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## Swan Valley School District Celebrates Our School Board Leaders This January "School Boards Lead"



January is School Board Recognition Month and Swan Valley is joining 541 local and 56 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their noble dedication to public education.

There are infinite opportunities for people to give back to their community. In the Swan Valley School District, all stakeholders work together to instill positive values in our children that support the importance of using one's own skills and talents to benefit others. These values are promoted through the *Leader In Me* program at the elementary level and the *Medal of Honor-Viking Valor* program at secondary. Respectively, these programs emphasize the following character traits:

### **Leader in Me:**

- Habit 1-Be Proactive
- Habit 2-Begin with the End in Mind
- Habit 3-Put First Things First
- Habit 4- Think Win-Win
- Habit 5-Seek First to Understand, then to Be Understood
- Habit 6- Synergize
- Habit 7-Sharpen the Saw.

### **Medal of Honor-Viking Valor:**

- Courage
- Commitment
- Citizenship
- Sacrifice
- Integrity
- Patriotism



Those who choose to serve on our local school boards must exemplify the traits that these programs work to instill in our children. I am proud to say that our school district, and our community, has been fortunate to have people serve on our school board who clearly understand the importance of these traits.

These elected officials dedicate countless personal hours to attend meetings, school functions, and



Front Row (L to R): Amy Dwyer, Mark Landra, Kristy Young Back Row (L to R): Christy Boehler, Jim Stevenson, Charleen Boland, Peggy Darling



Newly-elected Board Member, Liz Peters



Newly-elected Board Member, Bob Aldrich

invest in hours of preparation for the decisions they make. They're dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of over sixteen million dollars, nearly 1800 students, and over 200 employees.

Recently, the terms of two of our Board members expired and these individuals made the difficult decision to vacate their Board of Education seat. Charleen Boland is Swan Valley School District's most "veteran" Board member and has served our students for the last 16.5 years. As Assistant Principal of Swan Valley High School in the mid-nineties, I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Boland. Her daughter Kelly was one of many students, who along with their parents, lobbied the administration and school board for the addition of Advanced Placement courses. Her commitment to Swan Valley students has never diminished, in fact it has only increased over time. At the December

### **2017 Board of Education Officers**

- President – Mark Landra
- Vice-President – Peggy Darling
- Secretary – Kristy Young
- Treasurer – Christy Boehler
- Trustee – Amy Dwyer
- Trustee – Bob Aldrich
- Trustee – Liz Peters

Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Boland shared these parting thoughts:

*Dear, dear friends,*

*In 2000, when I was trying to make my decision about whether I would run for the Swan Valley Board of Education, I called my brother, who had served 16 years*

*on the school board in his town, to see what he thought of his experience. He told me that it was both the most rewarding and most frustrating experience he had ever had...and that I should definitely go for it.*

*In July 2000, I participated in my first Swan Valley school board meeting and to say that I was scared is putting it mildly. What if I spoke when it wasn't my turn? What if I said something stupid? I only knew the superintendent and one other board member-what if they all ignored me? That night I was seated next to Mr. Swan Valley himself, Marv Johnson, and from the moment I*

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## Adult & Alternative Education Classes

### 2nd Semester - Winter 2017

To Enroll Call 989-921-2472

**Classes Begin January 17, 2017**

Adult/Alternative Education is an evening program specifically designed for students ages 16 and older without a high school diploma who are seeking an alternative route to completing high school.

Classes are free to those who are enrolled in the Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Program.

Classes are also available to traditional high school students who will be short of credits for graduation.

The cost is \$100.00 per class.

Time	Course	Teacher
<b>MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY</b>		
2-3pm 1st Hour	College Preparation I or II	Hanson
<b>MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY</b>		
3-5pm 2nd Hour	Math Courses	Villano
5-7pm 3rd Hour	English Courses	LaBrake
7-9pm 4th Hour	US History A & B	LaBrake
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		
3-5pm 5th Hour	Science Courses	Halvin
3-5pm 5th Hour	Woods Technology B	Wachowicz
5-7pm 6th Hour	Social Studies/Health/P.E.	Haggitt
7-9PM 7th Hour	World History A & B	Haggitt
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9am-12:30pm 8th Hour	Elective Courses	Hanson

## Swan Valley Learning Center

Swan Valley Learning Center is a fully licensed year-round program that provides before and after school care, as well as a full and part-time preschool program. Our certified and enthusiastic team is dedicated to providing the best care for your child. With licensed teachers on staff at all times, we are sure to enhance your child's experience while they are away from home. Preschoolers are sure to gain a well-rounded experience from our lead teachers who bring enthusiasm and imagination to the classroom.

During our before school program, we provide a nutritional balanced breakfast daily, with a variety of hot and cold choices to ensure they start their day out right. After school we allow time for our children to work on their home-



work. Our Program has iPads and computers available for the children to use to further their learning through educational apps and websites. The children also have time to be with their friends.

Any child who meets the age requirement (3-12) and is enrolled in the Swan Valley District may attend. We also accept non-resident students.

Transportation is provided to and from Havens Elementary and Shields Elementary during the school year. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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



SVLC 3 & 4 year old children delivering Christmas Cookies to Superintendent Mr. McRae :)

## News From Nutrition Services

### LUNCH MONEY MADE EASY!

Have you ever arrived at work after dropping the kids off at school, and realized you forgot to give them lunch money? Has your middle school student called you 15 minutes before lunch to tell you he only has \$1.00 left in his account? Ever wonder why your high school student is always asking you for more lunch money? If this sounds familiar, on-line access to your child's school meal account is just what you NEED!

On-line access allows you to monitor your child's school meal account balance and purchases, make on-line deposits with a credit or debit card, transfer funds among sibling accounts and limit ala carte spending! You will also receive "Low Balance Email Notifications" when your child's account balance goes under \$5.00. In addition to monitoring your child's account, you can also apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals with your on-line access.

If you do not have on-line access, you may make a request for your user name and password at:

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

→ On-line Access Request (located on the left hand side of the Nutrition Services webpage)

Any money left in your child's school meal account at the end of the school year will roll over and be available to your child in the fall. If your child is leaving the District, encourage your child to spend down their school meal account balance before leaving. You can request an account refund, for amounts over \$5.00, by completing an Account Refund Request Form located on the Nutrition Services home page at:

[www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Nutrition Services → Student Account Refund Request (located on the left hand side of the Nutrition Services webpage)

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Nutrition Services Office at 989-793-9713.

