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FROM THE OFFICE OF MR. BILL VALIMA

Superintendent/Principal 6-12

I feel like I was just writing about “back to school” and here we are in mid-November. We are off to another successful year at Superior Central. I want to thank the community for your support of our Sinking Fund millage on November 8th; it means a lot to our district. I would also like to welcome our 3 new Board of Education members. Mr. Josh Trader was elected to a 2-year term, beginning January 1, 2023. Mrs. Nicole Aho and Mr. Matt Rondeau were elected to 4-year terms, also beginning January 1, 2023. Thank you to all who ran for the open seats and to those who have served on the board. Your dedication to the children and staff of Superior Central is greatly appreciated.

Prior to COVID, our region was working on improving student attendance. COVID quarantine mandates changed the face of school attendance for the last couple of years. Now that the world seems semi back to normal, I want to address the importance of attending school. As we all know, one of the most important parts of a student’s education is being here. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success starting in Kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as students grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduate.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student’s academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in early elementary so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and work.

We understand that illnesses occur, and family vacations cannot always be planned around school breaks. However, it is important to realize the impact that absences may have on your student. You can find our middle/high school attendance policy on the next page.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season. 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.

Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Bill Valima

Superintendent/K-12 Principal



0-10 Absences

- Student will receive the grade earned.

