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Superintendent McRae

Message from the Superintendent

This year the Swan Valley School District proudly celebrates its 50th Anniversary! In the Fall of 1972, Swan Valley High School opened its doors to students and staff and became a kindergarten through twelfth grade school district. Prior to this time, "Shields Junior High" students would have to move on to Arthur Hill High

School in Saginaw after 9th grade.

On this, **the 50th anniversary of our district**, please take a few moments to read a bit of the history of public education in this area which includes portions of Thomas, James and Swan Creek Townships

The first school of record, Liskow School, was built in 1856. Its original location is the current site of Owens Cemetery on River Road. However the school was moved twice after that time to the corner of Short and State Rds, and later to the corner of State and Miller. To honor the "legacy" of our first school, we have placed the Liskow school bell at the west end of the football field, and the bell will be rung each time the Vikings score a touchdown.

In addition to Liskow, six other "school districts" were formed in the Thomas Township area by the 1880's:

- Wiltse (Curve Rd. & Tittabawassee area),
- Geddes (Lone Rd),
- Grove No. 4 (Gratiot, current site of Meijer),
- Graham Heights (Gratiot between Miller and River Rds; later renamed Gratiot Heights),
- Graham (Graham and Gratiot; later annexed by the Hemlock School District), and

- Dice (Dice Rd., later subdivided between the Hemlock and Freeland School Districts).

Meanwhile, in James and Swan Creek Townships, the first school was District No. 1 of Swan Creek. By 1918, three other schools were formed:

- Paines School (Dutch Rd),
- Carr School (Swan Creek and Ederer Rds.), and
- Jordan School (Swan Creek and River Rds.).

To alleviate overcrowding in many of the schools, land was purchased on Stroebel Road and **Shields Elementary** was built in the 1930's. In 1947, two barracks were purchased and moved to the Shields school site for additional classrooms. In 1956, **Shields Junior High** opened with a projected capacity of 750 students.

Family expansion in the area continued and plans for a consolidated school district representing the schools located within the three townships began in 1965. **On June 13, 1966 voters approved the formation of a unified school district.** Rumor has it that while the Board was contemplating a name for the new school district, one of the members spotted a Swan on a nearby pond and suggested the Swan Valley School District title.

Soon after, voters also approved a \$3.9 million bond for the construction of a new elementary (Robert B. Havens which was completed in 1971) and a new high school on 87 acres of land where those buildings sit today.

Ground was broken for Swan Valley High School in July 1971 led by board president Dick Middlebrook and Assistant superintendent Marvin Johnson. The first high school graduation was in 1974 and there have been nearly 7000 alumni since that time.

What began in the 1850's in nearly a dozen one-room schoolhouses

has become the hub of an outstanding community that we are all extremely proud to call our second home.

Fast forward 50 Years later, and it is obvious that the Tradition of Excellence for which our district has been known is certain to continue for the next 50 years. Evidence lies in our community's commitment to upgrade and maintain facilities, in our student's performance, and in our overall desire to focus on continuous improvement.

The Swan Valley School District is implementing the largest bond issue in our school district's history. Thank you to the voters for approving this \$25 million bond which will add classrooms to the elementary buildings, provide new stadium concession and restroom buildings, construct a new performing arts center and renovated learning center, create a new middle school lobby entrance, and provide numerous infrastructure improvements throughout the district. Look for website updates reflecting this progress.

Furthermore, the results of last spring's M Step scores show that our 4th Grade English Language Arts, 7th Grade English Language Arts, and 7th Grade Mathematics scores are #1 in Saginaw County!

Finally, our commitment to continuous improvement is evident in numerous areas throughout our district. For example: a new food service agreement with Chartwells, the addition of a transportation supervisor, the addition of a mental health specialist and school counselor at each building, the addition of a school nurse, the addition of a curriculum/instruction/assessment director, and the continued commitment to our 1:1 iPad initiative.

We are so thankful for the forethought that our community and district leaders had back in the late 1960's and early 70's that allowed so many to be part of a very special Swan Valley family over the past 50 years! We wish everyone a wonderful school year and Go Vikings!



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SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CELEBRATING
50 YEARS!
1972 – 2022





Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Education

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Swan Valley Adult and Alternative Education provides a blended and online learning opportunity. For the 2022-2023 school year, students in the building classroom from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All classes are self-paced per semester. Alternative students are age 16-21 and free and reduced lunch is available for Alternative students at 12:30 pm. All teachers are highly qualified in each of the core curriculum.

Adult students are 22 and older. Adult education is located in the Swan Valley High School and students can come into the building or can join distance learning classrooms via Zoom. 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 or view our website (www.swanvalleyschools.com) GO to the Schools section and click on the Adult, Alternative and Community Education Page for Online Registration.



Picture courtesy of Heidi McGrandy Photography

Welcome Back
to the
2022-2023 School Year
from Swan Valley Adult & Alternative
Education Staff



Just a reminder, ALL MEDICATIONS, including over-the-counter medicine, MUST be authorized by a parent/guardian AND A PHYSICIAN. This is Michigan Law (School Code 380) as well as the policy for the Swan Valley School District (2780). Please contact me at 989-921-2621 should you have questions/concerns.

Also, our school district has a select supply of the Ellume COVID-19 home test kits available for families. To use this test, you will need to download the free Ellume COVID-19 Home Test App and carefully follow the instructions on your smartphone. The results are sent directly to your phone. We are able to send the test kit home with your child with parent/guardian permission, or the test kit can be picked up at the school. Each kit contains one test. Please let your child's school know if you are interested.

