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WELCOME BACK!



Superintendent McRae

On behalf of the entire staff of the Swan Valley School District and the Board of Education, I welcome you back to another school year. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer and you're all ready to get back into the "fall routine." As always, our outstanding maintenance and custodial staff have worked tirelessly all summer long to have our facilities ready for students and staff on August 26th. We are extremely proud of the facilities and buildings and grounds and thank Mr. Jim

Doyle for his leadership in this area.

When the 2018-2019 school year ended, we were aware of only one staff member who was choosing to do "something different" this fall; Mrs. Karen Petersen who has been an instructional aide at the middle school for the past twenty-five years has decided to retire and we wish her the best. However, shortly after the year ended, we also accepted the resignations and retirements of several other staff members. The separate "building portions" of the Communicator will address many of these staff members along with introducing new people to the Swan Valley Schools family. However, I want to take a moment to acknowledge two of these departures.

Swan Valley School District Board of Education Meetings

Thursday • September 26, 2019 • 7:00 pm

Administration Center

Thursday • October 17, 2019 • 7:00 pm

Administration Center

Thursday • November 21, 2019 • 7:00 pm

Administration Center

Thursday • December 19, 2019 • 7:00 pm

Administration Center

Thursday • January 16, 2020 • 6:30 pm

Havens Elementary

On behalf of the Swan Valley School Board and the entire Swan Valley Community, I would like to thank Mrs. JoAnn Schneider for 44 years of service to the students of our district. After years of dedication to our students in the form of teacher, coach, tutor, school counselor, and "lifeline" (just to name a few) she has decided to retire. She has literally touched the lives of thousands of people while dedicating so much of her own life to the students of Swan Valley. The good news is that she is not done yet! In June, Mrs. Schneider was appointed to an open seat on the Swan Valley Board of Education. Of course, she would choose to make this transition with little to no fanfare because she knows it is always about the kids. While that is true, we as a school community cannot allow her service to our students for the past 44 years to go unnoticed. In her own words, Mrs. Schneider shares, "although teaching is a very public profession, it will always be the student relationships, their journeys and accomplishments that remain personal and forever lasting. I strove to finish this school year with the same conviction and fervor I felt when Mr. Marv Johnson offered my first and only teaching position in the summer of 1975. My passion and personal resources will forever be available to the Swan Valley Community. Thank you for allowing me to share and be part of embarking so many fine students on their incredible life's journeys." When you see her in the community, please take a moment to thank her; not only for her past service but her continued commitment as a Board member. Mrs. Schneider's school email will remain active if any student, parent, or community member would like to share a message with her; jshnei@swanvalley.k12.mi.us.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Shelly DuCharme and her 20 years of service to the Swan Valley School District. Mrs. DuCharme served 11 years as a teacher and literacy coach, 6 as Shields Principal and the last 3 as Middle School principal. She has accepted a position as director of early childhood, elementary, and gifted & talented programs in a neighboring district. While her departure is another great loss for our schools, many of us realized that given her talents and skillset, this day would come. Mrs. DuCharme would like everyone to know that "my Swan Valley students, co-work-



Mrs. JoAnn Schneider



Mrs. Shelly DuCharme

ers, families and friends will always hold a special place in my heart. Once again, thank you for two decades of great experiences." Rest assured, Mrs. DuCharme will remain a shining example of our mantra, Once a Viking, Always a Viking!

With that being said, the status of the Middle School Principal position given Mrs. DuCharme's resignation has been shared with all Middle School and High School families. After an unsuccessful search for a new Middle School Principal, Mr. Craig Blower has accepted the assignment as the Swan Valley School District 6th Grade through 12th Grade Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Blower is currently the Swan Valley High School Principal. In this new capacity, Mr. Blower will be located at the Middle School and Mrs. Wendy Bridges and Ms. Shelly Hanson will assume additional responsibilities at the high school. Mrs. Bridges is currently the Swan Valley High School Assistant Principal, and Ms. Hanson is the Adult/Alternative Principal and Community Education Director. The district plans to readdress the Middle School Principal position this winter or early spring. I am confident, given the outstanding staff we have at both the Middle School and High School, the excellence that we provide for our students will continue.

As I mentioned, each building section of the Communicator will highlight new staff. However, we have added a new district wide position that I would like to share. It is my pleasure to announce that Jon Horton, current Varsity Assistant Football coach, will also assume the position of District Career Navigator. This long term, grant funded position, was made available to us as part of the Marshall Plan for Talent sponsored by the Michigan Talent and Economic Development Department and the Department of Education. The Career Navigator systematically works to facilitate career awareness activities for all students (k-12+) and works to promote professional skills with students. The Career Navigator also assists students with career planning and refers students for placement opportunities. The Career Navigator ensures Educational Development Plan (EDP) completion standards are met through the use of Xello (formerly Career Cruising) & MI Bright Future, in coordination with the school counselor/college advisor. The Career Navigator also assists with career related events, planning, and Business/Industry & School Partnerships. We are confident Jon will be a great addition to the district staff.

As always, I want parents and members of the community to know that my door is always open and I truly appreciate your thoughts and opinions. I wish everyone the best as we begin the 2019-2020 (yes another new decade) school year and look forward to a wonderful year filled with many memorable learning experiences. **GO VIKINGS!**



Directory Information Opt Out Form for District School Students

The district may disclose information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if the primary purpose is to allow the district to include this type of information in certain school publications, such as yearbooks, newsletters, playbills, honor rolls, web page, social media, school announcements, local news/media outlets, or military. Directory information includes the student's name, address, email address and telephone number; the parents' names, addresses and telephone numbers; the student's photograph; date and place of birth; class /grade level; enrollment dates; weight and height if the student is a member of an athletic team; awards received; and extracurricular participation.

The district will not disclose directory information unless the district or school will use the information in a publication or a third party has requested the information for a reason that, in the judgement of the district, serves the student's best interests. For example, the district will comply with directory information requests from another school in which a student seeks to enroll, universities and colleges, law enforcement and Child Protective Services. The district will provide directory information for commercial purposes only if beneficial to students, such as yearbook or class ring sales. ***Your child's directory information will be released as described above, unless you direct otherwise by checking the box, filling out this form and sending it to the school office.***

I DO NOT want my child's directory information released. By selecting this option, I understand that my child's name and/or image will not be included in the yearbook, newsletters, programs, and other school and district publications.

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals • 2019-2020 School Year

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for free and reduced price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals.

