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# SWAN VALLEY Communicator



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## CONGRATULATIONS SVHS Class of 2019



### The Swan Valley School District 1:1 Initiative; A Retrospective



*Superintendent McRae*

For those who may recall, May 7th of 2013 was one of many historic dates in the Swan Valley School District. On that date, the community once again displayed its overwhelming support for our district with the passage of a bond extension. This extension provided \$11.6 million dollars in needed security and infrastructure updates. \$1.6 million of these funds were reserved for technology improvements.

In the fall of 2013, we also learned that Swan Valley Middle School was the recipient of a Whole School Technology Transformation Grant. This grant, which was awarded to only fourteen schools in the state, was part of the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) Program which focused on growing schools technology infrastructure capacity, increasing the focus on curriculum and instruction, and providing learning, data, and access support to local schools. This grant provided nearly one half of a million dollars to the Swan Valley School District.

After much thought and research, The Swan Valley School District decided that it would transform the district into a 1:1 learning environment with this funding support. This recommendation came from the District Technology Committee and was supported by the Board of Education. Essentially, the recommendation provided every student and staff member in the district with a wireless device. Third through twelfth grade students would be assigned the device for the full year, and carts with devices would be in each young 5's through second grade classroom. Of course, the purchase of the device is a very small piece in the scope of a successful educational environment.

The 2018-2019 school year marks the fifth year for this initiative. We feel very fortunate not only to be the first school district in Saginaw County to pursue a district wide transition to a 1:1 learning environment, but also to sustain it successfully over that time period. This initiative was the first step in creating a 21st Century Learning environment for our students. This article will provide a "look back" at the research and work required to launch this initiative, how it has evolved over the years, and the vision for this initiative moving forward. In addition, it will address the perceived challenges associated with this initiative.

During the 2013-2014 school year a great deal of work went into preparing to launch this program. We relied on the support of other school districts around

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# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL • 8.26.19

**START/END TIMES:** HIGH SCHOOL: 7:30am – 2:15pm HAVENS: 8:20am – 3:20pm  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 7:30am – 2:25pm SHIELDS: 8:30am – 3:30pm



## News from Nutrition Services



**ALL NEGATIVE STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF JUNE!** If your child has a negative balance in his/her school meal account, please make every effort to pay the amount owed before the end of June. You can pay your negative account balance at the Nutrition Services Office located at 3283 Fashion Square Blvd., or mail a check or money order to: Nutrition Services, PO Box 6278, Saginaw, MI 48608, or make a deposit with online student account access. If you do not have online access, you may make a request for your USER NAME and PASSWORD at:

[www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Nutrition Services → Online Access Request

**ALL POSITIVE STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNT BALANCES WILL ROLL OVER TO NEXT YEAR AND BE AVAILABLE TO YOUR CHILD IN THE FALL.**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS A GRADUATING SENIOR** (if your senior has siblings, any balance left will be transferred to the sibling accounts) OR YOUR CHILD IS LEAVING THE DISTRICT, you can either "Pay It Forward" by donating your student's remaining balance to a needy student's school lunch account, or you can request an account refund, for amounts over \$5.00, by calling the Nutrition Services Office at 989-793-9713 or completing and mailing, faxing or emailing an Account Refund Request Form, located on the Nutrition Services home page at:

[www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Nutrition Services → Student Account Refund Request

**APPLICATIONS FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS** for the 2019-20 school year will not be available until early August. Please make sure you are submitting a current 2019-20 Free/Reduced Price Meal Application. OLD APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

**FREE SUMMER MEALS!** Several sites throughout the Greater Saginaw area are participating in the Summer Food Service Program, which provides free meals to children 18 years of age and younger. For more information on the Summer Food Service sites in the area, look for the Summer Food Service link on the Nutrition Services website at:

[www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Nutrition Services → MDE Summer Food Program

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!** Are you looking for something to do for a few hours during the day while the kids are at school? Do you like to interact with children? Would you like to earn a little extra spending money? If so, Nutrition Services is the place for you! The Nutrition Services Department is currently looking for substitute employees to work in the kitchens during lunch. Substitute employees work when regular employees are absent and assist with lunch set-up, serving meals to students and cleaning up after lunch, including washing dishes, pots and pans. The rate of pay is \$9.45 per hour and the shifts are a minimum of 3 hours. If you are interested in applying, go to the STCS Human Resources webpage at:

[www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Human Resources → Employment Opportunities

You are also welcome to apply in person at 3283 Fashion Square Blvd., or contact the Nutrition Services office at 989-793-9713, for more information.



Photo by Heidi McGrandy Photography

## Congratulations to our 2019 Adult Ed Graduates!

## Best of luck in your future success!

### SUPERINTENDENT from page 1

the state who had successfully launched similar initiatives including Fraser Public Schools and Boyne City Public Schools. There are a number of components that must be thoroughly analyzed and implemented for a 1:1 program to be successful. Those will be described here, but in order to keep the length of this article to a minimum, all of the components are described in the following document: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uqs0c9PUaAPjOCCHABmK-7LysUeFb94cgv68UcAOcUo0/edit> (NOTE: This entire article will also be available on our webpage for easy access to links).

Once the 1:1 initiative was established and the first year "kinks" were worked through, it was important to obtain stakeholder input. Students and staff were surveyed after the first year, and the district offered a few parental information sessions as well. Findings from the surveys included:

- 90% of teachers agreed that the iPads increased student engagement in the classroom.
- 85% of teacher responded favorably to the use of Schoology.
- The iPad was most used for the benefit of instructional apps, as a research tool, and for creating and presenting.
- High majority of students preferred accessing and turning in assignments electronically (Schoology) as opposed to "old school."
- 80-90% of students said the iPad was used daily in nearly all classes.
- Over 80% greatly appreciated the use of the iPad in instruction.
- A vast majority of secondary students noted that the benefits of the iPad in Math class were very substantial.