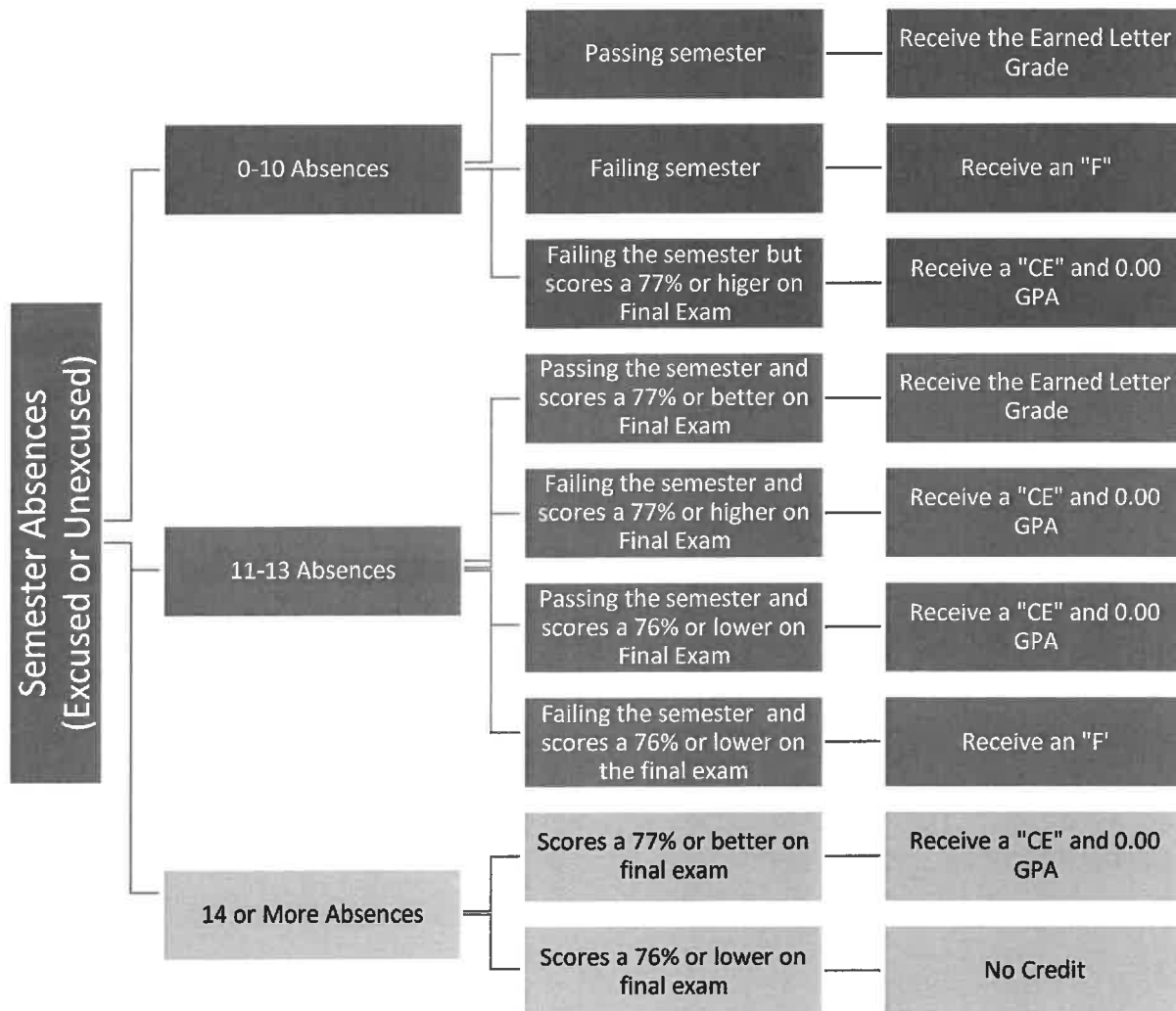
11-13 Absences

- If a student has between 11-13 absences in any class they may earn a letter grade for semester if the following requirements are met:
 1. The student must have a passing grade in the class **AND**
 2. Receive a 77% (C+) or better on their final exam.
- If the student does not earn a 77% or better on the exam, but is passing the class, the student will receive credit for the class with a mark of CE (Credit Earned) resulting in a 0.00 GPA for the class.

14 or More Absences

- If a student has 14 or more absences, the student may still receive credit for the class if the student passes the final exam with a 77% or better.
- The student will receive credit for the class with a mark of CE.
- If the student fails to earn a 77% or better on the exam, they will earn NC (No Credit) for the semester.
- After 13 absences, receiving the letter grade is no longer a possibility.

Final exams may include one or more elements in addition to paper and pencil exams. They may include but are not limited to paper, project, presentation, performance, demonstration, or participation elements. Final exams are determined by the teacher.



SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

2022-2023 First Quarter

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

An * denotes all A's

UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Thompson's 3rd Grade: Mason Bahrman, Clara Brown, Theresa Butler, Robby Crane, Parker Hughes, Hayden Karvinen, Hayley Kimmen, Elizabeth Lindgren, Lydia Mallory, Henry Miller, Mercer Pasanen, Laney Slifka, Kennedy Stuer, Kinlee Tyner*

Miss Freitas's 4th Grade: Riley Gohl, Duane Helminen, Zayden Karvinen, Grace King, Anthony Knaus, Henry Mallory, Evelyn McGlone, Nebraska Schafke, Ulrich Schultz, Ellie Slifka, Matthew Taskey

Mrs. Hill's 4th Grade: Mason Heyrman, Ainsley Karvinen, Aundraya Kulik, Marlee Miron, Blake Pederson, Josyia Perron, Lane Porter

Ms. Stebelton's 5th Grade: Emma Beaupied, Leyton Bell, Joy Brown, Edye Burdett*, Jacelyn Denman, Jaxon Klyk, William Kolpack, Larissa Lindgren, Harrison McDougall, Cole Raspor, Kate Rondeau, Oliver Rondeau, Caleb Simon

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade: Ava Buggy, Joshua Foro, Liza Helminen, Aubrianna Kroupa, Jerry Kulik, Charli Nordness, Violet Porter, Gisela Schultz

7th grade: Riley Balkum, Marlene Johnson, Meredith Kempker, Alina Kolpack, Conor McDonald*, Kendra Pederson, Natalia Salmi, Lilly Simon, Gavin Stebelton, Kylie Stuer, Steve Suhs, Aiyana Taskey*

8th grade: Peyton Adams, Teagan Hall, Rory Hancock, Zander Mullins, Kianna Perron, William Spranger*, Elijah Valima, Gavin Vining

9th grade: Rowan Allender*, Joseph Augustyn, Gwenyth Charlebois*, Kalli Foro*, Adrianna Frusti, Isaac Gleason, Roi Helminen, Clay Horne*, Jenna Hoy, Jack Kasten, Morgan Martin, Kiera McDonald*, John McDougall, Janessa Perron, Marissa Strohm, Blake Tanner, Gracie Trader

10th grade: Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson, Kate McGee, Sierra Moore, Stephanie Nordness, Nikolas Pasco, Calla Porter*, Abbagale Stoliecki, Derick Tyner

11th grade: Craig Adams, Jaimme Driver, Logan Frusti, Mia Gorman, Alice Hancock, Jason Kanerva, Liam McDougall, Elijah Penney, Clara Rondeau, Trent Rutter, Breanna Swajanen*, Lily Swetich

12th grade: Emily Augustyn, Izabel Barber, Madisen Begovac, Amy Burns, Hudson Cady, Wyatt Kulik, Natalie McGee*, Riley Moore, Adair Porter*, Logan Silta, Evelyn Smyth*, Lucas Swetich, Brylee Tyner, Sophia Valima*, Emmett Vining, Joseph Wolff



Congressional App Challenge

The 8th grade technology class spent the first quarter learning about coding. Each student was challenged with building a functional app.



