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Swan Valley School District Bond Update



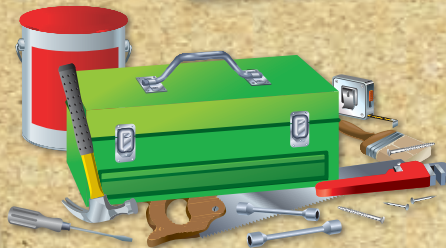
We continue to work diligently with RC Hendrick & Sons, construction management, and Tower Pinkster, architect, to implement the August 2021 \$25 million bond. A progress summary is here:



The Middle School concessions area in the front lobby is complete and a ribbon cutting took place at the February Board meeting.



Four new classrooms at Havens and two new classrooms at Shields have been completed!



(More Bond information and pictures on page 2)





BOND UPDATE

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We will be working to prioritize the original project list based on what can still be accomplished with the remaining bond funds. We greatly appreciate our Bond Citizen's Committee's hard work on this campaign (including an update meeting the past October) and would like to acknowledge them once again:

Jim Doyle, *Director of Maintenance*
Ann Messing, *Director of Finance*
Shelley Hanson, *Adult/Alternative/Community Education Director & High School At Risk/Engagement Specialist*
Markus Muennix, *High School Principal*
Ken Olinger, *High School Assistant Principal*
Craig Blower, *Middle School Principal*

Shelly DuRussel, *Havens Principal*
Leland Jennings, *Shields Principal*
Nicole Rethman, *Special Education Director*
Ryan Stephens, *Athletic Director/Student Activities Coordinator*
Troy Linton & Ray Pearsall, *Maintenance/Custodial*
Lori Walters, *Transportation*

Dave Dawson & Josh Kemerer, *High School Staff*
Alex Daly, Chris Deming & Jamie Medema, *Middle School Staff*
Kim Deering, *Havens Staff*
Michelle Buggia & Tara Deline, *Shields Staff*
John Corriveau, *Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Director*

Gary Hakes, *James Township Trustee*
Cody Alcock
Jason Benkert
Becky Benzenberg (*co-chair*)
Geoffrey Emede
Greg Grover
Nicole Hernandez

Molly & Steve Horwath
Jody Komyathy (*co-chair*)
Brett Luplow
Brian Miller
Chris Morse
Tammy & DJ Sova
Jennifer Stephens (*co-chair*)



The drop off pick up loop and fence area at Shields has been completed!

Bids for the last major project were approved at the February Board meeting. This project includes the construction of a new 600-seat Performing Arts Center adjacent to the south end of the High School. The Swan Valley Learning Center will be fully remodeled, two additional classrooms added (for six total) and a new lobby adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. Work will begin this spring with final completion to be summer 2024. Below are some renditions of these spaces.



New concession and restroom buildings for football stadium are underway. Expected to be fully complete in summer of 2023.





News from Nutrition Services

LUNCH MONEY MADE EASY!

On-line access allows you to monitor your children's school meal account balances and purchases, make online deposits with a credit card or debit card, transfer funds among siblings accounts and limit a la carte spending. You will receive low balance email notifications when your child's account balance goes under \$5.00. In addition, you can apply for Free and Reduced Priced Meals with your online services.

If you do not know your online portal information, please email:

foodservice@swanvalleyschools.k12.mi.us

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT SCHOOLS!

School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body and it's affordable too! Breakfast at Shields and Havens is \$1.40 (\$0.30 reduced) and SVMS and SVHS is \$1.60 (\$0.30 reduced)

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for part-time and substitute food-service workers in Swan Valley. If you are interested, please send your resume to:

foodservice@swanvalleyschools.k12.mi.us



Greetings from the nurse! As a School District, we are seeing increased numbers of students with gastroenteritis-like symptoms, much earlier in the school year than expected. Not to mention we are still in the heat of flu season and COVID continues to be a threat to our health. As a reminder, here are some medical reasons to stay home from school and to seek follow-up with your health care provider:

- + Fever 100.0* or above within 24 hrs (*without the use of fever-reducing medications*)
- + Active vomiting and/or diarrhea within the past 24 hrs
- + Severe sore throat or earache (*especially with drainage from the ear*)
- + Continual yellow or green drainage from the nose that is unable to be controlled or cared for by the student themselves (*especially for our younger children*)
- + Deep, persistent cough
- + Suspected contagious diseases (*until treatment has been in place for 24-48 hrs*) such as conjunctivitis (*"pink eye" with drainage*), scabs, untreated/uncovered ringworm and any undiagnosed rash
- + Head lice (*until treatment initiated, including removal of nits within 1 inch of the scalp*)