Absolutely the most important piece to a successful 1:1 environment (or any initiative for that matter) is the people. In the words of Todd Whitaker "It is the people, not the program that makes a difference." The success that the Swan Valley School District has enjoyed with this initiative over the last five years has been due to the people involved: the administrative leadership, the support of the Saginaw Intermediate School District, the people who have helped with training and support, and most importantly: the teachers.

The Swan Valley School District is known for its caring and committed teaching staff who give one hundred percent to all they do. They quickly realized the impact this initiative would have on student learning and implemented it with fidelity. In addition, the district leadership knew that providing the teachers with proper training and support was critical to this venture. For the first three years, we hired a 21st Century Instructional Technology Coach, but transitioned to building technology coaches in year four. We also started the High School V-Team (Viking Technology Education Assistance Mentors) who help with daily iPad issues and repair the devices as needed. We also worked with the SISD, the Genesee Intermediate School District, and Apple to provide quality and sustainable professional development. Recently this professional development has transitioned more to self-directed online training through Edupaths and Apple Provided Professional Development. Many of our teachers have earned

the distinction of Apple Teachers and the High School is in pursuit of becoming an Apple Distinguished School. The district shared vision has been to transform instruction with technology so that a majority of the lessons are taught at the modification or redefinition levels of the SAMR model. A description of the SAMR model can be found here: <https://www.schoolology.com/blog/samr-model-practical-guide-edtech-integration>

While the last five years have not been without hiccups, we can all agree that nothing worth doing ever came easy. Along the way, we have had our share of naysayers and those who may not necessarily agree with our vision for technology integration. Most of the pushback comes from three main concerns: misuse, student "screen time," and potential physical harm from the device (i.e blue light). The ironic reality is that we as educators agree with these concerns. This is why we have rules that regulate improper use and hold students accountable. It is also why our teachers are committed to a blend of technology and non-technology learning in their classrooms. Paper, pencil, crayons, scissors, and other "educational tools" are still very commonplace in classrooms especially at the elementary level. Also, educators are very committed to limiting student screen time while at school; it is our hope that families take the same stance at home. We remind all students to put their device on night mode or activate the "blue light filter" in case there is a negative impact on their sight, sleep patterns, or any other health concerns.

We believe that learning is a never-ending process and adult research and information gathering is encouraged. Therefore, in the spirit of transparency, we have created the following Google Doc that provides pro and con articles that we gathered addressing some of these concerns. These articles are shared in administrative and staff meetings to keep this conversation alive. This document can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TKQBHASK-KPxeE3Fxf4viC2BW9XFMa1iJ0gW-EUW1Ds/edit>

The final concern when we launched this 1:1 initiative five years ago was the sustainability of the program. As was mentioned earlier, this would never have come to fruition without the communities' support of the 2013 bond extension. However, we also thank our community for the passage of the August 2018 sinking fund millage that allowed us to continue this commitment to technology integration.

When students and staff are asked what would happen if our 1:1 initiative disappeared tomorrow, the responses are stunned silence, vehement opposition, and outright declaration that this is not possible. On behalf of the Swan Valley Board of Education, I would like to thank all stakeholders for their dedication and commitment to our students. We deeply appreciate the trust you have in us to make decisions that are in the best interest of your children. Administrators, teachers, parents, and community members have proven that, together, we can create amazing opportunities for ALL of our students. We eagerly anticipate the 2019-2020 school year, but for now, we wish all of you a relaxing summer reprieve or, at least, an enjoyable change of pace.



# Swan Valley Learning Center



## Summer Program

Swan Valley Learning Center is a fully licensed year-round program that provides a Summer Program. 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.

During our Summer Program, we provide a nutritional balanced breakfast daily, with a variety of hot and cold choices to ensure they start their day out right. We offer many opportunities for learning and fun through weekly field trips. We plan many on site activities by incorporating outside resources to assist with additional learning programs to keep our children engaged. Our Summer Program offers variety and quality care. Your children will be sure to create memories they will remember for a lifetime.

Any child who meets the age requirement (3-12) is welcomed to attend our Summer program. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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



## 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. These students are required to attend on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The cost of classes are \$100.00 for credit recovery and free/reduced lunch student cost is \$50.00.

Swan Valley Community Education classes are held on week-nights throughout the school district. Classes range from technology, enrichment, development, exercise, STEM classes and K12 programs. To see the list of class offerings, please go to our website which can be found at <http://swanvalleyschools.com/District/Portal/community-education1>

You may register for classes or view flyers by using this link.

### Classes Begin August 26, 2019

TIME	COURSE	TEACHER
<b>MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY</b>		
2:00-3:00pm	2nd Hour Academic Success	Hanson
<b>MONDAY &amp; WEDNESDAY</b>		
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
<b>TUESDAY &amp; THURSDAY</b>		
3:00-5:00pm	4th Hour Science Courses	Halvin
5:00-7:00pm	6th Hour Wood Technology A	Wachowicz
5:00-7:00pm	6th Hour Social Studies Courses	Haggitt
7:00-9:00pm	8th Hour Virtual Courses	Online
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9:00am-12:30pm	1st Hour Electives Courses	Hanson

### Swan Valley School District Board of Education Meetings

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 • 7:00pm**  
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

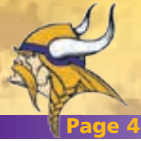
**Thursday, July 18, 2019 • 7:00pm**  
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

**Thursday, August 15, 2019 • 7:00pm**  
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 • 7:00pm**  
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

### 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. If you would like further information, contact the Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Department at 781-0150.



