FROM THE OFFICE OF MR. BILL VALIMA      Superintendent/Principal K-12

We are off to another successful year at Superior Central. For the past couple of years, I have used this newsletter to discuss the importance of attendance; this year will be no different. 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 graduation.
• 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.

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
We’re off to a great start—it is unbelievable that the first quarter is already completed! Exciting things are happening in our school building K-12. Our focus? STUDENTS—empowering them to succeed both academically and socially. Have a concern about your student? Please let us know. Proud of your student? Let us know that too!

**Cougars are Reading!** Creating life-long, motivated readers who enjoy getting lost in a book is what we’re all about! Utilizing the STAR reading assessment, we are able to gain information regarding your student’s independent reading level. We can then suggest appropriate books to promote reading success! Comprehension is checked with an Accelerated Reading quiz. Goals are being tracked, and growth is being seen! When students BEG their teacher for more reading time, we know we are doing things right!

Have you walked down the elementary hallway recently? Superior Central **Cougars R.O.A.R.**! We have created a positive behavior support system with defined expectations. Students are taught and reminded of the expectations for school. R.O.A.R. reminds us to be Respectful, Organized, Accepting, and Responsible. This goes hand in hand with our social-emotional curriculum, Second Step, whereby students learn how to problem solve in difficult situations to internalize solutions. Kids make mistakes. It is in learning from these mistakes, that they grow! Families can adopt the R.O.A.R. acronym at home too!

SCS has teamed up with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in a program called **Girl Power**. Elementary girls are paired with high school “bigs” for fun, social learning activities. Students join together every Friday for a focused lesson lead by Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Learning from an older peer is always a memorable experience! Hoping to add **Dude Power** in the future!

Do you have a middle/high school student not being accountable with homework? Ask about our **Check In-Check Out** program. Students in this program meet with an adult at the end of the day to check out—review what needs to be completed at home and ensure they have everything they need. The following morning they check in with that same adult to prove the work has been done and get organized for the day. A school-home team can make all the difference!
SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL
2019-2020 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


Mrs. Tyner’s 5th Grade:  Peyton Adams, Rory Hancock, Ryder Kroupa, Jasmine Nesberg, William Spranger Hannah Theodore, Elijah Valima

Mrs. Maki’s 5th Grade:  Andrew Charlebois, Samuel Charlebois, Teagan Hall, Caleb McGee, Zander Mullins, Kianna Perron*, Peyton Sobieski, Lucille Tyner, Gavin Vining

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade:  Isaiah Albro, Gwennyth Charlebois, Kalli Foro*, Isaac Gleason, Cassie Helminen, Jenna Hoy, Christopher Kulik, Parker Lindgren, Morgan Martin, Kiera McDonnal, John McDougall, Janessa Perron, Giovanni Pizzi, Kylee Purdy, Blake Tanner

7th grade:  Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson, Kate McGee, Sierra Moore, Travis Niemi, Matthew Pokela, Calla Porter*, Derick Tyner

8th grade:  Craig Adams, Ruby Bernard, Alice Hancock, Amie Helminen, Jason Kanerva, Faith Pizzi, Ava Porter, Clara Rondeau, Breanna Swajanen*, Neo Wilson


10th grade:  Katrina Augustyn, Madison Bernard, Charlotte Charlebois, Tymber Fisher, Riley Johnson, Garrett Koski, Eva LaVallie, Willow Lindgren, Dakota Maki, Ethan Phillipson*, Quinton Pierce, Rhianna Ricker, Anna Robinson, Faith Robinson, Maggie Rondeau, Emma Rutter, Christopher Thompson


Wrapping up the Research on the Healthy Soil Hay Field Project

The research project that has spanned 3 years’ worth of Superior Central Agriculture and Forestry students has come to an end and our findings were presented to area farmers at their annual potluck gathering at the Rock River township hall. The project was made financially possible by a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant obtained by MSU Extension Educator Abbey Palmer, but the implementation and ultimately the completion of the project would not have been possible without Abbey’s coordinating efforts, Jim Isleib’s (MSU Extension Crop Production Educator) guidance in proper field research procedures and interpretation of a lot of soil quality data, and Ben and Denise Bartlett of Log Cabin Livestock generously giving us their time, expertise and farming “problem” we attempted to solve.

During last year’s presentation of our findings, we stated that of the 4 treatments we were testing (composted manure, cover-crop diversity, mulch and urea) composted manure had a slight lead, but it was so slight that we really felt more time and research was necessary before we could definitively say which treatment yielded the best results. After analyzing this year’s results, the data indicates that all of the treatments are benefitting the soil to some degree, but the application of composted manure continues to improve not only the nutrient level of the soil, but also is enhancing the beneficial life within the soil to a higher level than the others.