Wishing everyone a healthy & happy school year!
Kimberly Newman, RN BSN

SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, October 20, 2022 • 7:00pm
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

Thursday, November 17, 2022 • 7:00pm
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

Thursday, December 15, 2022 • 7:00pm
Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center

AHERA NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Swan Valley School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques with the intent of preventing pests from reaching acceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, chemical control may also be utilized.

You have the right to be informed prior to any application of an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide made to the school grounds or buildings during the school year. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the Prior Notification Request form that is available on the district web site under Forms or from the school office.

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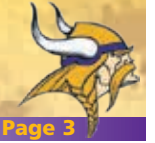
but it's NEVER too late
to drop back in!

**SWAN VALLEY ADULT &
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

989-921-2472



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



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.

Welcome to the start of another fun filled year at the Swan Valley Learning Center. We are a fully licensed year-round program that provides before and after school care, a full and part-time preschool program, as well a Summer Program. Our certified and enthusiastic staff is dedicated to providing the best care for your child. At Swan Valley Learning Center, we believe in the value and uniqueness of each child we serve. Our childcare experience is designed to promote each child's own individual social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Here are a few photos of our classes.

We are looking for full & part time team members who enjoy working with children. Please email svlc@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

There are a few spots available in our AM 3-year-old-program and also for our 4 year-old AM & PM Program classes. Feel free to contact us at **989-921-2461** to schedule a tour.



Ms. Ariel's 4 year old class



Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Liz's 4 year old class



Ms. Hailey's & Ms. Cheryl's All Day Class



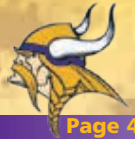
Ms. Lonnie & Ms. Teresa's 4 year old class



Ms. Hailey & Ms. Teresa's 3 year old class



Ms. Hailey & Ms. Teresa's 3 year old class



HIGH SCHOOL

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SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2022-2023 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
10/12/22	6:00pm	Midland Marching Band Showcase @ Midland Community Stadium	2/8/23		Count Day	4/24/23		Senior Project Window Opens
10/12/22	7:30am	PSAT/NMSQT (Juniors/optional for 10th graders) @ Back Gym	2/11/23	8:00am	District Solo Ensemble Festival @ B.C. Western	4/25/23	7:30am	MME Testing - SAT with Writing - Retakes @ MP Rm
10/13/22		LifeTouch Picture Retakes	2/14/23		Spirit Day	4/26 - 4/30/23		BPA Nationals @ Anaheim, CA
10/17/22		College Application Day	2/15/23	7:00pm	Band Pre-Festival	4/27/23	7:30am	MME Testing - WorkKeys - Retakes @ MP Rm
10/18/22	7:30am	ACT Testing @ Back Gym	2/17/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/28/23		Student Government Rep Apps Due
10/21/22		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	2/20/23		No School - Inservice	5/3/23	6:00pm	Underclassmen Awards Night @ HS Auditorium
10/31/22	Lunch	Halloween Costume Contest	2/27/23	TBA	Host Girls Basketball Districts @ Main Gym	5/3/23	8:00am	AP Literature Exam @ MP Rm
10/31/22		Ice Hockey Practice Begins	3/1/23	TBA	Host Girls Basketball Districts @ Main Gym	5/5/23	6:00pm	Band Banquet @ Golden Glow Ballroom
11/5/22	6:00pm	Rally in the Valley @ Horizons Conference Center	3/1/23	7:30 - 2:15	Drama Dress Rehearsal	5/8/23	8:00am	AP Calculus Exam @ MP Rm
11/7 - 11/17/22		Hidden Harvest Food Drive	3/2/23	7:00pm	Drama Performance	5/8/23	12:00pm	AP Comp Science Exam @ MP Rm
11/7/22		Practice begins for Competitive Cheer	3/3/23	TBA	Host Girls Basketball Districts @ Main Gym	5/9/23	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
11/14/22		Practice begins for Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Bowling, Wrestling	3/4/23	7:00pm	Drama Performance	5/11/23	7:00pm	Band Concert @ HS Auditorium
11/16/22		Spirit Day	3/5/23	2:00pm	Drama Performance	5/11/23	8:00am	AP World History Exam @ MP Rm
11/11/22		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	3/7/23	7:30am	ACT Testing Back Gym	5/18/23	8:00am	Decision Day & Senior Class Meeting @ HS Auditorium
11/18/22		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	3/8/23		Trimester 2 Exams Start	5/18/23	6:30pm	Senior Awards Night @ HS Auditorium
11/18/22		Sweatpant Wristbands NHS Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear sweatpants</i>	3/8/23		Sweatpant Wristbands Student Government Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear sweatpants</i>	5/18/23	7:30am-2:15pm	Dress Rehearsal - Drama
11/18/22		Trimester 1 Exams Start	3/9 - 3/12/23		BPA States @ Grand Rapids	5/19/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>
11/21/22		Practice begins for Boys Basketball	3/10 - 3/11/23	TBD	MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival @ TBD	5/19/23	7:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
11/23/22		No School - Inservice	3/13/23		Trimester 3 Begins	5/19/23		Beautification Day
11/24 - 11/25/22		No School - Thanksgiving Break	3/13/23		Practice begins for Baseball, Boys/Girls Track, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Boys Lacrosse, and Softball	5/20/23	7:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
11/28/22		Trimester 2 Begins	3/17/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	5/21/23	2:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
12/2/22	9:00am	Amazing Race	3/18/23	8:00am	MSBOA State Solo Ensemble Festival @ TBD	5/25/23	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet @ Crooked Creek Banquet Center
12/5/22		NHS Notifications	3/18/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	5/26/23		Senior Exams
12/7/22	12:00pm	Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon @ HS Library	3/20/23		Spirit Week	5/29/23		No School - Memorial Day
12/14/22	7:00pm	Symphony Band Concert @ HS Auditorium	3/20/23	6:00pm	Trimester 3 Open House HS Library	5/31/23		Senior Trip @ Cedar Point, Sandusky Ohio
12/16/22		NHS Application Due	3/27 - 3/31/23		Spring Break - No School	6/2/23	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
12/16/22		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/3/23	7:30am	Back to School from Spring Break	6/4/23	3:00pm	Baccalaureate @ HS Gym
12/19/22		Spirit Week	4/7/23		No School - Holiday Break	6/4/23	7:00pm	Adult & Alternative Ed Graduation
12/20/22		BPA Regionals @ SVSU	4/12/23	7:30am	PSAT 9 & 10 @ Back Gym	6/5/23	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
12/22/22		No School - Holiday Break Starts	4/12/23	7:30am	MME Testing - SAT with Writing @ Main Gym	6/5/23	7:00pm	Graduation @ HS Football Stadium
1/4/23	7:30am	Back to School from Holiday Break	4/12/23	8:00am	Senior Job Shadow / College Visit	6/6/23		Trimester 3 Exams Start
1/9/23	6:00pm	Trimester 2 Open House @ HS Library	4/13/23		Local Scholarships Due	6/6/23		Sweatpant Wristbands SADD Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear sweatpants</i>
1/11/23		NHS Tapping	4/13/23	7:30am	MME Testing - WorkKeys Main Gym	6/9/23	8:00am	No School - Teacher Work Day
1/16/23		No School - Teacher Work Day	4/14/23	7:30am	MME Testing - MSTEP Social Studies & Science (Window 4/10-5/19) @ Library/Labs			
1/18/23		Spirit Day	4/15/23	All Day	MSBOA District V All Star Band @ TBD			
1/20/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/22/23		Prom & After-Prom			
1/23/23	6:30pm	NHS Induction	4/21/23		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>			
			4/24/23		Student Government Rep Apps Pick up			



