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Every decision. Every interaction. Every day.

BY DR. ALISON CICINELLI, SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome back! It has been great to see our buildings full of students and staff again as we begin the 2026–2027 school year. We are excited about what is ahead and grateful to have our Vikings back in our schools.

Two of our priorities this year are safety and communication, and the two are closely connected. Keeping our schools safe means having strong plans and procedures, but it also means building relationships, communicating clearly, and creating a school community where people feel comfortable speaking up and listening to one another.

Behind the scenes, we have spent time updating our district's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and reviewing the procedures that guide our response to emergencies. One change families will see and hear much more about this year is the use of common emergency response terminology across Michigan schools.

Students, staff, families, law enforcement, and first responders will hear the same five terms: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. We will share information about these terms throughout the year so our families understand what each means and what to expect. Using the same language helps reduce confusion and allows schools and first responders to communicate more clearly when it matters most.

Our work around communication is also taking another step forward this year. Our teachers will participate in Our Community Listens (OCL) training as Swan Valley works toward becoming a Caring Community in partnership with the Chapman Foundation. The focus is simple but important: becoming better listeners and communicators and strengthening the relationships that make up our school community. This builds on the communication and culture work identified in our welcome-back message.

That work is connected to safety, too. Strong schools are built on relationships and trust. When students know there are adults who will listen, when staff communicate well with one another, and when families know they will receive clear and accurate information, we create a stronger and safer school community.

We hope we never need many of the emergency procedures we prepare for. But being prepared, communicating clearly, listening well, and building strong relationships are things we can do every day.

And that fits our message for the year:

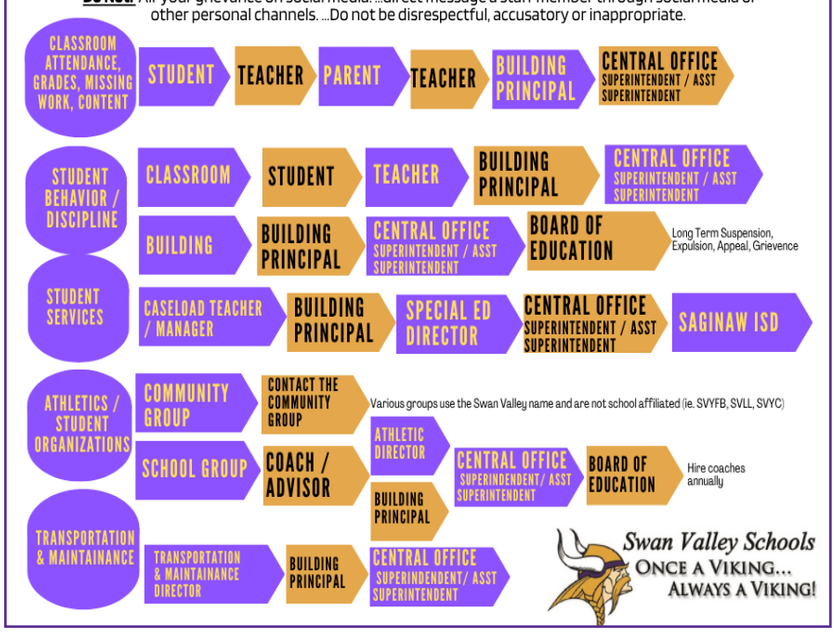
EVERY DECISION.
EVERY INTERACTION.
EVERY DAY.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Here's to a safe and successful 2026–2027 school year!

Swan Valley Communication Process

Do: Remember the Golden Rule. Wait 24 hours. There are multiple sides to every story. Use school email, call or use the SV app. Schedule a face-to-face meeting.

Do Not: Air your grievance on social media. ...direct message a staff member through social media or other personal channels. ...Do not be disrespectful, accusatory or inappropriate.



IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION

HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS
Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS
Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual

SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS
Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

TEACHERS
Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Do business as usual
Take attendance

LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS
Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS
Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS
Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS
Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

ADULTS
Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

K12 2025 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

SWAN VALLEY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
IS THROWING THE

ULTIMATE TAILGATE PARTY!



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN VS MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH | 6-11 PM | HORIZONS

$80 PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

FULL BAR, DINNER, DRINKS, DANCING, AMAZING SILENT AUCTION, & HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH OR VENMO
AT ALL SCHOOL OFFICES, FROM ANY SV COACH,
OR FROM A RALLY COMMITTEE MEMBER
VENMO: @SWANVALLEY-ATHELETICASSOCIATION

WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FULL NAME OF EACH GUEST.

IF PAYING BY VENMO & RECEIVED A HARDCOPY TICKET: PLEASE INCLUDE "RALLY GUEST NAME(S) AND YOUR TICKET NUMBER(S)" IN THE PAYMENT DESCRIPTION.

NO HARD COPY TICKET? NO PROBLEM!
IF YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKET THROUGH VENMO AND DID NOT RECEIVE A HARD COPY TICKET, PLEASE INCLUDE "RALLY GUEST NAME" IN THE VENMO MESSAGE.
YOUR TICKET WILL BE HELD AT WILL CALL AND AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE EVENT.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST NAME IS INCLUDED WITH EVERY TICKET PURCHASE SO WE CAN HAVE YOUR TICKETS READY!

WANT TO RESERVE A TABLE IN ADVANCE?
YOU WILL NEED 8 TICKETS PURCHASED AND ALL NAMES PROVIDED TO RESERVE.
TEXT NICOLE BEOUCHER AT 233-0641 WITH QUESTIONS.

Rally in the Valley

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY A FUN NIGHT OUT WHILE SUPPORTING ALL SV ATHLETES AT THE LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

BE THERE. WEAR YOUR COLORS. LET'S TAILGATE!



SUPPORT SWAN VALLEY ATHLETICS

BECOME A SPONSOR

OF THE 30TH ANNUAL RALLY IN THE VALLEY!

Businesses can show support by donating in the following ways:

- **CASH**
- **CHECKS** written to *Swan Valley Athletic Association*
- **VENMO** @swanvalley-athleticassociation
  (Please put the name of your business in the message)
- **AND/OR** if your business would like to donate a *gift basket* or **items** to be used for the silent auction too.

GOLD SPONSOR — $500+ DONATION
- Business advertisement at the Rally event
- Business logo displayed on the Rally sports banner in the Swan Valley gym
- 2 Rally tickets

SILVER SPONSOR — $300 DONATION
- Business advertisement at the Rally event
- Business logo displayed on the Rally sports banner in the Swan Valley gym

BRONZE SPONSOR — $100 DONATION
- Business advertisement at the Rally event

All sponsorship donations support Swan Valley Athletics and help keep our sports prorgrams, equipment, and student-athlete opportunities strong.

JOIN US AT THE RALLY!

30TH ANNUAL
RALLY IN THE VALLEY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7 | 6-11 PM | HORIZONS

$80 ALL-INCLUSIVE TICKETS

Purchase tickets at any Swan Valley school office or through Venmo:

@swanvalley-athleticassociation

Please include your name + "Rally" in the Venmo message.

READY TO BECOME A SPONSOR?
Contact Nicole Beougher at 989-233-0641 with questions or to sponsor.
A Rally Committee member will be in contact.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ATHLETICS!

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY. STRONG ATHLETES.



SRO STEPHEN WOODCOCK

The Swan Valley School District partners with Thomas Township to welcome our new School Resource Officer Stephen Woodcock

The Swan Valley School District is proud to announce that Thomas Township Officer Stephen Woodcock officially became our School Resource Officer when school began on August 24, 2026. The district is very excited to have an SRO and we are in the process of hiring a second SRO.

