SUMMER 2026

CONNECTION

GRADUATES 2026 CONGRATULATIONS

Kearsley Community Schools

Top 10 2026 Graduates

1



Reese Hinman
GPA: 4.133
University of Alabama-Birmingham
Genetics and Genomic Sciences

2



Nicole Naragon
GPA: 4.106
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Pre-Med; Psychology

3



Keana Fant-Thompson
GPA: 4.032
Dartmouth College
Biomedical Engineering

4



Aziyah Charles
GPA: 4.009
University of Louisville
Nursing

5 - Tie



Sarah Chambers
GPA: 4.0
University of Detroit Mercy
Pre-Dental; Chemistry

5 - Tie



Nathan Richardson
GPA: 4.0
University of Michigan-Dearborn
Engineering

7



Chase Parr
GPA: 3.988
Cleary University
Project Management

8



Joshua Hull
GPA: 3.987
Michigan State University
Animal Science

9



Peyton Hinman
GPA: 3.98
Michigan State University
Political Science

10



Adam Howell
GPA: 3.974
Northern Michigan University
Sports Science

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Peter LoFiego, Deputy Superintendent
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Dr. David Ersig, Principal
Brandon Marks, Assistant Principal
Keith Saxton, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

KEARSLEY VIRTUAL ACADEMY
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Brandon Marks, Principal

ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Lisa Oetting, Principal
Matt Moore, Assistant Principal

FIEDLER ELEMENTARY
6317 Nightingale Drive, Flint MI 48506..... **810-591-9925**
Kristi Cummings, Principal

DOWDALL ELEMENTARY
3333 Shillelagh Drive, Flint MI 48506..... **810-591-2274**
Kelly Fisher, Principal

WESTON ELEMENTARY
2499 Cashin Street, Burton MI 48509 ..... **810-591-2336**
Sarah Wood, Principal

PUMPKIN PATCH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
4235 Crosby Road, Flint MI 48506..... **810-591-3585**
Douglas Hibbs, Early Childhood Principal/ Title IX Coordinator

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Kearsley Community Schools Board of Education is a 7-member body elected by the residents of the school district. Board members serve 6-year terms.

MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 20, 2026	6:00 pm	Burgtorf, 4160 Underhill Dr

Note: Meeting dates for the 2026-2027 School Year will be set at the July Meeting.

The Kearsley Board of Education meets on the second Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be posted at least 18 hours in advance at the entrances to the administration and school buildings, and on the district's website.

Meetings are open to the public, and anyone wishing to attend may do so. Those needing assistance should contact the Superintendent's office at least five days prior to the meeting date by sending an email to tcorchad@kearsleyschools.org or call 810-591-7611.

Superintendent's Message...



Kearsley families,

That's a wrap for the 2025-2026 school year! I want to congratulate each one of our Kearsley students for their hard work and dedication throughout the academic year. Our students' accomplishments, both in the classroom and beyond, fill us with so much pride and optimism for our future.

We have a busy summer ahead with many projects taking place and opportunities for learning for our students. Some of the largest building projects going on across the district are:

District-wide
- Classroom and exterior numbering and signage across all buildings for safety and consistency
- Electric bus charger installation
- Updated branding and signage

Armstrong Middle School
- Completion of Science lab renovation
- Completion of Room 900 renovation with a new teacher's lounge and state-of-the-art e-sports room
- Replacement of concrete at north end of building

Buffey/Pumpkin Patch
- Classroom renovations
- Burgtorf Operations Building
- General improvements including the creation of additional meeting spaces

Dowdall Elementary
- Cafeteria and kitchen remodel
- Digital sign installation
- Food Service generator installation

Fiedler Elementary
- Food service generator installation

Kearsley High School
- Concrete replacement at auditorium entrance
- Completion of RAHS Health Center renovations
- Pool painting, tile repair and new PA system
- Roof repair and partial roof replacement
- Visiting football team bleacher installation

Weston Elementary
- Food Service generator installation
- Gym improvements
- Hallway flooring replacement
- Kindergarten and specials classrooms renovations

These projects are funded through a combination of our 2022 Bond, 2018 Sinking Fund, Capital Projects, Food Service, General Funds and Grant Funds. Our district teams will be working diligently throughout the summer to ensure all projects are completed and ready to support a strong start to the 2026–2027 school year.