## Congratulations Class of 2019!



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Heidi McGrandy Photography

## Class of 2019 Scholarships

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 for setting yet another new record for "Scholarships Offered" to the senior class. At this point, the class of 2019 has reported over 4.3 million dollars being offered to them and there are still more scholarships coming in for these fine young men and women. This is an all-time record for SVHS!

The students worked very hard at completing applications, writing essays, and

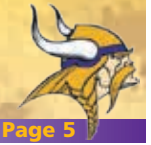
taking all the necessary steps needed to be awarded such an outstanding amount of money to further their studies beyond high school and focus on their futures. We are proud of all their efforts and accomplishments.

A special thank you to our staff who also worked hard to help these students achieve this outstanding record. Countless hours of mock interviews, proofreading essays, and

writing numerous letters of recommendation all played a major role and had a tremendous impact on assisting our students on this journey.

Thank you to everyone for celebrating the success of our senior class at Senior Awards night and at our Commencement Ceremony!

*Again Class of 2019, CONGRATULATIONS!  
You have made us all very proud!*



## SVHS ACADEMIC HONORS CLASS OF 2019 TOP 10 STUDENTS



**Emmet Lewis**  
VALEDICTORIAN



**Chase Resio**  
VALEDICTORIAN



**Jordan Thompson**  
SALUTATORIAN



**Alyssa Erlenbeck**



**Amber Baase**



**Kailee Conley**



**Rawly Scarmeas**



**Seth Stajdl**



**Jacob Hostetler**



**Blake Pearsall**



**Joshua Chambers**

## SVHS 2019 TOP 20 STUDENTS

Emmet Lewis  
Chase Resio  
Jordan Thompson  
Alyssa Erlenbeck  
Amber Baase  
Kailee Conley  
Rawly Scarmeas  
Seth Stajdl  
Jacob Hostetler  
Blake Pearsall  
Joshua Chambers  
Alex Fries  
Dakota Snook  
Joseph Turpin  
Connor Webb  
Evan Myles  
Alyssa Shuler  
Lauren Clark-Czolgosz  
Drew Zolinski  
Alyssa Anderson  
Logan Keyser

## PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNERS

Top 20 students GPA and 1220 SAT / 27 ACT

Emmet Lewis  
Chase Resio  
Jordan Thompson  
Alyssa Erlenbeck  
Amber Baase  
Kailee Conley  
Rawly Scarmeas  
Seth Stajdl  
Jacob Hostetler  
Blake Pearsall  
Joshua Chambers  
Alex Fries  
Dakota Snook  
Joseph Turpin  
Connor Webb  
Evan Myles  
Josh Bula  
Jacob Chambers



## Decision Day

Once again our senior class started off their last official day with breakfast in the Library Media Center! Donuts, muffins, juice, and cider were provided as we celebrated the 2019 Decision Day! Students shared their future plans and goals with their classmates. The cheers of support and congratulations rang out! It was a wonderful way to start their last day of high school.



## Beautification Day

Beautification Day was on May 24th this year. This was a day for seniors to work together and make a difference in the community. Consumers Energy and Hemlock Semiconductor contributed with supplies and volunteers to build picnic tables for Roberts Park. Seniors planted flowers, raked, weeded and painted at Roberts Park, Roethke Park, James Township Cemetery, the Nature Preserve and the Thomas Township Park and offices. They also cleaned up the Thomas Township Rail Trail, the high school, and went to area businesses to plant flowers.

We would like to thank the area businesses for their support to the Swan Valley School District: Consumers Energy, First Area Credit Union, Gratiot Animal Hospital, Garber Chevrolet, Hemlock Semiconductor, Stroebel Automotive and Suburban Cleaners.





## Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2018-19 School Year

Business Professionals of America is an organization that was founded in 1966 and is a part of many schools throughout the country. Through this organization, students compete in over 90 workplace skills events and attempt to be the best in their region, state, and ultimately the nation. The Swan Valley BPA chapter was established in 2000 and has not only grown exponentially in member size but has made giving back to the community a priority. The first year of our chapter included eight students, a number which has increased immensely over the years. With the guidance and leadership of advisors Mrs. Dawn Perez, Mrs. Kristin Palmer, and Mr. Ken Bourbina, our chapter has grown to record sizes within the Michigan Association, and has received numerous recognitions and awards at the regional, state, and national level.

At the first BPA meeting of the year, usually held at the end of September, members are able to request what events they would like to compete in. Events vary from all different types of business-based events, from presentations and speeches to computer events that require extensive use of certain Microsoft programs. Students compete against others at their events at the regional, state, and national levels, which not only helps them prepare for the future, but gives them a sense of what the business world is like. Both individual and small group events are available as well as computer or presentation events. In the past nineteen years, Swan Valley BPA members have participated in the state competition every year and have been sending members to the national competition for thirteen years.

This year's regional competition was held on December 19th at Baker College in Flint. All 69 members competed at their events against other schools in our region. Along with competing in their events, members also have the opportunity to participate in the Torch Awards program. This program requires components from seven different fields to create an online resume of students' achievements and service. Torch Awards are awarded at four levels: Executive, Diplomat, Statesman, and Ambassador. Dozens of students from Swan Valley have received Torch Awards, including several who have achieved the Ambassador status.

Along with the regional competition, Swan Valley's chapter has been very successful at the state competition which took place in Grand Rapids on March 14th-17th. With 46 members attending, it was a weekend packed full of professionalism yet fun. On the arrival day, Vice President Scarmeas and Treasurer Feldotte performed an unforgettable karaoke performance to get the weekend started. The following day entailed computer competitions as well as the opening ceremony, where the twelve members who achieved the Statesman Torch Award were recognized. The next day consisted of presentation and team events along with a formal dinner and a dance to celebrate the conclusion of everyone's events. On the last day, the award ceremony took place, in which students find out if they've placed in their events. This year, Swan Valley had



22 members place seventh place or higher and we have 11 members going to represent our community this May in Anaheim, California.