SVHS 2021-22 Trimester 3 Academic Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.0-3.75)

FRESHMEN

Reese Beery
Conner Boehler
Harrison Dammann
Kyle Durussel
Alexander Galsterer
Nicholas Hoffman
Braiden Janetsky
Hailey Koch
Sydney Kuhn
Caitlyn Lerner
Sophia Looby
Aliceon MacDonald
Julia Reeves
Delaney Shinnars
Alivia Stearns
Megan Taylor

SOPHOMORES

Alivia Alcock
Hannah Bell
Abigail Binder
Abryana Bledsoe
Ava Duprey
Logan Gast
Brock Golden
Blaise Hooverman
Mason Horwath
Elliana Johnson
Amelia Jones
Mallory Kretz
Jack LaDouce
Alex McDonald
Mayle Miller
Kenadie Mlujeak
Evan Pearsall
Alexandria Randall
Marissa Reese
Michael Rigterink
Layten Schrems
Jordian Schreur
Jacob Simons
Emma Staples
Keri Stephens
Kennady Tiitola

Jewelliann Vanliew
Cianna Vasey

JUNIORS

Ellianna Avila
Brooke Bailey
Jackson Beery
Jacob Benjamin
Brian Booth
Ethan Brooks
Alessia Bryce
Rose Campbell
Nathaniel Coffel
Owen Diefenbach
Claire Fordney
Owen Galsterer
Gracelyn Ginardi
Makenzie Grandy
Drew Griffith
Andrew Grover
Ethan Hoepfner
Jared Jurek
Drew Kaeckmeister
Aida Karst
Connor Klein
Adam Kuhn
Nicholas Kumar
Matthew McKim
Collin Miller
Katelyn Niss
Elena Psetas
Rachel Resio
Ava Schiebner
Cohen Schiebner
Kiersten Schiebner
Maya Schnorenberg
Lexie Stephens
Joscelyn Whelton
Sarah Wortley

SENIORS

Mark Adams
Laikyn Arndt
Kayla Baase
Kyra Booth
Rachel Ciesla
Avarie Dupuis
Nicole Endri
Brodth Fennelly
Makenna Fruk
Emma Gaertner
Trevor Grandy
Zachary Hahn

Joshua Hamlin
Gage Hammis
Julia Hans
Madison Hinskey
Hudson Karst
Elizabeth Killingbeck
Genevieve Kilts
Alyssa Leddy
Alexander McClure
Adrianna Mileski
Jeremiah Neumann
Kirsten Nichols
Bailey Pangborn
Ethan Parker
Julia Rosas
Logan Sayers
Hailey Sobol
Dana Sparks
Lauren Sprague
Hunter Taylor
Matthew Todd
Alexandra Turner
Brice Tweddle
Cameron Vacik
Madison Walker
Amy Walkiewicz
Meagan Woods

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.749-3.250)

FRESHMEN

Lauren Adelberg
Celestina Banda
Violet Boehler
Demi Buckley
Addison Bush
Linda Justina Casas
Aubrey Davidson
Erika Decker
Mia Delgado
Cal Delisle
Emily Dunn
Amaya Duron
Isabelle Freeman
Jasmine Guerra
Isabelle Hernandez
Larissa Hernandez

Joseph Maturen
Jason Neuenfeldt
Anthony Olivarez
Annabelle Pardo
Landen Phillips
Aleigh Premo
Alexis Raymond
Joseph Seaver
Riley Sharpe
Michael Spitz
Ashlyn Stockford
Preston Thurston
Hunter Wiktorowski