Learning doesn't take the summer off at Kearsley! We, along with other Genesee County districts, are participating in the Read to a Million Challenge over the summer. As a district we finished #2 in the county last summer and are looking to improve on that finish this summer! This summer we added additional book swap dates and locations. Please encourage your child to continue to read and log those pages throughout the summer for chances to win some great prizes and a pizza party for their class when we return in the fall. Each event is designed to make reading social, interactive, and fun, whether families are gathering at local community spots, enjoying hands-on activities, or celebrating progress together. The challenge builds toward a festive finale in August, where students who complete their summer reading goals will be recognized, and the community will come together for a special movie night at Kearsley High School. See page 5 for details.

As we look towards next school year and beyond, I am hopeful and excited. Our entire community should be proud of the many improvements to facilities, curriculum and technology in support of Kearsley students, staff and families. I encourage everyone to take time to rest, rejuvenate and spend time with family over the next few months and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Go Hornets!



Sincerely,

Paul Gaudard
Superintendent of Schools

2026-2027 School Year Calendar

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THANK YOU!

#PrideTraditionExcellence

Congratulations 2026 Retirees!

38 Years
- Cindy Sierra, KHS

37 Years
- Ronda LeBrasseur, Weston

35 Years
- Sue Pratt, AMS

32 Years
- Lisa Katzenberger, Fiedler
- Andy Nester, KHS

31 Years
- Lisa Oetting, AMS

30 Years
- JoAnn Simms, Weston

29 Years
- Rae Puffer, Fiedler

27 Years
- Andrea Banks, AMS
- Donna Carpenter, Student Nutrition

26 Years
- Shane Atkinson, KHS
- Kelly Christian, KHS
- Annette Laureto, Dowdall

25 Years
- Michael Bregand, AMS
- Josephine Latner, AMS
- Sarah Pagogna, Instructional Coach

22 Years
- Kay Love, Student Nutrition

21 Years
- Robert Markwardt, KHS

20 Years
- Mary Riley, KHS

13 Years
- Sheryl Keaton, Student Nutrition

10 Years
- Shannon Kaplan, AMS

7 Years
- Joda Dailey, KHS
- Nicholas Pagogna, AMS

4 Years
- Debra Spaleny, Transportation

Service Awards

The Service Awards honors those staff who have made significant contributions to Kearsley Community schools. Each year, Kearsley honors staff members reaching milestones of 5 years of service or more.

35 Years
- Kelly Fisher, Dowdall

30 Years
- David Carb, Life Guard

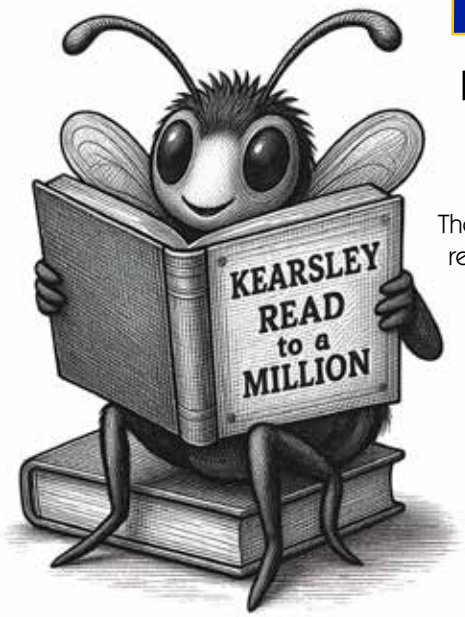
25 Years
- Christopher Carb, Life Guard

20 Years
- Cynthia Dirkse, KHS
- Robert Reed, KHS
- Brent Smith, KHS
- Kathryn Stanton, Dowdall
- Rachelle Stewart, Transportation

15 Years
- Jeri Anderson, Dowdall
- Susie Danks, Student Nutrition
- Suzanne Harrison, Fiedler
- Kara Webster, Fiedler

10 Years
- Andrea Baxter, Buffey
- Bethany Bellmer, Buffey
- Shirley Brown, Fiedler
- Tammy Jackson, Buffey
- Michele Paschket, Dowdall