Officer Woodcock is an Athur Hill graduate who currently resides with his wife and two college age sons. This year one of his sons will graduate with his nursing degree and his other son is proudly playing football at Adrian College. SRO Woodcock graduated from Suomi College in Hancock, MI. Prior to joining Thomas Township, SRO Woodcock served as an officer for the Saginaw Police Department and has been retired for several years.

Officer Woodcock will work a "flexible schedule" for the district where he will be visible before and after school, in the hallways and lunchrooms, and at many after school events. He is excited to educate students of all ages on law enforcement issues and ways to ensure their personal safety. He will also assist school administration with truant students and will serve as a positive adult role model for students of all ages.

As a reminder, our SRO will also be issuing citations to drivers who fail to stop for school buses when the stop sign and red flashing lights are activated.

Notes from the SCHOOL NURSE

Greetings from the SVSD nurse!

We understand that sometimes during the school day, it may be necessary to provide medication to your child, whether it be a prescription medication or an over-the-counter pain reliever for the occasional headache or menstrual cramps. We strive to keep your child comfortable during the school day in hopes to keep them attentive during class. Please be aware that per state laws (Michigan School Health Code 1178 and 1179) and the Swan Valley School District policy (2780) **we are mandated to have written authorization of parent/guardian AND a health care provider for ANY medication administered in the school setting.** Please understand that we cannot offer/provide ANY medication to your child without the necessary written authorization to do so. You can find the Medication Authorization Form at our website or in your child's school office. Should you choose to have medication available in school, you will need to bring it to the school in the original container clearly labeled with dispensing instructions. Please do not send medication with your child. We are unable to keep medication stored in the school office during the summer months so we kindly ask that any/all medication be picked up by a parent/guardian at the close of the school year in June.

Please feel free to contact me by email at knewman@swanvalley.k12.mi.us should you have questions/concerns.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy school year!

Kimberly Newman, BSN RN NCSN
Swan Valley School District

Swan Valley Foodservice Welcomes Students Back for the 2026-27 School Year

As students return to classrooms across Swan Valley School District for the 2026–2027 school year, the Swan Valley Foodservice Department is excited to welcome everyone back for another year of serving nutritious, delicious meals to our students!

MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Thanks to **Michigan School Meals**, complete breakfast and lunch meals will be **FREE to all students** throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

We encourage every student to take advantage of this opportunity and start each school day with a nutritious meal. Our foodservice team looks forward to providing students with meals that help fuel learning, growth and success throughout the school year.

PARENTS: PLEASE COMPLETE THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

Even though meals are free for all students, it is still **very important that families complete the Education Benefits Form**. If you have questions on how to complete, reach out to mpavlik@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

Without this information, Swan Valley School District could lose important funding that supports programs and services our students need.

Supplemental grants and programs supported by this information have the potential to provide:

- Instructional staff, including Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, and Academic & Behavior Aides
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional learning opportunities for staff
- Parent and community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

START THE DAY WITH BREAKFAST!

Breakfast is an important meal to help students start their day ready to **learn, grow and succeed**. We encourage families to make breakfast part of their student's daily school routine.



Breakfast is served daily at:

- Shields Elementary: 8:10 a.m.
- RB Havens Elementary: 8:10 a.m.
- Swan Valley Middle School: 7:00 a.m.
- Swan Valley High School: 7:00 a.m.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If your student has a food allergy, medical condition or other special dietary need that requires accommodation, please reach out to **Melissa Pavlik, Director of Dining Services**, at **mpavlik@swanvalley.k12.mi.us**.

Our Foodservice Department is committed to working with families and school staff to help ensure students have safe and appropriate meal options at school.

LEARNING CENTER







GSRP ASSOCIATE TEACHER, MS. SAMANTHA

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY AT THE

Swan Valley Learning Center



GSRP LEAD TEACHER, MRS. RESIO

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.



We're excited to welcome several new faces to our center! Adding to our GSRP team are lead teacher Mrs. Resio and associate teacher Ms. Samantha!

We love growing our team and watching our center expand. We currently have two 3 year old preschool classes and four 4 year old classes- three of which are GSRP!

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

Shelley Hanson
Principal
(989) 921-2472
shanson@swanvalley.k12.mi.us



Adult & Alternative EDUCATION

Swan Valley Alternative Education provides a blended and online learning opportunity. Student classes are from 1:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All classes are self-paced per semester. Alternative students are aged 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. Our students are provided a flexible, supportive learning environment designed to meet individual academic and personal needs. It serves students who may benefit from a non-traditional setting due to life circumstances, learning differences, credit deficiencies, or the need for a smaller, more personalized atmosphere. Our program offers customized learning plans, flexible scheduling, credit recovery options, and career-focused pathways. Teachers and staff build strong relationships with students, helping them set realistic goals and create clear plans toward graduation. Alternative education emphasizes both academic success and social-emotional growth, empowering students to rebuild confidence and resilience. Ultimately, Swan Valley Alternative Education provides a second chance and a meaningful pathway toward earning a Swan Valley high school diploma and prepares our graduates for future careers or continued education. Any student wishing to apply to this program needs to contact Ms. Hanson. To Enroll Call 989-921-2472.

Swan Valley Adult Education

Swan Valley Adult Education has proudly served the community for more than 50 years, providing adults with a second chance to earn a Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school diploma in a supportive, high-quality learning environment. Located within Swan Valley High School, the program is a safe, welcoming space that values education for learners of all ages. Swan Valley Adult Education is deeply rooted in the belief that a high school diploma is life-changing—opening doors to employment, postsecondary education, and long-term economic stability for individuals and families throughout Saginaw County.

What sets Swan Valley Adult Education apart is its exclusive ability within Saginaw County to award MMC high school credit and issue an official Swan Valley High School diploma. The program primarily focuses on High School Completion and offers flexible learning options, including in-person, distance learning, or a hybrid of both, allowing students to balance work, family, and life responsibilities. With access to cutting-edge technology, certified Swan Valley teachers, individualized learning plans, and strong academic supports—including staff trained in special education—students receive personalized instruction designed to help them succeed!

Earning a high school diploma through Swan Valley Adult Education is more than finishing school—it is an investment in a stronger future. Graduates leave prepared for college, skilled trades, or immediate employment, supported by partnerships with Delta College, workforce agencies, and local businesses. With no tuition costs, open enrollment, transportation support, and a dedicated team focused on recruitment, retention, and student success, Swan Valley Adult Education removes barriers and replaces them with opportunity—proving that it is never too late to achieve this critical milestone!

To Enroll Call 989-921-2472

Pathfinder

Dear 8th-12th Grade Students & Families,

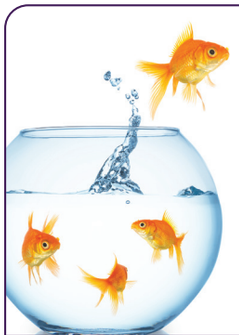
The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's Office of Employment and Training has relaunched Pathfinder, a career exploration and planning tool, to help increase the number of residents with high-quality, in-demand degrees and credentials by providing information to students to make informed choices about educational and career options.

Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 380.1293 requires post-graduation informational packets to be provided to pupils in grades 8th-12th by no later than October 1 in electronic or non-electronic form the Post-Graduation Opportunities Informational Packet found on the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Pathfinder page.