SOPHOMORES

Kaitlyn Bartley
Callie Baumann
Issac Beougher
Owen Bierlein
Makayla Duperon
Jordan Everett
Grace Gilbert
Jacob Hickerson
Sarabeth Jankowiak
Katana Krymusa
Andrew Markhart
Dylan Masar
Makenna Matzke
Jermaine Miller, Jr.
Mackenzie Morgan
Kirstin Murday
Kyle Ontiveros
Aubrey Premo
Marli Robinson
Tyler Ryll
Isaiah Sova
Kirstin Stevens
Noah Throop
Emily Walter
Hannah Wilcox
Emma Wimgertter
Kailey Wright
Chevelle Ziembo
Emily Zolinski
Madison Zwingman

JUNIORS

Parker Burkey
Kylie Call
Kyle Demand
Piper Feldotte
Hannah Fogg
Zaryah George

Payton Guilbeaux
Gabrielle Gutka
Adison Hallead
Aaron Harvey
Kennedy Hubbell
Alex Inman
Emily Jamrog
Sawyer Johnson
Brooke Leddy
Claire Leddy
John McCarthy
Madison Morgan
Erin Peters
Drew Sas
Hunter Smith
Evan Toth
Logan Turek
Matthew Turpin
Brianna Waldron
Sam Wickham
Lillian Wolfgang

SENIORS

Hallie Ackerman
Chandler Arn
Alyssa Bell
Lauren Bielby
Caleb Brandel
Dodge Butler
Jermaine Clemmons
James Corriveau
Chase Cupp
Thomas Davis
Seth Earle
Mason Ferrier
Noah Furlo
Jacob Garpiel
Samuel Hart
Nathan Kumar
Megan Lalonde
Jacob Means
Hannah Murphy
Laynie Nelson
Connley Palmer
Daniel Pangborn
Jacob Przbylski
Brandon Reese
David Reis
John Schmitzer
Lucas Seamon
Connor Vanbocklaer
Chloe Watters
Abigail Woycik

Audrey Yaklin
Jackson Zamora

CUM LAUDE (3.249-3.0)

FRESHMEN

Brayden Carstensen
Trenton Chauvette
Matthew Davis
Samuel Diblasi
Owen Fennelly
Alexander Fulgencio
Anorah Green
Bella Johnston
Allison Krawczak
Ethan Meyer
Noah Ortega

Marcelo Ortiz
Owen Schoemaker
Elyana Teneyuque
Emily Turner
Audriana Rodarte

SOPHOMORES

Alexis Curtis
Mason Duperon
Dakota Fowler
Nathan Hornsby
Ryley Lotz
Lukas Ordway
Nathan Schramke
Jonathon Walkiewicz
Sanai Williams

JUNIORS

Samuel Cole
Landon Geiling
David Hernandez Iii
Michael Lazzaro

Aidan McKendree
Harsh Patel
Autumn Snook
Tyler Ueberroth

SENIORS

Brandon Brandt
Krystal Duby
Logan Duel
Robert Jeter
Brett Johnson
Kaylee Krueger
Tara Lynn
Jeremy Olivarez
Adam Pitts
Kortney Sauve
Connor Stimpson
Mckyla Ziembo



JOIN THE VIKINGBOTS

DESIGN, BUILD & PROGRAM ROBOTS WITH THE SVHS VIKINGBOTS TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING OR BUSINESS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION.

<https://svhsrobotics.weebly.com>





SVMS HONOR ROLL 3.50-4.00

4th Marking Period 2021-2022

6TH GRADE

Acre, Bostyn E.
Bedford, Keller R.
Beemer, Sydney L.
Benkert, Garrett J.
Bledsoe, Logan J.
Boehler, Henry S.
Brogger, Keely R.
Burkhart, Gemma E.
Carter, Andrew J.
Caverly, Ian G.
Charboneau, Gavin P.
Clark, Ariana M.
Cole, Theodore J.
Curbey, Cameron R.
Diaz, Lorenzo J.
Dubey, Jacob T.
Durow, Victoria R.
Esparza, Dominic G.
Felsing, Brooke E.
Foy, Peyton J.
Fresorger, Robert J.
Hartley, Jady N.
Hubinger, Scarlett
Karst, Izabelle A.
Kerby, Grace E.
Keyes-Rocha, Anabella R.
Kilts, Lucas J.
Kittle, Liam E.
Kosanovich, Riley V.
Krantz, Emily M.
LaFond, Alaina L.
Massey, Mya D.
Maxwell, Aiden J.
Miller, Emma J.
Nopora, Cayden A.
Oberson, Samuel P.
Oldham, Adriana S.
Pawlick, Preston D.
Pike, Jensen M.
Pine, Kayden J.
Pruden, Beckett W.
Randall, Olivia A.
Reimus, Brayden W.
Rethman, Jaidyn O.
Rodriguez, Nikolas M.
Roque, Arianna S.
Shanks, Olivia M.
Simmons, Ashton W.
Stipanovich, Kolbi
Stoney, Fischer G.
Swift, Lily A.
Toner, Keegan D.
Van Buren, Claire C.

Walsh, Kaydence E.
Warner, Madison E.
Watters, Parker S.
Whelton, Landen M.
Wilcox, Connor T.