### MAKE MONEY! WORK WHILE THE KIDS ARE IN SCHOOL!

Are you looking for something to do for a few hours during the day while the kids are at school? Do you like to interact with children? Would you like to earn a few extra dollars to help pay off some of those holiday

bills? If so, School Nutrition Services is the place for you!

The Nutrition Services Department currently has several openings for part-time Kitchen Helpers. Part-time positions are available at Heritage High School, Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School, Shields Elementary School and Swan Valley High School. Kitchen Helpers work during lunch, assisting with lunch set-up, serving meals to students and cleaning up after lunch, including washing dishes, pots and pans. The rate of pay is \$8.90 per hour (effective January 1, 2017) and the shifts range from 3 to 4 hours per day. Benefits include paid sick days, paid holidays, paid business day (after first year of employment), attendance incentive and work shirts.

If you are interested, all job postings are currently listed on the STCS Human Resources webpage at: [www.stcs.org](http://www.stcs.org) → Departments → Human Resources → Employment Opportunities. You are also welcome to apply in person at 3283 Fashion Square Blvd., or contact the Nutrition Services office at 989-793-9713, for more information.



# 31st Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner



The Annual Holiday Dinner for the Senior Citizen Groups from Thomas Township and James Township was held at Swan Valley High School on December 7. Student Government members were servers for the dinner. The Swan Valley High School Band Ensemble provided Christmas music and the Swan Valley Learning Center children presented handmade gifts to the guests.



## 2015-16 Audit Report

On October 20th, Robert Woods, of Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas, and Luplow, P.C., presented the 2015-16 audit report to the Swan Valley Board of Education. The 2015-16 school year ended with a general fund deficit of \$51,753 decreasing the fund balance to \$1,785,845 or 11.2 % of general fund expenditures. It was recommended the fund balance be approximately 10% - 15% of general fund expenditures. The audit was approved by the full board. A copy of the audit report is available on the district's website.

## Senior Citizens

### James Township Senior Citizens

"Gents and Gennies" meet the third Tuesday of each month for a pot-luck dinner at the James Township Hall at noon.

If anyone would like more information, please contact the James Township office at 781-1353.

### Thomas Township Senior Citizens

"Swingers" meet the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30AM for a potluck dinner at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building. All Senior Citizens in the area are invited to join the fellowship. A luncheon and bingo are enjoyed by all.

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

### BOARD from page 1

*sat down I was made to feel like a welcome and contributing member of the team.*

*Over the last 16 1/2 years, I have had the honor of working alongside 4 superintendents, 13 principals and 19 board members, hundreds of staff at all levels and to say that it has been an honor would be vastly understating the amount of respect and admiration I have for every one of them. We have laughed and cried together, we have wrestled with budget cuts and celebrated bond issues that have passed and rejoiced with the hundreds of students that have walked across the stage, ready to face whatever the future holds for them.*

*I believe that there is a great deal of passion, compassion, motivation, dedication, and love behind the power of purple, and it has been truly an honor to represent this community on the Swan Valley Board of education. Thank you for the privilege. Once a Viking, Always a Viking!*

Charleen Boland

Jim Stevenson, who has served on the Board for the past seven years, has also decided to step down due to increased work responsibilities. Mr. Stevenson is the owner of a weekly newspaper, The Spinal Column, based in Oakland County. In addition to his Board commitments, he is also an active member of the Swan Valley Athletic Association. On a personal note, Jim was President of the Board of Education when I transitioned from High School Principal to Superintendent and his support was critical to moving our district forward. On behalf of the students and staff of the Swan Valley School District, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Boland and Mr. Stevenson for their dedication to our students. With that being said, I would also like to officially welcome our two newest elected Board of Education members, Mrs. Liz Peters and Mr. Bob Aldrich. They are excited about the opportunity to serve the students and staff of the Swan Valley School District and we look forward to working with them as we usher in 2017!

## Swan Valley School District Board of Education Meetings

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

@ Havens Elementary School @ 6:30 pm

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

@ Swan Valley Middle School @ 6:30 pm

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

@ Shields Elementary School @ 6:30 pm

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

@ Swan Valley High School @ 6:30 pm

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

@ Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center @ 7:00 pm

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

@ Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center @ 7:00 pm



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For further information  
please view our website at  
[www.swanvalleyschools.com](http://www.swanvalleyschools.com)  
Go to Our Schools and click on the link  
for Community Education and  
Register Online Today!

## TECHNOLOGY:

### BASIC EXCEL SPREADSHEETS

Dawn Perez  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7:30 pm — Tues., Jan. 17,  
24 & 31 and Feb. 7 & 14  
\$35.00 • 5 Sessions

### INTERMEDIATE EXCEL SPREADSHEETS

Dawn Perez  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7:30 pm — Tues., Feb. 21  
& 29 and Mar. 7, 14 & 21  
\$35.00 • 5 Sessions

### GOOGLE DOCS

Kaycee Dammann  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7:00 PM — Wed., Feb. 1  
\$10.00 • 1 Sessions

### GOOGLE SHEETS

Kaycee Dammann  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7 PM — Wed., Feb. 8  
\$10.00 • 1 Session

### GOOGLE FORMS

Kaycee Dammann  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7 PM — Wed., Feb. 15  
\$10.00 • 1 Session

### GOOGLE PHOTOS

Kaycee Dammann  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7 PM — Wed., Feb. 22  
\$10.00 • 1 Session

### GOOGLE DRIVE

Kaycee Dammann  
Swan Valley High School  
Room #404  
6 - 7 PM — Wed., March 1  
\$10.00 • 1 Session

## DEVELOPMENT:

### PUPPY TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Diane Jones-Thayer  
SVHS Sign-in @ Cafe  
6-7pm — Wed., Apr. 26 - May 24  
\$60.00 • 5 Sessions  
NO DOGS AT FIRST CLASS

### DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Diane Jones-Thayer  
SVHS Sign-in @ Cafe  
7-8pm — Wed., Apr. 26 - June 14  
\$90.00 • 8 Sessions  
NO DOGS AT FIRST CLASS

### ZUMBA SESSION #1

Jennifer Metevia  
SVMS @ Multipurpose Room  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Wed., Jan. 4 - Feb. 8  
\$30.00 • 6 Sessions