This year's officer team consists of President Alyssa Shuler, Vice President Rawly Scarmeas, Treasurer Adlar Feldotte, Secretary Seth Stajdl, Historian Dakota Walderzak, and Parliamentarian Hannah Webb. Through their time as an officer team, they have done a lot for the chapter. Every year, there is a service project projected to the members of BPA, giving them a chance to give back. This year, the service project was "Serve those who serve". Vice President Scarmeas decided to hold a coin drive to raise money for Wreaths Across America, an organization that lays wreaths on the graves of veterans who have passed, as well as collect items for Operation Care Package. Throughout the week of December 10th-14th, the Swan Valley Chapter raised over four hundred dollars for Wreaths Across America and collected over two hundred items for Operation Care Package.

The officer team, along with the high school advisors and members of the Business Leaders of Tomorrow class, have also been working diligently on maintaining The Student Store. By opening during lunches once a week as well as during basketball games, students are able to volunteer to work in the store, in which part of the sales go to the BPA members working the store and part goes to the chapter as a whole. Stocked full of different kinds of ice cream, lots of Swan Valley apparel, candy, school supplies, and lots more, students as well as those from the community are able to purchase things from the store to help out our chapter.

## SVHS to Offer Computer Science Courses with Amazon Future Engineer

More than 1,000 high schools across the country are participating in Amazon Future Engineer, an initiative making computer science available to all students.

Amazon Future Engineer is a four-part, childhood-to-career program that works to inspire and educate 10 million children and young adults each year to pursue careers in the fast-growing field of computer science and coding – Amazon Future Engineer focuses on access for all.

SWAN VALLEY High School is now part of the Amazon Future Engineer program and will receive funding from Amazon to start offering computer science classes to students this [Spring/Fall]. SWAN VALLEY High School is one of more than 1,000 high schools across the country currently signed up for Amazon Future Engineer, a national program aimed at making computer science accessible to all students. With more than 1,000 high schools signed up, Amazon Future Engineer will serve tens of thousands of high school students. With Amazon Future Engineer's funding, SWAN VALLEY High School will offer Intro to Computer Science and Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science classes through curriculum provider, Edhesive. Amazon's funding provides preparatory lessons, tutorials, and professional development for teachers, fully sequenced and paced digital curriculum for students, and live online support every day of the week for both teachers and students. These full-year courses are designed to inspire, prepare, and propel students in their pursuit of computer science education. All students participating in this program will receive a free membership to AWS Educate which provides them with free access to computing power in the AWS Cloud for their coding projects and content to learn about cloud computing.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by 2020 there will be 1.4 million computer-science-related jobs available and only 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Computer science is the fastest growing profession within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) field, but only 8% of STEM graduates earn a computer science degree, with a tiny minority from underprivileged backgrounds. And, underprivileged students are 8 to 10 times more likely to pursue college degrees in computer science if they have taken AP computer science in high school. "We want to ensure that every child, especially those from underprivileged communities, has an opportunity to study computer science," said Jeff Wilke, CEO Worldwide Consumer, Amazon. "We are excited more than 1,000 schools will now provide these courses, and look forward to adding 1,000 more schools over the coming months." Launched in November, 2018, Amazon Future Engineer is a four-part childhood-to-career program intended to inspire, educate, and prepare children and young adults from underprivileged, underrepresented, and underserved communities to pursue careers in the fast-growing field of computer science. Each year, Amazon Future Engineer aims to inspire more than 10 million kids to explore computer science; provide over 100,000 young people in over 2,000 high schools access to Intro or AP Computer Science courses; award 100 students with four-year \$10,000 scholarships, as well as offer guaranteed and paid Amazon internships to gain work experience. Amazon Future Engineer is part of Amazon's \$50 million investment in computer science/STEM education. In addition, Amazon Future Engineer has donated more than \$10 million to organizations that promote computer science/STEM education across the country.



## SVHS & Cignys Partnership

Swan Valley High School made some history as we hosted another signing ceremony for one of our amazing graduating seniors. However, this signing was not sports related... not that a sports scholarship is a bad thing! But, after months of planning and studying and discussing the best way to realize our goal, SVHS and Cignys, a local manufacturer, presented Josh Chambers with a full ride scholarship to the skilled trades department at Delta College. Josh will "learn and earn" over the next couple years as he studies CNC Machining at Delta and works on the shop floor at Cignys. He will graduate "debt free" with an Associate's Degree and enjoy guaranteed employment at Cignys. Another awesome benefit is that Josh will earn money while studying and learning his craft. Congratulations to Josh and the entire Chambers family!



## SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

# 2019 After Prom Party



After Prom Party 2019 was an outstanding event for Swan Valley High School juniors and seniors. Our 29th year hosted 110 students during this parent-planned event. Students enjoyed a buffet, won play money at Las Vegas themed games, and won prizes in a Chinese Auction. Thanks to your support we were able to give away over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. Some of this year's prizes included: Laptop computer, Loons baseball tickets, 40" TVs, Michael Kors watch, Kate Spade purse, Xbox One, Dorm Refrigerator, Kane Brown concert tickets, and many more great items and gift cards. To end the evening, one lucky winner walked away with the Grand Prize of \$500 cash.

The After Prom Party committee would like to thank Swan Valley High School staff & students and all the businesses, individuals and parents who contributed to the success of the 2019 After Prom Party. Without your remarkable generosity, we would not be able to offer this safe, alcohol-free event. We encourage everyone to frequent the below listed businesses that support our schools. We would also like to extend a huge "thank you" to the many volunteers who gave their time and effort in planning, setting-up, taking down, and working the event. If you would like to become a sponsor of this event please contact Kim Grandy at (810) 338-9152 for more information.