7TH GRADE

Baird, Savannah L.
Bartrum, Gabrielle M.
Bielby, Olivia D.
Blome, Evan R.
Brethauer, Emmy L.
Dammann, Spencer M.
Dunn, Elizabeth G.
Duprey, Olivia M.
Erlenbeck, Nolan R.
Espinoza, Ryan E.
Gebauer, Jackson T.
Ginardi, Brighton N.
Golden, Drew M.
Haley, Gabriella D.
Hall, Lilianna G.
Hare, Aubrey A.
Hare, Owen L.
Hebl, Owen T.
Henderson, Reed P.
Hernandez, Noah M.
Horwath, Olivia G.
Howe, Connor
Irvine, Zachary T.
Johnson, Lilyana
Johnson, Sylvie O.
Judd, Braden C.
Kalenak, Jorja A.
Kowalski, Kenneth
Looby, Dempsey J.
Luplow, Marygrace E.
McDonald, Trenton J.
McNeil, Emilie
Medema, Gavin J.
Miller, Maxwell T.
Ortega, Anicela D.
Powell, Mackenzie M.
Ragnone, Rocco P.
Ray, Braden P.
Robles, Ana L.
Rodriguez, Jaden M.
Rohde, Haven J.
Rousseau, Sarah R.
Ruiz, Jayda N.
Rush, Corbin M.
Scharck, David A.
Schiebner, Pierce M.
Selasky, Nolan M.

Shanks, Layla A.
Shemanski, Lucy B.
Smith, Noah
Southerland, Garrett R.
Stephens, Brady A.
Stephens, Chloe G.
Tabasa, Rohan B.
Teneyuque, Ayden C.
Throop, Lila O.
Trevino, Matthew
Wagner, Hadley H.
Weston, Noah W.
Weyand, Matilda
Whelton, Makena L.
Woods, Lisa M.
Young, Blake P.
Zissler, Maddelyn L.

8TH GRADE

Albrecht, Hunter W.
Allen, Terry L. Iii
Barnes, Mitchel D.
Barrigar, Gabriel L.
Bastian, Drake W.
Benkert, Alexandria J.
Bryce, Joseph G. Jr
Bryce, Tamera J.
Burkey, Bradyn J.
Charboneau, Shiloh A.
Coffel, Isabelle G.
Cox, Shiloh S.
Diaz, Romelo A.
Diefenbach, Greer E.
Gage, Hunter J.
Garcia, Tyler S.
Gardey, James W.
Gast, Ian D.
Gerard, Michael J. Jr
Goldensoph, Beckett K.
Granberry, Kamarrii J.
Grandy, Gavin D.
Guilbeaux, Alivia A.
Habina, Makalah G.
Hartley, Jaxon C.
Haulcy, Reniah A.
Henderson, Kameron T.
Holly, Hunter D.
Horny, Caleb A.
Hubbell, Adalynn P.
Iltner, Alexis R.
Judd, Estella A.
Katz, Owen J.
Kelly, Taylor M.
Killingbeck, Emily V.

Kittle, Colton W.
Krantz, Elijah M.
Kumar, Evan P.
LaFond, Aiden R.
Lederer, Ashleigh N.
Lietzke, Sydney T.
Lockwood, James D.
Lockwood, Jessica A.
Maher, Carter J.
Mair, Cameron G.
Malacos, Charles J. Ii
Matzke, Bryn M.
McCoy, Brody R.
McCoy, Madison M.
McKillop, Isabel K.
McLaughlin, James A. Iv
Megerle, Abigail G.
Meyette, Jessica
Miller, Jenner C.
Morales, Thalia N.
Murday, Karissa M.
Palmer, Keegan A.
Parsons, Brooke E.
Pelt, Jamison M.
Psetas, Christa J.
Rausch, Nadia M.
Reeves, Sarah E.
Robinson, Mia L.
Schicht, Eve V.
Schmiegel, Grace E.
Schrarn, Alexander J.
Selasky, Logan C.
Silva, Kaydence M.
Simons, Katelyn E.
Sova, Gannon B.
Spear, Grace E.
Stiener, Zoey L.
Stimpson, Brooklyn
Stipanovich, Ryder M.
Streng-Beougher, Boston R.
Taylor, Hayden M.
Taylor, Makayla L.
Teneyuque, Alyssandra E.
Turner, Madeline
Vasquez, Maya E.
Wagner, Cooper T.
Wagner, Murphy J.
West, Cheyenne L.
Wilcox, Ella D.
Wilson, Byron J.
Windy, Alison E.
Wolfgang, Isabelle M.
Zwingman, Garrett

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4th Marking Period 2021-2022

6TH GRADE

Allen, Ty D.
Allore, Allison M.
Bell, Jr, Anthony S.
Berlin, Sevianna M.
Booth, Elijah J.
Brayman, Dylan M.
Demand, Emily L.
Elisech, Olivia F.
Fleming, Annabella K.
Gonzalez Millan, Isavella R.
Gryna, Devin S.
Jean, Noelle V.
Johnson, Brysen G.
Lara, Gabriel G.
Lich, Garrett J.
Lotz, Cadyn M.
Lovato, Hayden J.
Mair, Corbin
McCloskey, Katie E.
McCracken, Harper R.
McNaughton, Alaina J.
Nuffer, Lucas R.
Salazar, Mason M.
Schmidt, Colton J.
Seaver, Alexis E.
Smith, Alexis N.

7TH GRADE

Adelberg, Ella S.
Aldrich, Ariel A.
Alford, Grace
Beemer, Iain L.
Bell, Ryan K.
Blake, Karley E.
Bouliew, Marlee E.
Bryce, Chloe A.
Clink, Anthony W.
Dubay, Colten J.
Duve, Nicholas N.
Ellerman, Kara Jean M.
Emery, William A.
Habina, Cooper L.
Haley, Isabella C.
Harp, Landon R.
Harvey, Caleb R.
Holubik, Kaytlynn M.
Howie, Nathan A.
Johnson, Layla L.
Leachman, Colton M.
Leachman, Emria J.
Leachman, Trenton G.
Looby, Madison M.