Total Family Size	Scale for Free Meals		Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$16,237	\$1,354	\$23,107	\$1,926
2	\$21,983	\$1,832	\$31,284	\$2,607
3	\$27,729	\$2,311	\$39,461	\$3,289
4	\$33,475	\$2,790	\$47,638	\$3,970
5	\$39,221	\$3,269	\$55,815	\$4,652
6	\$44,967	\$3,748	\$63,992	\$5,333
7	\$50,713	\$4,227	\$72,169	\$6,015
8	\$56,459	\$4,705	\$80,346	\$6,696
For each additional family member, add:				
	\$5,746	\$479	\$8,177	\$682

Swan Valley School District NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Swan Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, gender identity or expression, race, color, religion, creed, age, physical handicap, ancestry, national origin, height, weight, military status, marital or family status, or any other legally protected category. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Mr. Mat McRae
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Nicole Rethman
Special Education Supervisor

Swan Valley School District
8380 O'Hern Road • Saginaw, MI 48609 • 989-921-3701

Protection of Pupil Rights:

The Swan Valley School District will make instructional materials available for inspection if those materials will be used in connection with a U.S. Department of Education funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate and will obtain written parental consent before minors are required to participate (PPRA USC 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98).

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Complete this form ONLY if you are requesting advance notification of a pesticide application by United States Postal Service first-class mail.

Please be advised that you WILL receive notice via the methods identified in the annual advisory notice and should only complete this form if you are also requesting notification by first-class mail.

If you are requesting prior notification of pesticide treatments conducted at this school or day care center, other than a bait or gel formulation, and you would like the notice to be delivered by United States Postal Service first-class mail, postmarked at least 3 days prior to the planned treatment, please complete the information on the following form and submit it to:

Swan Valley School District
8380 O'Hern Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609
Contact Person: Jim Doyle 989-921-3701

I wish to receive a prior notice of any pesticide application to the school or day care center by first-class mail.

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

Please Check One:

- I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application inside the school building.
 I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide application on the outside grounds of the school building.
 Both of the above.

Signature _____ Date _____



ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS!

Thomas Township Senior Citizens "Swingers" meet the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30am for a potluck dinner at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building. All Senior Citizens in the area are invited to join the fellowship. A luncheon and bingo are enjoyed by all. For more information, contact the Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Department at 781-0150.

English Language Learners (ELL):

The Swan Valley School District seeks to provide every child, regardless of national origin or native language, quality, and meaningful educational instruction. Consequently, students who are English Learners (ELs) are provided instructional services through an English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual program which is designed to meet their unique needs. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the EEOA, all States and LEAs must ensure that ELs can participate meaningfully and equally in educational programs and services. Students who meet the protocol requirements as English Learners (ELs) must be provided a language assistance program, in addition to the basic/core education services (adopted by the local board of education) that all students in the LEA receive. These federally required language assistance program services ensure that ELs have equitable access to the basic, local board of education-adopted curriculum provided to all students, and acquire English language proficiency.

More information can be found in the Swan Valley School District English Language Learner Handbook available at the District Administration Center.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), school districts must give parents of a child with disabilities a copy of procedural safeguards one year at a time. A copy of the procedural safeguards must also be given to parents upon initial referral or parental request for an evaluation, upon filing a request for a due process hearing, and upon request of a parent.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act:

The Swan Valley School District must ensure that each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children. Homeless children will have access to the education and other services that such children need to ensure an opportunity to meet the same challenging State student achievement standards to which all student are held (42 USC 11431 et seq.)

AHERA NOTIFICATION

The Swan Valley School District is required by 40 CFR 763.80 to notify all parents, guardians, students and staff of the availability of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) plan.

Our buildings were first inspected in 1988, and the last three year re-inspection was completed in July 2018.

One copy of the plan is on file in the Principals office in each building and one copy is on file in the Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center. These plans are available for review during normal office hours by any person who has an interest. Personal copies of the plan may be duplicated within seven working days at a cost of 15 cents per page.

Should any questions arise regarding our AHERA Program, please contact the Asbestos Designated Person for our school at the Administration Center, 989-921-3701.

Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Education

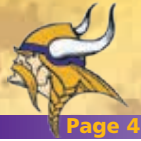
**SHELLEY HANSON, Principal • Phone (989) 921-2472
Fax (989) 921-2405 • shanson@swanvalley.k12.mi.us**

Swan Valley Adult and Alternative Education provides a blended and online learning opportunity. All students work independently by using online curriculum and classes are self-paced per semester. Classes are Monday through Thursday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Friday from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Students are expected to complete two virtual courses as part of their school day. Alternative students are age 16-22 and Adult students are 22 and older. Free and reduced lunch is available in our evening program. All teachers are highly qualified in each of the core curriculum. Any student wishing to apply to this program needs to contact Ms. Hanson and have on hand a copy of his/her transcript, discipline and attendance records, along with a copy of their birth certificate and two pieces of residency are required. Please call the number listed above to make an appointment.

Credit Recovery for Swan Valley High School students is also available through the Alternative program. Students who are deficit in graduation requirement credits need to make an appointment with the principal or assistant principal to create a credit recovery plan. The cost of classes are \$100.00 for credit recovery and free/reduced lunch student cost is \$50.00.

Classes Begin August 26, 2019

TIME	COURSE	TEACHER
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY		
2:00-3:00pm	2nd Hour Career Planning	Hanson
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY		
3:00-5:00pm	3rd Hour English Courses	LaBrake
5:00-7:00pm	5th Hour Math Courses	Baldwin
7:00-9:00pm	7th Hour Virtual Courses	Online
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
3:00-5:00pm	4th Hour Science Courses	Halvin
5:00-7:00pm	6th Hour Wood Technology	Wachowicz
5:00-7:00pm	6th Hour Social Studies/ Health Courses	Haggitt
7:00-9:00pm	8th Hour Virtual Courses	Online
FRIDAY		
9:00am-12:30pm	1st Hour Electives Courses	Hanson



Swan Valley Community Education

Classes are held on weeknights throughout the school district. In order for a class to be held, a minimum of 5 people must register. Participants will receive a phone call if class is cancelled due to lack of interest. Community Education classes will not meet if Swan Valley School District is closed due to inclement weather. To see the list of class offerings, please go to our website which can be found at www.swanvalleyschools.com in the Community Education section. You may register for classes by using this link. Continue to check out our webpage as classes are added throughout the school year.

CLASS INFORMATION IS LISTED IN ORDER BY DATE OF CLASS

CLASS	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	LIMIT	COST
Shields FALL Run Club	September 11,18, 25, October 2, 9,16, 23 (23rd @ HS TRACK)	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary Gym/Outside	50	\$30.00
Art & Crafts – September (2nd Grade)	September 24	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$
Puppy Training & Socialization	FALL 2019	6-7pm	High School	20	\$60.00
Dog Obedience & Household Training	FALL 2019	7-8pm	High School	20	\$100.00
Advanced Dog Training	FALL 2019	8-9pm	High School	20	\$100.00
Arts & Crafts – October (Young 5s)	October 1	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – October (Kindergarten)	October 8	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – October (1st Grade)	October 15	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$
Art & Crafts – October (2nd Grade)	October 22	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$
Canvas & Cookies (3rd Grade)	FALL 2019 Theme	3:20-4:20pm	Havens Elementary (Science Room)	12	\$25.00
Canvas & Cookies (4th Grade)	FALL 2019 Theme	3:20-4:20pm	Havens Elementary (Science Room)	12	\$25.00
Canvas & Cookies (5th Grade)	FALL 2019 Theme	3:20-4:20pm	Havens Elementary (Science Room)	12	\$25.00
Shields YOGA for KIDS	Thursdays	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Pawlick's Room)	15	\$25.00
Arts & Crafts – November (Young 5s)	November 5	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – November (Kindergarten)	November 12	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – November (1st Grade)	November 19	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$
Arts & Crafts – November (2nd Grade)	November 26	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$
Arts & Crafts – December (Young 5s)	December 3	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – December (Kindergarten)	December 10	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	12	\$
Arts & Crafts – December (1st Grade)	December 17	3:30-4:30pm	Shields Elementary (Miss Rumsey's Room)	20	\$



