



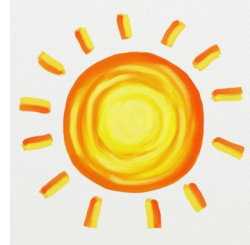
# Superior Central Newsletter

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.

The end of the school year sometimes brings changes to the district. This year is no different. We recently held interviews for an Elementary Principal and a high school Social Studies/English Teacher. Offers have been made to individuals for both positions and will be announced shortly. As you may know, Mr. Miles Bagley has moved on from his position as Athletic Director and Academic/Career Advisor. I wish Mr. Bagley well in his future endeavors. I hope to have a new person hired in the next couple of weeks. We are still currently searching for an evening custodian and bus drivers. All of our employment opportunities can be found on our website @ [www.superiorcentralschools.org/page/employment-opportunities](http://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 initially passed a Sinking Fund Millage back in 2013 and renewed it for another 10 this past fall. 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 replace the high school gym roof and the sections of roof around it. We will also be resurfacing the floor of the Veteran's Memorial Gym. 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, install new lockers, install new flooring in the hallways, replace our septic pumps, install new boilers and heating units in the elementary and middle/high school, and renovate the high school gym.

I thank you again for a great 2022-2023 school year! Before we know it, it will be fall.

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](mailto:bvalima@superiorcentralschools.org) or better yet, stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,

*Bill Valima*

### Please:

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

E-mail changes to : [dkanerva@superiorcentralschools.org](mailto:dkanerva@superiorcentralschools.org) For MS/HS  
[bwells@superiorcentralschools.org](mailto:bwells@superiorcentralschools.org) For Elementary

Or

Call : High School 439-5532 x 242  
Elementary 439-5531 x 201



*Thank you.*



## Class of 2023

Emily Fay Augustyn 1,3,4

Isabel Joy Barber 1

Madisen Jo Begovac 1,3,4

Amy Faith Burns

Hudsen Harris Cady 1

Jacob Alan Charlebois

Alan Reginald Scott Creamer 3

Alexander Thomas Curry 3

Wyatt Joseph Kulik 1,2,3

Natalie Joy McGee 1,2

Benjamin Bruce Molag

Riley Ann Moore 1,2,4

Owen Edwin Nordness 3

Adair William Porter 1

Tristan Joseph Redmon 3

Logan Richard Silta

Evelyn Anne Smyth 1

Lucas Gage Swetich 1, 3

Brylee Jean Tyner 1,2

Sophia Lee Valima 1,3

Emmett Scott Vining 1

Joseph Andrew Wolfe 2,3

<sup>1</sup> Honor Cord, 3.0 GPA or higher

<sup>2</sup>Peer to Peer Cord

<sup>3</sup>Youth In Government Cord

<sup>4</sup>Academic All-State Athlete Cord

### Valedictorian

Sophia Valima

### Salutatorian

Madisen Begovac

### Class Flower

Forget-Me-Not

### Class Colors

Blue and Green

### Class Advisor

Mr. Valima

## Scholarships and Awards

**Emily Augustyn** – VFW Post 9714 Scholarship, the Northern Lights Credit Union Scholarship, and the American Legion Post 131 Scholarship.

**Madisen Begovac** – Toivo “TJ” Aho Memorial Scholarship, Carl R. Swanberg Scholarship, Trenary Lions Club Scholarship, Cleveland Cliffs Sons and Daughters Scholarship, Eric and Danielle Beverly Scholarship, Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, University of Michigan Merit Scholarship, and the Summer Bridge Scholarship.

**Amy Burns** – Chester E. Bignall Memorial Scholarship, Alice Norlin Memorial Scholarship, and the Denim Dollars for Scholars Scholarship.

**Hudsen Cady** – Trenary Little League Scholarship and the Neo Wilson Memorial Scholarship.

**Jacob Charlebois** – Sam Cohodas Scholarship.

**Wyatt Kulik** – American Legion Post 131 Scholarship.

**Natalie McGee** – Alice and Paul Simonen Scholarship, Oliver Fenton Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Rapid River Relic Riders Scholarship, Moose Lodge Scholarship, Alger County 4-H Scholarship, and Superior Central PTO Scholarship.

**Riley Moore** – Marion Olson Scholarship, C. Gust Peterson Scholarship, Rapid River Relic Riders Scholarship, Peoples State Bank Scholarship, Alger County 4-H Scholarship, and Chatham Co-Op Scholarship.