Does your student need help in making informed education and career decisions? Help them by checking out the recently updated Pathfinder, Michigan's online career exploration tool that allows users to explore in-demand careers and the degrees or credentials needed to pursue them.

If you've used Pathfinder before – found at Pathfinder.MiTalent.org – spend time with your student and check out its recent enhancements; including new filter features when exploring jobs, fields and schools and the ability to choose multiple paths and compare them with each other. For brand new users, visit and have a tailored career exploration experience that will provide your student with a complete training path picture when a career goal is chosen. Get started at Pathfinder.MiTalent.org!

Sincerely,
Brad Erlenbeck - High School Principal
Ann Wiley High - School Assistant Principal
Matt McLaren - Middle School Principal
Shelley Hanson - Alternative Ed Principal

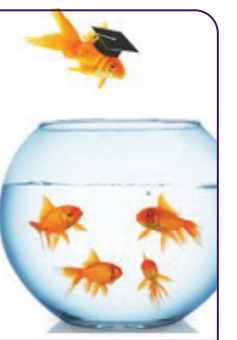


DROPPING OUT HAPPENS...
but it's NEVER too late to drop back in!

SWAN VALLEY ADULT & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

989-921-2472

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



High School Diploma

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

FROM THE HAVENS FAMILY



WELCOME TO HAVENS

New Co-Principal



Sarah Demand has joined the administrative team after 20 years in the classroom and earning her administrative certification. Mrs. Demand and Havens Principal Mrs. DuRussel will be working as a team to support Havens' students, staff, and families!

New Teachers



Ms. Kelsie Smock has joined our Havens' 4th grade team! Ms. Smock brings with her a variety of experience working with students both at the elementary and at the middle school level. She is a former Swan Valley Graduate and SVSU Alum Welcome Mrs. Smock!



Ms. Shannon Goebel has joined the Havens and Shields team! She is certified in K-12 music and holds a Masters Degree in music as well. She brings with her many years of experience at all grade levels. We are excited for her to join our team!



December
2, 3, & 4
Student Half Days

December
3 & 4
Parent Teacher Conferences







LOOKING BACK

TO THE END OF YEAR 2025-2026

Spring brought many fun activities to Havens Elementary students. Hands on-learning, Havens Color Run, and our Annual Fun Day. Thank you to all the sponsors, staff and parent volunteers who made days like these possible! We look forward to having these events this year as well!











STAFF LEARNING

Shields and Havens Staff started the year off together with some learning and fun!! There are few buildings who work together as closely as our schools!!!



Shields Teams are the Best











Great School! Great Start!!











2025-26 ACADEMIC HONORS
4TH MARKING PERIOD

3.50 - 4.00

6TH GRADE

Acha, Jacob T.
Alberts, Greyson E.
Anders, Isaiah E.
Ball, Ainsley K.
Barrigar, Alaina G.
Bauer, Brady A.
Bell, Alivia R.
Birch, Blake T.
Brouwer, Olivia J.
Brown, Cooper E.
Chapman, Rubia E.
Cheshire, Hudson R.
Christopher, Mckenzie A.
Dalton, Emmett M.
Dietzel, Savannah L.
Erickson, Mallory M.
Felsing, Ethan A.
Furtaw, Willow J.
Garcia, Emani L.
Garrett, Paige M.
Gaskell, Tyson W.
Geyer, Taylor M.
Gomez, Ma'lena A.
Grnya, Logan L.
Groom, Michael P.
Gustavison, Grayson M.
Gut, Cazimir
Hammis, Emma M.
Harten, Arianna R.
Hartley, Bryce P.
Henderson, Kaylynn R.
Hernandez, Jamesen T.
Huizar, Karsyn T.
Hutchinson, Jace D.
Ittner, Hannah R.
Jennings, Everett L.
Johnson, Nyla O.
Jones, Austin P.
Kelly, Weston J.
Kemerer, Ian D.
Knoll, Jonah T.
Korzecki, Macie G.
Lagan, Luke M.
Lake, Kaylee M.
Lampela, Finn C.
Lawson, Taylor O.
Leffler, Samantha R.
Lichon, Brooke R.
Liggins, Aubrie E.
Looby, Olivia F.
Lopez, Zelia E.
Marshall, Jaxson G.
Mason, Noah C.
Mausolf, Marshall L.
Mcguire, Emmalyne M.
Miano, Aaron O.
Miller, Adelyn M.
Miller, Aria M.
Miller, Jacob A.
Morse, Savannah J.
Nadolny, Mya J.
Nemeth, Alexa R.
Ott, Jhoselynne N.
Pardee, Teigen
Pavlo, Dalton J.
Price, Liam T.
Riley, Tye J.
Roque, Alayna J.
Rush, Claire L.
Rusk, Liam D.
Schreiner, Alexis C.
Schutter, Lincoln D.
Southerland, Lucas M.
Stajdl, Emma M.
Stephens, Ali J.
Theisen, Libby J.
Townsend, Karsyn M.
Vannortwick, Alexis P.
Vanston, Harper C.
Warner, Sawyer A.
Weatherholtz, Rebecca R.
West, Marchesa J.
Williamson, Sophia B.
Wright, Eden F.
Zaitona, Reina R.

7TH GRADE

Bennett, Cole D.
Bradburn, Jillian A.
Brandel, Brennan J.
Burns, Grace A.
Burns, Marvin J. Iii
Clement, Reh'l M.
Cole, Evalynn A.
Cronk, Savannah R.
Daly, Finn D.
Espinoza, Amelia P.
Farr, Natalie J.
Felsing, Kennedy M.
Filer, Charlie M.
Fresorger, Anna N.
Galsterer, Declan J.
Garcia, Miliyanna L.
Garza, Leo E.
George, Jaxon E.
Geyer, Hannah E.
Gonzales, Lucas C.
Hecht, Sutton S.
Hill, Kayanna L.
Hillborg, Jaxson C.
Hoffman, Natalie J.
Howe, Ava M.
Ittner, Grace M.
Jackson, Milani A.
Key, Lauren C.
Klepsch, Lennon D.
Lawrence, Alexandria J.
Long, Spencer K.
Mantalvanos, Arianna I.
Medina, Sergio J.
Miller, Harper G.
Muter, Levi J.
Nab, Kinsleigh A.
O'brien, Leona K.
Poineau, Jonathan G.
Quellet, Harper L.
Roenicke, Landen M.
Ruiz, Ariya A.
Rush, Cameron D.
Schmidt, Brennan J.
Schultz, Carter W.
Spielhaupter, Evan W.
Stajdl, Lily E.
Stephens, Louis M.
Stockford, Allison D.
Temple, Vivian E.
Trythall, Mikayla R.
Vasquez, Brock J.
Vaughan, Dahlys R.
Velasco, Elaina J.
Vietti, Evan G.
Wilcox, Bennett D.
Wilson, Camden M.
Woodruff, Edward D.
Yaw, Hudson J.
Zheng, Alina
Zissler, Nathan S.

