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January is School Board Appreciation Month



Superintendent McRae

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, school board members face complex and demanding challenges. I ask the Swan Valley Community to recognize the vital contributions these elected public officials play in the education of our children. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts.

sional development through the Michigan Association of School Boards, and stay abreast of the political landscape that directly impacts our schools. In addition, our board members are deeply involved in school and community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events. One of their most important responsibilities is to ensure the financial health of the district. Of course, some of the operating revenue comes from those who live and/or own businesses within the district boundaries and there are times that the Board must request support for millages or bond issues.



Board Members (left to right): Bob Aldrich, Christy Boehler, Kristy Young, Jeff Whelton, Liz Peters, Kevin Shanks, JoAnn Schneider

On the March 10, 2020 presidential primary election, the Swan Valley School District will have a proposal on the ballot. The proposal is for the renewal of the 18 mills used to support the Swan Valley Schools. The last renewal was approved in March of 2016 and expires at the end of 2020. This renewal will levy this millage for the next four years (through 2024). The non-homestead tax is levied on business and commercial property as well as rental homes and second homes. The 18 mills provides the Swan Valley School District with approximately \$1,754,083 which is nearly 10% of the total revenue received by the district. This ballot does not impact the residential property owner.

The ballot language/question will read as follows:

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Swan Valley School District, Saginaw County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$1,754,083 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

Following, you will find a Q & A regarding the ballot proposal. If you have any questions regarding this ballot proposal, please contact me at 989-921-3701.

The Governor of the great state of Michigan, has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to focus on the crucial role board members play in our communities and schools.

School board members come from all walks of life. While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading our school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal – making decisions that benefit our students.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the time school board members devote to leading their districts. They also serve on various committees, sustain their own profes-

Operating Millage Renewal Proposal on Non-Homestead Properties

What is the cost to the Homeowner?

COST TO THE HOMEOWNER IS \$0. This operating millage renewal will allow the district to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property. If approved, homeowners will not see an increase in their property taxes. In other words, this millage renewal will not change the taxes on your primary house in which you live. This is not a new tax. It is a proposal to continue the existing 18 mill assessment on non-homestead properties.

Who pays the operating millage?

The operating millage is levied on properties that do not qualify for the homestead exemption. This represents industrial, commercial, and some agricultural properties and second homes. Primary residences qualify for the homestead exemption and, therefore, do not pay this 18 mill tax.

I thought schools no longer received funding through property taxes, so why is there a millage renewal?

Funding for school districts changed significantly in 1993/1994 when Proposal A was passed by the Michigan voters. Under Proposal A, the State pays the majority of the cost, but to receive full funding, schools must levy 18 mills locally on non-homestead property in their district.

Is this a new tax?

No. This millage has been in place since 1994. The District was given voter approval to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property in June 1994. The current millage expires with the 2020 tax levy. The District is requesting a 4-year renewal.

Will my residential school taxes increase too?

No. This tax is on non-homestead property and does not apply to your primary place of residence.

What happens if the millage doesn't pass?

The revenue generated from the 18 mills on non-homestead property totals approximately \$1.7 million, or 10%. Failure to renew the operating millage would significantly decrease the operating funds of our school district. The State will not replace the lost funding and the District will be forced to reduce or eliminate instructional and support programs for our students to offset the reduction of revenue.



2018-19 Audit Report

On September 26th, the Swan Valley Board of Education approved the 2018-19 audit of the district by Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas, and Luplow, P.C. The 2018-19 school year ended with a general fund surplus of \$202,950 increasing the fund balance to \$2,385,340 or 13.8 % of general fund expenditures. It was recommended the fund balance be approximately 10% - 15% of general fund expenditures. A copy of the audit report is available on the district's website.



Memories & Well Wishes 8th Grade Families

Get the chance to publish a memory or well wish to your 8th-grade student in the 2019-2020 yearbook. The cost to publish your memory or well wish is \$40.00 which goes to support the SVMS Yearbook Club.

EXAMPLE MESSAGE:

So proud of our
Middle School
Viking! Hope your
time in High School
is filled with great
memories!

Love Mom & Dad



Turn payment and form into the office.

Name of 8th
Grade Student: _____

Message: _____

Attach a color photo or email a digital copy to jpanko@svsd.us

Please make checks payable to SVMS.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

COME BUILD YOUR FUTURE HERE

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 3:00 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.

Now ENROLLING for 2nd Semester Classes Begin January 21, 2020

TIME	COURSE	TEACHER
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY		
3:00-5:00pm	English Courses	LaBrake
5:00-7:00pm	Math Courses	Baldwin
7:00-9:00pm	Virtual Courses	Online
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
3:00-5:00pm	Science Courses	Halvin
5:00-7:00pm	Wood Technology	Wachowicz
5:00-8:00pm	Social Studies/Health Courses	Haggitt
8:00-9:00pm	Virtual Courses	Online
FRIDAY		
9:00am-2:30pm	Electives Courses	Hanson





Swan Valley Learning Center



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.

children to use to further their learning through educational apps and websites. The children also have time to be with their friends.