One should stay home for the first 24 hrs when beginning an antibiotic treatment. This will provide the time needed for the antibiotic to help reduce the risk of the illness being transmittable to others, and also gives the body time to detect a potential allergic reaction to the antibiotic. Also, keep in mind that alcohol-based hand sanitizers are **not** effective against Norovirus (*"stomach flu"*) and washing hands frequently with soap and water is preferred. As a reminder, all medications to be given during school hours need to have parent/guardian and a health care provider's written signature before staff can provide such medication to your child. Please contact Kimberly Newman, RN at 989-921-2621 for questions/concerns or request the Medication Authorization Consent form from your child's school.

Wishing you health and happiness as we look forward to Spring!

Kimberly Newman, RN BSN
District Nurse

Swan Valley Concert Series

<p>SHIELDS ELEMENTARY</p> <p>Shields Spring Concert and Art Show</p> <p>April 26, 2023</p> <p>6:00-6:30 Y5s and Kindergarten</p> <p>6:45- 7:15 1st and 2nd Grade</p> <p>High School Gym</p> <p>SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <p>Spring Band Concert</p> <p>May 4, 2023</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>Middle School Gym</p>	<p>R. B. HAVENS ELEMENTARY</p> <p>R. B. Havens Spring Concert and Art Show</p> <p>April 27, 2023</p> <p>6:30 -7:45 PM</p> <p>High School Gym</p> <p>SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Spring Band Concert</p> <p>May 11, 2023</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>HS Auditorium</p>
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OPT OUT FORM FOR DISTRICT SCHOOL STUDENTS

Directory Information

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

The district will not disclose directory information unless the district or school will use the information in a publication or a third party has requested the information for a reason that, in the judgement of the

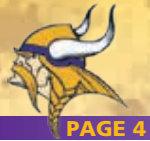
district, serves the student's best interests. For example, the district will comply with directory information requests from another school in which a student seeks to enroll, universities and colleges, law enforcement and Child Protective Services. The district will provide directory information for commercial purposes only if beneficial to students, such as yearbook or class ring sales. Your child's directory information will be released as described above, unless you direct otherwise by checking the box below:

I do not want my child's directory information released.

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

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____



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. For the 2022-2023 school year, students are 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.

SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meetings

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 • 6:30pm**
Shields Elementary School
- Thursday, April 20, 2023 • 6:30pm**
Swan Valley High School
- Thursday, May 18, 2023 • 7:00pm**
Administration Center
- Thursday, June 15, 2023 • 7:00pm**
Administration Center

2023 Swan Valley Distinguished Alumni

It's that time... time to nominate candidates for the Swan Valley High School Distinguished Alum! Complete details about the program and the process for nominating your candidate can be found on the SVHS Homepage. Click on the button that is titled Distinguished Alumni. There you will find the program criteria, the nomination form and the list of all those who were selected in previous years. If you have any questions, be sure to reach out to any of the class advisors listed on the Criteria Page. Hit the link below to find all the information you need! Thanks for participating and keeping this great SVHS tradition alive and well!

Nomination Process

To nominate a candidate, please give the nominee's name and provide supportive information. Support information may include a variety of items including a resume, newspaper clippings, news releases, or letters of recommendation from people attesting to the nominee's qualifications for this award. Other suggestions are listed below. **Deadline: April 28, 2023**

Distinguished Alumni Criteria

The following is a list that should be considered when nominating someone for the Distinguished Alum Award. Remember this list is provided to assist you in your selection. Not all candidates will have documentation for each area listed. Some will be strong in community involvement; others will be

strong supporters of the local school district; while others will have earned significant recognition for their work or studies.

If you have any questions, contact any one of these Class Advisors:

- Val Baldwin**vbaldwin@swanvalley.k12.mi.us
- Stephanie Coffel**scoffel@swanvalley.k12.mi.us
- Matt Lewis**mlewis@swanvalley.k12.mi.us
- Doug Bird**dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

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

ENROLL TODAY!

DROPPING OUT HAPPENS...

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, a full and part-time preschool program, as well as a summer program.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Monday through Friday
For more information, please call 989- 921-2461 or email jouellette@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

February was a month full of LOVE in the Learning Center!

Each of our preschool classrooms participated in classroom Valentine's Day parties where they painted pottery, played games, passed out goodies, and shared a festive meal! We also welcomed Mr. McRae to read a Valentine's themed story. We love having parents, loved ones, and familiar faces in the center with us!