8TH GRADE

Adams, Maggie M.
Alcock, Austin C.
Allore, Aubrey K.
Anders, Elijah J.
Anderson, Carter
Ball, Addison C.
Boehler, Carson J.
Bostwick, Hailee A.
Brogger, Mia L.
Brogger, Mya R.
Bush, Anderson J.
Castillo, Mia G.
Charboneau, Connor T.
Conley, Colleen E.
Darabos, Kennedy M.
Davis, Sophia L.
Diaz, Ava R.
Eckhardt, Ava R.
Funka, Taylor N.
Garrett, Tyler J.
Gavenda, Cooper J.
Graham, Jaxson W.
Graham, Sophia A.
Guymer, Parker J.
Habina, Tanner M.
Hebl, Leah H.
Hernandez, Urijah A.
Hollenback, Charlotte
Horny, Grace E.
Horwath, Mitchell E.
Johnson, Alexus L.
Johnston, Azalia R.
Jones, Emily M.
Kemerer, Wesley A.
Kench, Lucas G.
Kennelly, Margaret H.
Keyes-Rocha, Ellieana A.
Killingbeck, Benjamin L.
Kornecky, Cameryn G.
Kuehnemund, Isabella N.
Lake, Kaden R.
Lake-Blohm, London
Larkin, Addilyn L.
Light, Cooper D.
Litvinskas, Julianna N.
Looby, Isabella G.
Maher, Chloe A.
Mauch, Isaac R.
Mayers, Hudson M.
Mckillop, Jacqueline G.
Medema, Hayden
Melzo, Ryder R.
Menter, Eli C.
Metiva, Alayna L.
Miller, Evelyn M.
Miller, Mckenna D.
Morales, Vincent A.
O'neil, Hudson R.
Palmer, Kendall A.
Pennington, Peyton S.
Persicke, Claire A.
Powell, Lucas J.
Powers, Leighton R.
Prieur, Ivy S.
Pruden, Parker P.
Quellet, Brynlee M.
Radewahn, Sophia E.
Rethman, Brooklyn S.
Rodarte, Gianna M.
Schiefer, Charles A.
Simerson, Danielle R.
Simmons, Teegan J.
Sobol, Maeva H.
Sova, Joshua L.
Sova, Piper J.
Spencer, Ethan A.
Stajdl, Ian Z.
Stiener, Isabelle R.
Stoney, Brooke H.
Thompson, Ryelle M.
Townsend, Kenley G.
Tran, Kingston N.
Truckle, Brayden J.
Unger, Alexis A.
Vannortwick, Eli
Vasey, Easton J.
Vasquez, Jacob N.
Wagner, Harper G.
Walle, Alexander E.
Warner, Lacey
Wilson, Maci A.

3.00 - 3.499

6TH GRADE

Babion, Scott P.
Bailey, Ashton C.
Brothers, Annabella R.
Campbell, Chanell J.
Carter, Adam J.
Donahue, John J.
Donell, Khloe A.
Gilbert, Mikella M.
Graebner, Brantley O.
Hawn, Jared A.
Isom, Jaxon J.
Johnson, Alvernis L. Ii
Karpuk, Jade E.
Kennelly, Brady W.
Latarte, Hannah E.
Leonard, Jonah R.
Lich, Owen R.
Marx, Celine E.
Mersdorf, Logan A.
Pena, Elliana R.
Pitkowicz, Corbin E.
Premo, Mason M.
Provenzano, Jack A.
Rodriguez, Ava M.
Salo, Brooklyn P.
Scoggins, William J.
Soule, Leyland F.
Stansbury, Benjamin C. Jr
Taylor, Grace E.
Venema, Logan T.
Vincent, Easton M.
Weidman, Orson H.
Weyand, Theodore B.
Zapata, Aubrie M.

7TH GRADE

Acre, Maiden G.
Allen, Aiden J.
Berden, Aria L.
Braley, Landon J.
Brothers, Paige E.
Castro, Kendall S.
Clark, Lincoln B.
Culwell, Susannah M.
Dudek, Avery E.
Flores, Velia F.
Fox, Lincoln M.
Frantz, Harper A.
Hendricks, Cooper L.
Henson, Peyton N.
Johnson, Jayla S.
Kanuszewski, Natalie A.
Katz, Gabrielle N.
Kodrick, Dylan M.
Lowrey, Kalvin H.
Madden, John P.
Mcgaw, Hunter J.
Miller, Briella F.
Millerick, Thomas T.
Olivarez, Brooklyn S.
Ramirez, Valicia N.
Reimus, Kennedy M.
Sanford, Carter F.
Spearman, Taelor A.
Thomas, Eli A.
Troup, Peyton J.
Wakeman, Brant E.
Whelton, Mara J.
Wilson, Ethan J.
Zolinski, Briella R.

8TH GRADE

Blankenship, Seth J.
Blome, Ethan M.
Bostwick, Hudson P.
Carpenter, Sierra N.
Clark, Nola M.
Craigmyle, Gabryal B.
Danieleski, Lorraine A.
Fleer, Savannah
Girardin, Sean D.
Imm, Willow N.
Mccollum, Elizabeth R.
Mccrandall, William J.
Mitchell, Benjamin R.
Newman, Wyatt N.
Oswald, Ethan M.
Procuro, Vincent M.
Rapin, Maximilian
Riley, Jayce J.
Surles, A'mira B.
Tyler, Olyvia M.
Weidman, Liam A.
Wiktorowski, Aiden M.

GREAT JOB

WELCOME TO SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Social Studies Teacher Ms. Alison Reams



Alison Reams is from Freeland, Michigan, and a graduate of Freeland High School. Alison began college at Delta College before continuing at Saginaw Valley State University, graduating in December 2025 with a degree in Secondary Education and a certification in Social Studies.

She is passionate about the content he teaches and enjoys helping students discover how history and geography shape the world around them. She hopes to help students develop the knowledge, curiosity, and critical-thinking skills they need to become thoughtful and informed members of their communities.

Outside the classroom, Alison enjoys playing golf, reading, assembling puzzles, and watching television shows and movies. She has also stayed active through sports throughout her life, playing softball and volleyball during middle school and high school. This summer, Alison joined a golf league, played on a coed slow-pitch softball team, and enjoyed weekly beach volleyball games with friends.

Alison is thrilled to join the Swan Valley community and looks forward to getting to know students and their families while beginning an exciting year of learning together!