5 Years
- Emily Bennett, Dowdall
- Victoria Boyd, AMS
- Joshua Brown, Technology
- Richard Brown, Transportation
- Tracy Brunell, Student Nutrition
- Hunter Cantrell, Fiedler
- Lauren Case, Student Nutrition
- James Clark, Maintenance
- Merideth Collins, KHS
- Sherri Earl, Transportation
- Mallori Faris, Dowdall
- Corrina Fridline, Transportation
- Belinda Garcia, Dowdall
- Gabrielle Gocha, Fiedler
- Thomas Lemon, Maintenance
- Abigail McKenzie, Weston
- Danielle Mickus, Buffey
- Nate Moore, Technology
- Christina Nerreter, Buffey
- Jared Noel, KHS
- Isabelle Pringle, Buffey
- Brandon Richard, Dowdall
- Tiffany Robinson, KHS
- Haleigh Schroeder, Dowdall
- Danielle Skodack, Weston
- Laura Sturgess, KHS
- Kaitlyn Sweeney, Weston
- Sarah Tola, Buffey
- Emily Ware, Weston
- Brenda Warner, Transportation
- Amanda Willingham, Fiedler
- Taylor Wright, KHS
- Kristie Zamora, Communications



LET'S READ KEARSLEY!

Hornets on a Mission: One District. One Goal.

ONE MILLION PAGES!

The Summer 2026 Reading Challenge encourages students and families to build strong reading habits while making lasting memories together.

The challenge kicked off with the Soar Into Summer event on June 2 at KHS, where families picked up books and learned about the program. Throughout the summer, students will have opportunities to attend family reading events, participate in book-related activities, track their progress, and select new books. The challenge concludes in August with a celebration recognizing students who meet their reading goals, followed by a Family Movie Night at Kearsley High School.

Through literacy, connection, and community engagement, the program supports Kearsley's commitment to ensuring all students have meaningful reading opportunities throughout the summer.

Family Meet Ups & Book Giveaways

Join us throughout the summer for fun & to pick out some refresh reading materials. ALL Grades welcome!

Monday, June 22 - 5:30-7:00 PM
Dowdall Elementary

Monday, July 6 - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Weston Elementary Playground

Monday, July 20 - 1:00-3:00 PM
Kearsley Kone, 5488 Richfield Road

Monday, August 3 - 5:30-7:00 PM
Pineview Estates Clubhouse

Wednesday, August 12 - 7:30 PM
Family Movie Night in the KHS Stadium - FREE family picnic dinner

Visit for details:
https://www.kearsleyschools.org/page/summer-learning



Buffey PUMPKIN Patch







May's Family Fun Night welcomed families for an evening of learning and fun. Children enjoyed sensory activities, literacy and math games, music and movement, and motor skill activities, while families shared food, refreshments, and quality time together. The event was filled with laughter, excitement, and opportunities to create lasting memories.

WESTON Elementary

Monsterpalozza





"Monsterpalooza: Create. Read. Dance!" brought together all first-grade students from Weston Elementary and 40 high school Art and Honors/AP English students at the KHS Community Recreation Center on the Friday before Spring Break.

Organized by educators Lindsay Gillett, Joy Walker, and Marti VanOverbeke, the arts-focused event promoted creativity, mentorship, and community through storytelling, art, and movement activities. High school students served as mentors, helping build meaningful cross-grade connections while fostering a shared appreciation for the arts and collaborative learning.



DOWDALL Elementary







Dowdall Elementary students had a great time at "Nacho Average Math Night" in early May!

Families enjoyed an evening of learning, math games, and, of course, delicious nachos. It was a fun-filled event that showed just how exciting math can be.

FIEDLER Elementary







Fiedler Elementary wrapped up the school year with several exciting traditions and new celebrations.

Students enjoyed the annual Spring Walk-a-Thon, a fun-filled Field Day, and the inaugural 5th Grade Dance, creating lasting memories as they closed out the year.

ARMSTRONG Middle School

Seventh-grade students had the opportunity to explore a variety of future career paths at the annual **Career Showcase.** The event connected students with professionals from diverse fields, helping them learn about potential careers, educational pathways, and the skills needed for future success.