**Adair Porter** – Brian Oberstar Memorial Trades Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Merit Scholarship, and Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

**Lucas Swetich** – Toivo “TJ” Aho Memorial Scholarship and Chatham Co-Op Scholarship.

**Brylee Tyner** – Bay College Board of Trustees Elite Scholarship, Sullivan Supply Gold Start Scholarship, Grow and Lead: Community Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, U.P. Whitetails of Alger County Scholarship, and the Anna and Ade Karppinen Memorial Scholarship.

**Sophia Valima** – Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholars Platinum Scholarship, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Limestone Baptist Church Scholarship, Grow and Lead: Community Youth Development Excellence in Education Scholarship, Arvo and Laila Hieno Memorial Scholarship, Chatham Lions Club Scholarship, Superior Central Board of Education Scholarship, Superior Central PTO Scholarship, Honor Credit Union Scholarship, and the Skandia Lions Club Scholarship

Thank you to the people who donate to our local scholarships



## SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

### 2022-2023 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:** Mason Bahrman, Clara Brown, Theresa Butler, Robby Crane, Parker Hughes, Hayden Karvinen, Lydia Mallory, Mercer Pasanen, Kruz Saile, Laney Slifka, Kennedy Stuer, Kinlee Tyner\*

**Miss Freitas's 4th Grade:** Riley Gohl, Duane Helminen, Rayden Hoffstrom, Grace King, Anthony Knaus, Henry Mallory, Nebraska Schafke, Ellie Slifka\*. Matthew Taskey

**Mrs. Hill's 4th Grade:** Ailie Heinonen, Mason Heyrman, Clay Johnson, Ainsley Karvinen, Aundraya Kulik, Blake Pederson, Josyia Perron, Lane Porter\*

**Ms. Stebelton's 5th Grade:** Emma Beaupied, Joy Brown, Edye Burdett\*, William Kolpack, Harrison McDougall, Oliver Rondeau, Caleb Simon

### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

**6th grade:** Joshua Foro, Harper Frusti, Liza Helminen, Sean Hoffman, Aubrianna Kroupa, Jerry Kulik, Charli Nordness, Violet Porter, Gisela Schultz

**7th grade:** Marlene Johnson, Meredith Kempker, Alina Kolpack, Lillian Lindgren, Conor McDonald\*, Kendra Pederson, Lilly Simon\*, Stevie Suhs, Aiyana Taskey\*

**8th grade:** Peyton Adams, Connor Blomgren, Anthony Brown, Andrew Charlebois, Teagan Hall, Rory Hancock, Addison Hoffstrom, Zander Mullins, Kianna Perron, William Spranger\*, Elijah Valima, Gavin Vining

**9th grade:** Rowan Allender, Joseph Augustyn, Gwentyth Charlebois, Kalli Foro, Adrianna Frusti, Isaac Gleason, Roi Helminen, Clay Horne\*, Jenna Hoy\*, Jack Kasten, Christopher Kulik, Morgan Martin, Kiera McDonald\*, John McDougall, Janessa Perron, Danica Purdy, Gracie Trader

**10th grade:** Ruth Johnson, Kate McGee, Montana McGlone, Sierra Moore, Calla Porter\*, Abbagale Stoliecki, Derick Tyner

**11th grade:** Craig Adams, Jaimme Driver, Alice Hancock, Jason Kanerva, Liam McDougall, Elijah Penney, Breanna Swajanen\*, Lily Swetich

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



## Superior Central Innovator of the Year and the ABC (An Above and Beyond Candidate) Award Winners

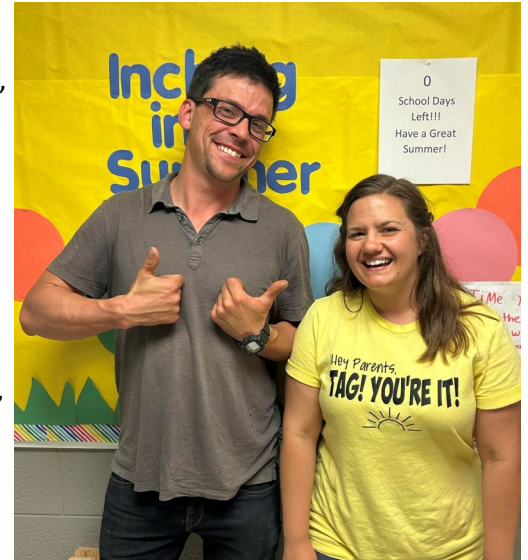
The Superior Central Innovator of the Year Award recognizes innovations implemented in the past school year, 2022-23, that promote student learning experiences, or increase the capacity of SCS to impact students, or increase the financial position or public perception of SCS.