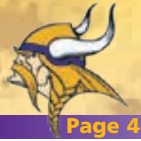
Any child who meets the age requirement (3-12) and is enrolled in the Swan Valley District may attend. We also accept non-resident students. Transportation is provided to and from Havens Elementary and Shields Elementary during the school year. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through 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 Imarx@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

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





SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/9/2020		NHS Tapping	4/28/2020 – 5/1/2020		MME Retakes
1/20/2020		No School - Teacher Work Day	5/1/2020		Student Government Rep Apps Due
1/23/2020	6:30pm	NHS Induction	5/2/2020	7:00pm	PROM @ Swan Valley Banquet Center
1/24/2020		Marking Period 3 Ends	5/4/2020	8:00am	Drama Rehearsal
2/8/2020		Solo Ensemble - Bay City Central	5/5/2020	6:00pm	Underclassmen Awards Night
2/17/2020		No School - Inservice	5/5/2020	8:00am	AP Calc Exam
2/19/2020	7:00pm	Band Pre-Festival Concert	5/6/2020	8:00am	AP Lit
2/26/2020	12:00am	Drama Rehearsal	5/7/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play
2/27/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play	5/9/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play
2/29/2020	7:00pm	Drama Play	5/11/2020	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
3/1/2020	2:00pm	Drama Play	5/12/2020	10:00am	All Class Meetings
3/4/2020 - 3/6/2020		Trimester 2 Exams	5/12/2020	7:00pm	Spring Concert
3/7/2020	8:00am	Band Festival	5/13/2020	6:30am	Senior Awards Night
3/9/2020		Trimester 3 Begins	5/14/2020	8:00am	AP World History Exam
3/14/2020	8:00am	Solo Ensemble - Lapeer High School	5/15/2020	7:30am	Beautification Day
3/16/2020	6:00pm	Trimester 3 Open House	5/15/2020	8:00am	AP Comp Science Exam
3/19/2020 - 3/23/2020		BPA State Competition in Grand Rapids	5/21/2020	9:30am	Decision Day
3/30/2020 - 4/4/2020		No School - Spring Break	5/21/2020	10:30am	Senior Class Meeting
4/9/2020	2:30pm	Local Scholarships DUE	5/22/2020		Senior Exams
4/9/2020		Student Government Egg Match	5/25/2020		No School - Memorial Day
4/10/2020		No School - Good Friday	5/26/2020		Senior Exams
4/14/2020 - 4/17/2020	7:30am	MME Testing for Juniors	5/27/2020 - 5/28/2020	5:30am	Senior Trip
4/14/2020	7:30am	PSAT 9 & 10 Testing	5/28/2020	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet @ Crooked Creek
4/14/2020	8:00am	Senior Job Shadow / College Visitation	5/29/2020	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
4/20/2020		Student Government Officers & Class Officers Apps Pick Up	5/31/2020	3:00pm	Baccalaureate
4/24/2020		Student Government Officer & Class Officers Apps Due	5/31/2020	7:00pm	Adult Ed Graduation
4/24/2020		Marking Period 5 Ends	6/1/2020	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
4/27/2020		Student Government Reps Apps Pick Up	6/1/2020	7:00pm	Graduation
4/27/2020 - 5/9/2020		Senior Project Window	6/3/2020 - 6/5/2020		Trimester 3 Exams



Congratulations to the **2019-2020 Homecoming Court**

*Back Row (left to right):
Sophia Buggia, Savannah Cybrowski,
Anna Dornseifer, Rachel DuRussel,
Natalie Kuhn, Bridget Raedy,
Yina Todd.*

*Front Row (left to right):
Trent Alworden, Nick Buckstiegel,
Jaden Derleth, Adlar Feldotte,
Sam Lea, Bryce Stevenson,
George Weadock*



**Swan Valley
2019 Homecoming
King & Queen:
*Adlar Feldotte
&
Yina Todd***



Swan Valley NHS Students Serving Their Community

Students from Swan Valley's National Honor Society donated their time to decorate the Thomas Township office buildings for the holiday season. NHS members strung lights on shrubs and trees lining Shields Drive as well as the Thomas Twp library, Public Safety Building, Fire Department and other office buildings along Shields Drive and Miller Road.

Participants included: Trent Alworden, Evan Benemann, Abigail Bremer, Mallory Brooks, Nick Buckstiegel, Ethan Champney, Anna Dornseifer, Rachel DuRussel, Sam Inman, Mia Lazzaro, Sam Lea, Jacob Martin, Ara Nab, Bridget Raedy, Taylor Sas, Nicole Seamon, Marissa Walker, Dakota Walderzak, and Sophie Wickham.



2019-2020 Budget Challenge Trimester 1 Class Winners

What is Budget Challenge?

(formally H&R Block Budget Challenge)

The foundation of Budget Challenge is a simulation where financial transactions like sending bills, processing payments, sending paychecks, and maintaining 401(k) balances are done in real-time for tens of thousands of students in hundreds of schools all over the country. This simulation is the most realistic, learner-centered, financial simulation ever created. Real-time consequences, good and bad, are provided in response to student actions. Constant and meaningful feedback and competitive scoring increase student engagement and learning.

Practice achieving financial goals most adults struggle with. Get a practice round in life with our 10-week simulation.

- Create an emergency fund
- Pay off a credit card
- Save for retirement
- Pay bills on-time
- Protect credit health
- Pay down student loan debt

This simulation is made possible for Swan Valley students with a significant donation by First Area Credit Union.