As we have learned more and more about soil health, we have become aware of the importance of the physical characteristics of the soil. Soil permeability, structure and composition are all critical components of soil health. Fortunately, the SARE grant made it possible for last year’s Agriculture and Forestry students to design and create 6 kits to that can measure these characteristics. At our final visit of the hay field this fall we put these kits to use and found that the soil was a sandy loam with excellent permeability and structure.

Mr. Bliss

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:

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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.
Students Honored for Contribution to Conservation

This fall, the 11 students who built the punt boat for Ducks Unlimited last year were honored for their hard work, contribution to conservation and setting an example for other high school students to follow. On October 18th, Superior Central’s students assembled in the gymnasium to witness Senator McBroom present letters of tribute to the 11 students of last year’s class of Natural Resources and Watercraft design. Each letter described the students’ dedication of purpose and was signed by Governor Whitmer, Senator McBroom and Representative Cambensy. Before the presentations David Bowers, DU’s State Public Policy Chair, Senator McBroom and Representative Cambensy each took a moment to say a few words of praise about the students and the project. After all of the letters were presented, DU member Rod Larson of AuTrain wrapped up the event by providing a humorous description of our trip to the State Convention in Lansing this past summer, making special note that this was the first group of students to take on such a project in the country.

After the assembly, TV6 interviewed a few of our students about what they took away from the project and Senator McBroom was given a tour of some of the natural resource projects the current students of this class are working on as well as the individual pirogues they are in the process of constructing. As their teacher, I was very gratified to see our students receive this deserving notoriety.

Mr. Bliss

Annual Fruit Sale

Ordering deadline: Monday December 2nd
Delivery date: Wednesday December 18th

Contact a Band member or Kristy Frederick
Kfrederick@superiorcentralsschools.org
906-439-5532  ext. 212
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.

Scrip = Gift Card Shopping to Benefit
Superior Central Schools and Students

We are excited to continue the Scrip program
at Superior Central and hope more families will
participate.
You have the ability to "roll over" your scrip account from year to year. This will especially be nice
for families with younger children.

Can’t make it to a Superior Central ball game?
Superior Central and Roam Media have got you covered!

Tune in to 92.7 to catch all the Cougar action!

SendMoneyToSchool.com

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 SendMoneyToSchool.com.

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 by credit card. 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
Scholastics Book Fair
The Superior Central Library Annual Scholastic Book Fair is back in time for Christmas shopping!
Open December 9th-13th in the library.
Students will have a chance to preview the sale and make a ‘wish list’ in class.
Later in the week students can bring in money to go shopping
(All checks should be made out to Scholastic Book Fair).
Santa will be visiting the Book Fair after the Elementary Holiday program
(12/12/19)
And an opportunity for parents to shop.
Please support your library through this great fundraiser!

Holiday Programs

Elementary Holiday Sing
Thursday December 12th at 6:30 PM

MS/HS Holiday Band Concert
Thursday December 19th at 7:00 PM

Changes to Box Tops for Education

Download the App
Buy Box Tops Products—Scan Your Receipt—Earn Cash for Our School
Or
Keep collecting your
Box Tops for Education
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Bring them to school. We earn dollars
To purchase supplies for the school and students.
Thank you.
For more information go to BTFE.com
Boys Basketball (Varsity & JV)

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Varsity Coach: Harry Robbins
JV Coach: Dale Ruska

Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)

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Coach: Bobbi Ayotte
Assistant Coach: Sarah Mannisto
J.V. Coach: Skip Rutter

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

Boys Middle School Basketball

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Coach: Craig Adams

Sports Booster Meetings 2020

- January 8th
- March 11th
- April 8th
- July 15th

Note: Meetings are 7:30pm in the S.C. Business Office.
*Meetings are subject to change.
We always welcome and appreciate new members!

Superior Central Sports Boosters

Officers:
- Brenda James, President
- Sarah Mannisto, Vice President
- Jennine Mallory, Treasurer
- Marla Rondeau, Secretary
November 27 12:30 dismissal  
28-29 No School- Thanksgiving Break  

December 12 Elementary Holiday Sing 6:30 PM  
19 Band Concert 7:00  
20 Last day of school before Holiday Break  

January 6 School Resumes  
17 12:30 dismissal – Teachers Professional Development  
23 & 24 1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams  
24 End of 2nd marking period and 1st semester  

February 14 12:30 dismissal  
17 No School – Presidents’ Day Weekend  

March 13 12:30 dismissal – Teachers Professional Development  
26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:00  
27 End of 3rd marking period  
30 No School- Spring Break begins  

April 6 School Resumes  
10 No School  
14 PSAT/SAT (Grades 8-11)  
15 ACT WorkKeys (Grade 11)  

May 22 Graduation  
25 No School – Memorial Day  

June 9 & 10 1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams  
10 Last day of School (provided we do not exceed 6 snow days)  

School Day begins at 8:15 A.M. and ends at 3:11 P.M.  

School Closing Announcements  

WMQT 107.7 FM  
WGLQ 97.1 FM  
WLUC TV 6  
Superior Central app www.superiorcentralschools.org