### ZUMBA SESSION #2

Jennifer Metevia  
SVMS @ Multipurpose Room  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Wed., Feb. 15 - Mar. 22  
\$30.00 • 6 Sessions

### ZUMBA SESSION #3

Jennifer Metevia  
SVMS @ Multipurpose Room  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Wed., Apr. 5 - May 10  
\$30.00 • 6 Sessions

### SHIELDS FIT CLUB

K - 2nd GRADE  
Mrs. Leddy & Mrs. Hahn  
Shields Elementary @ Gym  
Jan. 23, 30 & Feb. 6, 13  
Immediately after school  
Pick up is 4:30pm • \$20.00

### SHIELDS FIT CLUB

3rd - 5th GRADE  
Mrs. Leddy & Mrs. Hahn  
Shields Elementary @ Gym  
Feb. 27 • March 6, 13 & 20  
Immediately after school  
Pick up is 4:30pm • \$20.00

## CHILDREN'S STORY & CRAFT AGE: 2-5

### JANUARY

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Jan. 11 • 6 - 7 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### FEBRUARY

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Feb. 1 • 6 - 7 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### MARCH

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Mar. 15 • 6 - 7 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### APRIL

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
TO BE ANNOUNCED  
6 - 7 pm • Wednesday  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

## CHILDREN'S STORY & CRAFT AGE: 5-8

### JANUARY

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Jan. 18 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### FEBRUARY

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Feb. 15 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### APRIL

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
TO BE ANNOUNCED  
6:30 - 7:30 pm • Wednesday  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

### MARCH

Jennifer Mackey  
SVHS @ Learning Center  
Wed., Mar. 15 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
\*Limit 15 students  
\$15 Includes craft and a Book

## STEM:

### GADGETS/CODING BLOXELS

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., Apr. 4 • 6 - 7:00 PM  
\$5.00 • 1 Session  
Ages: 5th Grade - Adult

### GADGETS/CODING OSMO

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., Apr. 18 • 6 - 7 PM  
\$5.00 • 1 Session  
Ages: 5th Grade - Adult

### GADGETS/CODING SPHERO BALL

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., Apr. 25 • 6 - 7 PM  
\$5.00 • 1 Session  
Ages: 5th Grade - Adult

### GADGETS/CODING 3D PRINTING

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., May 2 • 6 - 7 PM  
\$5.00 • 1 Session  
Ages: 5th Grade - Adult

### GADGETS/CODING VIRTUAL REALITY GLASSES & MAKEY MAKEY

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., May 9 • 6 - 7 PM  
\$5.00 • 1 Session  
Ages: 5th Grade - Adult

### GADGETS/CODING ROBOTICS

Dawn Perez  
SVHS Room #404  
Tues., Apr. 4 • 6 - 7 PM  
\$5.00  
1 Session

## K-12:

### ELEMENTARY PRE K-2ND GRADE ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

SVHS Rm #208  
**Jr Robotics: Let's Make Toys**  
5:30-6:30pm  
Tues, Jan 31 - March 7  
6 Sessions • \$85.00

### ELEMENTARY 3rd -5th GRADE ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

SVHS Rm #206  
**Jr Robotics: Scratch Video Sensing**  
5:30-6:30pm  
Tues, Jan 31 - March 21  
8 Sessions • \$85.00

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

SVHS @ Science Lab  
**Jr Robotics: Rescue Robots**  
5:30pm-6:30pm  
Tues, Jan 31 - March 7  
6 Sessions • \$85.00

### SAT-SESSION #1

**English & Writing**  
Joann Schneider  
March 22, 2017  
Wednesday • 6 -8pm  
SVHS Room 501  
\$20.00 • Two hour session

### SAT-SESSION #2

**Writing & Language**  
Joann Schneider  
March 23, 2017  
Thursday • 6-8pm  
SVHS Room 501  
\$20.00 • Two hour session

### SAT-SESSION #3

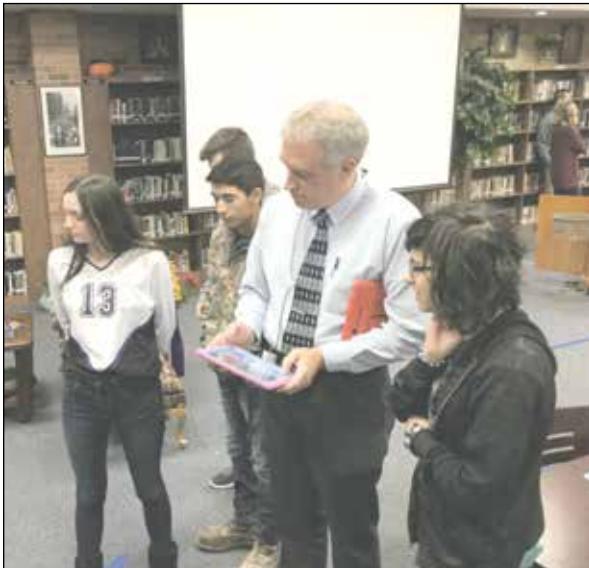
**Math**  
Jim Murphy  
March 21, 2017  
Tuesday • 6 -8pm  
SVHS Room 304  
\$20.00 • Two hour session





## SVHS Genius Challenge

Students explored Sphero, Ozobot, Dash bot, Cubelets, and Tinkercad for 3D Printing  
(Thank you to REMC#9 for providing us with some of the robots)

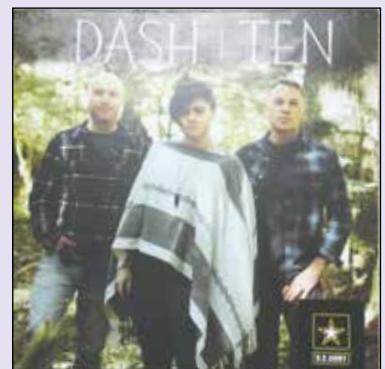


## Horace Mann Funds Robots for SVHS Library

Swan Valley High School library media center has two new robots, thanks to the generosity of Horace Mann representatives Danny Hughes and Courtney Habina, who funded two grants through Donors Choose. Students will use the "Dash" and "Sphero" to learn how to code and program through hands on experiences. We are so fortunate to have such generous community members.

## Dash Ten Kicks off Homecoming Week

Thanks to the US Army for providing SVHS students with a concert featuring Dash Ten.