Thank you to our special visitors for making this event a success: Total Logo & More, MDHHS, Goyette Mechanical, Michigan Safe Space, Ledge Air Repair, G2 Consulting Group, Saultman Mechanical, DCC Construction, Hurley Hospital, General Motors, Genesee Fire and Police Departments, I Love Pig, and our very own AMS Speech Pathologist.









Expanded Health Center Enhances Student Support at AMS

Welcome to the newly expanded University of Michigan Medicine Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) Health Center at Armstrong Middle School.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held prior to the May Board of Education meeting celebrated this much-anticipated expansion, which marks an important investment in student health and wellness.

The enhanced facility will provide expanded access to quality healthcare services for students, families, and the school community.





2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Kearsley Hall of Fame continues its tradition of recognizing individuals and teams whose achievements have made a lasting impact on our district and community. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our 2026 inductees and honor their legacy of Pride, Tradition, and Excellence.

Ivan Lowe '84



PRIDE: Student-Athlete

Ivan Lowe starred in both track and basketball, setting a school long jump record of 22'7", winning the Big Nine title, and earning First Team All-Big Nine honors in basketball while averaging 16.1 PPG. He later competed on scholarship at Northwood University, where he became a 5-time All-American, set the school outdoor long jump record (25'5"), and was inducted into the Northwood Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2022. He was honored at the Class of 2026 Senior Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 27.

Ron Johnson



TRADITION: Staff Member

Ron Johnson dedicated 35 years to Kearsley High School as a respected math teacher and coach. From 1969–2004, he taught Algebra I & II while coaching track, football, and cross country. As head track coach, he led the Hornets to three Big Nine titles and a 1997 Regional Championship, while helping guide state runner-up and state championship teams. Johnson coached standout athletes, earning multiple Coach of the Year honors along the way. He was also widely recognized for his excellence in the classroom, receiving several Teacher of the Year awards throughout his career. He was known for his patience, dedication, and commitment to helping students succeed. Mr. Johnson was honored at the Senior Honors Convocation ceremony on May 28.

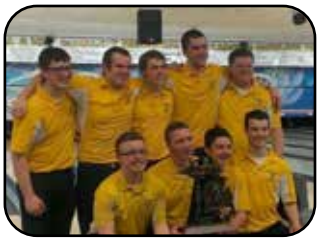
Janet Campeau '60



EXCELLENCE: Notable Alumni

Janet Campeau dedicated her life to serving students and the Kearsley community. A standout student-athlete and leader, Janet later returned to Kearsley as a school counselor from 1965–1997, where she became a trusted mentor and advocate for generations of students. Her impact extended beyond the school as co-author of the Michigan Comprehensive Guidance Program, department chair, and presenter at state and national conferences. Janet was recognized as the 1997 Michigan Secondary School Counselor of the Year and earned numerous local honors. After retirement, she served as a Board of Education trustee and long-term guest counselor. Her legacy of leadership, service, and commitment to education continues to inspire the Kearsley community. She was honored at the Class of 2026 Commencement exercises on May 30.

2014 Boys Bowling



TEAM

The 2014 Kearsley Hornets Boys Bowling Team, led by head coach Bart Rutledge and assistant coach Bobby Countryman, made history by winning the Flint Metro League Championship, MHSAA Regional Championship, and MHSAA State Championship. The Hornets capped off their remarkable season with a 1422-1339 victory over Marysville Vikings Boys Bowling Team in the State Finals, securing their place in Kearsley athletics history. Team members included Brandon Richard, Peter Sorsen, Chad Stephen, KC O'Brien, Ben Roof, Phil Hawes, Lucas Schofield, and Anthony Kelley. Their teamwork, skill, and leadership exemplify Hornet Pride and make this team a deserving inductee into the Kearsley Hall of Fame. They will be honored at the 2026 Homecoming football game on Sept. 25.

KEARSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Sally Smith Service Learning Award



Abigail Roberts

- 432 total hours of community service

This honor is given to the student who has accumulated the most hours of community service during their four years at KHS. Under Sally Smith's leadership, the Kearsley Service Learning program set the standard for the county & helped make our Kearsley students well rounded, contributing members of our community.

The Class of 2026 performed a total of 9,354 service hours.

