install 2 benches along the trail for this purpose.

With all of that going on, the students still found the time to finish painting their pirogues and launch them for their maiden voyage on the school's Quarry Pond. A week after that we spent the entire day paddling our craft, fishing, and enjoying some hotdogs cooked over a campfire at the Au Train Basin. It was a beautiful day and a great culmination of 9 months of work.

Mr. Bliss



Calling all children who will be 5 years old on September 1, 2022

It's not too late to register for Kindergarten!



Applications are available on our website or the Elementary or High School office

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



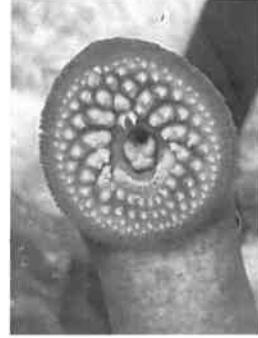
Thank you.



Salmon and Sea Lamprey

Salmon in the Classroom was a success once again. In November, we started with 153 eyed-eggs and in early May, the 7th grade released 117 healthy salmon into the fast moving Dead River in Marquette. They were around 2.5-3" in length at the time of the release. The fish hatchery in Harvey gave us a private tour of the facility that raises various fish species to release into the local lakes and rivers. It was a great morning filled with a lot of adventures and learning.

Many thanks go out to the DNR for the eggs, Trout Unlimited - Fred Waara Chapter for tank supplies and help with the release, Two Lined Studio for photographing the release, the fish hatchery for the private tour, and the chaperones for our field trip.



Salmon release photo credit: Charlie Reinertsen at Two Lined Studio.

New to the salmon tank this year are two adult male sea lampreys that arrived days after the salmon were released. The SLIME (Sea Lamprey in Michigan Education) program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were instrumental in getting the lamprey into our classroom. There seems to be a love/hate relationship with the two lamprey. They are quite interesting to observe and when handled, it is incredible how strong they are, however, their destructiveness in our Great Lakes ecosystem substantially lessens our admiration for these creatures. The life science classes are learning more about invasive species of the Great Lakes and management strategies. The end of this project will involve a dissection.

Erin Menhennick

First Annual High School Cornhole "Maize Madness" Competition

This year all high school students were invited to participate in a Cornhole competition throughout the month of May. 21 teams entered the double elimination tournament. In the end, Dakota Maki and Garrett Koski battled against and beat Lucas Swetich and Logan Frusti in the finals. It was an epic game and both teams were excellent competitors!

Top 6 finishing teams were as follows:

Dakota Maki & Garrett Koski, Lucas Swetich & Logan Frusti, Trent Rutter & Zander Bigger, Drew Begovac & Timothy McLaury, Maggie Rondeau & Katrina Augustyn, and Jacob Charlebois & Adair Porter. Everyone who entered the competition did a great job and were wonderful sports!

Expect this to become a fun SCS spring tradition!



Champions Garrett Koski & Dakota Maki

4th Grade Pictured Rocks Adventures Continues!



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore was selected to receive a 2021/2022 school year field trip grant from the National Park Foundation. The grant is part of Every Kid Outdoors, which our fourth graders at Superior Central Elementary School were able to participate in January.

In addition to our day at PRNL, every fourth-grade student received a pass that allows the child (and anybody else in the car with them) free access to PRNL and over 2,000 federal lands. This pass is good until the end of August when the students become fifth graders. Get out and enjoy the open spaces!



Laying the Groundwork for More Local Food

The Agriculture and Forestry class wrapped up their part of the LIFT-UP grant project this spring. With the project's goal of putting more locally grown produce in Superior Central's cafeteria, 4 stages of the student designed plan were implemented and now await next year's class to put into action.