# HIGH SCHOOL

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## Holiday spirit AGAIN exploded at SVHS

This year, SVHS was able to provide Christmas for 13 families in our district. The high school staff, students, and various members of the community, adopted 13 families. They provided gifts, household items, and food for the holiday season.

The families were chosen and asked to submit a "wish list" for each member. Gifts were bought and wrapped for delivery. Household items, personal hygiene items, and food were also collected to help ease the financial burden often faced this time of year.

Students at SVHS raised over \$3,300. The young ladies and men of each graduating class competed in a fundraiser called "The Amazing Race". The class that raised the most money received an all-you-can- eat Olive Garden Luncheon on Tuesday, December 20th. Congratulations to the "Class of 2019" for their awesome accomplishment this year!

Students also contributed by donating various items needed for baskets, shopping for items, and assisting in the organization and wrapping of gifts. The students took pride in their efforts helping the staff at SVHS provide a nice holiday for these families in need.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed. A special thank you to our "Sponsors" this year. Bierlein/Apple Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bierlein, Ascension Lutheran Church, Swan Valley United Methodist Church, Swan Valley Athletic Association, MGA Research, Saint Francis Home, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Champagne, The Mayan Agency of Merrill, Gardner Provezano & Luplow CPA Firm, Swan Valley "Pay It Forward", Shield of Faith Church, and Tim Hortons!

Happy 2017 from SVHS!



## The Varsity Volleyball Team read with 3rd graders at Havens Elementary

The Varsity Volleyball team read with 3rd graders at Havens Elementary on October 13th in Mrs. Schutter class and on October 20th in Mrs. Burnham class.

The Vikings enjoyed sitting down with the 3rd graders to help them read, listen to them read, and help them focus on their AR goals. What a fun and enjoyable experience for all.



## October Students of the Month





## 2016 Shanghai Normal University Student Teachers and Swan Valley Mentors



## Swan Valley High School 2017 Events Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Location	Event	Date	Time	Location
No School for SVHS	Mon., Jan. 16			Class Officer Apps	Thu., Apr. 20		
NHS Induction	Wed., Jan. 18	6:30 PM	Auditorium	Can be Picked Up			
End Marking Period 3	Fri., Jan. 27			Senior Project Window	Apr. 24 - May 6		
SG Winter Spirit Week	Jan. 30-Feb.			Class Officer Apps Due	Wed., Apr. 26		
Reduced Schedule - Pep Assembly	Fri., Feb. 3			End Marking Period 5	Fri., Apr. 28		
Semi Formal Dance	Sat., Feb. 4	8 - 11 PM	Back Gym	Prom at Dow Diamond	Sat., Apr. 29	8 - 11 PM	Dow Diamond, Students can't leave until 10:30
District Band Solo Ensemble	Feb. 11 & 12		St. Johns				
Band Pre-Festival Concert	Wed., Feb. 15	7 PM	Auditorium	After Prom	Sun., Apr. 30	12 AM	Students must check in by 1 AM
TVC Technology Competition	Thu., Feb. 16						
No School - In Service Day	Mon., Feb. 20			SVNL Comedy Night	Mon., May 1	7 PM	
Drama - Play	Thu., Feb. 23	7 PM	Auditorium	Spring Spirit Week/ Red Ribbon Week	May 1 - 5		
Drama - Play	Sat., Feb. 25	7 PM	Auditorium	Underclassmen Awards	Tue., May 2	7 PM	Auditorium
Drama - Play	Sun., Feb. 26	2 PM	Auditorium	AP Lit Exam	Wed., May 3		
ACT Test <i>Optional for Junior and Seniors</i>	Tue., Feb. 28	8 AM		AP Calc Exam	Tue., May 9		
Exams	Mar. 8 - 11			BPA Nationals	May 10 - 15		
Band Festival	Fri., Mar. 10		Frankenmuth	All Class Meetings	Wed., May 10		Orlando, FL
All Spring Sports Start	Mon., Mar. 13			Band Concert	Wed., May 10	7 PM	
BPA State Competition	Mar. 16 - 20		Grand Rapids	AP World History Exam	Thu., May 11	8 AM	
Band State Solo Ensemble	Sat., Mar. 18			Freshman Orientation	Wed., May 17	9 AM	
Trimester 3 Open House/ Curriculum Night/ Spring Sports Meeting	Mon., Mar. 20	6 PM		Static Displays for Seniors	Wed., May 17	12 - 2 PM	Cafeteria
Activity Afternoon	Thu., Mar. 23			Senior Awards Night	Wed., May 17	6:30 PM	Auditorium
Spring Break - No School	Mar. 25 - Apr. 3			Beautification Day	Fri., May 19	8 AM	
MSTEP Window	Apr. 10 - May 27			College Decision Day	Wed., May 24		Library
Student Gov't App's Can be Picked Up	Mon., Apr. 10			Senior Class Meeting	Wed., May 24	9 AM	Auditorium
PSAT for 9th & 10th	Tue., Apr. 11	8 AM		Senior Exams	May 25 - 26		
SAT for Juniors	Tue., Apr. 11	8 AM		Senior Athletic Banquet	Thu., May 25	6:30 PM	
WorkKeys for Juniors	Wed., Apr. 12	8 AM		No School - Memorial Day	Mon., May 29		
Student Gov't Apps Due	Thu., Apr. 13			Senior Trip	Wed., May 31	5 AM	
Local Scholarships Due/ Student Govt Apps Due	Thu., Apr. 13			Baccalaureate	Sun., June 4	3 PM	Gym
MSTEP Science/ SS Early Dismissal (11th)	Thu., Apr. 13	8 AM		Adult/Alternative Ed Graduation	Sun., June 4	7 PM	Auditorium
No School - Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 14			Graduation Ceremony	Mon., June 5	7 PM	Football Field
				Exam - 5	Mon., June 12		
				Exam 1 & 2	Tue., June 13		
				Exam - 3 & 4	Wed., June 14		
				Teacher Work Day	June 15 - 16	8 AM	



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## Swan Valley High School 2016-17 Trimester One Summa Cum Laude - 3.75 - 4.0