Chief Science Officers Build Leadership Skills at SVSU

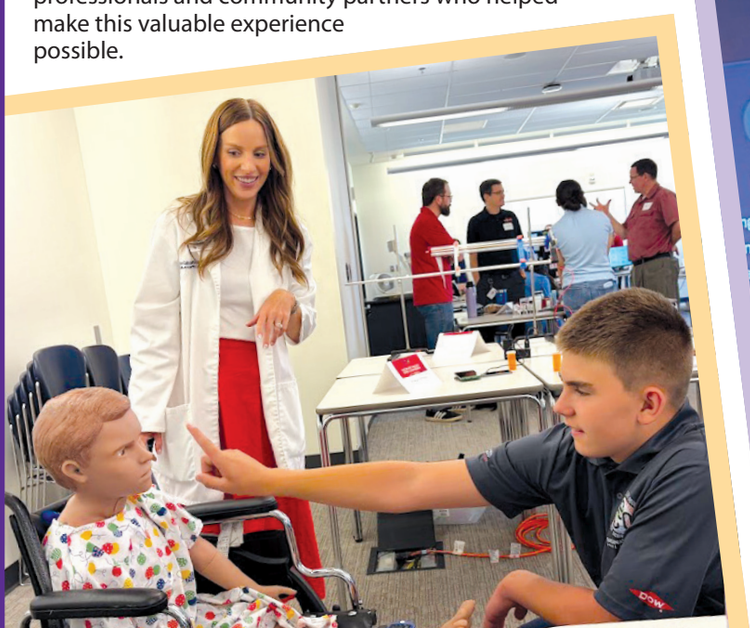


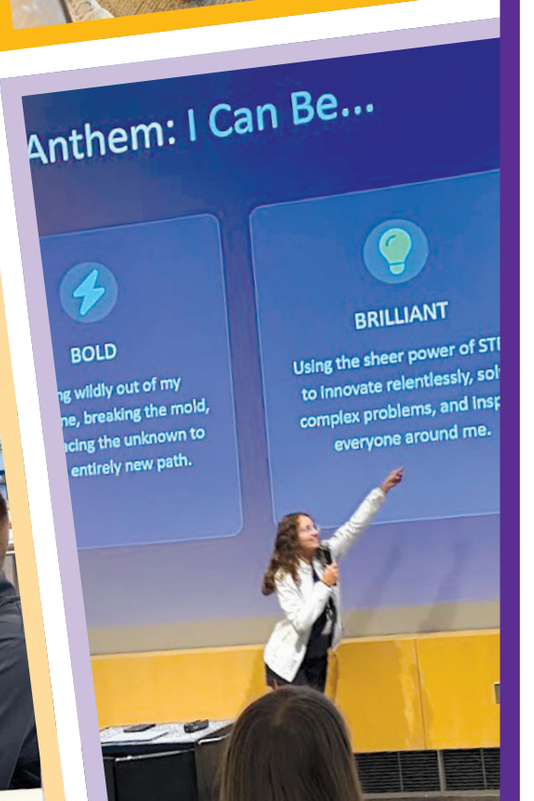
Middle School and High School Chief Science Officers recently spent two exciting days this summer at Saginaw Valley State University participating in the **Leadership Training Institute (LTI)**. The annual event allows student STEM leaders to develop leadership skills, connect with professionals, and begin planning ways to make an impact in their schools and communities.

Throughout the two-day experience, students participated in hands-on STEM activities, networked with local STEM professionals, explored their individual **Agilities**, and worked together to develop action plans for the upcoming school year. Students also raced around SVSU's campus during a STEM-azing Race scavenger hunt and learned more about opportunities for their schools to become a **Michigan Green School**.

The event concluded with a special pinning and recognition ceremony celebrating the students and their commitment to serving as STEM leaders. Our Chief Science Officers are returning to school with new ideas, new connections, and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead!

A special thank you to **Saginaw Valley State University**, the **Great Lakes Bay Region Chief Science Officers Program**, **and Dow** for its sponsorship, and all of the STEM professionals and community partners who helped make this valuable experience possible.





MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Swan Valley Middle School Boys & Girls Cross Country 2026

Wednesday, September 9, 2026	Away	5:00	Shepherd Invite
Saturday, September 12, 2026	Away	9:40	Lancer Invite @ Stratford Woods
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	Away	6:00	TVC #1 @ Hemlock
Saturday, September 19, 2026	Away	11:05	Delta College Invite
Tuesday, September 29, 2026	Away	6:00	TVC #2 @ Frankenmuth
Thursday, October 1, 2026	Away	5:30	Birch Run MS Meet @ Taymouth Township Park
Saturday, October 10, 2026	Away	10:20	Bill Agresta Invite @ Hemlock HS
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Away	4:30	TVC Conference @ Valley Lutheran
Saturday, October 24, 2026	Away	12:00	Saginaw County / MHSAA Regional @ Frankenmuth

Swan Valley Middle School Girls Basketball 2026

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL 7TH (A ONLY)

Tuesday, September 8, 2026	Away	4:30	Hemlock
Wednesday, September 9, 2026	Home	4:30	Freeland
Monday, September 14, 2026	Bye		
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Away	4:30	Bridgeport @ Atkins School
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Home	4:30	Carrollton
Monday, September 21, 2026	Away	4:30	Freeland
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Away	4:30	Christa McAuliffe
Monday, September 28, 2026	Home	4:30	Hemlock
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Away	4:30	Cramer MS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 BYE

Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Home	4:30	Frankenmuth
Monday, October 12, 2026	Away	4:30	Alma
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Home	4:30	Nouvel
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Home	4:30	Ithaca

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL 8TH (A ONLY)

Tuesday, September 8, 2026	Away	5:30	Hemlock
Wednesday, September 9, 2026	Home	5:30	Freeland
Monday, September 14, 2026	Bye		
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Away	5:30	Bridgeport @ Atkins School
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Home	5:30	Carrollton
Monday, September 21, 2026	Away	5:30	Freeland
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Away	5:30	Christa McAuliffe
Monday, September 28, 2026	Home	5:30	Hemlock
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Away	5:30	Cramer MS
Monday, October 5, 2026	Bye		
Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Home	5:30	Frankenmuth
Monday, October 12, 2026	Away	5:30	Alma
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Home	5:30	Nouvel
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Home	5:30	Ithaca

2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 2026

12 High School & Alternative Education Registration Day - 8:00AM
18 Elementary Open House: Shields 4:00-5:45 & Havens 4:15-6:00
19 Middle School Registration & Open House 4:30-6:30
24 First Day of School
28 No School

September 2026

4 No School - Labor Day Break
7 No School - Labor Day Break
14 High School Open House - 6:00PM

October 2026

5 No School - Teacher PD
7 Count Day
9 Homecoming - Parade & Game

November 2026

19 Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-3:00 & 4:00-7:00
25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

2-4 Early Dismissal: Havens @ 11:30 & Shields @ 11:40
* **Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences:**
2 Shields (By Appointment) 12:45-3:15 & 4:30-7:30
2 Havens (By Appointment) 12:45-3:15 & 4:30-7:30
3 Shields (By Appointment) 3:00-6:00
3 Havens (By Appointment) 3:00-6:00
21-31 No School - Holiday Break

January 2027

1 No School - Holiday Break
4 School Resumes
18 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2027

12 No School - Teacher PD
15 No School - President's Day

March 2027

26-31 No School - Spring Break

April 2027

1-2 No School - Spring Break
5 School Resumes

May 2027

23 Adult & Alternative Education Graduation 7:00 @ PAC
24 High School Graduation 7:00 @ Athletic Stadium
31 No School - Memorial Day

June

8 Student Half Day - Last Day of School

Swan Valley Athletics Celebration of Success

— By Swan Valley High School Athletic Director Ryan Stephens —

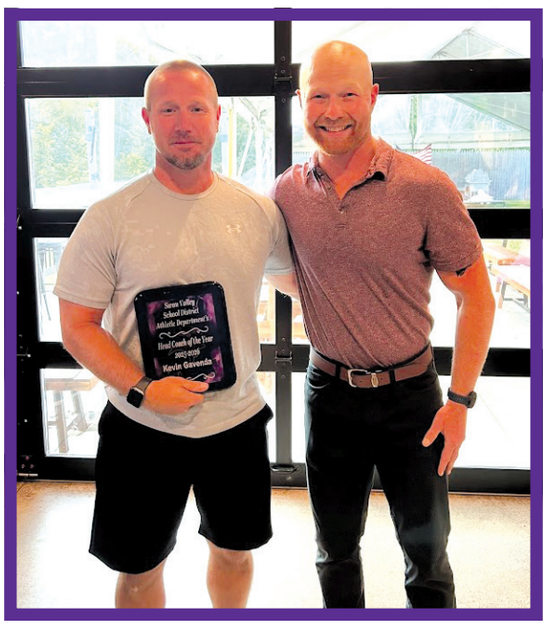
Over the summer, the Swan Valley Athletic Department held its annual Celebration of Success to honor its coaches and programs for their accomplishments during the 2025-26 school year. On this special night, the Swan Valley Head and Assistant Coach of the Year Awards were presented, along with Years of Service Awards to coaches who reached their 5th, 10th, and 15th years in the Swan Valley Athletic Department.