KHS DEPARTMENT AWARDS 2026



Business - Madelynn Link
Career Technical - Riley Lewis
Language Arts - Peyton Hinman
Math - Preston Boggs
Physical Education - Cooper Forsberg
Science - Isabelle Devine
Social Science - Reese Hinman
Visual Arts - Mary Jane Desgrange
World Language - Janiya Powell

Kearsley Virtual Academy



Congratulations KVA Graduates!

The KVA Commencement was held on May 28 in the KHS Auditorium. The 20 graduates were applauded for their accomplishments by family, friends, KCS Board of Education and administration. A special dinner followed, prepared by Chef Musheya to celebrate their success.



2026 KEARSLEY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

BOGGS FAMILY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
Jack Kuberski and Neveah Pierce

CHARTWELLS SCHOLARSHIP
Autumn Sharpadon

CONNIE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Emma McCormick

DAN EASHOO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Sarah Chambers

GENESEE EDUCATION CONSULTANTS SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP
Ethan Billing

GENESEE POWER STATION SCHOLARSHIP
Keana Fant-Thompson and Floyd Palmateer

GEORGE DALY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Peyton Hinman, Reese Hinman, and Terry Lovaas

GEORGE DALY VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Graciela Granados

JACK PRATT SCHOLARSHIP
Trevor Griffith

JANE AND AUBREY BURGTORF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kira McClure and Emma McCormick

JEROMEY MORGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Aziyah Charles and Adam Howell

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KEARSLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
Adam Howell

LEO RUEBKE BAND SCHOLARSHIP
Jack Kuberski

M. J. NOYCE FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Keana Fant-Thompson

MCKAYLA HANSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mason Easley and Kadence Streeter

MICHAEL LAFIA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Neveah Pierce

PAT O'REILLY HORNET'S NEST SCHOLARSHIP
Joshua Hull, Emma McCormick, Christopher Owens, Autumn Shapardon, Chase Tobias, and Lily Weidman

PATRICIA SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Emma McCormick

PAUL A. WEBSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Terry Lovaas

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
Nicole Naragon

TROY PAXTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Terry Lovaas and Layne Shimmons

VAN GILDER FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Trevor Griffith and Nicole Naragon

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Save the Dates!

JUNE
22 Family Meet Up, Dowdall, 5:30-7:30 pm

JULY
6 Family Meet Up, Weston, 5:30-7:30 pm
20 Family Meet Up, Kearsley Kone, 5:30-7:30 pm

AUGUST
3 Family Meet Up, Pineview Clubhouse, 5:30-7:30 pm
10 KHS Fall Athletics Begin
12 KHS Orientation for ALL students and families, 4:00-7:00 pm
- This is a NEW event that ALL students and families should plan on attending. Parents will complete the registration online, students will take their school pictures, 9th grade students will receive their laptops, and dinner will be served to all that attend. Other departments that will be in attendance are: Transportation, RAHS health center, and School Nurse. Spiritwear, parking passes, athletic passes and yearbooks will be for sale.

12 Family Movie Night, KHS Football Field, 7:00 pm
- Join in the fun with a FREE family picnic dinner, book giveaway & movie on the big screen.

17 AMS Fall Athletics Begin
17 KHS Fall Meet the Teams, 7:00-8:00 pm
18 3rd Grade Open House - Dowdall, 4:00-5:00 pm
18 2nd Grade Open House - Dowdall, 5:30-6:30 pm
19 4th Grade Open House, Fiedler, 4:00-5:00 pm
- 4th Grade Orientation, Last Name A-H - Fiedler, 3:30-4:00 pm
- 4th Grade Orientation, Last Name I-Z - Fiedler, 4:00-4:30 pm

19 5th Grade Open House - Fiedler, 5:30-6:30 pm
20 Young 5s & Early Childhood Open House - Buffey/Pumpkin Patch, 4:30-6:00 pm
20 1st Grade Open House - Weston, 4:00-5:00 pm
20 Kindergarten Open House, Weston, 5:30-6:30 pm
24 First Day of School, ½ day
25 Armstrong Open House, 6:00-7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER
4 No School
7 Labor Day, No School
21-26 Homecoming Week
25 Homecoming Parade & Tailgate Dinner
30 No School

Suggested School Supplies
Young 5s - 8th Grade



https://www.kearsleyschools.org/page/school-supplies