Information about **STCS Nutrition Services Program**



Contact Info: Nutrition Services at (989-793-9713 or nsoffice@stcs.org)

HELP WANTED! The Nutrition Services Department is currently looking for part-time kitchen helpers/cashiers and substitutes. If you are interested, you can apply online at: <https://www.applitrack.com/gcaps/onlineapp/> or apply in person at 3283 Fashion Square Blvd. If you have questions concerning employment, please contact the Nutrition Services Office at 989-793-9713.

FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS: An online version of the application is available NOW, by logging into your student's school meal account. (Online instructions are located on the Nutrition Services website at: www.stcs.org Departments, Nutrition Services.) If you do not have access to a computer, please fill out the free and reduced price school meal application for your family. Only one application is necessary as long as ALL students are listed on the application along with the schools they will attend. Completed applications may be returned to the school office, the lunch room cashier or mailed to the Nutrition Services Office at P.O. Box 6278, Saginaw, MI 48608. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will be returned. You will receive a letter notifying you as to whether your application is approved free, reduced or denied, along with the reason for denial, within 2 weeks from the date the application is received. If you need assistance with the application, contact the Nutrition Services Office at 989-793-9713. If your child received free or reduced price meal benefits at the end of last school year, in this district, these benefits will continue for the first few weeks of school. However, a new application must be submitted, approved and on file by October 4, 2019 or benefits will be TERMINATED.

MEAL PRICES: As part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program are required to raise the average meal price of a paid lunch to a level equal to the federal reimbursement rate for free and reduced price meals. As a result of this year's review, breakfast and lunch prices WILL NOT INCREASE! Student meal prices for 2019-2020 are as follows: Elementary breakfast is \$1.40, middle and high school breakfast is \$1.60, the elementary lunch price is \$1.85, middle school lunch is \$1.95 and high school lunch is \$2.10. The price for ala carte milk is \$.60 per 8-ounce bottle. Breakfast and lunch menus will be posted on the STCS website under the Nutrition Services link prior to the start of school.

PAY ONLINE!! Payment for all purchases is expected at the time of purchase! All enrolled students have a DEBIT account on our point of sale system. All students use an ID card or enter their ID number on a PIN pad when going through the lunch line. You may deposit money into your student's account online with a credit or debit card (includes a \$2.00 convenience fee) or by sending cash or a check to school with your student. The money may be used to purchase breakfast, lunch, milk, or, at the middle and high schools, ala carte items. Any balance remaining at the end of the school year automatically carries over to the next year. Online access to your student's account information is available by completing the online access request form at www.stcs.org, Departments, Nutrition Services, Online Access Request (under links).

***See the Nutrition Services website for the Meal Charging Policy.*

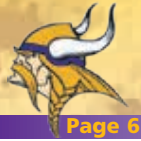
BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT SCHOOL! School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body and it's affordable, too. If your students qualify for free or reduced price lunches, they also qualify for free or reduced price breakfasts, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost anywhere else. Help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: If your child has a special dietary need determined by a physician, we will do our best to make reasonable accommodations. The State of Michigan does require a signed form from your child's physician stating the prescribed diet and/or substitution. This form can be accessed on the Nutrition Services web page at www.stcs.org, Departments, Nutrition Services, Special Dietary Restrictions & Needs, and must be on file in the Nutrition Services Office.

We are very proud of the service provided by our department. We offer healthy food choices that meet the USDA's nutritional guidelines for school meals while still making the meals appealing to our students. We offer 1% white and chocolate milk. A variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grain items are served every day. All ala carte and snack items sold to students during the school day meet the USDA "Smart Snacks" guidelines. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns. We look forward to serving your children during the 2019-2020 school year. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Community Education Memories





Swan Valley Learning Center



Thank you for your support in the Mom2Mom & Business Expo

The Swan Valley Learning Center wishes to extend a special thank you to all the generous individuals and organizations that helped to make our playground expansion possible. A very big thank you to all of our moms and business vendors who participated in our Mom2Mom Business Expo.

The support from families, staff, and community in our can drive, Viking lawn signs, and candle fundraisers were exceptional in helping to raise funds toward the purchase of our playscape and installation costs.

We would like to give a special thank you to Michelle Mitchell for assisting in planning, organizing, advertising, and the many resources she provided during the preparations and planning for the expo. It was a wonderful experience working with you and we had a lot of fun as well. We appreciate all your help and the events success could not have been reached without your assistance. We are looking forward to working with you again for the upcoming SVLC Fall Mom2Mom & Business Expo 2020.

Our Sponsors, Best Price Tree Service for donating their time and resources in removing a tree, Dave Wieland (Re/Max - New Image) for the sponsorship of our expo t-shirts, and Champion Fencing for the installation of the fence.

To all of the local business vendors who supported our Mom2Mom & Business Expo by donating gift cer-

tificates, services, products and baskets. The following businesses included are:

U Spa Salon & More, Culver's, Gander Outdoors, Health Up with Teri, Mr.Steam Carpet Cleaning, Dave Wieland (Re/Max - New Image), Coty's Landing, Little Caesars, Family Video, Print Express, Home Depot, Oolala Salon and Boutique, Serenity Spa & Salon, Willows, Quality 10 GDX, Fuzzy's Restaurant, Levis, Bringer Inn, Swan Valley Pay It Forward, Timber's Bar and Grill, HomeTown Pharmacy, Flanigan's Pub and Grill, Saginaw Spirit, Eudici's Pizza, Angel Nails, The WorkWear Store, and Tuffy's.

This community effort not only created a wonderful place where our children can grow and play, but it offered a model for community involvement, service, and cooperation that will leave a lasting impact on our center.

Swan Valley Learning Center's School Year Program

Swan Valley Learning Center is a fully licensed year-round program that provides before and after school care, as well as a full and part-time preschool program.

Our preschool program focuses on pre-skills, which lay the groundwork for the future. Through their playing, singing and learning, preschoolers gain skills that ultimately help them learn to read, write, build math, science skills, and become successful students. Preschoolers also learn "school readiness" skills, which help them understand the routines of school, how to work in groups, and how to be students.