Peyton Sobieski rose to the challenge building an app that teaches users about basketball and Simon Kempker was able to construct a farming game app that allows users to make choices about planting and caring for crops.

Peyton and Simon have entered their apps into the Congressional App Challenge. This challenge is an annual competition that is designed to engage students in coding and promote innovation. If you happen to see Peyton or Simon, wish them luck and congratulate them on a job well done!



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.



Superior Central Bands

Superior Central band members have been busy so far this year!

The high school band was invited to play at a Superior Central football game honoring veterans earlier this year. We had a fantastic time performing and cheering on the football team. We were also able to travel to NMU and perform at Band Day on October 29th. We were one of 16 bands to make the trip to Marquette that day. This trip was closely followed by a fun Halloween performance by the high school and middle school bands right here at SC.

The bands are currently working hard on Christmas music and looking forward to an exciting Christmas concert on December 20th. The concert will start at 7pm in the newly renovated gym at Superior Central. The high school band will then hit the road one more time before Christmas to take the opportunity to give back with a performance at Medilodge in Munising.

In the meantime, Ruth Johnson, Racheal Davis, and Nikolas Pasco added their own additional challenge! These three students auditioned for and were accepted into the U.P Honors Band. Now they are tasked with learning five challenging pieces of music to perform in a concert on Saturday, December 3rd at Manistique High School! A huge congratulations to all three!

By my last count, that has students performing a combined total of over 35 pieces by Christmas! I continue to be amazed by the work ethic and talent we have right here at SC!



Superior Central Band Fruit Sale



Deadline for orders -November 28th

Fruit will arrive December 19th

Keep collecting your
Tadych's MarketPlace Foods receipts.

Bring them to school.

We earn 1% of your purchase

To help us purchase supplies

for the school and students.



Thank you.

Superior Central 2022-2023 Yearbooks

Now on Sale

\$40

Full color hardcover yearbook with all grades.

Pictures for a lifetime of memories!

Order forms available in the offices



Order forms in the offices



Ms. Holland's 6th/7th grades classes enjoyed the half day on Halloween by stacking candy corn candies as high as they could.

Many different methods were tried including end to end, around in a circle and ultimately like the Jenga game.

At the end of the challenge the highest stacked tower was 11 candy corns tall! The winner enjoyed a fruit drink and a Halloween treat. Everyone enjoyed the challenge and some really enjoyed eating the candy corns as much as the challenge in stacking them!

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 December 19, 2022	Monday January 16, 2023	Monday February 20, 2023
	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

tentative

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.



AP Biology Now Offered to High School Students

Over the years, AP chemistry, advanced chemistry and advanced physics have all been classes periodically offered to high school students that want to challenge themselves in science. As of this school year, AP (Advanced Placement) Biology is now being offered to all students that have previously earned 9th grade biology credit. Taking chemistry is helpful, but it is not a prerequisite. It is anticipated that AP Biology will be offered every other year, opposite AP U.S. History.

AP Biology covers content that would normally be covered in the first two semesters of college biology. CollegeBoard sets the curriculum expectations and provides a cumulative test in the spring for students to take and possibly earn college credit. A passing score on the AP Biology test could allow students to earn up to two semesters of college biology credit. If not college bound, students that take this class have the opportunity to challenge themselves and learn more about living things in much greater detail and depth.

This year, the cumulative test will take place on May 10, 2023. There are 14 AP biology students that have been recently learning about statistical analysis, experimental design, biochemistry, and cell structure and function. Future topics include cellular energetics, cell communication and cell cycle, heredity, gene expression and regulation, natural selection and ecology.

Recreating a college level science course in high school involves an investment into labs and lab equipment as well as textbook resources. It is fantastic that our small school can support and offer these types of courses to our students. Community and parental support impacts our students so much. If you know any of the AP biology students, commend them for choosing a challenging, but intellectually rewarding, academic path!

~Erin Menhennick

School Lunch via Meal Magic

Thank you to all who are keeping up your lunch balances. If you haven't signed up yet, it is easy to do. You can check your child's lunch balance by signing up at superior.familyportal.cloud

As a free service, you can check the student's balance and see how often your child is eating. For a small fee you may deposit money to their lunch account. The account is easy to set up, all you need is their student number which appears on their report card.

No computer access?

Feel free to call the Kitchen 439-5532 ext. 238 between 8:00 am– 10:30 am

Or call Mrs. Wells 439-5531 ext. 201

Searching for information ?