1st Trimester classroom winners receiving a \$25 dollar gift card, donated by First Area Credit Union and presented by FACU CEO Lynn McCoy: Mikayla Lietzke, Nicholas Busckstiegel, Mason Young, and Norris Nguyen.



SVHS HOLIDAY SPIRIT Continues in 2019



Once again the high school staff, students, and members of the community partnered with Holy Spirit Catholic Church and were able to raise enough money to help brighten the holidays of 31 families in our district. Gifts, gift cards, household items, personal hygiene items and food were collected and purchased to help these families enjoy their holidays.

Students at SVHS raised over \$2,000 through the "Amazing Race"; a competition between all four grade levels that donates all proceeds to our "Adopt A Family Program". Students also contributed by donating various items needed for the cause and helped in purchasing and wrapping of

gifts. The students took pride in helping provide a nice holiday to those in need.

We would like to also thank all the community members and corporate sponsors who made this a success. A special thank you to Swan Valley Ascension Lutheran Church, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Shield of Faith Ministries, Garber Chevrolet, Diamond and Jewelry Unlimited, Swan Valley Athletic Association, Saginaw/Thomas Township Kiwanis Club, Tim Hortons, Gray Financial Services, and Swan Valley "Pay It Forward".



Veterans Day Celebration

SVHS celebrated Veterans Day with our 1st Annual community celebration of our Veterans. The featured speaker was Mr. Ryan Hageness, a 2004 graduate of SVHS. Mr. Hageness served in the Marine Corp and provided an inspirational speech to the community about what it means to serve your country. In addition the veterans were treated to refreshments and given a tour of Swan Valley's Hall of Heroes by American History teacher Craig Monahan.





After Prom



Do you remember your prom experience?

The Swan Valley After Prom planning committee is looking for donations to help make the "after prom experience" one that is safe and fun! Past years have consisted of raffling off prize packages and blind auctions at Swan Valley High School following prom from 11:30 p.m. until 4:00 a.m.

This event is organized by a group of parent volunteers. Donations from individuals and businesses throughout the community are how this safe alternative continues to happen year after year. We couldn't do it without all your help and support.

If you would like to contribute please send your donation to:

**Swan Valley High School
c/o After Prom Party
8400 Ohern Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48609**

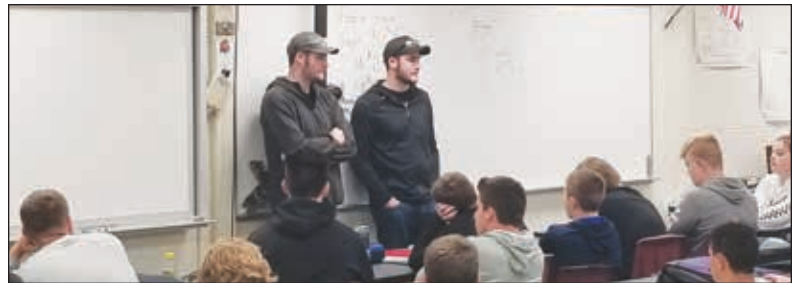
Skilled Trades Updates *from the Bird's Nest*

SVHS is working hard to expose our students to some of the really great educational/occupational opportunities that are available in the world of skilled trades. Throughout the course of the year we have been hosting visits from local education and industry leaders who have presented information to interested students. We have also developed some great scholarship opportunities for our students.

Pictured are Harvey Schneider from Delta College's Department of Skilled Trades and Apprenticeships, Terence Robinson from HSC, Gary Bruff from Fullerton Tool, and former SVHS students Josh and Jacob Chambers. The Chambers brothers are currently attending Delta College and working at Cignys Corporation. They are earning and learning as they practice their craft on the floor of Cignys and attend Delta on a full ride scholarship.

For more information, please contact me at any time.

Doug Bird, College/Career Adviser



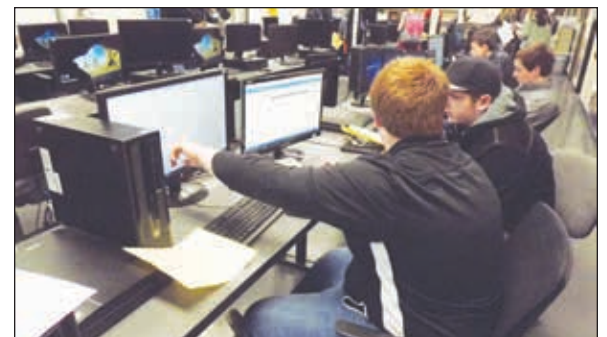
BPA Happenings

This year in Business Professionals of America (BPA) we have 61 members, 29 of them being new to the program. Within BPA, we compete in various business competitions while also supporting the community through projects and local fundraisers. This year for the 2019-2020 State Service Project theme is Big Brothers Big Sisters. The chapter is planning a coin drive and/or collaborating with the elementary schools, and making our student body aware of the opportunities that we have to help. One of our upcoming events is our Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) on December 18, 2019.

Authors/Editor: Adlar Feldotte, President • Mrs. Perez, Advisor



L-R: Emma Krupnek, Matt Todd, Yina Todd, Adlar Feldotte, Hannah Webb, and Tom Pufahl at the Fall Leadership Conference in Lansing Center on October 9, 2019.



Students prepping for their event(s) for the RLC on December 18, 2019.