The **Swan Valley Boys Track & Field Program** was also honored with its Final Four banner, which will be displayed on the north wall of the high school gymnasium. Last season, the Swan Valley Boys Track & Field Program earned a third-place finish at the MHSAA Division 2 Track & Field State Finals. Receiving the banner were former Varsity Boys Track Coach Dave Dawson, Varsity Girls Track Coach Lauren Huebner, and Varsity Boys Track Coach Andrew Wendler.

Both the **Swan Valley Head and Assistant Coach of the Year Awards** were nominated by and voted on by Swan Valley coaches. Coach Kevin Gavenda was honored as the Head Coach of the Year.

Kevin Gavenda has served in the Athletic Department for over 20 years. Under Kevin's leadership, the Swan Valley Varsity Football Team had a historic season last year, making the playoffs for the 14th consecutive year and making a deep run in the tournament as district champions. The team finished the season with a 10-2 record,





winning nine consecutive games before falling in the regional finals. More impressively, the team was much more physical than in years past and got back on track to competing with Frankenmuth and Freeland. The highlight of the season was defeating Freeland at home, 31-7, early in the schedule.

Coach Gavenda's strengths include his knowledge of the game, organizational and communication skills, commitment and devotion to developing his program as a whole, and investment in his athletes both on and off the playing field. A majority of the players described him as caring, sincere, approachable, and respectful. Many athletes explicitly mentioned that they can confide in Coach Gavenda when they need someone to talk to about their problems and that he shows genuine interest and care.

Here is how one of Coach Gavenda's colleagues described him:

"Kevin runs his program from the ground up with heart, grit, and drive. He knows his players well as athletes and students, which allows him to be the best coach for them. He's not only aware of his current players, but he familiarizes himself with upcoming players as well. He doesn't just coach players; he builds athletes and young men."

"He led our football team back to where it belongs. He led us to a district championship and won the Coach of the Year award."

"Exceeded all expectations with an 8-1 regular season, beating Freeland and winning the district title."

"Years of dedication to the program inside and outside of the school. Has continued to foster a tradition of hard work and high expectations."

Mike Lotz was honored as the Assistant Coach of the Year. Although he is the Head Middle School Wrestling Coach, he has served as an assistant at the varsity level for many years under Varsity Wrestling Coach Justin Brandel.

Mike's genuine care for his athletes and commitment to making them better human beings is exceptional. It is recognized not only by the athletes, but by their parents as well.

Coach Lotz always represents Swan Valley in the best possible light, supports other coaches and athletes, and sees the big picture when it comes to the objectives of the athletic program. Most importantly, he understands the role of athletics in education and the holistic development of the student-athlete. Mike is commonly seen having one-on-one conversations with his athletes and mentoring them on behavioral traits such as a positive mindset, gratitude, accountability, responsibility, discipline, and doing the right thing.

Here is how one of Coach Lotz's colleagues described him:

"Coach Lotz is often the first coach I see and the last one I see leave. He comes in on the weekends. He also helps kids from Varsity on down to 4-5 year olds. He's a great coach!"

RECEIVING THE YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS WERE THE FOLLOWING COACHES:

5 Years
Matt Brady
Katie Townsend

10 Years
Eric Whelton
Tim Benzenberg
Garrett Lange

15 Years
Patrick Kennelly
Brian Allen

It is the goal of the interscholastic athletic program of the Swan Valley School District to foster the development of each student-athlete academically, emotionally, socially, and physically. Every Swan Valley coach will do this by investing in relationships, fully committing to all Viking programs, and extending the classroom to the field of play.

2025-26 ACADEMIC HONORS

Trimester 3

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.0-3.75)

FRESHMAN
VIVIENNE ARDOUIN
AUBREY AVEN
ZOE BAIRD
ISAAC BALL
BROOKE BARTRUM
NICHOLAS BAUER
LILY BODEN
MAKENZIE BONNER
SOPHIA BURNS
OLIVIA CLARK
LENORE COIL
GABRIELLA DALTON
SHAE DALY
MARCIA DAVIS-GARRETT
VEEN EASA
JACOB FARR
CALEB FORTIER
LILY GARZA
JOSHUA GONZALES
PARKER GRAHAM
OLIVEA HERNANDEZ
ELLA HOLNAGEL
CLARA IRVINE
NORAH JENNINGS
CARLEY KABOBEL
CLARK LOWREY
DONALD MCCOY
JULIA MEDINA
HANNA MERCER
SHELBY MERCER
GABRIELLA MILLER
SAWYER MURPHY
ISABELLA NADOLNY
HOANG NGUYEN
NALINI NGUYEN
QUINTIN O'NEAL
PAXTON POWERS
GABRIELLA PRICE
ROMAN RADABAUGH
JAYDE TINGLAN
VAUGHN TROMBLEY
MADILYN WINDY

SOPHOMORES
SYDNEY BEEMER
LOGAN BLEDSOE
ELIJAH BOOTH
KEELY BROGGER
IAN CAVERLY
GAVIN CHARBONEAU
CAMERON CURBEY
LORENZO DIAZ
JACOB DUBEY
VICTORIA DUROW
BROOKE FELSING
PEYTON FOY
COOPER HABINA
JADYN HARTLEY
IZABELLE KARST
GRACE KERBY
ANNABELLA KEYES-ROCHA
EMILY KRANTZ
MYA MASSEY
AIDEN MAXWELL
SAMUEL OBERSON
OLIVIA RANDALL
JAIDYN RETHMAN
ASHTON SIMMONS
LILY SWIFT
KAYDENCE WALSH
MADISON WARNER

JUNIORS
SAVANNAH BAIRD
GABRIELLE BARTRUM
COLE BECKER
RYAN BELL
OLIVIA BIELBY
EVAN BLOME
EMMY BRETHAUER
NOLAN ERLENBECK
JACKSON GEBAUER
BRIGHTON GINARDI
DREW GOLDEN
LEILA GRAHAM
LILIANA HALL
AUBREY HARE
REED HENDERSON
NOAH HERNANDEZ
OLIVIA HORWATH
ZACHARY IRVINE
BRADEN JUDD
JORJA KALENAK
KENNETH KOWALSKI
DEMPSEY LOOBY
MARYGRACE LUPLOW
TRENTON MCDONALD
GAVIN MEDEMA
MAXWELL MILLER
ANICELA ORTEGA
RUDOLPHO RODRIGUEZ
HAVEN ROHDE
JAYDA RUIZ
CORBIN RUSH
DOMINICK SANCHEZ
NOLAN SELASKY
LAYLA SHANKS
LUCY SHEMANSKI
ELLIANA SMITH
BRADY STEPHENS
CHLOE STEPHENS
AYDEN TENEYUQUE
ELLIOT THOMPSON
LILA THROOP
MATTHEW TREVINO
HADLEY WAGNER
LUKE WENZEL
NOAH WESTON
MATILDA WEYAND
NOLAN WIKTOROWSKI
BLAKE YOUNG
JOANNA ZHENG
MADDELYN ZISSLER