- Arby's
- Avenue Hair Studio & Salon
- Brady Drug Store
- Catholic Federal Credit Union – Saginaw
- Champion Fence Co.
- Chili's
- Denny's
- Daniel P. Sheridan, D.D.S
- Family Video – Shields
- First Area Credit Union – Shields
- Flannigans
- Freeland Sports Zone
- Garber – Shields
- Golden Corral
- G's Pizza
- Henderson Hardwood Floors
- Heritage Accounting
- Huntington Bank (River Road)
- Ironman Off Road
- Jimmy John's – Saginaw
- Kiwanis Club of Saginaw/Thomas Twp.
- Kluck's Nursery
- Lawn Barbers
- Leddy Electric
- Little Caesars
- Lone Star Western Store
- Magical I Do's
- Magma Gems
- Mayan Agency
- McDonald's Restaurant – Shields
- National Guard

- Oo La La Hair Salon
- Pay It Forward
- Photography by Heidi
- Polish Falcons
- Prestige Jewelry
- Quality 10 GDX
- Qdoba
- Riverfront Eyecare
- Sandlot Sports
- Sky Zone
- Sport Tee
- State Bank – Saginaw
- Stroebel Automotive
- Studio 46
- Susan Brady & Associates, PLLC
- Swan Valley H.S. Athletic Department
- Taco Bell – Shields
- TGI Fridays
- Thomas Township Fire Association
- Tim Horton's – Shields
- United Financial Credit Union
- UNO Chicago Grill
- Willow Salon & Spa
- Xscape Quest
- DuRussel Family
- Erlenbeck Family
- Ewald Family
- Gardner and Family
- Keating Family
- Shaheen/Decess Family





## SVHS 2018-19 Trimester Two Academic Honors

### CUM LAUDE

#### FRESHMEN

Ashley Blehm  
Chase Cupp  
Joshua Hamlin  
Gage Hammis  
Brett Johnson  
Chloe Katz  
Noah Komyathy  
Ashlyn McGregor  
Steven Ochoa  
Kierra Simerson  
Braxton Stipanovich  
Elijah Williams

#### SOPHOMORES

Evan Androl  
Shya Jones  
Peter Kross  
Tylee Peek  
Paige Rosas  
Lauryn Schark  
Raine Smith  
Raven Thompson  
Hunter Tiitola

#### JUNIORS

Claire Bierlein  
Abigail Bremer  
Paige Brown  
Blake DuFort  
Zachary Gehrcke  
Isabella Ginardi  
Lucas Gosen  
Rylee Handeguand  
Jacob Jankowiak  
Carson Kaeckmeister  
Natalie Kuhn  
Quinn Leahy  
Skylar Mason  
Thomas Pufahl  
Connor Shoemaker  
Tristan Stikeleather  
George Weadock  
Ian Williams

#### SENIORS

Mitchel Boehler  
Payge Brandt  
Jacob Ciesla  
Maria Duperon  
Ruben Estevez  
Jacob Flory  
Anisela Gallardo  
Lauren Gorney  
Andre Mathis  
Rici Mikusek  
Ashton Pearsall  
Elizabeth Reis  
Cameron Smith

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

#### FRESHMEN

Hallie Ackerman  
Mark Adams  
Laikyn Arndt  
Lauren Bielby  
Caleb Brandel  
Cam'ren Brownfield  
Jermaine Clemmons  
James Corriveau  
Castulo Diaz  
Mason Ferrier  
Noah Furlo  
Jacob Garpiel  
Tommi-Leigh Gunlock  
Samuel Hart  
Hudson Karst  
Genevieve Kilts  
Nathan Kumar  
Megan LaLonde  
Corey Leas  
Tara Lynn  
Jacob Means  
Adrianna Mileski  
Rosemarie Miller  
Hannah Murphy  
Kirsten Nichols  
Brandon Reese

Lucas Seamon  
Dana Sparks  
Hunter Taylor  
Maggie Thiel  
Alexandra Turner  
Cameron Vacik  
Jesse Vasquez  
Chloe Watters  
Audrey Yaklin  
Jackson Zamora  
McKyla Ziembo

#### SOPHOMORES

Cain Brocht  
Joseph Bula  
Jessica Burgess  
Maxwell Dawson  
Emily Dombrowski  
Eric Dunn  
Benjamin Fordney  
Grace Frontiera  
Ian Ginardi  
Avery Goldensoh  
Matthew Guerrero  
Allison Jones  
Gavin Kinney  
Celine Krugielki  
Donovan Leahy  
Zachary Mitchell  
Kylee Moore  
Lawton Pietz  
Santiago Casas  
Anna Schict  
Collin Schramke  
Andrew Shouey  
Brandon Stallings  
Ariel Trumble  
Andrew Waterman  
Hunter Williams  
Camden Windy

#### JUNIORS

Evan Benemann  
Isiah Blondin  
Kyle Brown  
Heather Buchholz  
Michael Bunker  
Kathleen Demosthenous  
Jaden Derleth

Anna Dusenbury  
Jacob Gardey  
Trenton Geth  
Hailey Grover  
Teresa Hernandez  
Bryana Hutter  
James Kilts  
Jackson Kocur  
Mia Lazzaro  
Shana Leitz  
Vittorio Mancini  
Nathan McClure  
Norris Nguyen  
Cassidy Palmateer  
Marrissa Price  
Eliza Roberts  
Sarah Root  
Andrew Rousseau  
Myah Rousseau  
Wyatt Schalk  
Quynn Sonefeld  
Bryce Stevenson  
Gannon Troutman  
Gregory Wortley