SVHS 2019-20 Trimester One Academic Honors

CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Daniel Armas
Joshua Calangelo
Lucionno Finley
Noah Goodman
Gabrielle Gutka
Paul Maturen II
Samantha Miller
Miguel Velasquez
Lillian Wolfgang

SOPHOMORES

Jermaine Clemmons
James Corriveau
Chase Cupp
Jacob Garpiel
Derek Greenwood
Arielle Haller
Ashlyn McGregor
Jeremy Olivarez II
Daniel Pangborn
Jacob Przybylski
David Reis
Conner Stimpson
Logan Toth
Elijah Willems

JUNIORS

Joseph Bula
Joshua Crump
Riley Curran
Anthony Davis
Benjamin Fordney
Hunter Garpiel
Matthew Guerrero
Abigail Hubbard
Allison Jones
Shane McCracken
Tylee Peek
Lawton Pietz
Paige Rosas
Brandon Ryll
Brandon Stallings
Mea Syed
Angel Terrian
Jacob Wendling
Hunter Wiskup

SENIORS

Carson Berenyi
Noah Christiansen
Caiden Ezop
Brody Fahndrich
Marcus Fair
Cassidy Palmateer
Chase Thurston

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Lyberty Brandt
Tyler Bremer
Kyle Demand
Ashton Diblasi
Tyler Drain
Shaunna Dungey
Tyler DuRussel
Zachary Feinauer
Kirstin Flory
Hannah Fogg
Claire Fordney
Jeremiah Gallardo
Landon Geiling
Payton Guilbeaux
Aaron Harvey
Kade Henderson
David Hernandez III
Alex Inman
Sawyer Johnson
Karly Jones
Drew Kaeckmeister
Carol Kemerer
Connor Klein
Camden Ladouce
Brenna Lafontaine
Brooke Leddy
Ava Lewis
Aidan McKendree
Stephanie Miller
Allison Mohn
Rylei Muter
Kaitlyn Parsons
Jasmine Rodriguez
Cohen Schiebner
Antonio Schroyer
Liam Sharpe
Jackson Shattuck

Hunter Smith

Evan Snell
Evan Toth
Tyler Trombley
Matthew Turpin
Cody Ueberroth
Caiden Vargas
Brianna Waldron
Sam Wickham

SOPHOMORES

Chandler Arn
Lauren Bielby
Cam'ren Brownfield
Joshua Claus
Emma Gaertner
Tommi-Leigh Gunlock
Alessia Gunter
Joshua Hamlin
Gage Hammis
Samuel Hart
Chloe Katz
Nathan Kumar
Megan LaLonde
Corey Leas
Jacob Means
Brandon Reese
Kortney Sauve
Logan Sayers
John Schmitzer
Kierra Simerson
Braxtan Stipanovich
Hunter Taylor
Halie Turner
Cameron Vacik
Connor Vanboxlaer
Chloe Watters
Larry West III
Mckyla Ziembo

JUNIORS

Quintin Babbitt
Nolan Bailey
McKenzie Bostwick
Ariana Burden
Jessica Burgess
Maxwell Dawson
Maya Demand
Emily Dombrowski
Hunter DuCharme
Eric Dunn
Ian Ginardi
Avery Goldensohn
Mikayla Haulcy

Morgan Johnson

Shya Jones
Gerald Keyes
Brooke Krieger
Peter Kross
Donovan Leahy
Megan Menchaca
Alisyn Mendyk
Zachary Mitchell
Kylee Moore
Jolie Phillips
Justin Rosas

Santiago Maria Salcedo Casas

Lauryn Schark
Anna Schicht
Collin Schramke
Paige Schrems
Andrew Shouey
Amanda Skentzos
Raine Smith
Justin Teets
Raven Thompson
Hunter Tiitola
Ariel Trumble
Hunter Williams
Jalen Williams

SENIORS

Emma Barshaw
Evan Benemann
Paige Brown
Michael Bunker
Olivia Caylor
Austin Clackett
Katelyn Cruce
Jaden Derleth
Anna Dusenbury
Zachary Gehrcke
Trenton Geth
Carson Kaeckmeister
James Kilts
Alec Kipfmiller
Abigail Kowalczyk
Quinn Leahy
Hailey Mason
Skylar Mason
Nathan McClure
Emily Murphy
Jadeyn Neuenfeldt
Chloe Ponichtera
Marrissa Price
Thomas Pufahl
Callen Reaume
Sarah Root

Myah Rousseau

Wyatt Schalk
Joseph Shattuck
Quynn Sonefeld
Bryce Stevenson
Riko Tajima
Andrew Tweddle
Ian Williams
Gregory Wortley
Nicholas Young

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

FRESHMEN

Stella Adams
Ellianna Avila
Brooke Bailey
Tucker Bedford
Jackson Beery
Jacob Benjamin
Makilynn Berden
Brian Booth
Ethan Brooks
Keegan Buggia
Parker Burkey
Kylie Call
Rose Campbell
Nathaniel Coffel
Owen Diefenbach
Piper Feldotte
Owen Galsterer
Gracelyn Ginardi
Makenzie Grandy
Drew Griffith
Andrew Grover
Adison Hallead
Melody Hartwick
Braylen Himmelein
Ethan Hoepfner
Kennedy Hubbell
Emily Jamrog
Jared Jurek
Aida Karst
Adam Kuhn
Nicholas Kumar
Clarie Leddy
John McCarthy
Matthew McKim
Lily Merkle