Ms. Cami's class painting pottery!



Ms. Ariel's students and parents playing bingo together!



Musical hearts in Ms. Hailey's class!

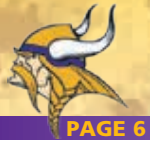


Mr. McRae reading to our 4 year old classes!

We are SO excited for national reading month! This month, we are encouraging parents and other loved ones to volunteer to come in and read to the students during class time. Reading is so important for early development and having these special experiences are priceless. We love bridging the gap between home and school!

We are pleased to announce that we are currently enrolling for our summer programming! We will be open for summer beginning on Monday, June 12th.

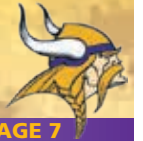
Students will be enjoying many different activities throughout the summer, all of which will be covered by our normal child care rates. Because our center will be undergoing renovations (which we are so excited for!), our summer enrollment will be slightly limited. If you are interested in more information about our summer program or reserving a spot for your child, please contact us at 989-921-2461 or email jouellette@swanvalley.k12.mi.us



SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2023 Spring Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
March 13		Trimester 3 Begins	May 3	6:00pm	Underclassmen Awards Night <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
March 13		Practice begins for Baseball, Boys/Girls Track, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Boys Lacrosse, and Softball	May 5	6:00pm	Band Banquet <i>(Golden Glow Ballroom)</i>
March 17		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	May 8	8:00am	AP Calculus Exam <i>(MP Room)</i>
March 18	8:00am	MSBOA State Solo Ensemble Festival <i>(Location TBD)</i>	May 8	12:00:pm	AP Comp Science Exam <i>(MP Room)</i>
March 20		Spirit Week	May 9	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
March 20	6:00pm	Trimester 3 Open House <i>(HS Library)</i>	May 11	8:00am	AP World History Exam <i>(MP Room)</i>
March 27-April 3		Spring Break – No School	May 11	7:00pm	Band Concert <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 3	7:30am	Back to School from Spring Break	May 18	8:00am	Decision Day & Senior Class Meeting <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 7		No School – Holiday Break	May 18	6:30pm	Senior Awards Night <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 12	7:30am	PSAT 9 & 10 <i>(Back Gym)</i>	May 18	7:30-2:15	Dress Rehearsal – Drama
April 12	7:30am	MME Testing – SAT with Writing <i>(Main Gym)</i>	May 19		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>
April 12	8:00am	Senior Job Shadow / College Visit	May 19	7:00pm	Drama Performance <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 13		Local Scholarships Due	May 19		Beautification Day
April 13	7:30am	MME Testing – WorkKeys <i>(Main Gym)</i>	May 20	7:00pm	Drama Performance <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 14	7:30am	MME Testing – MSTEP Social Studies & Science (Window 4/10-5/19) <i>(Library/Labs)</i>	May 21	2:00pm	Drama Performance <i>(HS Auditorium)</i>
April 15	All Day	MSBOA District V All Star Band <i>(Location TBD)</i>	May 25	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet <i>(Crooked Creek Banquet Center)</i>
April 21		Soup for Sweats: <i>Students may wear sweat pants if donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	May 26		Senior Exams
April 22		Prom & After-Prom	May 29		No School – Memorial Day
April 24		Student Government Rep Apps Pick up	May 31		Senior Trip <i>(Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio)</i>
April 24-May 6		Senior Project Window Opens	June 2	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
April 25	7:30am	MME Testing – SAT with Writing – Retakes <i>(MP Room)</i>	June 4	3:00pm	Baccalaureate <i>(HS Gym)</i>
April 26-30		BPA Nationals (Anaheim, CA)	June 4	7:00pm	Adult & Alternative Ed Graduation
April 27	7:30am	MME Testing – WorkKeys – Retakes <i>(MP Room)</i>	June 5	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
April 28		Student Government Rep Apps Due	June 5	7:00pm	Graduation <i>(HS Football Stadium)</i>
May 3	8:00am	AP Literature Exam <i>(MP Room)</i>	June 6-9		Trimester 3 Exams Start
			June 6		Sweatpant Wristbands SADD Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear sweatpants</i>
			June 9	8:00am	No School – Teacher Work Day



NHS Inducts New Members

On January 23, the Swan Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted its new members. New members are:

*Ellianna Avila
Brooke Bailey
Ethan Brooks
Ava Duprey
Jordan Everett
Logan Gast
Mason Horwath
Elliana Johnson*

*Amelia Jones
Connor Klein
Mallory Kretz
Adam Kuhn
Jack LaDouce
Brooke Leddy
Claire Leddy
Matthew McKim*

*Mayle Miller
Katelyn Niss
Marli Robinson
Maya Schnorenberg
Keri Stephens
Sam Wickham
Emma Wingerter*

Congratulations!