<b>FRESHMEN</b>		<b>SOPHOMORES</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>SENIORS</b>	
Trent Alwoden	Bridget Raedy	Mikaylin Ferrier	Seth Stajdl	Kristen Huebner	Paige Tweddle	Madison Jimenez	
Camille Baniel	Jack Raines	Alex Fries	Jorden Thompson	Brayden Kessler	Tyler Watt	Allysa Jolin	
Evan Beneman	Rachel Riegel	Isaiah Galaviz	Joseph Turpin	Joshua Kiefer	Katee Wellman	Joseph Keating	
Claire Bierlein	Andrew Rousseau	Rorey Garner	Sabrina Vetengle	Trevor Klein	Connor Woods	Lauren Keyser	
Abigail Bremer	Taylor Sas	Jacob Gilbert	Madelyn Waterman	Kasey Kretz		Carlee Larsen	
Mallory Brooks	Katelyn Taylor	Jacob Hostetler	Connor Webb	Gabrielle Krieger		Nicole Lazzaro	
Olivia Caylor	Kiersten Tilot	Logan Keyser	Drew Zolinski	Ashley Krupnek		Jenna Lesnick	
Ethan Champney	Yina Todd	Sara Krawczak		Kelsey Landra		Kameron Lopez	
Kathleen Demosthenous	Alyssa Vasquez	Matthew LaLonde		Nuveen Mazouri	Hannah Benemann	Nathan Malott	
Anna Dornseifer	Marissa Walker	Emmet Lewis		Riley McIntyre	JR Buendia	Suzveen Mazouri	
Rachel DuRussel	Sofie Wickham	Hallie McIntyre		Annabelle Midcalf	Meredith Champagne	Madison McLeod	
Adlar Feldotte		Haley Mefford		Kylee Monahan	Megan Cruce	Alexis Nickel	
Easton Goldensoph		Evan Myles		Victoria Parker	Rebecca Curtis	Olivia O'Keley	
Samantha Inman		Shelby Notter		Logan Pietz	Mariana Da Silva	Binisha Patel	
Mitchell Jebb		Chase Oldenburg		Payton Pietz	Ashley Danilowicz	Arissa Premo	
Abigail Kerby		Blake Pearsall		Nathan Piwowarski	Tyler Derleth	Hayley Reagan	
Emma Krupnek		Chloe Peek		Emma Pufahl	Courtney Dingman	Derek Resio	
Mia Lazzaro		Matthew Pike		Gwendolyn Ross	David Dunning	Rayanne Scarmeas	
Samuel Lea		Brady Przyblyski		Ivan Ross	Meghan DuRussel	Olyvia Shields	
Mikayla Lietzke		Chase Resio		RaeAnn Rowe	Grace Dutoi	Megan Sielinski	
William Lipscomb	Lauren Clark-Czolgosz	De'ondric Sanders		Jared Shattuck	John Espinosa	Mary Stark	
Vittorio Mancini	Kailee Conley	Rawly Scarreas		Meg Shuler	Erin Fong	Samantha Weber	
Hannah Mercer	Kelsie Ellerman	Keegan Schrems		Conrad Strecker	Ian Garlick	Amelia Wilson	
Audree Midcalf	Alyssa Erlenbeck	Season Schultz		Matthew Summerfield	Mykenzie Garza	Courtney Wojoiechowski	
Ara Nab	Mallory Eurich	Alyssa Shuler		Nancy Tetloff	Sydney Glenn	Kayleigh Zechmeister	
Cassidy Palmateer	Nolan Everts	Conner Sika		Hannah Thiel	Alyssa Hafner		
	Kennedy Ewald	Dakota Snook		Benjamin Todd	Sarah Hahn		

## Swan Valley High School 2016-17 Trimester One Magna Cum Laude - 3.25 - 3.749

<b>FRESHMEN</b>		<b>SOPHOMORES</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>SENIORS</b>	
Isiah Blondin	Myah Rousseau	Maria Duperon	Devan Thompson	Sarah Harvey	Andrew Wendler	Austen Johnson	
Kyle Brown	Marrissa Sanders	Lindsey Florence	Kaitlyn Tindell	Megan Kaufman	Kristopher Woods	Jason Jurek	
Paige Brown	Wyatt Schalk	Jacob Flory	Lily Zamora	Emma Kross	Nicholas Zimostrad	Calvin Kaeckmeister	
Heather Buchholz	Joseph Shattuck	Sean Flory		Robert Lederer		Nicolas Krzyzaniak	
Nicholas Buckstiegel	Connor Shoemaker	Jasmine Glick		Randall Madison		Alexander Malott	
Jaden Derleth	Rachel Skabardis	Lakyn Gohsman		Kathryn Martin		Jack Martin	
Gavin Duel	Quynn Sonefeld	Kain Hart		Diamond Massey		Camrin McCoy	
Anna Dusenbury	Seth Toth	Alexis Malacara		Payton Matzke		Matthew McLellan	
Jacob Gardey	Gannon Troutman	Andre Mathis		Avery Merlone		Noah Mercer	
Trenton Geth	Andrew Tweddle	Hunter McLellan		Jacob Miller		Taylor Mireles	
Isabella Ginardi	Dakoda Walderzak	Chase Mendoza		Shelby Myles		Cody Norfleet	
Hailey Grover	Gregory Wortley	Hope Meyers		Austin Neiderquill		Averi Pearsall	
Carson Kaeckmeister	Mason Young	Sara Miller		Gracie Neiderquill		Maximilian Robles	
James Kilts		Mattison Moyer		Grant Neilson		Garrett Rozich	
Natalie Kuhn		Christopher Pape		Elexia Ortiz		Richard Schroeder	
Shana Leitz	Trevor Achtabowski	Clayton Parker		Caleb Renner		Austin Smith	
Joshua Lesnich	Samantha Al-Sahuri	Hayley Pearsall		Andrea Roberts		Madeline Stallings	
Jacob Martin	Olivia Bloom	Clarrissa Redburn		Grace Rozich		Molly Stark	
Hailey Mason	Payge Brandt	Peyton Rundell		Jayden Schafsnitz		Jayden Stewart	
Norris Nguyen	Joshua Bula	Olivia Sauve		Walker Donaldson		Kiara Teneyuque	
Alicia Piwowarski	Joselyn Chaidez	Kaitlyn Shields		Zachary Goodman		Blaine Thompson	
Callen Reaume	Jacob Ciesla	Georgia Shillington		Alexia Guerra		Georgia Townsend	
Jadyn Rogers	Jordan DeLisle	Rebecca Sova		Kalynn Gulliver		Matthew Werle	
	Emmalie Dorr	Ivan Sparks		Mark Hart		Jeffrey Woods	