Collin Miller

Madison Morgan
Katelyn Niss
Erin Peters
Elena Psetas
Rachel Resio
Drew Sas
Adeline Schalk
Ava Schiebner
Kiersten Schiebner
Maya Schnorenberg
Tayla Slaybaugh
Autumn Snook
Lexie Stephens
Logan Turek
Joscelyn Whelton
Jacob White
Sarah Wortley

SOPHOMORES

Hallie Ackerman
Mark Adams
Laikyn Arndt
Kayla Baase
Alyssa Bell
Kyra Booth
Caleb Brandel
Dodge Butler
Rachel Ciesla
Thomas Davis II
Avarie Dupuis
Amy Earley
Nicole Enderi
Brody Fennelly
Mason Ferrier
Makenna Fruk
Trevor Grandy
Zachary Hahn
Madison Hinskey
Hudson Karst
Maxwell Kerby
Elizabeth Killingbeck
Genevieve Kilts
Alyssa Leddy
Alexander McClure
Adrianna Mileski
RoseMarie Miller
Hannah Murphy
Jeremiah Neumann
Kirsten Nichols
Connley Palmer
Ethan Parker
Adam Pitts
Abigail Rigterink

Julia Rosas

Lucas Seamon
Hailey Sobol
Dana Sparks
Lauren Sprague
Matthew Todd
Alexandra Turner
Brice Tweddle
Madison Walker
Amy Walkiewicz
Meagan Woods
Abigail Woycik
Audrey Yaklin

JUNIORS

Michaela Bell
Olivia Bell
Leah Benjamin
Mitch Benson
Alexis Bissonnette
Paige Catlin
Makenna Dawson
Ian Erlenbeck
Malerie Ferrier
Hailey Florence
Aiden Hooverman
Rachel Joslyn
Zoe Kalnbach
Jaina Kittle
Hannah Koch
Brooke Kolevar
Rachel Krupnek
Ellie MacDonald
Alexander Mileski
Nicholas Peters
Riley Schreur
Elizabeth Simons
Patricia Stark
Bowen Steinke
Emma Stephens
John Strouse
Teagan Waite
Hannah Webb

SENIORS

Trent Alworden
Camille Baniel
Claire Bierlein
Zachary Bilodeau
Isiah Blondin
Abigail Bremer
Mallory Brooks
Kyle Brown
Heather Buchholz

Nicholas Buckstiegel

Ethan Champney
Kathleen Demosthenous
Anna Dornseifer
Blake Dufort
Rachel DuRussel
Adlar Feldotte
Abigail Fowler
Jacob Gardey
Isabella Ginardi
Easton Goldensohn
Lucas Gosen
Hailer Grover
Marcial Gutierrez
Vianny Guzman David
Teresa Hernandez
Bryana Hutter
Samantha Inman
Mitchell Jebb
Abigail Kerby
Emma Krupnek
Natalie Kuhn
Mia Lazzaro
Samuel Lea
Shana Leitz
Mikayla Lietzke
William Lipscomb
Isabella Lutz
Hailey Martin
Jacob Martin
Hannah Mercer
Audree Midcalf
Emily Morlik
Ara Nab
Norris Nguyen
Alicia Piowowski
Bridget Raedy
Jack Raines
Jady Rogers
Andrew Rousseau
Taylor Sas
Nicole Seamon
Conner Shoemaker
Tristan Stikeleather
Katelyn Taylor
Yina Todd
Seth Toth
Alyssa Vasquez
Dakoda Walderzak
Marissa Walker
Sofie Wickham
Mason Young

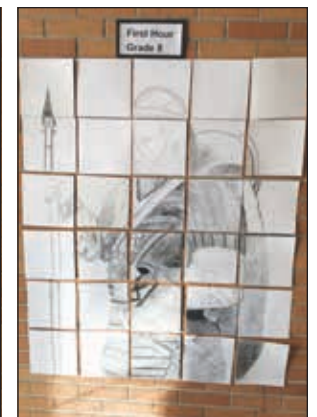
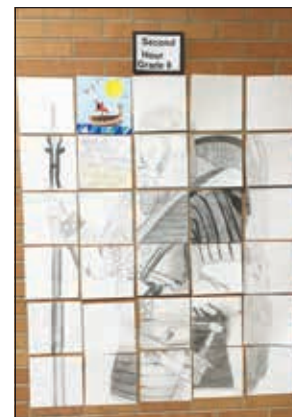
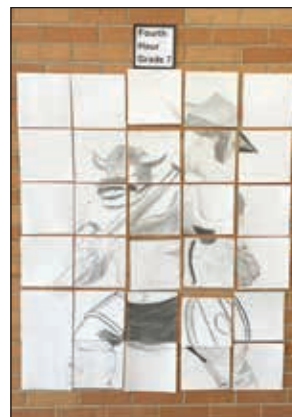


SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2019-2020 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/16/2020	2:35-3:45pm	Dance/Activity	4/14/2020	8:00am	PSAT - 8th Grade
1/17/2020		Marking Period 2 Ends	4/27/2020 - 5/3/2020		Saginaw County Art Show (At Fashion Square Mall)
1/20/2020		No School-Professional Development Day	4/13/2020 - 5/8/2020		MSTEP 8th Grade Testing Window
1/24/2020		Report Card Release-Electronic	5/4/2020 - 5/29/2020		MSTEP 6th & 7th Grades Testing Window
2/12/2020		Count Day	Dance Activity	4/16/2020	2:35-3:45pm
2/13/2020	2:35-3:45pm	Dance/Activity	5/7/2020	7:00-8:00pm	Spring Band Concert (In Middle School Gym)
2/17/2020		No School-Professional Development Day	5/11/2020	9:30am	8th Grade to High School / 5th Grade to Middle School
2/18/2020	6:00-7:30pm	NJHS Induction (In Middle School Gym)	5/13/2020 - 5/16-2020		8th Grade DC Trip
2/25/2020	7:00pm	Band Concert (In Middle School Gym)	5/21/2020	2:00-3:00pm	Dance/Activity 5th Grade
3/2/2020		March Into Reading Kick-Off	5/21/2020	2:35-3:45pm	Dance Activity 6th-8th Grades (5th Grade Invited)
3/9/2020		MS Spring Picture Day (In Library)	5/25/2020		No School - Memorial Day
3/12/2020		Dance/Activity	5/27/2020	6:00-7:00pm	5th Grade Parent Orientation (In Middle School Library)
3/12/2020		8th Grade Scheduling for High School	5/28/2020	6:00-8:00pm	8th Grade - Send-Off Event
3/18/2020	6:30pm	8th Grade Parent Night (At High School)	5/29/2020	1:10-2:30pm	SVMS Awards Assembly (In Middle School Gym)
3/27/2020		Marking Period 3 Ends	6/1/2020	7:00pm	High School Graduation
3/30/2020		No School - Spring Break	TBD		SVMS iPad Collection
4/6/2020		School Resumes - Dress Code Change	6/5/2020	8:00-10:00am	Last Day of School -SVMS Talent Show (In Middle School Gym)
4/9/2020		Report Card Release - Electronic	6/5/2020	1:00-1:20pm	Last Day of School - Yearbook Signing
4/10/2020		No School - Good Friday	6/5/2020	1:20-2:25pm	Last Day of School - Grade Level Events

Viking Mosaics

Mrs. Decker and her middle school art students completed numerous Viking mosaics as one of their art projects this semester. Each student in the class was responsible for completing one panel of the mosaic.





ELECTION OF 1796

Eighth grade social studies students examined the Election of 1796 and the rise of political parties. Students were required to make billboards, mud-slinging commercials, and even campaign t-shirts.



Constitutional Principle Night

Eighth grade Social Studies students worked hard to prepare their presentations for "Constitutional Principle Night." Students wrote songs, painted masterpieces, performed skits, and did many other things in order to persuade SV families what Principles were "must haves" in any government. Parent turnout was fantastic for this event. We are already looking forward to the efforts of the Class of 2025 next year.



SVMS Students Place in HSC Calendar Contest



This past spring, Mrs. Henige's STEM classes participated in the HSC 2020 Calendar Contest. All four of the SVMS finalist's submissions for the contest were honored at a ceremony held at HSC on November 6. Three of our students; **Akiera Martinez**, **Clark Krupnek**, and **Amelia Jones** received honorable mentions, while **Mason Duperon** was the winner of the October page in the calendar.

Congratulations to these students for an outstanding job.

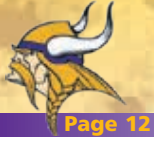


Check Out Our New Chess Club

Swan Valley Middle School was able to offer an after school Chess Club every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the art room this past fall. A big thanks goes out to our student teacher from Central Michigan University, Mr. Erik Fenner, for supervising this extra-curricular activity and teaching our students the rules of Chess as well as game strategies. With potential donations of Chess boards, we might be able to keep this after school opportunity going for those students interested in learning the game and playing for the remainder of the school year.

Stay tuned for more details after the holiday season has ended. Chess Club will most likely resume once again on Wednesdays in January.

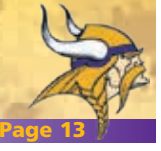




Michigan Career Quest

8th grade students learned about careers and advanced manufacturing as they visited SMI and attended the Michigan Career Quest program at SVSU.





Shields' Annual FunFest a Huge Success!

Families had a great time and we are that much closer to realizing some of our big goals such as completion of a quarter mile walking path. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and sponsors!

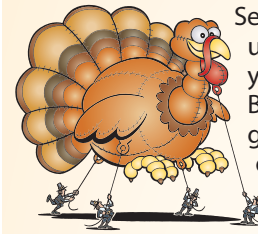


Holiday Concert

Shields hosted their annual holiday concert at the High School on December 10th. Once again the students gave rousing performances of a number of unheard of songs and favorites like Feliz Navidad and O Tannenbaum.



Balloons Over Broadway



Second graders had a unique assignment this year called Balloons over Broadway. They created green screen photos of themselves into the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade after learning about the history of the parade and evolution of the balloons.

Spirit of Giving



Students and families at Shields sponsored multiple families this holiday season. The Student Lighthouse Team was responsible for a can drive that brought in 1,208 food items and the Giving Tree which helped seven families who needed a boost this year for the Christmas holiday.

50s on the 50th Day of School

Shields students went back in time on the 50th day of school. They rocked out their best 50's outfits.