Preschool classrooms are organized by centers or areas that are divided by different developmental areas and types of play. Centers available include: reading, arts, crafts, water/sand table, building, math toys, fine motor skills toys, large motor skills toys, and an area for pretend play. The preschool day is structured with both academic and free play time, during which children can choose which centers to play in, as well as a structured scheduled time devoted to academics.

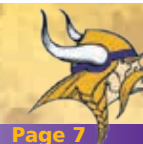
During our before school program, we provide a nutritional balanced breakfast daily, with a variety of hot and cold choices to ensure they start their day out right. After school we allow time for our children to work on their homework. Our Program has iPads and computers available for the children to use to further their learning through educational apps and websites. The children also have time to be with their friends.

Any child who meets the age requirement (3-12) and is enrolled in the Swan Valley District may attend. We also accept non-resident students. Transportation is provided to and from Havens Elementary and Shields Elementary during the school year. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our certified and enthusiastic team is dedicated to providing the best care for your child. With licensed teachers on staff at all times, we are sure to enhance your child's experience while they are away from home.

For more information, please call (989) 921-2461 or email Louisa Marx at lm Marx@swanvalley.k12.mi.us





SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon – 8/26/2019	7:30am	First Day of School	Sat – 3/14/2020	8:00am	Solo Ensemble – Lapeer High School
Fri-Mon – 8/30/2019-9/2/2019		No School – Labor Day	Mon – 3/16/2020	6:00pm	Trimester 3 Open House
Mon – 9/9/2019	6:00pm	Trimester 1 Open House	Thurs-Mon – 3/19/2020-3/23/2020		BPA State Competition in Grand Rapids
Mon – 9/23/2019		Homecoming Voting	Mon-Fri – 3/30/2020-4/3/2020		No School – Spring Break
Fri – 9/27/2019		Homecoming Court Announced – Top 7 Males & Females	Thurs – 4/9/2020	2:30pm	Local Scholarships DUE
Tues – 10/1/2019	8:00am	Optional ACT for Juniors & Seniors	Thurs – 4/9/2020		Student Government Egg Match
Fri – 10/4/2019		Float Building Starts	Fri – 4/10/2020		No School – Good Friday
Mon – 10/7/2019		No School – Inservice	Tues – 4/14/2020	7:30am	PSAT 9 & 10 Testing
Fri – 10/11/2019		End of Marking Period 1	Tues – 4/14/2020	8:00am	Senior Job Shadow / College Visitation
Fri – 10/11/2019		Picture Retake Day	Tues-Fri – 4/14/2020-4/17/2020	7:30am	MME Testing for Juniors
Wed – 10/16/2019	8:00am	PSAT/NMSQT (Juniors)	Fri – 4/20/2020		Student Government Officers & Class Officers Apps Pick Up
Wed – 10/16/2019	6:00pm	Midland Band Showcase @ Midland Community Stadium	Fri – 4/24/2020		Student Government Officer & Class Officers Apps Due
Fri – 10/18/2019	7:00pm	Homecoming Game	Fri – 4/24/2020		Marking Period 5 Ends
Sat – 10/19/2019	7:00pm	Homecoming Dance	Mon – 4/27/2020		Student Government Reps Apps Pick Up
Mon-Sat – 11/4/2019-11/16/2019		Hidden Harvest Food Drive	Mon-Sat – 4/27/2020-5/9/2020		Senior Project Window
Wed-Fri – 11/20/2019-11/22/2019		Trimester 1 Exams	Tues-Fri – 4/28/2020-5/1/2020		MME Retakes
Mon – 11/25/2019		Trimester 2 Begins	Fri – 5/1/2020		Student Government Rep Apps Due
Wed – 11/27/2019		No School – Inservice	Sat – 5/2/2020	7:00pm	PROM @ Swan Valley Banquet Center
Thurs-Fri – 11/28/2019-11/29/2019		No School – Thanksgiving	Mon – 5/4/2020	8:00am	Drama Rehearsal
Wed – 12/4/2019		NHS Notifications	Tues – 5/5/2020	6:00pm	Underclassmen Awards Night
Wed – 12/4/2019	9:30am	Senior Citizen Luncheon	Tues – 5/5/2020	8:00am	AP Calc Exam
Mon – 12/9/2019	6:00pm	Trimester 2 Open House	Wed – 5/6/2020	8:00am	AP Lit
Wed – 12/11/2019	7:00pm	High School Band Concert	Thurs – 5/7/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play
Mon – 12/16/2019		NHS Application Due	Sat – 5/9/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play
Wed – 12/18/2019		BPA Regional Competition	Mon – 5/11/2020	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
Fri – 12/20/2019	9:00am	Graduation Visitation	Tues – 5/12/2020	10:00am	All Class Meetings
Fri – 12/20/2019	1:30pm	Talent Show (Tenative)	Tues – 5/12/2020	7:00pm	Spring Concert
Mon-Fri – 12/23/2019-1/3/2020		No School – Holiday Break	Wed – 5/13/2020	6:30am	Senior Awards Night
Mon – 1/6/2020	7:30am	School Resumes	Thurs – 5/14/2020	8:00am	AP World History Exam
Thurs – 1/9/2020		NHS Tapping	Fri – 5/15/2020	7:30am	Beautification Day
Mon – 1/20/2020		No School – Teacher Work Day	Fri – 5/15/2020	8:00am	AP Comp Science Exam
Thurs – 1/23/2020	6:30pm	NHS Induction	Thurs – 5/21/2020	9:30am	Decision Day
Fri – 1/24/2020		Marking Period 3 Ends	Thurs – 5/21/2020	10:30am	Senior Class Meeting
Sat – 2/8/2020		Solo Ensemble – Bay City Central	Fri – 5/22/2020		Senior Exams
Mon – 2/17/2020		No School – Inservice	Mon – 5/25/2020		No School – Memorial Day
Wed – 2/19/2020	7:00pm	Band Pre-Festival Concert	Tues – 5/26/2020		Senior Exams
Wed – 2/26/2020	12:00am	Drama Rehearsal	Wed-Thurs – 5/27/2020-5/28/2020	5:30am	Senior Trip
Thurs – 2/27/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play	Thurs – 5/28/2020	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet @ Crooked Creek
Sat – 2/29/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play	Fri – 5/29/2020	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
Sun – 3/1/2020	2:00pm	Drama Play	Sun – 5/31/2020	3:00pm	Baccalaureate
Wed-Fri – 3/4/2020-3/6/2020		Trimester 2 Exams	Sun – 5/31/2020	7:00pm	Adult Ed Graduation
Sat – 3/7/2020	8:00am	Band Festival	Mon – 6/1/2020	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
Mon – 3/9/2020		Trimester 3 Begins	Mon – 6/1/2020	7:00pm	Graduation
			Wed-Fri – 6/3/2020-6/5/2020		Trimester 3 Exams



Thomas Township Police Continue Explorer Post Program

The Thomas Township Police Department continue to sponsor an Explorer Post for Thomas Township youth aged 14 to 21. The program is currently underway with a maximum of 10 students. Those who join the post will meet twice per month with representatives from the Thomas Township Police Department and explore various activities that are part of routine police work (i.e. traffic control, writing tickets, ride alongs, subduing and cuffing suspects, etc.).