Try these sources for info:

- Website: www.superiorcentralschools.org
- PowerSchool– parent sign in for student grades
- Quarterly newsletter– published after every quarter & posted on the website
- Classroom newsletter– Elementary teachers send them home weekly
- Lunch balances– www.superior.familyportal.cloud Will need student ID which is on their report card
- Question or concern– go to the source– the office, the teacher, the principal available by e-mail or appointment



SHOP NOTES

COURSE OFFERING:

This year students will be following a bit different course sequence.

Shop 7: Introduction to Woodworking

Shop 8: Machine Tools, Laser Cutting, 3D Printing, CNC Machining

Ind. Tech. 9: Construction Trades Lab, foundations, framing, electrical, plumbing, and more

Ind. Tech 10: Small engines and welding/metal fabrication.

Construction Tech.: Student contractors, students build products to sell and/or for a client.

NEW EQUIPMENT!

It has been two years of change at Superior Central's Shop. We have been blessed to receive a number of large grants and donations to help us improve some dated and unsafe items. Some of our older and redundant equipment is for sale. Please scan the QR code below or type in <https://tinyurl.com/38vtjhuc> to see more.

-new dust collection system ducting has been installed and will be hooked up by the end of the year, State of Mich. grant.

-large woodworking tool collection was donated from the estate of George Nazarko

-two grants from Marquette Builders Exchange funded a new miter saw and circular saw purchase

-Behra Window and Door purchased all of our PPE for the year, new circular saws, and more

THE FUTURE:

Do you know of any contractors who are looking for summer help? This may Construction Tech. students will be participating in a one-day job shadow. If you know of anyone please reach out to Mr. Cogger.

Shop upgrades. We hope to upgrade our dust collection system completely. Much of the shop electrical needs to be upgraded to handle current machinery and the NMU donated welders.

Sawmill. At my previous school we had a small mill. I would love to provide this opportunity to our students.



ABOVE: RESIN LAMPS, NEWLY RENOVATED SHED, MIXING CONCRETE FOR NEW SCHOOL BELL TOWER

TOP LEFT: CUTTING PURLINS FOR ICE CAVES outhouse

Shop equipment for sale



Contact: Jake Cogger
906-439-5532
jcogger@superiorcentralschools.org



Boys Basketball Varsity



Dec.	6	@ Bark River-Harris	6:00
	8	@ Mid Peninsula	6:00
	12	@ North Central	6:15
	14	vs. Munising	6:00
	19	vs. Baraga	6:00
Jan.	4	vs. Republic-Michigamme	6:00
	9	vs. Mid Peninsula	6:00
	10	@ Big Bay de Noc (Varsity)	7:30
	12	vs. North Dickinson	6:00
	17	@ Republic-Michigamme	6:00
	20	vs. Stephenson	6:00
	24	vs. Carney-Nadeau	6:00
	27	@ Rapid River	6:00
	31	vs. Mid Peninsula	6:00
Feb.	3	vs. Big Bay de Noc (Varsity)	7:30
	7	vs. Rapid River	6:00
	10	@ Forest Park	6:30
	13	@ Nah Tah Wahsh (Varsity)	7:00
	20	vs. Norway	6:00
March	2	@ Carney Nadeau	6:15

Varsity Coach: Adam Ely



Girls Basketball Varsity/JV



Dec.	1	@ Engadine	6:00
	7	vs. Munising	6:00
	9	vs. Rapid River	6:00
	13	vs. Carney Nadeau	6:00
Jan.	3	vs. Forest Park	6:00
	6	@ Rapid River	6:00
	10	@ Big Bay de Noc (Varsity)	6:00
	13	@ North Central	6:00
	23	@ Mid Peninsula	6:00
	26	vs. North Central	6:00
	30	@ North Dickinson	6:30
Feb.	2	@ Munising	6:00
	3	vs. Big Bay de Noc (Varsity)	6:00
	6	vs. Mid Peninsula	6:00
	9	vs. Bark River-Harris	6:00
	13	@ Nah Tah Wahsh (Varsity)	5:30
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	21	vs. Norway	6:00
	23	@ Stephenson	6:00

Coach: Skip Rutter

JV Coach: Luke Begovac

**All times listed are Eastern time.
Schedule is subject to change.
Check the website for updated
schedule**

Toys for Tots

Donations are being accepted at the school until December 8th. Toys will also be collected at the Girls Basketball game on December 7th



In loving memory of Neo John Paul Wilson





SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS 2022-2023



November	23	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	24-25	No School- Thanksgiving Break
December	9	11:48 dismissal – no lunch served
	15	6:30 Elementary Holiday Program
	20	7:00 MS/HS Holiday Program
	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. and ends at 3:11 P.M.

School Closing Announcements

WMQT 107.7 FM WLUC TV 6

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