NHS Members Visit Shields 1st Graders

National Honor Society members traveled to Shields Elementary on December 12 to help our 1st Graders tie blankets. The blankets were then donated to charity.



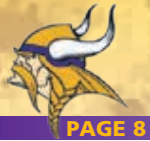
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for
Rachel Resio



Congratulations to Swan Valley's **RACHEL RESIO** for hitting her 1,000th career point on Friday, February 20th against Freeland.





Junior Volunteer Program

Covenant HealthCare Volunteer Services is now accepting applications for the Summer 2023 High School Volunteer Program. Students may apply online at:

<https://www.covenanthealthcare.com/ch/communityinvolvementvolunteer>

Please forward this information to any high school student who may be interested in the healthcare field. Application deadline is March 31, 2023.

Requirements for acceptance into the High School Volunteer Program at Covenant HealthCare is as follows:

- 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2021
- 3.0 grade point or higher (will be verified)
- Ability to commit 3-4 hours per week for a minimum of 40 hours (by end of August 2023). This is approximately 1 shift per week.
- Obtain a favorable recommendation from a teacher or counselor (email of reference is required on application)
- Complete the mandatory orientation (Dates will be communicated to applicants)

Students will have an opportunity to experience a medical center atmosphere and interact with nurses, physicians and technologists throughout the organization. This program would be an opportunity to meet requirements for volunteer service for high school and college and we offer this program every summer. Due to the impact of COVID-19 on our healthcare organization, we currently do not have specifics on what opportunities with patient interaction will be available for volunteers; however, more information will be provided to applicants near the end of the school year.

Should you have any questions or you would be interested in contacting me directly, please use the contact information below.

Thank you!

Sarah Knochel, Manager

Front Desk & Volunteer Services
Covenant HealthCare

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P: 989.583.6048

E: sknochel@chs-mi.com

W: www.covenanthealthcare.com

From The *Bird's Nest*

Let's talk scholarships!

The purpose of this article is to discuss some really significant scholarship opportunities available to our seniors. I can't emphasize enough how crucial it is that seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, otherwise known as the FAFSA. I tell the seniors that in my 'ideal world', **every** senior would complete the FAFSA. There are so many scholarships out there that require the FAFSA to be completed and submitted. It should only take about an hour to complete and the reward can be life changing. Our students historically do quite well with scholarship offerings. The students who benefit the most are the ones who put forth the effort with their scholarship applications. With that being said, please encourage your student to work with you to complete the FAFSA as soon as you possibly can. Also, encourage your student to pursue as many scholarship opportunities as possible.

Have you heard of the new **Michigan Achievement Scholarship?** The state of MI is offering this program for the very first time this year. Students who graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after will be eligible for more financial aid from the State of Michigan:

- Up to \$2,000 if they attend an eligible training provider in Michigan, per year, up to two years
- Up to \$2,750 if they attend a Michigan community college, per year, up to three years
- Up to \$4,000 if they attend a Michigan private college or university, per year, up to five years
- Up to \$5,500 if they attend a Michigan public university, per year, up to five years

Here is a link that will share all the details you need to know:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship>

Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) – I have met with all seniors who have been identified by the state of Michigan as "TIP eligible". To be eligible, a student must have received Medicaid benefits for 24 consecutive months during a 36 month window sometime from age nine to high school age. The state has provided me with a list of those who are eligible. I have given each student the directions and information. TIP will cover most of the costs for a two year course of study at a community college and some four year schools that offer an Associate's Degree. If your student is TIP

eligible, I would very strongly urge him/her to pursue this! What a great benefit! The final requirement to realize the TIP money for college? Yup, you guessed it. The student must complete the FAFSA. At the time of this submission, only 14 of 25 eligible seniors have submitted the FAFSA. Those fourteen = free college. The others = pay out of pocket.

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship is available to undergraduate students pursuing their first degree and is based on both financial need and merit. To be considered, a student must take the SAT prior to entering college and achieve a qualifying score of at least 1200. Applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 1. Awards are restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. Awards pay up to a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year.

The Michigan Tuition Grant is available to undergraduate Michigan residents with financial need who plan to attend or are attending a Michigan degree-granting, non-profit independent college. The Michigan Tuition Grant is available to undergraduate Michigan residents with financial need. Applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 1.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship provides scholarships to students who have experienced foster care in Michigan on or after age 13. Students must also demonstrate financial need to qualify. An application is required and must be completed annually during the open enrollment period. Eligible students must apply each year. The 2022-23 FFS application is currently available and the priority deadline is August 1, 2023.