The Explorer students will also work with local law enforcement at various community events (i.e. Shields Parade, Gypsy Flea Market, athletic events and the like). Students who are interested in joining the Explorer Post should contact the Thomas Township Police Department (781-1300) or talk to the police representatives during lunch periods in September.



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Student-Created Projects Improve Building



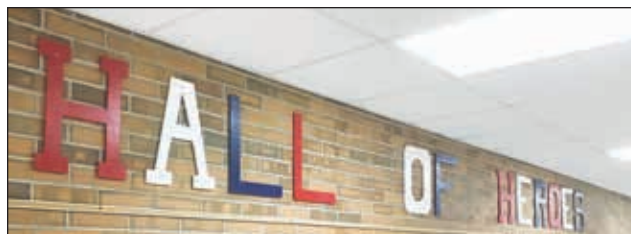
At the end of last school year, Mr. Wachowicz and Mr. Kennelly helped improve the school and Swan Valley community with the completion of several projects. The library and Mrs. Lalejini appreciate the new book display that was created.

All students will benefit from the nine new trash and recycle bins located around the school. These were completed with the support of The Saginaw Community Foundation and Waste Management.



During Senior Beautification Day, 16 picnic tables were built for Thomas Township. The 16 new tables will be placed at Roberts Park in the old Men's Club Pavilion.

We would like to thank Hemlock Semiconductor for their partnership on the completion of this project.

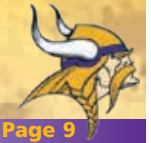


HALL OF HEROES

Coming in Fall 2019:

Mr. Monahan and Mr. Wachowicz are partnering on the Hallway of Heroes project to honor the 9-11 first responders and our local first responders.





2020 Swan Valley Distinguished Alumni

The Swan Valley High School Class of 2020 is asking your help in getting out the word on a program designed to honor one of Swan Valley's outstanding graduates. We would like to name our 23rd annual honoree at this year's graduation exercise on June 1, 2020.

DISTINGUISHED ALUM CRITERIA:

The following is a list that should be considered when voting for the Distinguished Alum Award. This comes from the list of criteria found on the informational document that introduces/explains the Distinguished Alum Program. Remember this list is provided to assist you in your selection. Not all candidates will have documentation for each area listed. Some will be strong in community involvement; others will be strong supporters of the local school district; while others will have earned significant recognition for their work or studies. If you have any questions, see Danielle Hendrick, Tim LaBrake or Gretchen Mazany.

- Involvement in Swan Valley School District, or the district in which the nominee resides
- Significant career achievements, dedication, and commitment demonstrated within his or her profession
- Continual demonstration of positive character
- Demonstration of outstanding community service and leadership. One who has significantly benefited his/her community through active participation in volunteer activities, government, or civic organizations or devoted time and effort toward activities that benefit the general public, with a specific focus on education.
- Has earned any honors or awards
- Demonstrates success in setting and fulfilling worthwhile goals
- Demonstrates in daily life the importance of adhering to, and modeling a set of positive values

The Personal Curriculum: A Tool for Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum, Personal Curriculum

The high school diploma is documentation that the student has met the expectations and possesses the knowledge and skills necessary for postsecondary success as put forth in the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). Modification to the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) and a student's graduation requirements must be consistent with this purpose. Modifications are allowed to the MMC through a Personal Curriculum (PC). Purpose of the Personal Curriculum is a process to modify specific credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

State statute allows personal curriculum modification in order to:

- Go beyond the academic credit requirements by adding more math, science, English language arts, or world languages credits; or completing a department-approved formal career and technical education program.
- Modify the State Content Standards for Mathematics.
- Modify, when necessary, the credit requirements of a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Modify credit requirements for a student who transfers from out of state or from a nonpublic school and is unable to meet the MMC requirements.

The legislative intent of the PC is to individualize the rigor and relevance of the educational experience. In this context, "practicable" is an inclusive term meaning as much of the subject area content expectations as possible during high school instruction. The PC is an option

any student or family can explore as a way to modify certain graduation requirements and earn a diploma.

A parent, legal guardian, emancipated student, or school personnel may request a PC at any time. The state statute includes restrictions on when the mathematics and social studies requirements may be implemented.

The PC is a process to modify specific credit requirements or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. Allowable modifications can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_30334_49879---,00.html or on the Swan Valley Schools web site at http://swanvalleyschools.com/files/user/5/file/Personal_Curriculum_Request.pdf.

In addition to identifying content or credit modifications, the PC must:

- Align with the EDP, postsecondary goals, and the IEP.
- Establish measurable goals.
- Provide a method to evaluate whether the student meets the goals.

There are no modifications to credit requirements allowed in the following areas (exceptions may apply for students with an IEP or transfer students):

- English language arts
- Civics/Government
- Online learning experience
- World Language

Modification restrictions are intended to protect the futures of students by ensuring that the PC option is not used as a convenient escape door for students, parents and schools to shy away from providing access to the MMC for all students.

SVHS OPEN HOUSE Monday September 9, 2019

Come join us for some refreshments to kick-off of the new school year. Meet your student's teacher and attend some parent informational sessions ranging from Schoology to college and career readiness and vaping. Swan Valley High School does not host traditional parent/teacher conferences that you may be accustomed to from the earlier grades. Instead, we host three trimester open houses to give parents the opportunity to meet their student's teachers and attend a variety of informational sessions. The open house for Trimester 1 will take place on Monday, September 9th. The evening will begin with a parent meeting in the library at 6:00 focused on a brief summary of the Annual Report. Immediately afterwards, you are able to follow an abbreviated form of your student's schedule or attend various break out sessions.

OPEN HOUSE AGENDA

- **2-6:30pm: Flu Shots** – Open to the Public throughout the evening in Career Center. Sponsored by Hometown Pharmacy/Brady Drugs. Insurance coverage or a fee.
- **6-6:15pm: Annual Report** – High School Library. Given by high school administration.
- **6:15-7:50pm: Open House** – Parents MAY follow their student's schedules OR select classes to attend. Maps and copies of schedules will be available in the office.

Parent Informational Sessions

- **6-6:45pm: Junior/Senior Parent Night** – Auditorium. Presented by Swan Valley High School Counselor, Mrs. Luplow and Swan Valley College and Career Advisor, Mr. Bird. Preparing for life after high school – college and career ready, the armed forces and the world of work.
- **6:45-7:15pm: Vaping and E Cigarettes: What Every Parent Needs to Know** – High School Library. Did you know the in the 2017-18 school year 23% of Swan Valley High School freshmen and juniors reported vaping in the last 30 days! Come find out what a vape looks and smells like and what you should be looking for as a parent.
- **7:35-7:50pm: Accessing Your Student's Schoology Account** – Room 409. Presented by Mrs. Erlenbeck
- **7:50-8pm: Open Meeting Times with Teachers**
- **7:50-8:20pm: Earning College Credit While in High School: Articulation, AP Classes, CLEP Testing and Dual Enrollment** – High School Library. Presented by Mr. Blower and Mrs. Bridges.



