

August, 2026

Back-to-School Edition



GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Growing Learners, Graduating Leaders



WELCOME BACK!



Laker Families,
We are excited to welcome students and families back to the building for the 2026-2027 school year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer recess. This summer has been filled with construction projects at the school

and we will be right down to the wire on completing this scope of work before students return. As a reminder, we begin school on August 31st. This is remarkable because it is a pre-Labor Day start to the school year. This start date is due to Labor Day being late on the calendar this year and it will only be a one year exception to the usual post-Labor day school year start. You can reference the full calendar on page____ and you can also reference the school calendar for the next three years on our website.

We wish you all the best in the coming weeks and we will see you soon!

Respectfully,
Jason Misner
Superintendent
Glen Lake Community Schools



Join us at the main entrance for
the grand opening of our newly
renovated space!

August 26, 2026

5:45pm

Be a part of this special moment as we
celebrate the unveiling of this summer's
projects. Then continue the celebration at our
back-to-school open house, cookout, and
Glen Lake's own Moomer's ice cream flavor!



GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BACK TO
SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

WE CAN'T WAIT TO START THE 26/27
SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER!



All families are welcome to visit their student's classrooms, meet their teachers, receive their schedules and locker assignments, connect with their bus driver, and enjoy a hot dog cookout!

JOIN US AUGUST 26 FROM 6-8PM

ATHLETIC PASSES AND
GLEN LAKE SPIRIT WEAR
WILL BE ON SALE AS WELL

*Tuition based preschool start date is August 31st just like the rest of the school with a half day.

*GSRP's first day of school is on September 8th with a full day.

*Open House for preschool is 5:30 to 7 on August 26th



Welcome to the start of the 2026-2027 school year at Glen Lake Elementary! I hope your summer months were filled with sunshine, rest, and memorable adventures with family and friends. Our entire team is eager to welcome our students back for another extraordinary year of learning, creativity, and growth.

Please mark your calendars with these key dates to help your family prepare for our launch:

- Open House: Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00-8:00pm
- First Day of School: Monday, August 31 (Half-Day for students - 11:30am dismissal)
- Labor Day Recess: Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7 (No School)
- Classes Resume: Tuesday, September 8
- Picture Day: Thursday, September 17

Whether your child is stepping into our Young Fives program for their very first elementary school experience or entering 5th grade ready to lead by example, every student is a vital part of our Glen Lake family. **We remain deeply committed to the standard set by the four pillars in our elementary library: ensuring every student, family, and staff member feels Warm, Welcome, Wonderful, and Wanted.**

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for trusting us with your children. We promise to care for, encourage, and inspire them as if they were our own.



6th Grade Orientation – 6:15 PM (Auditeria)

We'll share everything students and families need to know to start the year with confidence, including daily routines, expectations, and tips for a successful transition to middle school.

When school begins on August 31, our "First Four Days" are dedicated to helping students get comfortable with middle school life. We'll practice opening lockers, changing classes, staying organized, and learning daily routines so everyone feels confident and ready to learn.

To make back-to-school shopping a little easier, Glen Lake will provide all 6th graders with the binders and pencil cases needed for their core classes. Students only need to bring:

- * Backpack
- * Water bottle
- * Pencils

* Change of clothes, tennis shoes, and deodorant for Physical Education

We know that starting middle school can bring a few butterflies, but our staff is committed to making every student feel welcomed, supported, and connected from day one.

NICE TO MEET YOU!



Mckenzie Corcoran: Kindergarten Teacher

“Hello! My name is Mckenzi Corcoran, and I am excited to join the Glen Lake team as a Kindergarten teacher this school year. I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. I am passionate about creating a positive, engaging classroom where every child feels welcomed, supported, and excited to learn.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy playing volleyball, going on hikes, spending time with family and friends, and being out on the lake. I am also excited to be coaching the Glen Lake JV Volleyball team this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Glen Lake community and look forward to getting to know our students, families, and staff. I can't wait for a great school year!”



El Rosi: 3rd Grade Teacher

“Hello Lakers! I’m El Rosi, and I am thrilled to be joining the third-grade team at Glen Lake Elementary.

While I grew up in a small town in New York’s Hudson Valley, I’m returning to my roots here as a seventh-generation Northwest Michigan resident. I graduated from Michigan State as an elementary educator with a passion for building strong classroom communities and supporting students as learners and leaders. I love spending time in nature, playing music, reading, and writing poetry. I am so excited to be a part of this community and look forward to meeting everyone!”



Amy Smith: Health and French Teacher

“I’m honored and excited to be joining the Glen Lake Schools staff! I will be teaching French 1, high school Health Education, and middle school health rotation classes. French 1 will be open to 8th through 12th grade students. After long-term subbing in Glen Lake's middle school last year, I know that Glen Lake School students, teachers, and staff are who I want to be learning and growing with each day. I will also be joining my husband, Nick Smith, who is a current teacher at Glen Lake, and our three kids: Caroline, Nora, and Harrison, who are also Lakers.