These awards are funded by a group of community members who love Superior Central and all that happens here. The nominations come from the staff and are voted on by the staff.

The ABC (An Above and Beyond Candidate) Award to the employee whom fellow staff consider the one person everyone can rely on for help when needed, or a smile, or a kind word. This person is instrumental in keeping Superior Central upbeat and the environment there positive, someone who is always there when a helping hand is needed.

The Innovator of the Year award goes to Mr. Jacob Cogger. Jake has significantly revitalized the shop program for SC students. It ranged from 3D printing, to building a bell tower for the old school bell, partnering with Habitat for Humanity, to using locally sourced materials. Jake has been instrumental in creating a love of the trades in the school.

The ABC (An Above and Beyond Candidate) award goes to Mrs. Erin Beaupied. Erin has not only worked effectively as the school's Social Worker, but she has taken on extra duties from discipline, scheduling, and originating Coffee Fridays for staff, all the while maintaining a positive attitude. Congratulations.



### Summer Therapy Tips from Med Pros Share:

#### OT Developmental Tips for Summer:

- ◆ Practice cutting skills by making your own flower bouquet from the yard!  
\*Be sure to use a thumb up position on the scissors.
- ◆ Practice writing by mailing your friend or family a card or making the grocery list.  
\*Remember to start with a capital, space between words & end with punctuation.  
Bonus if you use cutting, gluing and pasting to craft it!
- ◆ Use sidewalk chalk to create as long of a hopscotch as you can!  
\*Practice your numbers or use letters and use your balance. Try skipping (step, hop) to return to the beginning.
- ◆ Get outside for at least an hour per day!  
\*Build with sticks, what can you create? How many shapes or letters can you make? The whole alphabet? Perhaps a village!
- ◆ Make a meal for your family by following a recipe or step-by-step guide made by a family member!  
\*For young ages, maybe it's a 3 step peanut butter and jelly, for older ages maybe a dessert! Practice your sequencing skills and enjoy!



#### PT Developmental Tips for Summer:

- Go outside whenever possible! Leave the screens inside and go out, explore, and have fun.
- Try crazy runs...Run forward, backwards, sideways, gallop, and skip. Try hopscotch.
- Play kickball, basketball, baseball, soccer or ride bikes!
- Make an obstacle course in your yard...crawl under and over obstacles.
- Go swimming with a parent or other trustworthy adult.
- Stuck inside?
  - \* Turn on some favorite music with your family or friends and DANCE!
  - \* Toss a soft ball up in the air a few inches and catch it, but stay away from breakables! Increase the distance each day and see how high you can throw and catch by the end of summer. Try this standing or laying on your back.





## Natural Resources and Watercraft Design Wraps Up Another Year

With 18 boats under construction, there were times this year when I wondered if it really would all come together by year's end. Each year it does and this one was no exception. With another batch of very creative paint designs complete we hit the water for our annual spring trip. On the day of scheduled departure, our usual destination of the Au Train Basin was experiencing high winds and waves so we traveled to the Cataract Reservoir west



of Gwinn where the winding course, numerous islands and secluded bays made for a much safer and pleasant paddling experience. We were all on the water by 10AM paddling as a large group for a couple miles as each student became more and more comfortable with the boat they created over that past 8 months. Throughout the day we enjoyed paddling, exploring, fishing, and sitting around the campfire in a beautiful and little used corner of the U.P.

Similar to last year, our final project was planting trees. In years past we have planted small seedlings that only require a small slice in the earth, but this spring we had over 100 potted red oak and white pines.



With each tree being approximately five feet tall, a fairly large hole was necessary for each tree and with our abundant numbers of rocks this took several days to accomplish. Our goal is in keeping with our Forest Stewardship Plan, "to improve the diversity of species in our school forest", and with climate change an ever growing issue, as a means to sequester atmospheric carbon.

*Mr. Bliss*



### Searching for information ?

#### Try these sources for info:

- Website: [www.superiorcentralschools.org](http://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](http://www.superior.familyportal.cloud) Will need student ID which is on their report card



# SHOP NOTES

SUPERIOR CENTRAL | INDUSTRIAL ARTS | UPDATES

## THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS:

*This year students built high-quality projects ranging from 3D printed Mine-craft pigs to cabinets, benches, a playhouse for Skandia, and a bell tower for the historic school bell.*

*Students also had the opportunity to participate in a volunteer opportunity through Habitat for Humanity's Restore. We helped completely renovate the store. Our female students also were able to attend NMU's Women in Construction. Student learned about all the opportunities available for them in the field.*

*Finally, Construction Technology students completed a one-day Job Shadow with local employers, Skandia Truss, Prime, Cherry Creek Construction, Carey Inc., and Swick.*

## NEW EQUIPMENT!

*In April we were finally able to hook up our new centralized dust collection system. This has been a huge asset to our shop environment. Additionally, a huge thank you to NMU's Welding Department for donating 5 Miller Arc welders to our program. This means that next year we will be able to have six fully functional welding booths!*



ABOVE: SKANDIA PLAYHOUSE,  
JOB SHADOW DAY,  
NMU WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION



## 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>	<b>Monday June 26, 2023</b>	<b>Monday July 17, 2023</b>	<b>Monday August 21, 2023</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**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.