#### SENIORS

Trevor Achtabowski  
Austin Bellinger  
Caleb Bielby  
Caitlyn Calangelo  
Joselyn Chaidez  
Lauren Clark-Czolgosz  
Jordan DeLisle  
Samantha Emeott  
Mallory Eurich  
Nolan Everts  
Sean Flory  
Isaiah Galaviz  
Sophia Gilmore  
James Hogue  
Mikenna Jackson  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Scott Kolevar  
Matthew LaLonde  
Brock Leinberger  
Alexis Malacara  
Hallie McIntyre  
Hunter McLellan  
Haley Mefford

Mattison Moyer  
Shelby Notter  
Hayley Pearsall  
Karsyn Pearsall  
Keegan Schrems  
Kaitlyn Shields  
Georgia Shillington  
Conner Sika  
Rebecca Sova  
Logan Van Bocxlaer  
Stuart Vetengle  
Austin Williams  
Hunter Windy  
Lily Zamora

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

#### FRESHMEN

Kayla Baase  
Alyssa Bell  
Kyra Booth  
Dodge Butler  
Rachel Ciesla  
Thomas Davis  
Avarie Dupuis  
Amy Earley  
Nicole Enderi  
Brody Fennelly  
Makenna Fruk  
Logan Fuller  
Emma Gaertner  
Trevor Grandy  
Alessia Gunter  
Zachary Hahn  
Madison Hinsky  
Maxwell Kerby  
Elizabeth Killingbeck  
Alyssa Leddy  
Alexander McClure  
Jeremiah Neumann  
Ethan Parker  
Adam Pitts  
Abigail Rigterink  
Julia Rosas  
Hailey Sobol

Lauren Sprague  
Matthew Todd  
Halie Turner  
Brice Tweddle  
Connor Van Bocxlaer  
Madison Walker  
Amy Walkiewicz  
Meagan Woods  
Abigail Woycik

#### SOPHOMORES

Nolan Bailey  
Michaela Bell  
Olivia Bell  
Leah Benjamin  
Mitch Benson  
Alexis Bissonnette  
McKenzie Bostwick  
Ariana Burden  
Paige Catlin  
Joshua Crump  
Makenna Dawson  
Maya Demand  
Hunter DuCharme  
Ian Erlenbeck  
Malerie Ferrier  
Hailey Florence  
Aiden Hooverman  
Morgan Johnson  
Rachel Joslyn  
Zoe Kalnbach  
Jaina Kittle  
Hannah Koch  
Brooke Kolevar  
Brooke Krieger  
Rachel Krupnek  
Ellie MacDonald  
Megan Menchaca  
Alexander Mileski  
Nicholas Peters  
Jolie Phillips  
Christopher Rigterink  
Paige Schrems  
Riley Schreur  
Elizabeth Simons  
Amanda Skentzos  
Patricia Stark  
Bowen Steinke

Emma Stephens  
Justin Teets  
Teagan Waite  
Hannah Webb  
Jalen Williams  
Hunter Wiskup

#### JUNIORS

Trent Alworden  
Camille Baniel  
Mallory Brooks  
Nicholas Buckstiegel  
Olivia Caylor  
Ethan Champney  
Anna Dornseifer  
Rachel DuRussel  
Adlar Feldotte  
Abigail Fowler  
Easton Goldensoph  
Marcial Gutierrez  
Samantha Inman  
Mitchell Jebb  
Abigail Kerby  
Emma Krupnek  
Sam Lea  
Mikayla Lietzke  
William Lipscomb  
Jacob Martin  
Hannah Mercer  
Audree Midcalf  
Ara Nab  
Alicia Piwowarski  
Bridget Raedy  
Jack Raines  
Jadyn Rogers  
Taylor Sas  
Nicole Seamon  
Katelyn Taylor  
Yina Todd  
Seth Toth  
Andrew Tweddle  
Alyssa Vasquez  
Marissa Walker  
Sofie Wickham

#### SENIORS

Samantha Al-Sahuri  
Alyssa Anderson  
Amber Baase

Bradley Bujouves  
Jacob Chambers  
Joshua Chambers  
Kailee Conley  
Zachary Crawford  
Emmalie Dorr  
Gabriella Duron  
Kelsie Ellerman  
Alyssa Erlenbeck  
Kennedy Ewald  
Mikaylin Ferrier  
Lindsey Florence  
Alex Fries  
Rorey Garner  
Jacob Gilbert  
Lakyn Gohsman  
Jacob Hostetler  
Logan Keyser  
Sara Krawczak  
Emmet Lewis  
Hope Meyers  
Sara Miller  
Evan Myles  
Chase Oldenburg  
Christopher Pape  
Clayton Parker  
Blake Pearsall  
Matthew Pike  
Clarissa Redburn  
Chase Resio  
Peyton Rundell  
De'Ondric Sanders  
Olivia Sauve  
Rawly Scarmees  
Season Schultz  
Alyssa Shuler  
Dakota Snook  
Seth Stajdl  
Alexis Stanfill  
Jorden Thompson  
Joseph Turpin  
Sabrina Vetengle  
Connor Webb  
Drew Zolinski



## Thank You Mrs. Hoyle!



All good things must come to an end. It is with a heavy heart we say goodbye to our ELA/PE teacher Mrs. Emily Hoyle. In her short time with SVMS she has demonstrated true commitment to her students, staff and district. Mrs. Hoyle has been a Teacher, Coach, School Improvement Chair, BPA Advisory and Instructional Technology Coach. Mrs. Hoyle has shown our students that with hard work and a positive attitude they can achieve anything.

She leaves us to begin a new chapter of her life as her husband has received an honorable promotion. She may become a Hoosier, but in Swan Valley we know...