Mizoory, Loureen B.
Mossner, Olivia L.
Newman, Addison K.
Reynolds, Kamdyn D.
Rupert, Cloie
Unger, Ayden M.
Wiktorowski, Nolan F.
Wingerter, Kara D.

8TH GRADE

Burch, Samuel M.
Clark, Carly
Decess, Aydan D.
Ferguson, Jack R.
Fleming, Maxwell W.
Hogue, Nicholas J.
Kilts, Audrey M.
Lagan, Jack P.
McKay, Madison L.
Mey, Lukas M.
Mizoory, Souleen B.
Provezano, Corbin
Thomas, Kameron K.
Waldron, Austin D.

Middle School Parent / Teacher Conferences

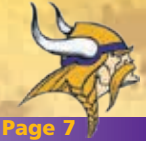
Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on
November 21st and 22nd.

In person conferences will be occurring on the 21st from 12:00 - 3:00 pm and 5:00 - 8:00 pm. These 2 sessions are arena style with no scheduled times for meetings. The staff will be located in the library, gym and multi-purpose room and will be available to meet with you regarding your student's first marking period progress.

Tuesday the 22nd will be a virtual conference day with scheduled phone or video class.

If you would like to schedule a meeting with any of your student's teachers, please contact the office to set up that meeting. The office will also be reaching out to select families to schedule conferences on the 22nd. Students are welcome to attend, but it is not mandatory.

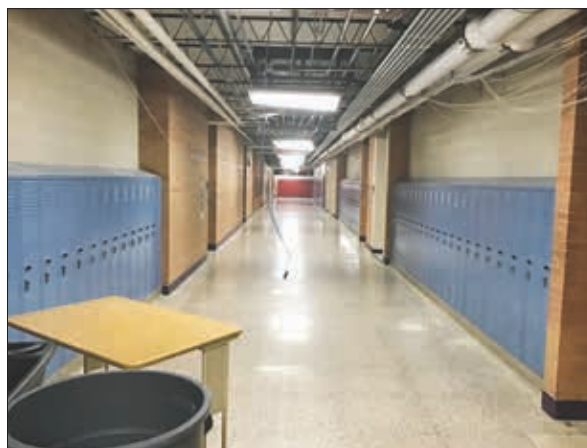
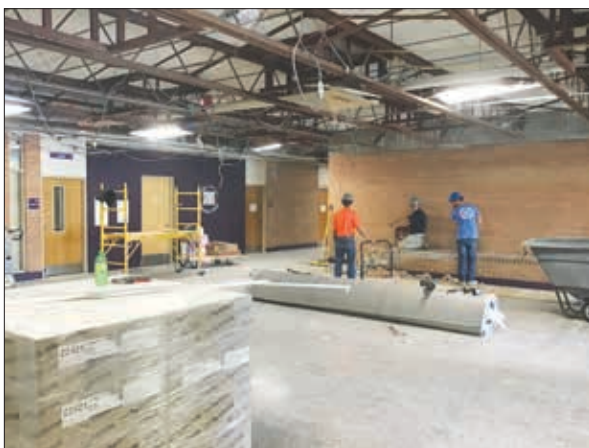
We look forward to seeing you during these conference days.



Swan Valley Middle School *Summer Bond Work*

If you have not been through the main campus this summer, there has been activity to say the least! Contractors were completing a variety of projects in the building, ranging from replacing all of the classroom carpeting, ceiling grid and tiles in the hallways, installing a new roof on the building, transitioning

us to LED lighting throughout the common spaces of the building, replacing selected white boards, and updating and refreshing the lobby and concession stand. All of these projects improved the environment that our students learn in. Check out some of the progress photos from the summer.



Dress Code Reminders for 2022-23

This is always a hot topic and probably the biggest point of contention. Most jobs have a dress code, whether it is a uniform at Burger King, safety glasses, hearing protection, pants and steel toed boots on the factory floor, or a shirt and tie at work. With that in mind, just a couple reminders about the school dress code. Generally, clothes worn at school should be in good taste and appropriate for a school setting.

Examples of clothing **NOT** considered to be appropriate would be:

- Gym shorts, spandex shorts, yoga pants, cut-offs
 - Pajamas
 - Clothing with offensive language or pictures
 - Spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube tops, crop tops, midriffs, and sheer blouses, etc. ...
 - There is no “three finger rule” for tank tops.
- All shirts must have sleeves or the student must wear a covering over their shoulders.

Shorts may be worn until November 1st and must be at least mid-thigh in length.

This may cause some challenges in the selection and purchase of clothing due to current trends, etc. The purpose of the dress code, however, is to create an appropriate learning environment free from unnecessary distraction.

Appearance and dress tend to have an impact on student behavior and attitudes. The dress code we established appears to be a reasonable compromise that provides acceptable guidelines for student attire.




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Project Lead the Way @ SVMS

This year SVMS is launching four *Project Lead the Way* – Gateway classes as part of the marking period rotation classes. *Project Lead the Way* is a hands on, STEM program that will expose our students to several different career pathways. Our 7th and 8th graders will be exploring general engineering through the Design and Modeling, Energy & the Environment, Architectural Design and Medical Detectives classes.

Mr. Brady, Ms. Meylan and Ms. Lovell went through extensive training this summer in preparation to teach these classes. We are excited to offer these new learning opportunities to our students!



Partnership

This summer Swan Valley School District partnered with Camp Timbers (West Branch) to help send students to Summer Camp! Through grants, students were able to go to camp at reduced costs.