When our family moved to the Glen Lake area four years ago, we had hopes that it would be a strong community who works together to do what is best for students and their families. We are certain of that now, and are grateful for the many ways this community has welcomed us. We look forward to another school year and the opportunities it will bring to join together to help everyone grow. Go Lakers!”



Sarah Morgan: Foods and Business Teacher

“Many of you may recognize me from the Secondary Office. My name is Sarah Morgan, and I am excited to begin a new chapter this school year as the Secondary Foods teacher! For the past four years, I've been proud to be part of the Glen Lake family, and I'm thrilled to continue my journey by pursuing my teaching certificate while sharing my passion for foods and cooking with our students.

I live in beautiful Leelanau County with my three sons—Dylan, a 10th grader, Cayden, a 7th grader, and Nathan, a 3rd grader. Our home is always full of activity with our dog, two cats, a bunny, and a bearded dragon.

Some of my favorite hobbies include knitting, hiking, rock hunting along the Lake Michigan shoreline, making and baking sourdough bread, and cheering on my kids at their sporting events.

I am looking forward to a great year!”

NICE TO MEET YOU, CONT...



Genevieve Bramer: Secondary Math Teacher

“Hello everyone,
I’m Genevieve Bramer and I am excited to start teaching at Glen Lake School! I grew up in here in Leelanau County and I am thrilled to be a part of the Laker Family. I graduated from Northern Michigan University where I studied math education and played club softball. In the spring of 2025 I completed my student teaching here at Glen Lake. I am eager to be back at Glen Lake and see some of those familiar faces. This will be my second year and I will be teaching math at the middle and high school level. I am looking forward to working with such supportive staff to continue to grow in my role as an educator.”



Kristyn Lynch: Secondary School Counselor

“My name is Kristyn Lynch and I am one of the 6th-12th grade School Counselors here at GLCS! I am originally from downstate and moved up North 6 years ago and have loved living in Northern Michigan. This will be my 7th year as a School Counselor and I absolutely love it- I love building connections with students, families and staff along with making a positive difference in their lives. I went to Western Michigan University (Go Broncos!) where I got my Bachelors of Science in Family and Child Development and then went on to Spring Arbor University to get my Masters of Arts in Clinical Counseling with a speciality in School Counseling. I can't wait to become a Laker and learn about everything this school and community has to offer.

While I am not working, I enjoy going on walks/hikes, spending time at the beach, reading, visiting my 9 nieces and nephews, and hanging out with my cats (Samson, Flora and Aurora) and Fiance. I also love to indulge in a Netflix watching Spree while lounging on the couch with my cats. My favorite color is Pink and if you ever come to my office, you will find that out pretty quickly!”



Chelsea Foster: Preschool Assistant

“Hello! My name is Chelsea, and I am so excited to be joining the preschool team as an assistant teacher this school year. I come from a background in child development and had the privilege of owning and operating my own childcare center for over 10 years. After my daughter Ivy was born, I chose to become a stay-at-home mom so I could enjoy those special early years with her. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to the classroom and become part of the Glen Lake community. I have always had a passion for helping young children learn, grow, and build confidence through play and creativity. I also love bringing creativity into the classroom through unique, hands-on projects and fun learning experiences that keep children engaged, encourage curiosity, and make learning exciting every day.

When I'm not in the classroom, you'll usually find me making memories with my husband, our daughter, Ivy, and our dog, Murphy. We love camping, spending time outdoors, and enjoying everything Northern Michigan has to offer. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and partnering with your families throughout the school year! I strive to create a fun, safe, and nurturing classroom where every child feels loved, encouraged, and excited to learn. Here's to a wonderful year at Glen Lake!”



Elodia Peplinski: Preschool Assistant

“Hi everyone, my name is Elodia Peplinski. As a past Glen lake graduate I am thrilled to return as an assistant teacher and join the extraordinary group of teachers here in the preschool. I am a recent graduate of Schoolcraft College earning my associates degree in Early Childhood Education. When I’m not in school I love spending time on the lake, going to get blue moon with my friends, or enjoying time with my family. I can’t wait to meet everyone over the school year!”



NICE TO MEET YOU, CONT...



Sarah Dilley: Food Service Assistant

“Hi. My name is Sarah Dilley. I’m excited to be joining the Glen Lake kitchen crew this fall. I grew up in Empire and currently live in Lake Ann. My family has a long history at Glen Lake. My mother, Joy Ash, was a teacher there for nearly 30 years. My brother Scott and I both graduated from GLHS. My oldest son, Max, was a student and football player and his younger brother Griffin is following in his footsteps as a Senior defenseman on our great Lakers football team. I attended MSU and graduated with a bachelors degree in Spanish. I lived in Spain for my abroad studies and gained lessons and experiences you can never find in a classroom. I encourage all of you students who continue on to college, to work this into your curriculum.