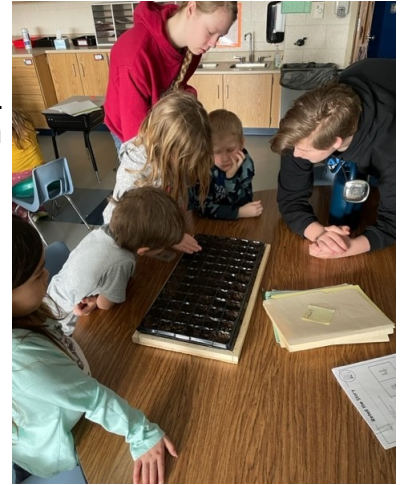




## Agriculture & Forestry Class Updates

The end of the school year is always a hectic time, but the culmination of several projects made this one exceptional. The 4 LIFT-UP projects described in the previous newsletter wrapped up the year as follows:

- Our indoor growing capabilities increased from 5 grow tub/LED lighting systems to 24. We were able to grow various leafy greens in these tubs and supply the cafeteria with school grown greens throughout the winter months. Six of these systems are located in elementary classrooms. Each classroom was assigned 2-3 highschool students to aid in planting and provide weekly lessons regarding produce growth and nutritional value of various types of produce.
- A rototiller was purchased and the new garden area outside of the hoop house was prepared for its summer root crop. Measuring approximately 48' by 30', this area will be filled with rows of carrots, beets, and turnips and maintained by a paid student worker throughout the summer. All of this produce will be harvested by next year's class and turned over to the cafeteria for future meals.
- The polycarbonate wall and shelving system is complete and ready for testing next spring. The desired outcome/hope is that the waste heat being pumped from the boiler room will be able to adequately heat this smaller space so we can transfer our spring starts into the hoop house earlier to begin the hardening process.
- The entire class traveled to Full Plate Farm in Dukes and planted a full year's supply of potatoes for Superior Central. Workers at the farm will maintain the growing potatoes throughout the summer, then next year's Ag. students will travel there again next fall to harvest and clean these potatoes. The school will purchase this crop, but at a reduced rate due to the labor we provided.



Finally, in keeping with our Forest Stewardship Program, Jim Ferris of [Caretaker Forestry](#) worked with the class to create our next harvest of the school forest. Students were taught how to measure basal area (the amount of sunlight reaching the forest floor) and which trees should be selected for harvest to increase this amount of this light. Working in 3 teams, the students took measurements in the pre-selected area of harvest, evaluated the health, quality and species of each tree, then flagged trees selected for future harvest. Over the past several years, we have conducted this selective harvest in various sections of the school forest. Our goal has always been to improve the species diversity, range of age class and overall health of the forest while providing a relevant learning experience for the students.

Mr. Bliss



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.





# Superior Central Football presents

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 1st, 7:00-11:30 AM

Trenary Community Building  
\$10 per person, Kids 10 and under \$5



Early Bird Special:  
Biscuits and Gravy until they're gone!

### Kindergarten

Backpack  
Pencil Box & pencils  
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  
Crayons- 24 count  
Dry erase markers- fine point  
Glue sticks  
Erasers  
Markers  
Scissors  
Plastic pocket folder  
Disinfecting wipes  
Tissues  
Headphones  
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  
Disinfecting wipes  
Headphones  
Water bottle

**Suggested  
Supply List  
For the  
Elementary  
Grades**

### 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 or 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  
Scissors  
Ruler - inch/cm  
Pocket folders- 4 any color  
Plastic pocket folder (1)  
2 Spiral notebooks  
Tissues  
Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes  
Headphones/earbuds  
Water bottle

### 5th Grade

Backpack  
Pencils & pencil box  
Colored pencils  
Highlighter  
Erasers  
Dry erase markers  
Glue sticks  
Scissors  
Ruler inch/cm  
3 Pocket folders - any color  
3 Spiral notebooks  
Tissues  
Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes  
Headphones/earbuds  
Water bottle