***"Once a Viking, Always a Viking!"***



## Algebra Students Make Career Connections

Ms. Flynn's eighth grade Algebra students participated in the 6th annual Algebra Job Shadow Day on May 10th. Sixty-nine students located a business in the tri-cities, in a field of study that they were interested in, and spent at least 4 hours job shadowing there. The students sent emails and made phone calls to plan and verify the logistics of their visit. They researched, prepared interview questions and discussed expectations for the day. This real-world experience allowed students to see the implementation of math in various careers. Through this project, they were able to work in collaboration with business professionals and witness the importance of math from a new perspective.

Students were positive about their experiences and shared appreciation for their experience. Nathan Coffel stated, "I enjoyed working with Dr. Wagner because she was really friendly and she explained her profession in-depth to me." While Owen Galsterer reported, "I got to see how important math is for my future career." Andrew Grover said, "I enjoyed getting to see the behind-the-scenes work that takes place at Baseball Heaven." Tyler DuRussel visited Nexteer and said, "It was cool how they used x-y-z tables to make 3-D shapes in different computer software."



## Student Council Supports Special Olympics

Members from our Student Council traveled to SVSU's Ryder Center to volunteer at Special Olympics. Mrs. Wilcox and her Student Council student partnered with the Optimist Club of Saginaw to pack hundreds of lunches for the volunteers and athletes. They enjoyed watching the athletes compete and cheered them on!





## SVMS Students Show Artistic Talents



The 32nd Annual Saginaw County Art Exhibit was from April 29th through May 5th, 2019 at the Fashion Square Mall. Student artists in K-12 were featured from schools all over Saginaw County.

Swan Valley Middle School had 68 pieces of artwork in the show and 54 students were represented there. Our 2019 Best of Show Art Award went to eighth grader, Hailey Hart, who had three separate pieces of artwork displayed in this year's show. She was the recipient of a \$125 check from the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club of Shields at a special art awards breakfast at Sullivan's restaurant on Thursday, May 9th.

We are so proud of all of our participants and look forward to next year's show in the spring.



## 8th Grade Students Travel to Washington, D.C.

Our students experienced the unique opportunity of standing in the footsteps of our nation's heroes, honoring the fallen in Arlington National Cemetery, laying a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and exploring museums and monuments that represent our country's history.



### We wish Mrs. Karen Peterson the absolute best as she moves into retirement.

Mrs. Peterson has served Swan Valley Middle School for 25 years as an Instructional Aide. Her impact on our students and staff has been like no other. Mrs. Decker described her best in a poem she wrote for her titled, *A Peaceful Presence*. Here is a small snippet of the poem:

*We are fortunate to have had her  
be part of our staff,  
She comes through with a witty remark  
or an unexpected laugh.  
A wizard at math and heavy on a patient mind,  
She is skilled with all learners,  
always persistent and kind.*



## Middle School Start & End Times for 2019-2020



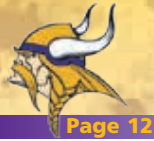
Due to supervision and parking lot traffic, we ask our middle school parents to follow a staggered arrival schedule in the morning. Please honor the following schedule.

**School Begins: 7:30 am • School Ends: 2:25 pm**

### STAGGERED ARRIVAL:

**Bus Riders: 7:00-7:10 am • Breakfast Begins: 7:10am**

**Car Riders (not eating breakfast): 7:20 am**



## 2nd Graders Learn About Local Government

Local officials visited our 2nd graders to talk about local government. It was a learning experience for everyone!

*Thank you to all the men and women who serve us in our community.*



## Shields & Havens FAMILY DANCE

The 2nd Annual "Spring Fling" Shields/Havens Family Dance went off without a hitch this year! The families looked wonderful and students had a great time!



## Earth Day Pick Up!

First grade students cleaned up the schoolyard for Earth Day! Three bags of litter were collected!

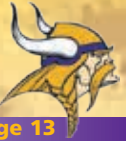


## Students Visit Swanhaven

Throughout the year, kindergartners at Shields visit the folks at Swanhaven to lift spirits and ring in holidays. Kindergartners from Mrs. Wilson's and Mrs. Pawlick's class visited recently to celebrate Spring and Easter!

Our Student Lighthouse Team visited Swanhaven in May to read to the residents. Students and adults alike had a blast!





## Kiwanis Sponsored **SHOE DRIVE**

Kiwanis Shoe Drive was a huge success! Between the community, JB Boots, and our own Elementary Schools, we've collected over 1000 pairs of shoes!



## Shields Flower Trot

Shields Students rang in Spring with the first annual Flower Trot. For every lap they ran, students received a flower to add to their post trot artwork! The students had a lot of fun!

Thank you to Meijer for donating grapes for a post trot snack!



## SHIELDS *Spring Concert*

Parents and families were regaled by students at the Spring Concert this year! Students sang and danced to songs from various genres and eras. Some students also played instruments and sang solos!

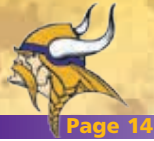
***What a great group of students!***



# March is Reading Month!

Reading is important all the time at Shields, but especially during March. We celebrate reading in so many ways at Shields! We have guest presenters, dress up days and RIF, just to name a few!





## SAVE the Date!

- Elementary Registration will take place on-line again this year. Details will be sent/ emailed home. Havens and Shields registration on-line completion deadline is August 16. If you need assistance with online registration you may call the Havens office at 921-4201 or the Shields office at 921-4701.
- Havens Open House/Curriculum night will be August 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Details will be sent closer to that date. Shields Elementary Open House/Curriculum night will be August 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.
- 5th graders will be going to Hartley in early October. Payment for the trip will be due by Friday, September 20.

First Day of School for students will be **AUGUST 26th**

## Salmon in the Classroom

Beth Pufahl and Lori Vacik participated in Salmon in the Classroom through a grant offered by the Dow Corning Foundation at Saginaw Valley State University. Both classrooms raised salmon from egg to the smolt stage. Students participated in testing water parameters, changing water, and making general observations of the salmon. The classrooms released the salmon into the Tittabawassee River on Friday, May 26th.