There are two ways to complete the application:

1. Online by creating a MiSSG Student Portal Account at Michigan.gov/MISSG, or
2. Over the phone by contacting the Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687.

Applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Bird's Nest Scholarship Folder – And, of course, there are many more scholarship opportunities in my Schoology Course, The Bird's Nest. Be sure to check this often as I add more scholarships on a frequent basis.

If you have questions, be sure to send an email at any time: dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

Doug Bird, College Advisor



Congratulations! 2023 M.S. BPA MEMBERS

Below are tentative Placements at the BPA State Competition. Official results are not yet available.

Administration Support Team:

2nd Place: **Swan Valley**
(Abbi Smith & Clara Irvine)

Financial Literacy:

1st Place: **Zach Irvine (Swan Valley)**

Word Processing:

1st Place: **Jaidyn Rethman**

Digital Citizenship:

1st Place: **Isaac Ball**
4th Place: **Zach Irvine**

Entrepreneurship Exploration:

1st Place: **Norah Jennings**
2nd Place: **Isaac Ball**

Digital Game Design:

1st Place: **Swan Valley**
(Norah Jennings, Isaac Ball & Sophia Burns)

Presentation Management Team:

1st Place: **Swan Valley**
(Lily Johnson, Sarah Rousseau & Olivia Duprey)

Graphic Design Promotion:

3rd Place: **Jaidyn Rethman**

Human Resource Exploration:

2nd Place: **Sophia Burns**

Computer Literacy (Open):

2nd Place: **Isaac Ball**
3rd Place: **Blake Young**
4th Place: **Zach Irvine**
5th Place: **Lily Johnson**

Business Fundamentals (Open):

1st Place: **Lily Johnson**
2nd Place: **Brady Stephens**
3rd Place: **Blake Young**
4th Place: **Sarah Rousseau**

Business Communications – 1 (Open):

1st Place: **Brady Stephens**
3rd Place: **Sylvie Johnson**
4th Place: **Blake Young**
5th Place: **Ana Robles**

Business Communications – 2 (Open):

1st Place: **Sarah Rousseau**
3rd Place: **Sylvie Johnson**



SVMS Launches Fishing Club

A big thank you to the Saginaw Community Foundation for their support of the SVMS Fishing Club! This after school enrichment program focuses on providing students the opportunity to develop a lifelong leisure activity while creating good environmental stewards and reinforcing numerous Michigan science, social studies and physical education standards in a fun and engaging way.



During the winter months, this group of students will meet monthly after school to complete various fish and water based lessons from Michigan Department of Natural Resources and learn from individuals with expertise in angling and stewardship of Michigan's water resources. With the beginning of the fishing season (March 1, 2023), students will begin meeting twice a month, once to continue to learn from our guest speakers and once to travel to various locations in the Great Lakes Bay Region where they can practice their angling skills, including: Imerman Park (Tittabawassee River - Saginaw Parks), Roethke Park (Pond - Thomas Township Parks), Thomas Township Nature Preserve (Tittabawassee River - Thomas Township Parks), and Haithco Park (Saginaw Parks).

Students will be introduced to the sport of fishing, learning the basics of angling such as caring for your equipment, tying knots, tying flies, crawler harness, perch rigs, casting, preventing invasive species transfer, and Michigan fishing by-laws.

SVMS 2022-2023 First Semester

4.0 Students



Congratulations
on all your hard work!



Celebrating our **Students of the Month!**



DECEMBER 2022



JANUARY 2023



Middle School Lobby Renovations Completed!



SVMS Mock Interviews

Students in Mr. Brady's 6th Grade Career class have learned about a variety of career pathways, and they have identified a career choice that suited their interests, learning styles, and personality styles. Students used Xello to establish goals relating to a career based on their matches. The website Xello had students complete 10 different lessons about their interests, time management, learning styles, and much more in order to create occupational matches. Every 6th grader in SVMS has completed these lessons and received job matches.

Students have learned how to write resumes and cover letters. Both of these elements are needed to get an interview for a desired position.

Then, students were offered the opportunity to go through the interview process. Students were interviewed by 12 community leaders involved in a variety of careers that matched the students desired field. Students went through the nerves of the waiting room to the interview itself where they had to respond to a variety of general questions relating to the applied position and company.