## Swan Valley High School 2016-17 Trimester One Cum Laude - 3.0 - 3.249

<b>FRESHMEN</b>		<b>SOPHOMORES</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>SENIORS</b>	
Brennan Alvarez	Skylar Mason	Addison Cradit	Alexis Stanfill	Cassie Garchow	Jacob Shapland	Logan DeLisle	
Emma Barshaw	Jadeyn Neuenfeldt	Zachary Crawford	Stuart Vetengle	Rickelle Haller-Zamora	Cameron Toth	Christian Ezop	
Michael Bunker	Sarah Root	Samantha Emeott	Hunter Windy	Bryan Joslyn	Lindsey Webb	Marc Fury	
Savannah Cyborowski	Ethan Toth	Ian Griffus		Andrew Jozwiak	Max Wickham	Valentina Harrison	
Lucas Gosen	Nicholas Young	Brock Leinberger		Connor Matuzak	Garrett Windy	Russell Ivon	
Marcial Gutierrez		Rici Mikusek		Mackenzie McInnis		Mary Panfil	
Bryana Hutter	Caitlyn Calangelo	Kaiya Peek		Jaxon Moyer		Niklas Skabardis	
Lucas Kern	Joseph Cepeda	Carson Poulos		Dakota Sanchez		Nicklas Sulen	
		Chase Rogers		Zoie Gabriel		Kan Wannarat	



## Military Honored on Veterans' Day at SVHS

Swan Valley High School welcomed active military and veterans to speak to students in celebration of Veterans' Day 2016. The freshmen class presented checks totaling \$1116.40 to the Alida E. Lutz Veterans Hospital and the 1% Food Pantry. The money raised will be used for events for veterans at the VA Hospital, and will help feed military families through the food pantry. The Freshmen Transition students held a penny drive and sold t-shirts to raise the funds. The students also wrote hundreds of letters to veterans, thanking them

for their service. Representing the military were Marine 1st Sergeant Chedrick Greene, Army Captain Corey Waiters, Army Staff Sergeant Kuhn, and Navy 2nd Class Petty Officer Tim Adams. Mrs. Judy Adams from the 1% Food Pantry was also on hand. Students also recognized Swan Valley High School teacher, Mr. Tim LaBrake, for his service. Sergeant LaBrake was a helicopter crew chief in the United States Army.

## SVHS Principal Honored By State Library Organization

Swan Valley High School principal Craig Blower was honored by the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) at a state conference in Grand Rapids in early November. Blower was recognized for his commitment to literacy, technology, and the role of libraries in learning by the statewide organization for school libraries.

Blower has a global vision for learning, with literacy and libraries in the center. He has traveled to Asia to explore school systems as part of the Gerstacker Fellowship program.

A technology leader, Blower was instrumental in transforming our schools to a 1:1 district. He was an integral part of creating our student library service technology team, the VTEAM, a group of young mavericks who troubleshoot software problems, solve operating issues with computers and even repair iPads.



Pictured, from left to right are MAME President Lisa Brakel, SVHS Principal Craig Blower, SVHS Library Media Specialist Kay Wejrowski, and State Superintendent Brian Whiston.

## Swan Valley Students Help Set Up For Holidays In The Heart Of The City

Mrs. Torie Ray took a handful of students to Celebration Square in Saginaw to help set up for "Holidays in the Heart of the City". Students helped to set up the luminaries along the Celebration Square sidewalks. Students involved were: Caleb Cooper, Caleb Renner, Jason Cox, Brittany Aldrich, Tommy Campbell, Jared Belnap, Cameron Toth and Annabelle Midcalf.

Mrs. Kathy Reis, who is the chairperson of "Holidays", remarked that the help provided by the SVHS students is invaluable to getting the decorations set up on time.



## Tooting Our Own Horn A Bit...

Middle School Band has been busy crafting holiday ornaments. These ornaments were sold at both the Middle School and High School holiday concerts. Proceeds from the sales go to support the Band Booster Club.



### Thank You Office Max!



Office Max offered an excellent discount on two new Chromebooks for Mrs. Quellet's 6th grade math class. These Chrome Books are being used on a regular basis.

### Art program donates treat bags



The Swan Valley Middle School art program decorated and filled over 100 treat bags that were donated to the children at the Underground Railroad this past October. Special thanks goes out to all of the efforts of our supportive parents and students that ensured another successful Halloween season to the kids at the shelter unable to go trick-or-treating on the outside.



## Good Ol'Fashioned **FALL FUN**



Swan Valley Middle School Student Council sponsored their annual Tailgating party. Viking families were invited to participate in the festivities before the Varsity Football game on September 23rd. There were obstacles courses, face-painting, corn-hole games and music provided by our very own Mr. LaRue.





# HAVENS ELEMENTARY

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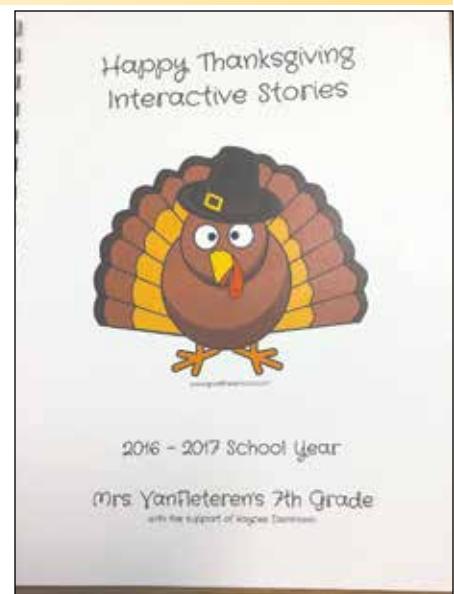
## STEM Activities

Students through school activities and a club offered in the mornings are learning about coding and programming. It is amazing to see all of the skills the students need to use to be able to do these tasks. Thank you everyone that has made this possible!

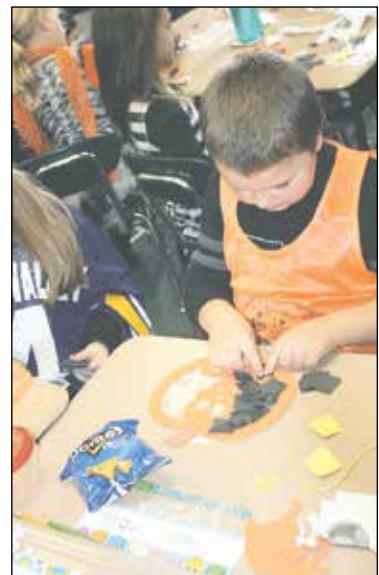


## Tech corner

Havens would like to say thank you to Ms. Kaycee Dammann, the district tech coach, and Ms. VanFlateren for helping middle school students create and share interactive stories with our students at Havens.