Fall Run Club

This year's Fall Run Club hit a 4 year high of 130 students. Each week students stayed active and ran after school with their coaches. The sessions ended with a culminating 1 mile run at the high school track!



Monthly Art Classes

This year through Community Education, Shields is hosting one art class a month for each grade at Shields. Miss Rumsey and her team have painted pumpkins and created sensory bottles.



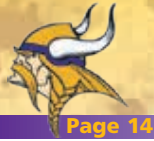
IMPORTANT DATES

- January 20th No School (Teacher Workday)
- February 17th No School (Teacher Inservice Day)
- February 28th End of 2nd Term
- March 5th.....Y5s & Kindergarten Registration
- March 25th..... Statewide Tornado Drill
- March 30th - April 3rdNo School (Spring Break)

Fuel Up with Healthy Snacks

Our Fuel Up to Play 60 team has encouraged our students to have healthy snacks of fruits and vegetables. A special thanks to Meijer for donating over 450 bananas to make sure all of our students started off on the right foot!





Swan Valley Elementary Schools Recognize National Bullying Prevention Month



October was National Bullying Prevention Month and Shields and Havens Elementary Schools once again took part in a cause that has helped to unite the nation. On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the students and staff wore orange in recognition of National Unity Day. This day was initially created in 2011 by Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center as a way to unite communities together against bullying. By wearing orange, we sent a message of support, hope, and unity and we let others know that we will stand together against bullying!

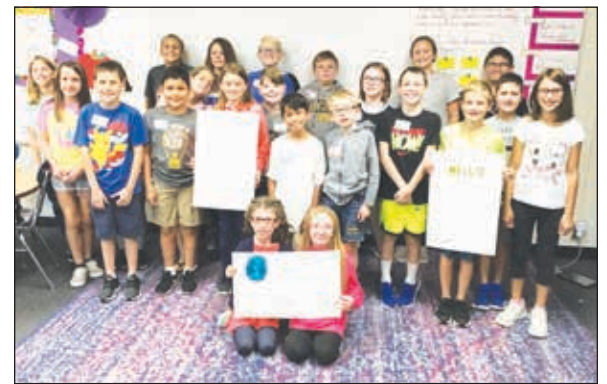
We want our schools and community to understand the importance of working/uniting together to help promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to all!



Swan Valley School District Celebrates "Start With Hello" Week

During the week of September 23-27, 2019 the Swan Valley School District celebrated National Start With Hello Week, in an effort to help create a culture of inclusion and connectedness. Start With Hello Week was started by Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization based in Newtown, CT. Start With Hello Week teaches and reminds students about the importance of reaching out and including those who may be dealing with social isolation. The main idea of Start With Hello is: see someone alone...reach out and help by starting with a simple hello!

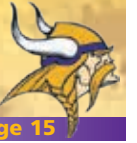
During the week, elementary students took part in different activities to support this initiative. Some of the activities included, a school-wide assembly about inclusion, "Name Tag Tuesday" (encouraging students to greet one another by name), "Smile Wall Wednesday" (promoting random acts of kindness), various video clips and/or stories about inclusion and kindness, "Mix-n-Mingle" lunches, and asking the students and staff to spread happiness by wearing something bright and/or something with a positive message on it. The students and staff had a great time taking part in these activities and learned a lot about different ways to show kindness and reach out to others!



Havens Fall Musical

Havens produced *Aristocats for Kids* as its fall musical, performed on December 16th. Directed by Ms. Coble, Mrs. Workman, and Mrs. Deering, the cast of 19 and 5 stage crew met every Thursday after school for 2 hours of rehearsal from September to December. They also performed for both students at Havens and at Shields. Their hard work definitely deserves a standing ovation!





Hartley Outdoor Education Center

Havens 5th grade students spent a couple days and nights at Hartley Outdoor Education Center. They learned about pioneer life, survival skills, teamwork, wildlife, and much more.



Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is a non-profit program that works to encourage pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a celebratory 5k run. Thanks to dedicated coaches we are able to continue to offer the program at Havens Elementary.



4th Grade Field Trips

Extending learning beyond the classroom is an important part of what we do!



3rd Grade Fun!

Outdoor learning, celebrations, receiving donated books etc. These 3rd graders are enjoying their education!



Havens Staff Fun!





2020 SPORTS INFO

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2020 SWAN VALLEY WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

2020 GIRLS/BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Friday	January 17	Away	6/7:30	Bridgeport <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Tuesday	January 21	Home	5:30	BC Western <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Friday	January 24	Home	5:30	Birch Run <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Tuesday	January 28	Home	6/7:30	Alma <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Friday	January 31	Home	6/7:30	Garber <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Tuesday	February 4	Away	7:30	Reese <i>Girls JV/Varsity</i>
Wednesday	February 5	Away	7:30	Reese <i>Boys Fr/JV/Varsity</i>
Friday	February 7	Home	6/7:30	Freeland <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Tuesday	February 11	Home	7:30	Standish <i>Girls JV/Varsity</i>
Tuesday	February 11	Away	7:30	Standish <i>Boys Fr/JV/Varsity</i>
Friday	February 14	Home	6/7:30	Frankenmuth <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Friday	February 21	Home	6/7:30	Bridgeport <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>
Friday	February 28	Away	5:30/7	Birch Run <i>Girls/Boys Varsity</i>