Other than my two sons, my greatest happiness comes from the birth of my beautiful grandson Adrian this past March. I look forward to seeing all of the students and faculty this fall, and getting reacquainted with this wonderful school.”



Lynn Delahanty: Paraprofessional

“Hi there! My name is Lynn, I’m a local mother of two young girls excited to join the Laker Family! My background is in early childhood education and supporting individuals with special needs. When I’m not working I can be found at the beach, making art of any kind, or enjoying our beautiful county with my family. I believe strongly that inclusion, creativity, and early introductions to literacy help to promote a happy and healthy learning environment; and can’t I wait to share this with the students at Glen Lake!”



Christy Case: Performing Arts Paraprofessional

“Hi Laker Family! My name is Christy Case and music has been a part of my life since about age 7 when I began taking piano lessons. I have an undergraduate degree in instrumental music education from Western Michigan University and a masters in vocal music education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. I taught in the public schools for 18 years, 14 of those years were spent in the Benzie Central School System. For the past 10 years, I have been subbing, coaching basketball and serving as a piano accompanist for various choirs, band students and choral students.

I reside in Benzie County with my husband, Andrew, and our two sons, Carson & Caleb, and a golden doodle named, Rocky. Our son, Carson will be starting his Freshman year at the University of Olivet and our son, Caleb will be a Freshman at Glen Lake High School. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling with my family, baking, snowmobiling and watching my two sons in their various activities.”





Hello Laker Families!

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the new year, we would like to provide you with some important information about our school kitchen and meal services.

I'm happy to report that the Michigan School Meal Program has been approved for the 2026-27 School year. As a reminder, students are able to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day here at school. This saves families nearly \$1000 per student this year. While it is not required, we encourage families to complete the Free/Reduced Meal Application online. Instructions on how to complete can be found on the Glen Lake Community Schools website along with a link to the application.

Did you know that our breakfast cereals are not the same as the ones at the store? It's True! While the characters on the box are the same, that's about the only thing in common. The cereal we serve is made with whole grains, have no artificial colors and have no more than 6 grams of sugar. When paired with a protein and a fruit, your child will be fueled up for a day filled with learning.

I don't know if you've noticed but, the school has a whole new look! The serving line is changing too. In an effort to offer more to our students, the La Fresca Salad bar is now available for all grade levels.

Snacks and beverages are available for sale at the LaFresca window during Middle School and High School lunch periods and again after school. Students will need to have funds in their MealMagic account in order to purchase these items. While parents can send cash or checks with their students, we highly recommend using, <https://glenlake.familyportal.cloud/> to deposit funds AND fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Benefit Form. Your student's school ID is required for new accounts. Please call your child(ren)'s office to obtain this number. If your child is staying after school for any reason, have a meal plan in place as we only offer snacks after school.

Glen Lake has traditionally pushed beyond the standard for school lunches so it is our goal to help students explore new foods and promote healthy choices. If your child has specific dietary needs, we will gladly accommodate them. A form needs to be filled out by a doctor and on file with the school nurse before the dietary changes can be made.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Open House on August 26th!

John Fields
Glen Lake Community Schools
Food Service Director
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SEPTEMBER

 LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

★ Glen Lake Community Schools

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Labor Day

No School

Cherry Blossom Chicken
Asian Rice
Far East Veggies
Fruit & Milk

French Toast
Sausage Links
Hash Browns
Fruit & Milk

Teriyaki Chicken
Sesame Rice
Far East Veggies
Fruit & Milk

Classic Cheeseburger
Topping Bar
Great Lake Chips
Fruit & Milk

Beef & Cheese Taco
Topping Bar
Refried Beans
Fruit & Milk

Hot Dogs
Pasta Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit & Milk

Walking Taco
Topping Bar
Bean & Corn Salsa
Fruit & Milk

BBQ Chicken Flatbread
Street Corn Salad
Salad Bar
Fruit & Milk

Crispy Chicken Tenders
Ranch Salad
Cornbread
Fruit & Milk

Chicken Drumstick
Sweet Potato Fries
Broccoli Salad
Fruit & Milk

Mashed Potato Bowl
Popcorn Chicken
Buttered Corn
Fruit & Milk

Turkey Club
Pasta Salad
Tater Tots
Fruit & Milk

Beef & Cheddar Melt
French Fries
Salad Bar
Fruit & Milk

BBQ Pork Sandwich
Cheddar Mac Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit & Milk

Fish & Chips
Coleslaw
Dinner Roll
Fruit & Milk

Chili Cheese Fries
Cornbread
Salad Bar
Fruit & Milk

Grilled Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Roasted Broccoli
Fruit & Milk

No School

Pepperoni Pizza
Kale Caesar
Italian Veggies
Fruit & Milk

Mac & Cheese
Green Peas
Salad Bar
Fruit & Milk

Stuffed Crust Pizza
Kale Caesar Salad
California Veggies
Fruit & Milk