## HALLOWEEN FUN at Havens





## Havens and Shields Annual Holiday Concert

On December 13th Havens and Shields Elementary Choirs performed together in the high school auditorium. This was a wonderful way to get in the holiday spirit and to celebrate our choir program. The kids and teachers, Ms. Coble and Ms. Armstrong, did an outstanding job!



## Principal Swap

In an effort to ease the transition for next year's stratification, Havens Principal Shelly DuRussel and Shields Principal Leland Jennings came up with the idea of doing Principal Swap days. The principals have swapped places and been principal for the day at each other's buildings. They have completed 2 Swap days so far and the next one is January 27th. They have both enjoyed getting to know and interact with students and staff at each building.



## Ms. Armstrong Retires

Ms. Tezra Armstrong has retired after 25 years of teaching, of which 22 years have been teaching music in the Swan Valley School District. When asked what she was looking forward to she said she is looking forward to spending more time with her family. She was also asked what will you miss about teaching and she replied "I will miss the children's smiling faces in song".



On behalf of the school district we would like to thank Ms. Armstrong for her many years of service and dedication. There is no doubt she is passionate about music and she sought to instill a love of music in our children. Best Wishes on your retirement!

## Welcome Ms. Coble

We would like to welcome Ms. Adrienne Coble to the Swan Valley Family. She will be teaching music at Havens and Shields beginning January 16th. Ms. Coble has been working as our floating substitute teacher since September. She has music teaching experience and a master's in music education.



Welcome to Swan Valley Ms. Coble!

## Save The Date

Kindergarten Registration is Wednesday March 1st at Shields Elementary  
Havens Card Party/Family Game Night is Thursday April 27th.

## Mystery Hangout

3rd graders participated in a mystery hangout event with another school in Michigan. In social studies they are studying Michigan and used this hangout as an opportunity to guess where the other students were from based on clues they were given.



# SHIELDS ELEMENTARY

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## Student Lighthouse Store

Student Lighthouse Members show initiative and responsibility by maintaining and promoting their own Lighthouse Store. Once a month students have an opportunity to shop for school supplies like pencils and erasers. Since the store is still getting on its feet, the group is still deciding how the funds raised will be used to help out their school and community.



## Vikes Outing

We had our first VIKES peer outing November 5th at Delta pool and had a splashing good time!!



## 1st Grade Breakout Session

First graders practiced problem solving and critical thinking to break into a tool box with several locks on it. They solved clues based on the story, Froggy Gets Dressed. They unlocked one lock at a time until they opened the final lock. Once all problems were solved the students received a Froggy from the story, Froggy gets Dressed.



## Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2017

Put March 1st on your calendars!

Due to the 2017/2018 Stratification, all sections of Kindergarten and Young 5's will be at Shields next year. Registration for ALL prospective Swan Valley Kindergarten and Young 5s students will be held on March 1st from 10am-6pm at Shields Elementary in the Library.

This date falls within our projected spring Schools of Choice window. Interested Schools of Choice families of Kindergartners or possible Young 5s students are also encouraged to come at this time.

Please bring the following documents to be copied:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- 2 Proofs of Residency

As a Bonus: The Saginaw County Department of Health will be here to administer Vision and Hearing Screening from 10am-4pm that day for registering Y5's and Kindergarten students.

Look for more information as the date gets closer.

## Important Events/Dates:

**February 20**  
No School

**March 1**  
Y5s & Kindergarten  
Registration 10:00-6:00

**March 17**  
Marking Period 3 ends

**March 22-24**  
5th Grade to Hartley

**March 25 - April 2**  
Spring Break

**April 14**  
No School

**May 29**  
No School

**June 14**  
Last Day of School



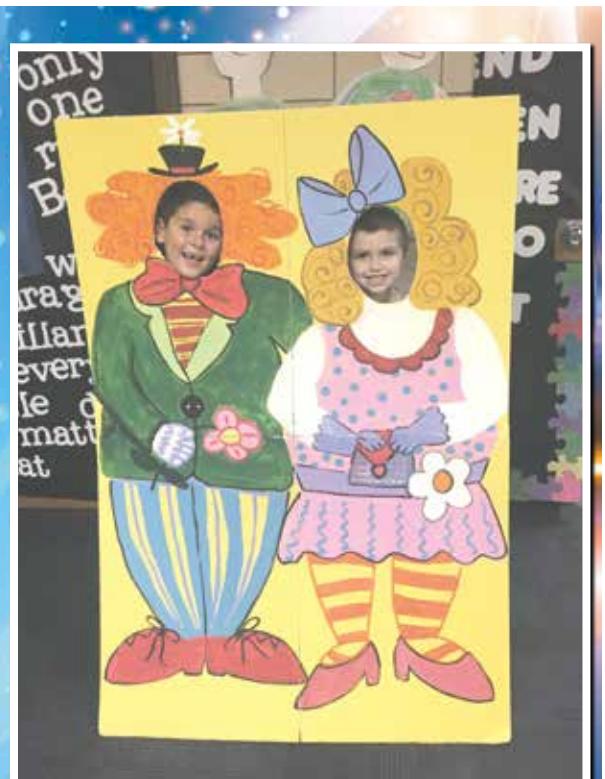
## Community Involvement at Shields

Shields students love the opportunity to learn from others in the community. Whether it is in advisory or for specific classes, we are lucky to live in a community and go to school where so many volunteers are willing to come help us learn. Thanks to James Township Fire Department, Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Michigan State Extension Health, to name just a few.



## SHIELDS FUNFEST

The Annual Shields Funfest was a blast for both students and families. Thank you to all who came and helped to make it the event it was.





# SPORTS

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## Varsity Volleyball Makes 4th Appearance in Regional Finals

Swan Valley Varsity Volleyball team had a successful season finishing 47-12-3 with a conference and district championships. Making those back to back conference championships (7-0 in both seasons) and four straight district titles. The team also maintained a Honorable Mention All-State ranking for seven weeks in a row. Receiving TVC Central All-Conference 1st team honors are Emily Buska, Lauren Addy, and Kristen Huenber along with Annabelle Midcalf receiving 2nd team All-Conference. Madison McLeod and Emma Bierlein received All-Conference Honorable Mention honors also. Kristen Huenber and Lauren Addy were placed on the All-Region team and are also in the process of being nominated for All-State for Class B.