The children had a blast!



IMPORTANT DATES

to remember

Picture Retakes Day
November 16

End of 1st Trimester
November 18

Half Days
November 30 • December 1 & 2

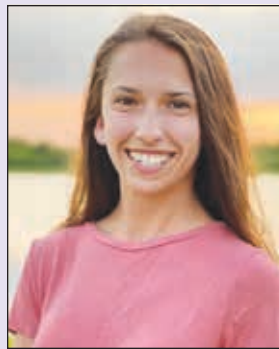
Conferences
November 30 • December 1

Staff Shifts at Shields Elementary

Over the summer there were some shifts in staff members at Shields. **Mrs. Theisen** is moving into a new position in our new Viking Values Specials class.

We also welcome these new teachers to our Shields Elementary family!

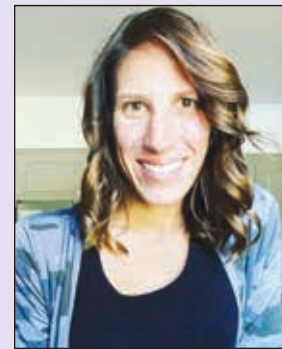
Welcome Mrs. Mikoleizik



Hi! My name is **Sierra Mikoleizik**. I graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I have previous teaching experience in Saginaw Township and in St. Charles.

I love spending time outside, traveling, and spending time with my husband and our dog!

Welcome Mrs. Schian



Hello, I'm **Nicole Schian**. I'm excited to be teaching 2nd grade again this year.

This will be my 15th year teaching. I am coming to Swan Valley after teaching in Breckinridge, MI for the last 9 years.

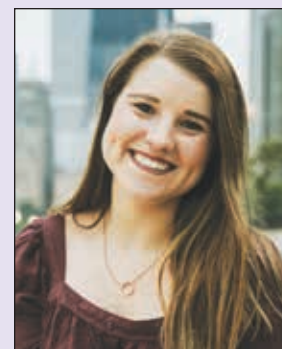
Welcome Miss Tapp



Sarah Tapp is proud to be teaching at Shields Elementary School where she has a true passion for working with our youngest learners. Helping each child progress in all areas of their development, social, emotional, language, cognitive, and motor is something that she is honored to help develop daily.

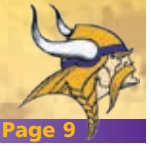
Miss Tapp strives to create a community of learners that nurtures this growth in a positive environment. She received a bachelor's degree from Saginaw Valley State University in Early Childhood Special Education.

Welcome Miss Eisenga



My name is Maggie Eisenga and I graduated from Grand Valley State University with my bachelor's in mathematics and elementary education in the spring of 2021.

I am originally from a small farm town called McBain, MI and it is also where I did my first year of teaching as a 2nd grade teacher as well as my student teaching where I was a long-term 5th grade substitute. Teaching has been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember and I am excited to continue it at Swan Valley. I look forward to an amazing year with all of you!



Family Fun Night

This past spring, Shields held a Family Fun Night. Students and families partook in games and lucky ones got to knock Mr. Justin, Mr. Rich, Mr. Jennings and Mr. McRae into a dunk tank!



Young 5s & Kindergarten Signing Day

In August, incoming Kindergarten and Young 5s students had a signing day! Students got to play with others, received a free snowcone, got their pictures taken and if they were not returning Young 5s students had a screener done to ensure proper placement. Students had a great time at this event.



BOND UPDATES

Another piece of the bond proposal were two additional classrooms. We are excitedly awaiting their completion to be able to get all of our people into their home bases.



New Loop

Part of the bond proposal was creating a new pick-up and drop-off loop for families. Parents and staff have been working hard to ensure safe and efficient starts and ends to children's days here at school.





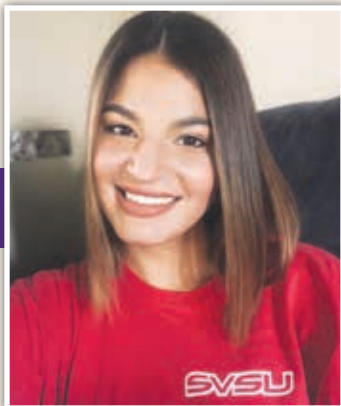
Welcome to our New Teachers

This year **Ms. Chipman** and **Ms. Whyte** joined us on the 3rd grade team. Also, **Ms. Dunning**, student teacher, joined our 4th grade team.

We are fortunate that each of them bring with them valuable classroom experience!



Ms. Chipman



Ms. Whyte



Ms. Dunning

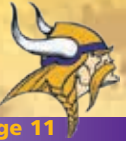
HAVENS Annual Fun Day

This annual field day, which took place in June, is organized with many events, games, and activities for our students. A lot of planning goes into making this a Fun Day for everyone.

Thank you to our many staff and parents who made this a successful day!

Our students have such great memories from days like this!





Havens STEM Day

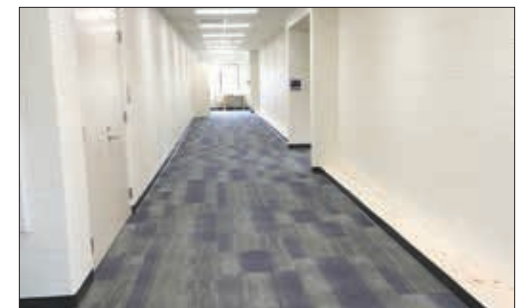
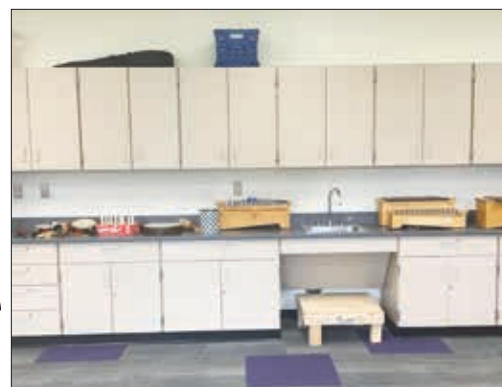
Students participate in hands-on activities and experiments all day long! We incorporate STEM throughout the year but during the last week of school this past June, we have a STEM day where students rotate through a variety of STEM stations.