The following students received the Golden Applicant Award which is where they were individually selected by our 12 guest interviewers as the candidate they would hire in their chosen field during Mock Interviews! Sophia Burns, Logan Abram, Nolan Trevino, Willow Vaughan, Keegan Jackson, Donald McCoy, Maurice Villegas, Madilyn Windy, Caleb Fortier, Kennady Paige, Izzy Nadolny and Parker Graham were the award winners. Recipients received recognition at lunch, a personalized Golden Ticket, and a Starbucks gift card.

Huge thanks to Mrs. Quellet and Mr. Brady for organizing this event. Also, this event would not be possible with our guest interviewers: Andy Miller, Justin Stroebel, Jody Komathy, Jen Boehler, Lindsey Sammons, Katie McDonald, Debra Kimball- Christie, Mark Balko, Lynda Thayer, Kylee Monahan, Carrie Wilson, and Shelly Foy

It was a great (and nerve-racking) day to be a Viking!



Congratulations to the SVMS **PSAT8 Top 10 Performers!**





Valentine's Day PROJECTS

First graders participated in their yearly Valentine's card project. Cards were received from all over the world, including different countries. The students marked down on their classroom maps where the cards were received from. Students looked forward to receiving mail every day and discussing the various locations. Thank you to anyone who shared out this project.

Second graders at Shields participated in a Valentine's exchange where we cre-

ated and mailed out 23 Valentines and letters to classrooms across the country! They researched their state and local community to write letters that taught others about our school and the surrounding area. We received 23 letters in return! Some students took it above and beyond and created a video to share with other classrooms. Included is a sample QR code that other teachers were able to scan and share with their students to learn about us.



STUDENT Leadership Project

The Shields Student Leadership Team surprised the staff with their new Appreciation Station. Each Friday staff can pick from assorted drinks, chips, and treats!



100TH DAY Celebration!

Students at Shields aged greatly on the 100th Day of School! Being 100 days smarter can sure have an effect on you!



Young 5s & Kindergarten REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting in-district registrants for **Young 5s & Kindergarten** for next year. Please call or stop by the Shields office for more information!

989-921-4701





Reading is Out of This World!



DONUTS with Loved Ones

Shields Kindergarteners welcomed guests for a sweet treat on Valentine's Days!
Students and family members all had a great time!



The TEMPLE THEATRE

Second graders took a trip to The Temple Theatre
and attended "Pete the Cat" the musical
in January.





National Day of **PLAY!**



Havens Elementary Students participated in the National Day of Play. It was a "no electronics" day and students played card games, board games, and participated in other hands on activities.



100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

It was the first time in a while that we were able to celebrate our "100th Day" on the actual day! We made it until then without a snow day.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Presents at the
January Board Meeting

All Student Council Members attended the board meeting. They were asked to present on what their group embodies. Students presented on how they incorporate leadership, service and fundraising at our school.



SAVE the DATE!

SPRING BREAK:
March 27-April 2 • NO SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY:
April 7 • NO SCHOOL



4th Grade Welcomes Special Guest

Our fourth grade classrooms hosted Jess, a Naturalist from Bay City State Park. She taught students about bioaccumulation and safe eating of fish. Students measured fish and played a game to learn about the topic. Students will go to the state park in the spring to continue their learning of life science.



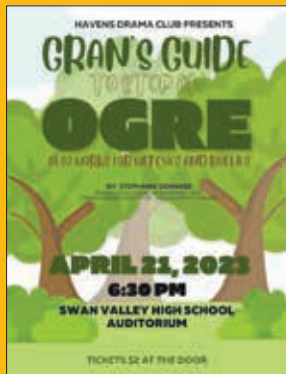
Valentine's Day Fun!

4th and 5th grade went on a field trip to the movie theater and 3rd graders participated in some Valentine's activities in their classrooms.



SAVE the DATE!

Havens Drama Club Production: "Gran's Guide To Stop An Ogre" Premieres April 21, 6:30pm at SVHS



Havens Choir Students performed the National Anthem at a Varsity Basketball game!

The Choir will perform again at our annual Havens Spring Concert on April 27th. Students grades 3-5 and our Percussion Ensemble will also perform at the concert.





Learn About the

ACE OF CLUBS

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE!

**Never played before?
It's simple!**

Tickets are **\$1.00 each** and they're sold at Saginaw Eagles Club FOE #497 and Swan Valley High School Athletic Office. You can also go to **Swan Valley High School Ace of Clubs Facebook Page** for information on how to get tickets and what numbers are available. **All proceeds raised by the Swan Valley Athletic Association go towards helping those Swan Valley Athletic Programs with new equipment and uniforms.**



What's on the ticket?