# MARCH INTO READING

Reading is our **SUPERPOWER**

March kicked off with a visit from Joel Tacey's "Super Readers Magical Comedy Show". We had several fun activities planned throughout the month, including themed dress up days, door decorating contest and a change drive competition. Havens also hosted a free Family Literacy night for families. We closed the March

into Reading month with free popcorn while the kids watched, via video, Mrs. DuRussel compete against Mrs. DuCharme at Sky Zone, with guest appearance by Mr. Jennings. We also had several prizes given to the top readers.

*(Prizes donated by Sky Zone and Paul King)*





## HAVENS *Spring Concert*

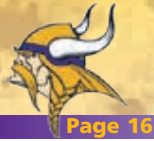
Thank you to Ms. Coble, staff, and students for helping to make this a wonderful concert. 3rd graders performed a medley of 4 songs on recorder. 4th graders performed an original composition by Owen Hare on recorder and a Queen original on ukulele and recorder. 5th graders danced and sang a medley with original moves by each class. Choir also jammed out on some fabulous pieces. To top it all off, we had a special guest play drums for our finale number, "High Hopes," by Panic! At the Disco.



## Havens 4th & 5th Grade **TRACK & FIELD DAY**

*Thank you to Ms. Conger for organizing this fun event. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers!*





# 2019 SPORTS INFO

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**Swan Valley Homecoming Football Game**  
Friday, October 18 at 7:00pm vs Essexville-Garber

**Parents Night will be the following dates:**

**Varsity Football • September 13**

**Boys Soccer • October 2**

**Varsity Volleyball • October 16**

*For the latest sports schedules, please visit:*

**[www.swanvalleyschools.com](http://www.swanvalleyschools.com)**



## SVHS 18th Annual Youth Football Technique Camp



*Coaches: Kevin Gavenda, Brian Allen, Pat Kennelly, Josh Kemerer, Garrett Lange, Jon Horton, Kevin Lawson, Tyler Zolinski, Ron Smith, and Varsity Players*

**Equipment needed: Tennis Shoes, Cleats, Shorts and Shirt**

**WHO:** Anyone in Grades 3-8 (Will be divided by position. Ex. quarterbacks, center, linemen, running backs, tight ends, split ends. During competition, students will be separated into grades 3-5 and 6-8.)

**WHEN:** June 24-26, 2019 • 10:30am-12:00pm (Rain or Shine)

**WHERE:** Swan Valley Game Field

**COST:** \$30.00\* (includes T-shirt)

Make checks payable to: **Swan Valley Football** • 8400 O'Hern • Saginaw, MI 48609

I hereby grant permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Swan Valley Football Camp. Grade in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YOUTH: M L ADULT: S M L XL XXL

**NO REFUNDS**

*\*A portion of funds raised will be used to pay assistant coaches*



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**Equipment needed: Tennis Shoes, Cleats, Shorts and Shirt**

**WHO:** Anyone in High School Grades 9-12 (Will be divided by position. Ex. quarterbacks, center, linemen, running backs, tight ends, split ends)

**WHEN:** June 24-26, 2019 • 8:00am-10:00am (Rain or Shine)

**WHERE:** Swan Valley Game Field

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## 2019 Swan Valley Girls Summer Volleyball Camp



*Overseen by high school coaches & players*  
**Come dressed and ready to play volleyball • Bring a water bottle**

**WHEN:** June 25, 26 & 27 • 10:00am-12:00pm

**WHERE:** Swan Valley High School Main Gym  
3rd/4th/5th Graders – Court 3 • 6th/7th/8th Graders – Courts 1 & 2

**COST:** \$45.00\* (Includes a volleyball, 3 sessions, 6 total hours of volleyball instruction, drills, and team building activities to prepare for team competition. Volleyballs will be given out at the last session – June 27th)

Make checks payable to: **Swan Valley High School Volleyball**  
(Late entries cannot be guaranteed a volleyball)

Mail to or drop off at: Swan Valley High School  
Attn: Sarah Gyger  
8400 O' Hern Road  
Saginaw, MI 48609

Questions, contact:  
Sarah Gyger  
989-921-2456 Work Phone  
Sgyger@Svgsd.us

PRINT NEATLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information regarding the camp will be emailed)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your daughter a student in the Swan Valley School District?  Yes  No (For my records)

Grade based on 2019-2020 school year:  3rd  4th  5th  6th  7th  8th

**Please read and sign below:**

I consent to my child's participation in the Youth Girls Summer Volleyball Camp. I recognize that there may be potential risks in playing a competitive sport. My daughter is in good physical condition and will follow all rules and regulations provided to her. The camp workers, directors, coaches, and Swan Valley High School will not be responsible for any injuries or any items that happen to be lost or stolen during the camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All proceeds of this camp support the Swan Valley Volleyball Program (equipment, volleyballs, uniforms and assistant coaches pay)*



## 2019 Swan Valley Girls Basketball Camp



*A fundamental skills camp for 2nd – 8th grade girls with instruction from high school coaches and the varsity girls' team.*  
**Dale Roberts, Head Varsity Coach; Shane Thurston, Assistant Varsity Coach; Rick Millard, Head JV Coach; Reyna Luplow, Assistant JV Coach**

**WHEN:** June 17th, 18th, & 19th

2nd – 5th grade 9:00am-10:30am • 6th – 8th grade 10:30am-12:00pm

**WHERE:** Swan Valley High School Gymnasium

**COST:** \$30 per player (includes a camp t-shirt)

Make checks payable to: **Swan Valley High School**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2019-2020): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YOUTH: S M L ADULT: S M L

*Sign up at first day of camp or return form with payment to High School Athletic Office.*