Girls District starts the week of March 2 at Carrollton

Tuesday March 3 Away 7:30 Alma *Boys Fr/JV/Varsity*

Boys District starts the week of March 9 at Garber

2020 JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday	January 16	Home	6:00	Bridgeport
Monday	January 20	Away	7:00	BC Western
Thursday	January 23	Away	5:30	Birch Run
Monday	January 27	Home	6:00	Alma
Thursday	January 30	Away	6:00	Garber
Wednesday	February 5	Away	6:00	Reese
Thursday	February 6	Away	6:00	Freeland
Tuesday	February 11	Away	6:00	Standish
Thursday	February 13	Away	6:00	Frankenmuth
Thursday	February 20	Away	6:00	Bridgeport
Thursday	February 27	Home	5:30	Birch Run
Tuesday	March 3	Away	6:00	Alma

2020 JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday	January 16	Home	7:30	Bridgeport
Monday	January 20	Away	5:30	BC Western
Thursday	January 23	Away	7:00	Birch Run
Monday	January 27	Home	7:30	Alma
Thursday	January 30	Away	7:30	Garber
Tuesday	February 4	Away	6:00	Reese
Thursday	February 6	Away	7:30	Freeland
Tuesday	February 11	Home	6:00	Standish
Thursday	February 13	Away	7:30	Frankenmuth
Thursday	February 20	Away	7:30	Bridgeport
Thursday	February 27	Home	7:00	Birch Run

2020 FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday	January 16	Home	4:30	Bridgeport
Monday	January 20	Away	4:00	BC Western
Thursday	January 23	Home	5:00	Nouvel CC
Monday	January 27	Home	4:30	Alma
Thursday	January 30	Away	4:30	Garber
Wednesday	February 5	Away	4:30	Reese
Thursday	February 6	Away	4:30	Freeland
Tuesday	February 11	Away	4:30	Standish
Thursday	February 13	Away	4:30	Frankenmuth
Thursday	February 20	Away	4:30	Bridgeport
Thursday	February 27	Home	4:00	Birch Run
Tuesday	March 3	Away	4:30	Alma

2020 VARSITY WRESTLING

Saturday	January 18	Away	9:00	Carson City Crystal Duals
Wednesday	January 22	Away	6:00	@ Garber/Standish (Alma)
Wednesday	January 29	Away	6:00	@ Frankenmuth
Saturday	February 1	Away	9:00	@ Caro Invitational
Saturday	February 8	Away	9:00	TVC Conf @ tba
Thursday	February 13	Home	6:00	Team Districts @ SVHS
Saturday	February 15	Away	8:00	Individual Districts @
Wednesday	February	Away	6:00	Team Regionals @
Saturday	February	Away	TBA	Individual Regionals @ TBA
Fri/Sat	February			Team Finals @ CMU
	March			Individual Finals @ Palace

2020 COMPETITIVE CHEER

Wednesday	January 22	Away	6:00	TVC #2 @ St. Charles
Saturday	January 25	Away	tba	Grand Blanc Invitational
Wednesday	January 29	Away	6:00	Chippewa Hills Invitational
Wednesday	February 5	Away	6:00	TVC #3 @ Freeland
Friday	February 7	Away	6:00	Bullock Creek Invitational
Saturday	February 8	Away	10:00	Freeland Invitational
Wednesday	February 12	Home	6:00	TVC #4 @ Swan Valley
Saturday	February 22	Away	TBA	Districts @ TBA

2020 VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

Saturday	January 18	Away	8:00	Standish/Frankenmuth @ Ithaca Pins (Alma)
Saturday	January 25	Away	12:00	Garber/Alma @ Candlelight
Saturday	February 1	Away	12:00	Birch Run/Freeland @ Alert Lanes (Frankenmuth)
Saturday	February 8	Home	12:30	Bridgeport/Standish @ Crooked Creek
Saturday	February 22	Away	8/11	Conference at TBA
Friday	February	Away	TBA	Teams - MHSAA Regional
Saturday	February	Away	TBA	Singles - MHSAA Regional

2020 TITANS ICE HOCKEY

Friday	January 17	Home	7:45	Bay Thunder @ Midland Civic
Saturday	January 18	Away	7:00	Muskegon Mona Shores @ Lakeshore Sports Center
Friday	January 24	Home	7:00	Mt. Pleasant @ Saginaw Bay
Wednesday	January 29	Away	7:00	FNV @ Saginaw Bay
Friday	January 31	Home	7:00	Allen Park Cabrini @ Saginaw Bay
Saturday	February 1	Away	1:00	Portage Northern @ Yost Ice Arena
Saturday	February 8	Home	5:00	Flint Powers @ Midland Civic
Friday	February 14	Home	7:00	Bay City Wolves @ Saginaw Bay
Saturday	February 15	Home	6:45	FNV @ Saginaw Bay
Wednesday	February 19	Home	7:00	SCF @ Saginaw Bay (<i>Senior Night</i>)
Friday	February 21	Away	7:45	Midland @ Midland Civic
Week of February 25		TBA		Regionals

Maps can be found at: <http://www.arenamaps.com/arenas/Michigan.htm>
Schedule updates available at www.tvthockey.com

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.



SWAN VALLEY ATHLETICS

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