Fill out the perforated part of the ticket to include your name, address, phone number and **most importantly** your envelope #1-52. You're picking the envelope you think the Ace of Clubs is in. Make sure not to pick one that's already been drawn! Current available numbered envelopes are displayed in a locked case located at Saginaw Eagles Club FOE #497 and pictured on Swan Valley High School Ace of Clubs FB page.

Every week ONE ticket will get drawn at approximately **7:00pm on Sundays through June 4th, 2023 (excluding Easter)**. If Eagle's Club is closed unexpectedly due to unforeseen circumstances, drawing will be the next scheduled date.

You must purchase tickets every week to participate in that week's drawing! YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! BUY YOUR TICKETS BEFORE TICKET SALES END AT 6:45PM EVERY SUNDAY!



As of February 26th, the jackpot was up to \$2,849.40!





2023 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

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VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 4	Away	4:00	Hemlock
April 6	Home	4:00	Ogemaw Heights
April 11	Away	4:00	John Glenn
April 18	Home	4:00	Frankenmuth
April 25	Home	4:00	Bridgeport
April 26	Away	4:00	Heritage
April 29	Home	10:00	Swan Valley Inv #1 (Heritage, Mt. Pleasant, Three Rivers)
May 2	Away	4:00	Birch Run
May 4	Home	4:00	Alpena
May 6	Home	10:00	Swan Valley Inv #2 (USA, BC Western, ?)
May 9	Home	4:00	Garber
May 11	Home	4:00	Tawas
May 13	Home	10:00	Swan Valley Inv #3 (Laingsburg, Dryden, Ovid-Elsie)
May 16	Home	4:00	Alma
May 19	Away	4:00	Bullock Creek
May 23	Away	4:00	Freeland

VARSITY BASEBALL

April 4	Away	4:00	Breckenridge
April 6	Home	4:00	Ogemaw Heights
April 11	Away	4:00	John Glenn
April 14	Away	4:30	Hemlock @ Dow Diamond
April 18	Home	4:00	Frankenmuth
April 20	Away	4:00	Shepherd
April 25	Home	4:00	Bridgeport
April 27	Home	4:00	North Branch
April 29	Away	12:00	Tawas
May 2	Away	4:00	Birch Run
May 4	Home	4:00	Alpena
May 6	Away	10:00	St. Johns Invite (Lansing Catholic, Crosswell Lexington)
May 9	Home	4:00	Garber
May 13	Away	9:30	Bad Axe Inv (Carrollton, New Lothrop)
May 16	Home	4:00	Alma
May 19	Away	6:00	Bullock Creek
May 23	Away	4:00	Freeland

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 6	Away	4:00	Ogemaw Heights
April 11	Home	4:00	John Glenn
April 13	Away	4:00	Ovid-Elsie
April 15	Home	10:00	Swan Valley JV Inv (USA, Heritage, Bullock Creek)
April 18	Away	4:00	Frankenmuth

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL, cont.

April 21	Home	4:00	Shepherd
April 25	Away	4:00	Bridgeport
April 26	Away	4:00	Heritage
May 2	Home	4:00	Birch Run
May 4	Home	4:00	Alpena
May 9	Away	4:00	Garber
May 16	Away	4:00	Alma
May 18	Home	4:00	Bullock Creek
May 23	Home	4:00	Freeland
May 25	Away	4:00	Bay City Western

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

April 6	Away	4:00	Ogemaw Heights
April 11	Home	4:00	John Glenn
April 13	Away	4:00	Ovid-Elsie
April 18	Away	4:00	Frankenmuth
April 21	Home	4:00	Shepherd
April 25	Away	4:00	Bridgeport
April 27	Home	4:00	North Branch
May 2	Home	4:00	Birch Run
May 4	Home	4:00	Alpena
May 9	Away	4:00	Garber
May 16	Away	4:00	Alma
May 18	Home	4:00	Bullock Creek
May 23	Home	4:00	Freeland
May 25	Away	4:00	Bay City Western

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

March 23	Away	4:30	Hemlock (Scrimmage)
April 4	Away	4:30	Garber
April 6	Home	4:30	Freeland
April 11	Home	4:30	Bullock Creek
April 13	Away	4:30	John Glenn
April 17	Home	4:30	Birch Run
April 20	Away	4:30	Alma
April 24	Home	4:30	Calvary Baptist
April 27	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
April 29	Home	1:30	Hemlock
May 1	Home	4:30	Garber
May 4	Away	7:00	Freeland
May 8	Home	4:30	John Glenn
May 10	Home	4:30	Pinconning
May 11	Away	4:30	Birch Run
May 15	Home	4:30	Alma (Parent Senior)
May 17	Away	4:30	Valley Lutheran
May 20	Home	2:00	Swan Valley Inv (Byron, Clio, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart)
May 22	Away	4:30	Frankenmuth