Along with having a successful season on the court the 2016 Varsity team averaged a 3.8 overall GPA and received MIVCA All-Academic Team honors. Lauren Addy and Madison McLeod received All-Academic Individual Team awards also.



## Swan Valley High School Winter Sports Schedule

### Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball

Fri., Jan. 20 Away 6:00 Alma Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Mon., Jan. 23 Away 6:00 West Crossover Girls JV/Varsity  
 Tues., Jan. 24 Away 4:30 West Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Thurs., Jan. 26 Home 6:00 East Crossover Girls JV/Varsity  
 Fri., Jan. 27 Home 4:30 East Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Tues., Jan. 31 Home 6:00 Freeland Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Fri., Feb. 3 Home 6:00 Standish Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Tues., Feb. 7 Away 6:00 Carrollton Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Fri., Feb. 10 Away 6:00 Shepherd Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Tues., Feb. 14 Home 6:00 Bullock Creek Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Fri., Feb. 17 Away 6:00 Chesaning Girls/Boys Varsity  
 Thurs., Feb. 23 Home 6:00 BC John Glenn Girls JV/Varsity  
 Fri., Feb. 24 Home 4:30 Alma Boys Fr/JV/Varsity  
 Girls District starts the week of Feb. 27 at Birch Run  
 Thurs., Mar. 2 Away 4:30 Valley Lutheran Boys Fr/JV/Varsity  
 Boys District starts the week of Mar. 6 at Bridgeport

### Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Thurs., Jan. 19 Away 6:00 Alma  
 Tues., Jan. 24 Away 6:00 West Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Fri., Jan. 27 Home 6:00 East Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Mon., Jan. 30 Away 6:00 Freeland  
 Thurs., Feb. 2 Away 6:00 Standish  
 Mon., Feb. 6 Home 6:00 Carrollton  
 Wed., Feb. 8 Home 6:00 Shepherd  
 Mon., Feb. 13 Away 6:00 Bullock Creek  
 Fri., Feb. 24 Home 6:00 Alma Boys Fr/JV/Varsity  
 Thurs., Mar. 2 Away 6:00 Valley Lutheran Boys Fr/JV/Varsity

### Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

Thurs., Jan. 19 Away 7:30 Alma  
 Mon., Jan. 23 Away 6:00 West Crossover Girls JV/Varsity  
 Thurs., Jan. 26 Home 6:00 East Crossover Girls JV/Varsity  
 Mon., Jan. 30 Away 7:30 Freeland  
 Thurs., Feb. 2 Away 7:30 Standish  
 Mon., Feb. 6 Home 7:30 Carrollton  
 Wed., Feb. 8 Home 7:30 Shepherd  
 Mon., Feb. 13 Away 7:30 Bullock Creek  
 Thurs., Feb. 16 Home 7:30 Chesaning  
 Thurs., Feb. 23 Home 6:00 BC John Glenn Girls JV/Varsity

### Freshman Boys Basketball

Thurs., Jan. 19 Away 4:30 Alma  
 Tues., Jan. 24 Away 4:30 West Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Fri., Jan. 27 Home 4:30 East Crossover Boys FR/JV/Varsity  
 Mon., Jan. 30 Away 4:30 Freeland  
 Thurs., Feb. 2 Away 6:00\* Standish  
 Mon., Feb. 6 Home 4:30 Carrollton  
 Wed., Feb. 8 Home 4:30 Shepherd  
 Mon., Feb. 13 Away 4:30 Bullock Creek  
 Thurs., Feb. 16 Home 4:30 Chesaning  
 Fri., Feb. 24 Home 4:30 Alma Boys Fr/JV/Varsity  
 Thurs., Mar. 2 Away 4:30 Valley Lutheran Boys Fr/JV/Varsity

\*Standish will use two gyms, which allows Fr/JV boys to play at 6:00

### Varsity Boys and Girls Bowling

Sat., Jan. 21 Away 9:00 B.Creek/Carrollton @ Chesaning  
 Sat., Jan. 28 Away 10:00 Freeland/Standish @ Arenac Lanes  
 Sat., Feb. 4 Home 11:00 Chesaning/Bye @ State Lanes  
 Sat., Feb. 11 Away 1:00 Pinconning/B.C. @ Lefevres  
 Sat., Feb. 18 Away 9:00/1:00 Conference at State Lanes Host: Freeland  
 Fri., Feb. 24 Away TBA Teams - MHSAA Regional  
 Sat., Feb. 25 Away TBA Singles - MHSAA Regional

### Titans Ice Hockey Schedule

Sat., Jan. 21 Home 4:45 Alpena Midland Civic Arena  
 Fri., Jan. 27 Away 8:00 Sault Showcase @ Sault Showcase  
 Sat., Jan. 28 Away 1:00 Sault Showcase vs. TC West @ Sault  
 Wed., Feb. 1 Away 7:15 Alliance Polar Palace  
 Wed., Feb. 8 Home 7:00 Alliance Saginaw Bay Ice Arena  
 Mon., Feb. 13 Home 7:00 Bay City Central Bay Civic Arena  
 Fri., Feb. 17 Home 7:45 Lansing CC Midland Civic Arena  
 Sat., Feb. 18 Away 7:00 Freeland/Nouvel Saginaw Bay Ice Arena  
 Fri., Feb. 24 Away 7:00 Heritage Saginaw Bay Ice Arena

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

Schedule updates available at [www.tvhockey.com](http://www.tvhockey.com)

### Varsity Wrestling

Sat., Jan. Away 9:00 Carson City Crystal Duals @ Alma - CC-Crystal  
 Wed., Jan. 25 Away 6:00 TVC Conf @ Shepherd  
 Sat., Feb. 4 Away 9:00 Team Districts  
 Thurs., Feb. 9 Home 6:00 Individual Districts @  
 Sat., Feb. 11 Away 8:00 Team Regionals @  
 Wed., Feb. 15 Away 6:00 Individual Regionals @  
 Sat., Feb. 18 Away TBA Team Finals @ CMU  
 Fri./Sat., Feb. 24-25 Mar. 2-4 Individual Finals @ Palace