SENIORS
HUNTER ALBRECHT
GABRIEL BARRIGAR
DRAKE BASTIAN
ANGELINA BENAVIDES
ALEXANDRIA BENKERT
BRADYN BURKEY
SHILOH CHARBONEAU
MACI CHAVARREZ
CARLY CLARK
ISABELLE COFFEL
ROMELO DIAZ
SENIORS (CONT)
GREER DIEFENBACH
HANNAH FURLO
JAMES GARDEY
IAN GAST
MICHAEL GERARD
BECKETT GOLDENSOPH
GAVIN GRANDY
ALIVIA GUILBEAUX
MAKALAH HABINA
JAXON HARTLEY
ZARA HAYES
SYLVIA HERNANDEZ
HUNTER HOLLY
CALEB HORNY
ADALYNN HUBBELL
ALEXIS ITTNER
ESTELLA JUDD
KINSEY KAUL
TAYLOR KELLY
EMILY KILLINGBECK
AUDREY KILTS
COLTON KITTLE
ELIJAH KRANTZ
EVAN KUMAR
AIDEN LAFOND
ASHLEIGH LEDERER
JESSICA LOCKWOOD
CAMERON MAIR
MADISON MCCOY
ABIGAIL MEGERLE
JENNER MILLER
SOULEEN MIZOORY
THALIA MORALES
KARISSA MURDAY
KEEGAN PALMER
BROOKE PARSONS
CHRISTA PSETAS
NADIA RAUSCH
SARAH REEVES
MIA ROBINSON
ALEXANDER SCHRAM
SENIORS CONT.
LOGAN SELASKY
KATELYN SIMONS
GRACE SPEAR
ZOEY STIENER
BROOKLYN STIMPSON
RYDER STIPANOVICH
BOSTON STRENG-BEOUGHER
MAKAYLA TAYLOR
MADELINE TURNER
MAYA VASQUEZ
MURPHY WAGNER
MASON WARNER
ELLA WILCOX
BYRON WILSON
ALISON WINDY
ISABELLE WOLFGANG
GARRETT ZWINGMAN

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.749-3.250)

FRESHMAN
MATTHEW ACHA
JOSLYNN ADAIR
GRIFFIN BEOUGHER
BAILEY CARLSON
JACK CONLEY
AIDEN COVEN
CHRISTOPHER DELLAVEDOVA
ZOE ECKER
STELLA FRANTZ
DAWSON GEBAUER
AERIS HICKEY
LEXUS JONES
CONNOR KAUL
LEXI LOPEZ
JAXSON LUTZ
HUDSON MAXA
RYLIE NACHTWEIH
KYRA ORTNER
CAYLA PAGANO
KENNADY PAIGE
ISAIAH POIRIER
GRANT RAUSCH
CADENCE RAYMOND
MICAH SCHRAMM
SIENNA SCHROEDER
ISABELLA SMITH
KRISLYN THOMAS
TRU TOTH
NOLAN TREVINO
PENELOPE WEYAND
MASON WILSON
SAWYER WOLFGANG
AYDEN WRIGHT

SOPHOMORES
GARRETT BENKERT
GEMMA BURKHART
EMILY DEMAND
OLIVIA ELISECH
JAVEN GOMEZ
DEVIN GRNYA
LUCAS KILTS
RILEY KOSANOVICH
ALAINA LAFOND
GARRETT LICH
CORBIN MAIR
EMMA MAYVILLE
KATIE MCCLOSKEY
GEORGIA MCNALLY
CAYDEN NAPORA
JENSEN PIKE
BECKETT PRUDEN
JT RAY
NIKOLAS RODRIGUEZ
ARIANNA ROQUE
COLTON SCHMIDT
SOPHOMORES (cont.)
OLIVIA SHANKS
ALEXIS SMITH
KOLBI STIPANOVICH
FISCHER STONEY
KEEGAN TONER
JOVIE TRUMBLE
CLAIRE VAN BUREN
LANDEN WHELTON
CONNOR WILCOX

JUNIORS
GRACE ALFORD
MCKENNA AVILA
ASIALYN BARRETT
MARLEE BOULIEW
JONATHAN BURDEN
LOCHLAN CANADAY
ANTHONY CLINK
WILLIAM CORNE
SPENCER DAMMANN
NICHOLAS DUVE
RYAN ESPINOZA
GABRIELLA HALEY
ISABELLA HALEY
OWEN HARE
OWEN HEBL
CONNOR HOWE
SYDNEY JOHNSON
CHRISTOPHER LAMB
EMRIA LEACHMAN
MADISON LOOBY
TORRANCE MCMURREN
EMILIE MCNEIL
ADDISON NEWMAN
TYLER OCHOA
MACKENZIE POWELL
ROCCO RAGNONE
BRADEN RAY
ROHAN TABASA
KARA WINGERTER
LISA WOODS

SENIORS
LANDON AVILA
MITCHEL BARNES
SIDNEE BLANK
JOSEPH BRYCE
TAMERA BRYCE
SAMUEL BURCH
CAMRYN CAMPBELL
JACKSON COTTER
SHILOH COX
ASHLEY DINGMAN
MAXWELL FLEMING
TYLER GARCIA
LANI JOHNSON
OWEN KATZ
TUCKER LABROSSE
JACK LAGAN
SYDNEY LIETZKE
CARTER MAHER
RILEY MASEGIAN
DAVID MCCARN
MADISON MCKAY
ISABEL MCKILLOP
JAMES MCLAUGHLIN
TREVOR MCNEIL
ALEXIS MENDOZA
ALLISON MIELKE
MADELYN MUTER
JAMISON PELT
CORBIN PROVENZANO
EVE SCHICHT
KAYDENCE SILVA
HAYDEN TAYLOR
DANIEL TEAGUE
TRENTON TERRIAN

CUM LAUDE (3.249-3.0)

FRESHMAN
CHARLOTTE BITTNER
BRAXTON DARLAND
PARKER FILER
JUSTIN RILEY
LEON SHESKEY
AIDEN SILVA
BRAYDEN TRACY
WILLOW VAUGHAN
MAURICE VILLEGAS

SOPHOMORES
KELLER BEDFORD
THEODORE COLE
ANNABELLA FLEMING
ROBERT FRESORGER
SCARLETT HUBINGER
LIAM KITTLE
ROMAN MALLORY
MARCELINO SWINT

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TERRY ALLEN III
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JAMES LOCKWOOD
BRODY MCCOY
ISAIAH OLDHAM

FROM THE BIRD'S NEST: Welcome back for your Senior Year!!!

I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are ready to fine tune your post-secondary plans!! Don't forget, I am here to help you with that process. I have tons of information to share with you. First and foremost, I will visit you in your English classes taught by Mrs. Mazany. She is extremely generous with her time and allows me access to you on a frequent basis. However, about 25 of you do have not have an English class in Trimester 1. That can be a problem. So, it is crucial you read any and all emails I send you. The items I discuss and present in class will be shared with you via email. Secondly, it is crucial you become a *Bird's Nest Junkie*. Please take the time to access the *Bird's Nest* folders on a frequent basis.

A great deal of the really important information is shared at the beginning of the school year. I will give you two examples. I schedule visitations with college admissions reps. These meetings are done in small groups with a single rep from a college…..not like the panel presentation we had last year through your MME class. Most of those meetings are scheduled in September and October. Trimester 2 doesn't begin until November. If you don't follow the info I share in emails and in the *Bird's Nest*, you will miss out on most of the important stuff!! Don't miss out on the important stuff!!! The second item to discuss is College Application Month…..that is the month of October. We have rep visitations along with a number of other special programs planned for you. We spend a day together in the LMC (Friday, October 1) completing college apps and researching financial aid opportunities among other important things.