BOND UPDATES

WELL WE MADE IT!

Our four new classrooms were finished just in time for school!





2022-23 SPORTS SCHEDULE

8TH GRADE MS VOLLEYBALL (A & B)

Monday	November 7	Away	4:30	Nouvel
Wednesday	September 9	Away	4:30	Alma
Monday	November 14	Home	4:30	Ithaca
Wednesday	November 16	Away	4:30	Birch Run
Monday	November 21	Away	4:30	Freeland
Tuesday	November 22	Away	4:30	John Glenn
Monday	November 28	Home	5:30	Garber (A only)
Wednesday	November 30	Home	4:30	St. Louis
Monday	December 5	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Wednesday	December 7	Home	4:30	Standish
Monday	December 12	Away	4:30	Bridgeport
Wednesday	December 14	Home	4:30	Hemlock

7TH GRADE MS VOLLEYBALL (A & B)

Monday	November 7	Home	4:30	Nouvel
Wednesday	September 9	Home	4:30	Alma
Monday	November 14	Away	4:30	Ithaca
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Wednesday	December 7	Away	4:30	Standish
Monday	December 12	Home	4:30	Bridgeport
Wednesday	December 14	Away	4:30	Hemlock

*Times & locations subject to change based on number of teams at each level for each school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Thursday	November 3	Home	4:30	Home Quad (John Glenn, Freeland, Alma)
Tuesday	November 8	Away	4:30	Garber Quad (Garber, Bridgeport)
Tuesday	November 15	Away	4:30	Frankenmuth Quad (Birch Run, Frankenmuth)
Tuesday	November 22	Home	4:30	Home Quad (Ithaca, St. Louis, Alma)
Tuesday	November 29	Away	4:30	Alma Quad (Bullock Creek, Standish)
Tuesday	December 6	Home	4:30	Home Quad (Hemlock, Millington, Alma)

TVC Tournament @ Carrollton (Date & Time: TBD)

8TH GRADE MS BOYS BASKETBALL (A & B)

Monday	January 16	Away	4:30	Nouvel
Wednesday	January 18	Home	4:30	Ithaca
Monday	January 23	Away	4:30	Freeland
Wednesday	January 25	Home	5:30	Garber (A only)
Monday	January 30	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Wednesday	February 1	Away	4:30	Bridgeport
Monday	February 6	Away	4:30	Alma
Wednesday	February 8	Away	4:30	Birch Run
Monday	February 13	Away	4:30	John Glenn
Wednesday	February 15	Home	4:30	St. Louis
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The Man Behind the Scenes

By Swan Valley Athletic Director Ryan Stephens

If you have been around Swan Valley High School Athletics the last seven years, the name **Nate Zastrow** should ring a bell! If you haven't heard of the name, you should at least recognize the well-manicured, rugged beard! Avid outdoorsman by day, athletic trainer by night, Swan Valley Athletic Trainer Nate Zastrow has been with the Vikings since the end of football season in 2016, having served hundreds of student-athletes over his tenure.



Swan Valley School District is contracted through Ascension Sports Medicine to provide Swan Valley High School athletic trainer services. Swan Valley Athletic Trainer Nate Zastrow works alongside Ascension Doctors Angel Bermudez and Nathaniel Krebs, and Athletic Trainer Toby Blosser.

A man of many hats, Nate has been very adaptable to the ever changing needs of high school athletics. Just over a year ago, he willingly became certified to administer rapid-antigen tests to student-athletes through the required MHSAA and MDHHS Spring Sports Covid Testing in 2021. Some of the daily, routine tasks that Nate performs that many people may not know about consist of the following: filling water jugs for both home and away teams, taping, checking in with injured athletes and coaches and making sure they are following prescribed steps and protocols pertaining to the condition, taking phone calls and answering emails from parents concerning their son's/daughter's well-being, filling out paperwork and reporting, tracking student-athlete progress and adjusting treatment plans to meet short and long term goals, and making the appropriate referral to Ascension Sports Medicine personnel. One of the most difficult duties Nate must perform as an athletic trainer is pull a student-athlete from competition when the severity of the injury or condition warrants it.

Nate is always on call, sometimes having to go from one end of the campus to the other, or even make a trek out to Roberts Community Park to serve boys and girls soccer. When asked to look at a student-athlete from Swan Valley or the visiting school, Nate is quick to respond. If he is not on-site at the time, he will immediately stop what he is doing and report as needed.

Nate's strong relationships and genuine care for the well-being of student-athletes makes him one-of-a-kind. Athletes, coaches, and parents hold a high level of trust in him to make informed and educated decisions regarding the treatment of student-athletes. He can be counted on by Swan Valley High School Administration to listen and take action when needed. Most importantly, Nate is an essential part of the Viking culture which only helps him communicate and do his job with efficacy.

The Swan Valley Athletic Department looks forward to many years of a healthy partnership with Nate Zastrow and Ascension Sports Medicine in keeping Swan Valley student-athletes healthy and putting them in a position to be successful!