Welcome Ms. Buckley!



Due to the retirement of Mrs. Schneider, it is my pleasure to welcome **Ms. Monica Buckley** as our new English 9, Study Skills, MME and Senior Capstone teacher.

Ms. Buckley comes to us as a graduate of the University of Michigan with experience from Southwestern Classical Academy in Flint, Old Redford Academy and University YES Academy in Detroit. She brings a wealth of knowledge in English and working with at-risk youth.

Please welcome Ms. Buckley to the Swan Valley family when you see her this year.



Upcoming Tests for Students

OCTOBER 1, 2019

ACT: This is a district administration of the ACT college admission test, open only to Swan Valley juniors and seniors. Students may submit payment to the counseling office by September 20th. The cost of the assessment is \$46 and DOES NOT include the writing test.

OCTOBER 16, 2019

PSAT/NMSQT for all Juniors: This is your last opportunity to “tune up” for the April SAT. The assessment and score will also enroll juniors in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Juniors will be dismissed after testing is complete.

APRIL 14, 2020

Statewide Testing: 9th grade student will take the PSAT 9, 10th Grade students will take the PSAT10 and 11th grade students will take the SAT. Students will be dismissed once testing is complete.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF LOCKER SEARCHES

Search and Seizure: To maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student, student lockers, and desks under the circumstances outlined below and may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search.

A student’s failure to permit searches and seizures as provided in this policy will be considered grounds for disciplinary action. A student’s person and/or personal effects (e.g., purse, book bag, athletic bag) may be searched whenever a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is in possession of illegal or unauthorized materials. If a properly conducted search yields illegal or contraband material, such findings shall be turned over to the proper legal authorities for ultimate disposition.

LOCKERS: Lockers Are School Property: All lockers assigned to pupils are the property of the school district. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of its lockers. The public school principal or his/her designee shall have custody of all combinations to all lockers or locks. Pupils are prohibited from placing locks on any locker without the advance approval of the public school principal or his/her designee.

LEGITIMATE USE OF SCHOOL LOCKERS: The school assigns lockers to its pupils for the pupils’ convenience and temporary use. Pupils are to use lockers exclusively to store school-related materials and authorized personal items such as outer garments, footwear, grooming aids, or lunch. Pupils shall not use the lockers for any other purpose, unless specifically authorized by school board policy or the public school principal or his/her designee, in advance of pupils bringing the items to school. Pupils are solely responsible for the contents of their lockers and should not share their lockers with other pupils, nor divulge locker combinations to other pupils, unless authorized by the public school principal or his/her designee.

SEARCH OF LOCKER CONTENTS: Random searches of school lockers and their contents may have a positive impact on deterring violations of school rules and regulations, ensure proper maintenance of school property, and provide greater safety and security for pupils and personnel. Accordingly, the board authorizes the public school principal or his/her designee to search lockers and locker contents at any time, without notice, and without parent/guardian or pupil consent. The public school principal or his/her designee shall not be obligated to but may request the assistance of a law enforcement officer in conducting a locker search. The public school principal or his/her designee shall supervise the search. In the course of a locker search, the public school principal or his/her designee shall respect the privacy rights of the pupil regarding any items discovered that are not illegal or against school policy and rules.

SEIZURE: When conducting locker searches, the public school principal or his/her designee may seize any illegal or unauthorized items, items in violation of board policy or rules, or any other items reasonably determined by the public school principal or his/her designee to be a potential threat to the safety or security of others. Such items include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, explosives, dangerous weapons, flammable material, illegal controlled substances or controlled substance analogues or other intoxicants, contraband, poisons, and stolen property. Law enforcement officials shall be notified immediately upon seizure of such dangerous items or seizure of items that schools are required to report to law enforcement agencies under the Statewide School Safety Information Policy. Any items seized by the public school principal or his/her designee shall be removed from the locker and held by school officials for evidence in disciplinary proceedings and/or turned over to law enforcement officials. The parent/guardian of a minor pupil, or a pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be notified by the public school principal or his/her designee of items removed from the locker.

SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Like all programming in the Swan Valley School District, our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming (Accounting 52.0800, CIT 11.0801, CIT 11.0201, CIT 11.0901, Technology Applications 52.0299) complies with the district nondiscrimination policy and is open to all students and stakeholders. The lack of English skills/proficiency will not be a barrier to admission in the program. CTE offerings at Swan Valley High School are open to all students who have met the prerequisite requirements/coursework. Prerequisite coursework is listed in the Course Offering Guide with a description of each offering (http://swanvalleyschools.com/files/user/3/file/2017_2018_Course_Offering_FINAL.pdf). For example, the successful completion of Technology Applications I is a prerequisite for enrollment in Technology Applications II and Computer Information Technology.



8th Grade Luau Send-Off

Our 8th graders celebrated the conclusion of their middle school years with a Luau party. They ate, danced and had a blast as they celebrated their friendships. This groups of students are ready for the high school and will surely be missed at SVMS.



September 10 • 6pm

SVMS Open House/ Curriculum Night

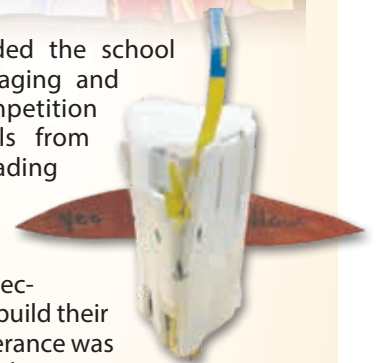
Please mark your calendars for 6pm, September 10th. You will be able to meet your child's teachers, learn about what they will be learning and get to see the school. It is very important to attend this event, as it lets your children know that you support and value their education. **See you there!**



Hidden Figures – Race to Space!



Sixth grade ended the school year with an engaging and collaborative competition incorporating skills from math, science, reading and social studies. Students solved math problems to unlock and locate necessary materials to build their heat shield. Perseverance was the key to winning this race!



A Fresh Look at SVMS!

Mrs. Medema has been updating our look around the middle school. She has been adding inspirational quotes around the building to remind and inspire our students to be the best they can be. Thank you Mrs. Medema for donating your time and talents to spruce things up a bit!



Project Based Learning in Grade 8

Eighth grade social students presented their "Come on President Hayes, Please Reconsider" projects to Senator Ken Horn on Monday, June 3rd. Students needed to use a variety of methods to convince President Hayes (Senator Horn) that removing federal troops from the United States South in 1877 was a bad move. Students used poetry, song, old newspapers, and many others to persuade the President that African

Americans were facing unspeakable conditions twelve years after the end of the Civil War.

A special thank you to Senator Horn for spending the morning with our students.





Best Wishes Ms. Flynn!