1. February - 5 large growing bins with LED grow lamps were placed in the boiler room for cold month production. These bins grew greens so well we acquired 8 more bins and lights to expand this stage next year.
2. March - An automated irrigation system was selected and purchased to increase efficiency and production in the hoop house.
3. May - An insulated, underground duct system was installed between the boiler room and the hoop house. Near ceiling temperatures in the boiler room approach 90 degrees. Using 2 inline fans, this waste heat will be blown into the hoop house to lengthen our fall and spring growing seasons.
4. May - We intend to grow a wider variety of produce next year and there is some concern that many students may be reluctant to try purple dragon carrots, white icicle radishes, etc. With this in mind, the high school art class designed a series of entertaining and educational posters highlighting these "different" foods. Next year's Ag/Forestry students will visit each elementary class to deliver a short lesson and a few tasty samples in an attempt to get these students on board at a young age.

This program was created and facilitated by Michigan State University and Abbey Palmer, MSU Community Food Systems Educator. Between their guidance and a great group of students, this has been one of the most enjoyable and productive projects I have ever been a part of.

Mr. Bliss



Keep collecting your

Tadych's MarketPlace receipts.

Formerly Tadych's Econo

Bring them to school. We earn dollars

For programs and

To purchase supplies for the school and students.

Thank you.



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
Plastic pocket folder
Water bottle
Tissues
Hand sanitizer
Disinfecting wipes
Table napkins

1st Grade

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

2nd Grade

Backpack
Pencils- no mechanical
Pencil box
Highlighter
Scissors
Markers
Glue sticks
Erasers
Crayons - 24 count
Dry erase markers
2 composition books
Plastic pocket folder (1)
Tissues
Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes
Headphones
Water bottle

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
Tissues
Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes
Headphones/earbuds
Water bottle

4th Grade

Backpack
Pencils and pencil box/bag
Handheld pencil sharpener
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Glue sticks (2)
Scissors
Ruler - inch/cm
Pocket folders- 4 any color
Plastic pocket folder (1)
Tissues
Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes
Headphones/earbuds
Water bottle

5th Grade

Backpack
Pencils & pencil box
Handheld pencil sharpener
Colored pencils
Highlighter
Erasers
Dry erase markers
Glue sticks
Large heavy scissors
Ruler inch/cm
3 Pocket folders - any color
3 Spiral notebooks
2 Composition notebooks
Tissues
Hand sanitizer/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

1" -3 ring binder
6th-8th 1" 3 ring binder

Attention Parents

Unfortunately free lunch for all is not available for 2022-2023.
Please complete a free/reduced lunch application at the beginning
of the school year to qualify for free or reduced lunch pricing.

Breakfast will be free.

	Lunch	
Elementary \$2.75	Middle School/High School	\$3.00





SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS 2022-2023



August	30	First Day of School for Students 8:15 A.M. to 3:11 P.M.
September	2-5	No School – Labor Day weekend
	21	Picture day – Elementary
	22	Picture day – MS/HS
	30	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
October	7	No School – Teacher Professional Development
	21	11:48 dismissal – Teacher Professional Development—no lunch served
	31	11:48 dismissal—no lunch served
November	4	End of 1 st marking period
	7	Picture Retakes
	10	11:48 dismissal-no lunch served
	10	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00
	11	11:48 dismissal—no lunch served
	23	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	24-25	No School- Thanksgiving Break
December	9	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	22	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	23	No school – Holiday break begins
January	3	School Resumes
	13	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served. Teacher Professional Development
	19-20	1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams
	20	End of 2 nd marking period and 1 st semester
February	10	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	13	No School
	24	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
March	10	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served. Teacher Professional Development
	24	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	24	End of 3 rd marking period
	27-31	No School - Spring Break
April	3	School Resumes
	7	11:48 dismissal—no lunch served
	10	No School
May	26	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	26	Graduation 7:00 PM
	29	No School – Memorial Day
June	1-2	1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams
	2	Last day of School (provided we do not exceed 6 snow days)
	5	All day Teacher Professional Development

**Doors open at 7:55 School Day
Begins at 8:15 A.M.
Ends at 3:11 P.M.**

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:

Regular Meeting	Monday July 18, 2022	Monday August 15, 2022	Monday September 19, 2022
	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.