VARSITY BOYS GOLF

April 18	Away	10:00	Hemlock 2-Man Scramble @ Valley View Farms
April 26	Away	9:00	TVC Jamboree @ Garber (Bay County)
April 28	Away	9:00	Frankenmuth Inv @ The Fortress
May 1	Away	9:00	St. Louis Shark Classic @ Hidden Oaks Golf Course
May 3	Away	TBA	TVC Jamboree @ Birch Run
May 9	Home	9:00	Saginaw County @ Valley View Farms
May 12	Away	TBA	Mt. Pleasant Oiler "36" Inv @ Mt. Pleasant Country Club
May 13	Away	TBA	Mt. Pleasant Oiler "36" Inv @ Pohlcatt
May 15	Home	9:00	Swan Valley Viking Inv @ Valley View Farms
May 17	Away	TBA	TVC Jamboree @ Alma
May 20	Away	9:00	East Lansing Boys Classic @ Forest Akers West
May 22	Away	1:00	Chemic City Inv @ Midland Country Club
May 24	Home	10:00	TVC Jamboree @ Valley View Farms
May 29-June 3			MHSAA Boys Golf Regionals

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS GOLF

April 26	Away	9:00	Redwings Inv @ The Emerald
May 1	Home	1:00	TVC Jamboree @ Valley View Farms
May 4	Away	9:00	Ithaca Inv @ The Fields
May 15	Away	TBA	TVC Jamboree @ The Fields
May 22	Away	4:00	TVC Jamboree @ Alma / Pine River

HHS LACROSSE

April 4	Away		Linden
April 6	Home		TC United
April 11	Away		Davison*
April 13	Home		BC Central*
April 15	Home	11:00	Brighton B*
April 18	Away		Lapeer*
April 20	Home		Dow
April 25	Away		Grand Blanc
April 27	Home		Midland High*
April 28	Away		Powers (non-conf.)
May 2	Home		Bay City Western
May 4	Away		Powers
May 6	Home	2:00-V/4:00-JV	Fr. Gabriel Richard
May 10	Home		Swartz Creek

HHS LACROSSE, cont.

May 11	Away		Bay City Western (non-conf., Palm-Strong Benefit Game)
May 13	Home		Tourney (Salem, DeWitt, St Johns/Ovid-Elsie)*
May 16	Away		Macomb Chippewa Valley
May 18			Playoffs

*Indicates Varsity Only Contests

JUNIOR VARSITY & VARSITY TRACK

April 12	Away	4:00	Freeland @ Birch Run
April 15	Away	12:00	Freeland Falcon Inv
April 19	Home	4:30	TVC Tri Meet (Bridgeport, SASA)
April 21	Away	3:00	Graves/Swayze Relay Meet @ Midland HS
April 24	Away	3:30	MLS JV Inv
April 26	Away	4:00	Alma @ John Glenn
May 3	Home	4:30	TVC Tri Meet (Frankenmuth, Garber)
May 5	Away	3:30	Sanford Nite Trax
May 10	Away	4:00	TVC Conf. Meet @ Freeland
May 12	Away	3:00	Korf-Schultz Saginaw County Championships @ Heritage
May 15	Away	3:30	Frankenmuth Eagle 9/10 Inv
May 17	Away	4:00	Heritage Hawks JV Inv @ Heritage
May 19	Away	TBA	MHSAA Regionals @ Frankenmuth

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS & BOYS TRACK

April 18	Away	4:00	Carrollton @ Freeland
April 25	Home	4:00	TVC Tri (Birch Run, Garber)
April 28	Away	4:15	2nd Annual Hawk Relays @ White Pine
May 2	Away	4:00	Alma @ St. Louis
May 9	Home	4:00	TVC Tri (Bullock Creek, Standish)
May 12	Away	4:00	Breckenridge Huskie Relays
May 16	Away	4:00	TVC Divisional Meet (Location TBD)
May 19	Away	TBA	MHSAA LP Region (Location TBD)
May 25	Away	4:30	Saginaw County (Location TBD)
May 31	Away	2:45	Mid Michigan MEGASTAR Meet (Shepherd)