After serving SVMS for the past seven years, Ms. Flynn has accepted a new teaching position downstate to be closer to her family. She has been an amazing math teacher, mentor to NJHS students, Student Council Advisor and a coach.



Her positive energy and passion for teaching will be missed. We know she will be successful in her new school and wish her only the best!



Welcome Ali Denman!



Ms. Denman is our new 8th grade ELA teacher! She is a CMU (Fire Up Chips!) graduate and happens to be a Swan Valley Alumni as well. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, thrift shopping and sharing her musical talents by playing the guitar and singing. We are excited to have Ms. Denman join our SV family once again.

Once a Viking, Always a Viking!

The Music Never Stops... Even During Summer!

Several students from Swan Valley Middle and High School attended the annual Herter Music Center Band Camp this year held at YMCA Camp Timbers. Each year hundreds of students throughout Michigan attend Band Camp at Camp Timbers where they not only continue their music education and developing and honing their craft, but also build strong, long lasting friendships.

Each day, students attend sectionals with professional music educators from around the state who are experts on their instrument. They also participate in full ensemble rehearsals in preparation for a final public performance at the end of the camp week.

The Herter Music Center Band Camp is a weeklong camp that happens twice during the final two weeks of June each year.



Welcome Mrs. Braendle!



Due to the departure of Ms. Flynn it is my pleasure to welcome Mrs. Jessica Braendle as our new 8th grade math teacher. Mrs. Braendle comes to us as a graduate of Michigan State University with four years of high school teaching experience at Bridgeport and Muskegon Heights. She brings a solid knowledge of math content and high school expectations.

Swan Valley Middle School is pleased welcome Mrs. Braendle to the Swan Valley family. Help us to make her feel welcome when you see her this year.



Picture Day

at SVMS is

Friday, September 6, 2019

Check your mailbox for info from Lifetouch.

SAY CHEESE!



1st Grade Art Show

This past Spring 1st Grade held an Art Show for Parents. The artwork was great and the atmosphere with the parents was even better. Our students love showcasing their work with parents!



RunRaiser

Every year, RunRaiser is the end of the year event that students look forward to the most. Thank you to all of the planners, donors and volunteers that help to put the smiles on our students each year!



SHIELDS ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, October 7th No School
- Monday, October 14th Dentist's R Us
- Thursday, October 10th Picture Day
- Thursday, November 21st Picture Retakes Day
- Friday, November 15th End of Marking Period
- Wednesday & Thursday, December 4th & 5th Conferences
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, December 4th, 5th & 6th Half Days

New Faces In 2nd Grade

With Mrs. Trombley moving to the STEM position and needing another section of 2nd grade, we searched for two 2nd grade teachers this spring. We are happy to welcome **Mr. Babinski** and **Mrs. Schutter** to our team.



Mr. Babinski

has been teaching since 2011 across Michigan. He even taught at an Air Force base in Turkey.



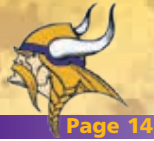
Mrs. Schutter

has taught at Havens for 9 years in 3rd grade.

Both are excited for the opportunity to teach at Shields. We are very happy to continue strengthening our already strong 2nd grade team.

Shields School Improvements Roof/Boilers

Thanks to voters in Thomas and James Township, a Sinking Fund was passed recently. We have started to see those improvements come to life at Shields. These improvements are not obvious to the public, but we see and feel them in the classrooms and halls at school. Gone are the water stained tiles because of the new Roof! Teachers can work faster and more efficiently with their updated computers, and come winter, our building will be heated more efficiently with our new boilers! We, here at Shields, appreciate everyone who played a part in making this happen!



NEWS FROM Shields & Havens Elementary Schools

STEM Special

We are always looking for ways to improve the experience that our students have at Shields and Havens. This year we are adding a STEM special. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We are excited that our very own Mrs. Trombley has taken that position. She will be teaching students much more than just computers and typing. This will surely become a favorite class of students as the year goes on!

Conferences/ Report Card Changes

We are looking to be more impactful with our conferences and report cards by having more information about our students before meeting with families. To help with this, we reworked report cards and moved conferences.

**Conferences will now be
December 4th and 5th.**



Dads of Great Students

SHIELDS ELEMENTARY is starting up a program this year to encourage more participation from Dads and male role models in the school. This fall look out for the kickoff for Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students). This program is a nationwide program that helps to bring some additional hands and positive male role models into buildings. These volunteers will have opportunities to help in the classroom, at recess, at lunch and in various other capacities.

We look forward to all of the Dads who become Watch D.O.G.S this year.

Havens Annual Fun Day



Our last day of school ended with obstacle courses, water slides, Karaoke and much more. It would not have been possible without the support of our Fun Day committee, staff, and many volunteers. Thank you!



STEM Day

Havens Students have opportunities throughout the year to engage in STEM activities. However, during the last week of school there is an entire day devoted to this.

Students engage in hands-on and team building type activities as they rotate from classroom to classroom throughout the day.





HAVENS 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet



Another amazing day for our Annual Track & Field Day!



SAVE the DATE!

- SEPTEMBER 18Havens Picture Day
- OCTOBER 7No School for students
- OCTOBER 29Havens Cookie Dough Sales Begin (*Cookie dough will be in before Winter break in time for your holiday baking*)
- NOVEMBER 15End of 1st Term
- DECEMBER 4 - 5.....Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- DECEMBER 4 - 6.....Students Half Days
- DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3, 2020.....Holiday Break (*No School*)

Havens Entertainment Coupon Books

Havens Entertainment Coupon Books go on sale beginning **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.**

These books are a great deal! They have spectacular coupons and you will more than make your money back. You can also download the app for even more savings.

Please call the Havens main office 921-4201 if you have any questions, or would like to purchase a book. These books help decrease the cost of the Hartley trip for our 5th graders and help buy books for our library and other items for our students.



New Faces at Havens Elementary!

We would like to welcome our new 5th grade teacher **Ms. Megan Kendra** and our new Special Education teacher **Ms. Christina Eisengruber.**



Megan Kendra is a Grand Valley State University graduate. She comes to us with a variety of experiences and training and no doubt with some new and creative ideas. She will be an amazing addition to the 5th grade team.

Christina Eisengruber is a former Swan Valley graduate. She will be a full-time Special Education teacher at Havens. She has experience working with youth of all ages as a teacher and a former coach. Her experiences will be an asset to the students, families, and staff at SV.



Best Wishes Mr. Trevor Szafranski

Trevor Szafranski taught in Swan Valley for 15 years. Most recently he had been teaching 5th grade at Havens. He has pursued a new endeavor as CEO of R1SE, Inc.



We would love you to save and drop off your Box Tops at **Havens Elementary!**

Thank you for your continued support!