> "I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings."
> JENNY HAN

I am here to help! That's why I get out of bed in the morning. After my bowl of Rice Krispies, I show up here….to help you!! Remember, I am only here part time. I do have a second job where I travel around the state. So, if you need my assistance, you can always send an email my way. Even when traveling, I access my school mail quite frequently. Reach out

The Class of '26 set all kinds of records for college applications submitted, scholarship dollars offered, FAFSA completion, etc. They were phenomenal!! *I think the Class of '27 can do better!!* Take that as a challenge and go for it!!!

See you soon!! I look forward to working with you this year!!!

Mr. Doug Bird, College/Career Advisor
dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

BIRD'S NEST ACCESS CODE:
N7QZ-5ZT4-5DQP3
Please share your login information with your parents so they can see what is available.



WELCOME TO SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

9th-grade ELA teacher Matthew Alexander



Swan Valley High School is excited to welcome **Matthew Alexander**, our new 9th-grade ELA teacher!

This will be Mr. Alexander's first year as a teacher, and we couldn't be happier to have him begin his career as part of the Swan Valley family. Mr. Alexander completed his student teaching at Fowlerville High School last year and brings great experience, enthusiasm, and energy to our students and staff.

We're excited to have you with us, Mr. Alexander. **Welcome to Swan Valley! Go Vikings!**





Where did the trophies go?

Many of you have probably noticed the renovation taking place in our trophy area in the cafeteria. We are excited to share that the project is nearly complete, and our trophies are getting ready to go back on display!

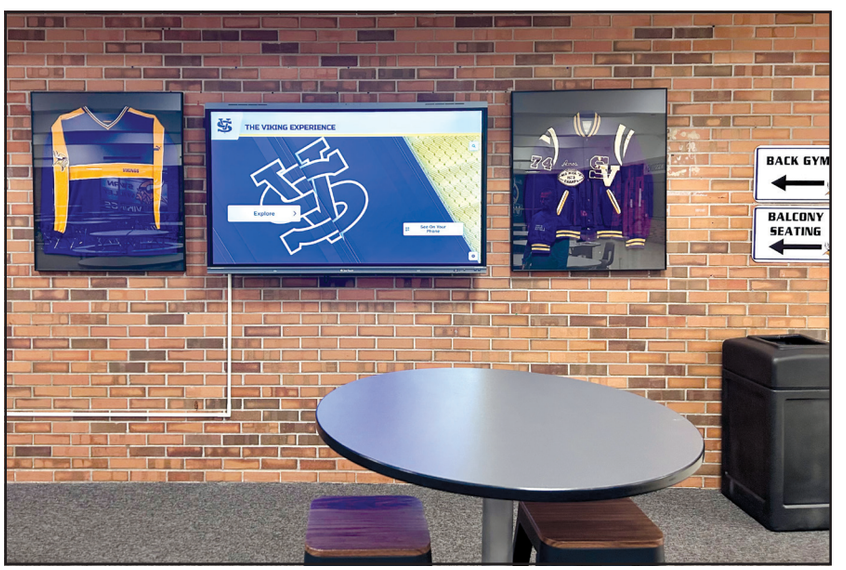
The photos show the new backgrounds that will help showcase and celebrate the many outstanding athletic accomplishments throughout Swan Valley's history.

Accompanying the trophy case renovation is our new digital showcase, The Viking Experience, located on the north wall of the cafeteria as you enter the main gym. The Viking Experience gives us another way to celebrate and preserve the history, accomplishments, and people who have made Swan Valley special over the years.

We encourage you to stop by and check it out the next time you're in the building. You can also explore The Viking Experience anytime right from your own phone!

Check out The Viking Experience by scanning the QR code above or online at: https://site.rocketalumnisolutions.com/home/69645ca1e6bd34c1b20fd903

We're excited to see these projects come together and even more excited to showcase the incredible history of Swan Valley High School.





COMING SOON: THE VIKING VAULT!

We are excited to announce that the Grand Opening of our brand-new student store, The Viking Vault, is coming very soon!

A huge thank you to Brothers Designs for partnering with Swan Valley High School to help bring this vision to life.

The Viking Vault will feature hats, sweatshirts, T-shirts, Viking gear, school-spirit items, and so much more!

We're almost ready to open the doors…Stay tuned for our official Grand Opening announcement.





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:

❑ ***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.***

Protection of Pupil Rights:

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

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act:

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

English Language Learners (ELL):

The Swan Valley School District seeks to provide every child, regardless of national origin or native language, quality, and meaningful educational instruction. Consequently, students who are English Learners (ELs) are provided instructional services through an English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual program which is designed to meet their unique needs. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the EEOA, all States and LEAs must ensure that ELs can participate meaningfully and equally in educational programs and services.

Students who meet the protocol requirements as English Learners (ELs) must be provided a language assistance program, in addition to the basic/core education services (adopted by the local board of education) that all students in the LEA receive. These federally required language assistance program services ensure that ELs have equitable access to the basic, local board of education-adopted curriculum provided to all students, and acquire English language proficiency.

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

SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Pesticides are periodically applied to school district property as part of the district's pest management program. Parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in the district have the right to request prior notification of pesticide applications to the buildings or grounds. In order to be notified prior to the application of pesticides, the parent or legal guardian must request and return a "Pesticide Prior Notification Request Form." The form may be obtained from:

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

Please understand that emergencies do arise and that pesticides may be applied without prior notice to parents or legal guardians. Parents or legal guardians that have requested prior notification, however, will be notified after pesticide application.

Application of pesticides will be performed only by certified or registered applicators where and when required. If a pesticide is applied in a building, students will not occupy the room for a minimum of four hours. At the time of application, a sign will be posted for 48 hours near the building's primary point of entry. When a pesticide is applied to school district ground, the application will not be made within 100 feet of occupied classrooms, and flags will be inserted in the ground to mark the application area.

This notice was given in compliance with Regulation 637, as amended by Public Act 131 of 1993.

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 Respones 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.

Michigan's Safe Storage Law

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of Swan Valley's commitment to student safety and in compliance with state law (MCL 28.429, MCL 380.1313a, and MCL 380.1313b), we are sharing important information regarding Michigan's Safe Storage Law. This law outlines the legal responsibilities of firearm owners to securely store firearms in homes where minors may be present. To help families understand the law and how to comply, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided the following resources:

- **What is the Secure Storage Law in Michigan**
- **Safe Storage Notice**

Additional information and resources are available on MDE's Safe Storage Law webpage. If you are in need of gun locks, please contact the Michigan State Police, Saginaw County Sheriff Department or Thomas Township Police Department and they can be provided at no charge. We encourage all families to review these materials to help keep our schools and communities safe. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student safety.

NCSN Note

The Swan Valley School District's own District Registered Nurse Kimberly Newman recently earned the designation of Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN), awarded by the National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN). The NCSN credential is a nationally recognized mark of distinction that signifies advanced knowledge, professional expertise, and excellence in the specialty practice of school nursing. NBCSN established the NCSN credential to recognize school nurses who meet rigorous national standards and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning. National certification reflects both professional excellence and a dedication to ensuring students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn!

Swan Valley School District • Notice of Nondiscrimination

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

Dr. Alison Cicinelli, Superintendent of Schools
Swan Valley School District
8380 O'Hern Road • Saginaw, MI 48609
(989) 921-3701

Mrs. Valerie Baldwin, Special Education Supervisor
Swan Valley School District
8380 O'Hern Road • Saginaw, MI 48609
(989) 921-3701

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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