2019 SPORTS INFO

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2019 SWAN VALLEY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

2019 VARSITY FOOTBALL

Thursday	August 29	Away	7:00	Cedar Springs
Friday	September 6	Away	7:00	Bridgeport
Friday	September 13	Home	7:00	Birch Run (<i>Parent Night</i>)
Friday	September 20	Home	7:00	Alma
Friday	September 27	Away	7:00	Frankenmuth
Friday	October 4	Away	7:00	Standish
Friday	October 11	Home	7:00	Freeland
Friday	October 18	Home	7:00	Garber (<i>Homecoming</i>)
Friday	October 25	Away	7:00	Flushing

2019 JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Wednesday	August 28	Home	6:00	Cedar Springs
Thursday	September 5	Home	7:00	Bridgeport
Thursday	September 12	Away	6:00	Birch Run
Thursday	September 19	Away	6:00	Alma
Thursday	September 26	Home	6:00	Frankenmuth
Thursday	October 3	Home	6:00	Standish
Thursday	October 10	Away	6:00	Freeland
Thursday	October 17	Away	6:00	Garber
Thursday	October 24	Home	6:00	Flushing

2019 FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Wednesday	August 28	Home	4:30	Cedar Springs
Thursday	September 5	Home	5:00	Detroit Country Day
Thursday	September 12	Away	6:30	Merrill
Thursday	September 19	Away	4:30	Alma
Thursday	September 26	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Thursday	October 3	TBA		
Thursday	October 10	Away	4:30	Freeland
Thursday	October 17	Away	5:00	Millington
Thursday	October 24	Home	4:30	Flushing

2019 VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Saturday	August 24	Home	9:00	Swan Valley Invitational
Wednesday	September 4	Away	7:00 ^{est}	Carson City-Crystal
Saturday	September 7	Away	8:00	Bay City Central Invitational
Monday	September 16	Away	5:00	Beaverton
Wednesday	September 18	Home	7:00 ^{est}	Birch Run
Saturday	September 21	Away	8:30	Heritage Invitational
Wednesday	September 25	Away	7:00 ^{est}	Frankenmuth
Monday	September 30	Home	5:00	Quad – Bay City Western/ Garber/St. Charles
Wednesday	October 2	Away	7:00 ^{est}	Standish
Saturday	October 5	Away	9:00	Chippewa Hills Invite
Wednesday	October 9	Home	7:00 ^{est}	Freeland
Monday	October 14	Away	5:00	Quad @ Birch Run Hemlock/Valley Lutheran
Wednesday	October 16	Home	7:00 ^{est}	Bridgeport (<i>Senior Night</i>)
Wednesday	October 23	Away	7:00 ^{est}	Garber
Saturday	October 26	Away	8:30	Brown City Invitational
Wednesday	October 30	Away	7:00 ^{est}	Alma
Saturday	November 2	Away	9:00	Conference @ Alma MS

Districts Hosted By: TBA – starting the week of November 4

2019 JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday	September 4	Away	5:30	Carson City-Crystal
Saturday	September 7	Away	8:00	St. Louis Invitational
Tuesday	September 10	Away	5:00	Quad @ Heritage/Flushing/ North Branch
Saturday	September 14	Away	9:00	Fulton Invitational
Monday	September 16	Away	5:00	Beaverton
Wednesday	September 18	Home	5:30	Birch Run
Wednesday	September 25	Away	5:30	Frankenmuth
Monday	September 30	Away	5:00	Quad @ Bay City Western/ St. Charles/Garber
Wednesday	October 2	Away	5:30	Standish
Wednesday	October 9	Home	5:30	Freeland
Saturday	October 12	Away	9:00	Heritage Invitational
Monday	October 14	Away	5:00	Quad @ Hemlock/ Valley Lutheran/Birch Run
Wednesday	October 16	Home	5:30	Bridgeport
Wednesday	October 23	Away	5:30	Garber
Wednesday	October 30	Away	5:30	Alma

2019 FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Monday	August 26	Away	5:30	Merrill
Saturday	September 7	Away	9:00	Pinconning Invitational
Saturday	September 14	Away	8:00	BC Central Invitational
Wednesday	September 18	Home	5:30	Birch Run
Wednesday	September 25	Away	5:30	Frankenmuth
Monday	September 30	Away	5:00	Quad @ St. Charles/ Bay City Western/Garber
Wednesday	October 2	Away	5:30	Standish
Wednesday	October 9	Home	5:30	Freeland
Monday	October 14	Away	5:00	Quad @ Valley Lutheran/ Hemlock/Birch Run
Wednesday	October 23	Away	5:30	Garber
Saturday	October 26	Away	8:30	Caro Invitational
Wednesday	October 30	Away	5:30	Alma

2019 VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday	August 22	Away	3:00	Birch Run @ Taymouth Park
Wednesday	September 4	Away	5:00	Ovid Elsie @ Uncle John's Cidermill
Tuesday	September 10	Home	4:30	TVC #1 @ Roberts Park
Friday	September 13	Away	12:00	MSU Invitational (Hosted by Garber)
Saturday	September 21	Away	TBA	
Tuesday	September 24	Away	4:30	TVC #2 @ Delta (Hosted by Garber)
Tuesday	October 1	Away	4:30	Birch Run Invitational 2
Tuesday	October 8	Away	4:30	TVC #3 @ Freeland
Tuesday	October 15	Away	4:00	TVC Conference (Hosted by Frankenmuth)
Saturday	October 19	Away	TBA	Saginaw County (Hosted by Frankenmuth)
Saturday	October 26	Away	9:00	Regionals @ Delta (Hosted by Heritage)
Saturday	November 2	Away	TBA	States @ M.I.S.

2019 BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Friday	August 16	Away	5:00	Tawas
Tuesday	August 20	Away	5:00	Bay City Western
Wednesday	August 21	Home	5:30	Bullock Creek
Friday	August 23	Home	5:30	Standish
Monday	August 26	Away	4:30	Frankenmuth
Wednesday	August 28	Home	5:30	Freeland
Tuesday	September 3	Away	7:00	Shepherd
Thursday	September 5	Away	4:30	Garber
Monday	September 9	Away	4:30	Alma
Wednesday	September 11	Home	5:00	Birch Run
Thursday	September 12	Away	4:30	Swartz Creek (@MS)
Monday	September 16	Away	4:30	Standish
Wednesday	September 18	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Monday	September 23	Away	7:00	Freeland
Thursday	September 26	Away	6:45	Linden
Monday	September 30	Home	5:00	Garber
Wednesday	October 2	Home	4:30	Alma (<i>Senior Night</i>)
Monday	October 7	Away	4:30	Birch Run

Districts: week of October 9 at TBA

Concussion Awareness

A student cannot participate in a school-sponsored or operated athletic activity until the student and a parent each have received the concussion fact sheet for students and the concussion fact sheet for parents, respectively. Both the student and parent must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the fact sheet or other concussion awareness educational material. The concussion awareness forms are in addition to the yearly sport physical required on or after the April 15th date of the previous school year.



Community members looking to volunteer to help at athletic events as ticket-takers, set-up crew, etc. can contact Athletic Director, Dave Adams at dadams@svsd.us

