



Gaines Elementary School Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning.*

From the Desk of Ms. Trent

Upcoming Events

Date

Event

June 9

Half day-Dismissal @ 11:40

June 10

Last Day of School- Half Day

Dismissal @ 11:40

5th gr clap out @ 11:15

Gaines families,

As this school year comes to a close, I want to sincerely thank you for helping make my first year at Gaines such an incredible one. Thank you for your partnership, support, and trust throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch our students learn, grow, and create lasting memories together.

With an extra-long summer break this year thanks to Memorial Day and Labor Day, I encourage your family to embrace a little "90's-style summer"—ride bikes, play outside until the streetlights come on, build forts, catch fireflies, play board games, visit the library, and make memories that don't require a screen. Summer has a way of slowing us down and bringing us together, and I hope your family takes full advantage of every moment.

Most importantly, I hope you soak up all the fun, laughter, adventures, and memories that come with summer break. We can't wait to welcome back our returning Dragons and meet our new students in the fall. Until then, have a safe, relaxing, and memory-filled summer!

See you in the fall, Gaines Dragons! ❤️🐉☀️📚

Important Links

[2025-26 District Calendar](#)

[Gaines Calendar Link](#)

Attention Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students!!!

Kindergarten and E5 online registration is now open! You can go to the Swartz Creek Community Schools website and click the enrollment tab to register your child.

The Social Scoop



Valuable life tips from our Social Worker, Chelsea Paull

Transitioning to Next School Year

As the school year comes to a close, many students experience a mix of emotions about the transition to a new grade, classroom, or school. Excitement, nervousness, uncertainty, and curiosity are all completely normal feelings during times of change. Families can support this transition by encouraging open conversations about feelings, maintaining routines over the summer, and helping children focus on what they can look forward to in the new school year. Practicing coping strategies like deep breathing, positive self-talk, and asking trusted adults for help can also build confidence. Change can feel big, but with support, students can successfully navigate transitions and start the new school year feeling prepared and confident.



The Missing Hug

Genesee Health System is hosting Summer Grief Groups to help children understand and express feelings of the loss of a loved one — sadness, anger, and separation. For anyone missing the hug of a loved one. Students are encouraged to attend each week so they don't miss any information. Choose the day and time that works best for you.

When: Tuesdays • 10 am or 2 pm
Thursdays • 10 am or 2 pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Dates: 6 weeks • June 23rd through July 30th

Where: Center for Children's Integrated Services • Room 108
1402 S. Saginaw Street, Flint 48503

Register here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7kL1EvvFNK>

Questions: Contact Dr. Fatima Walker at 810-569-8922



Call 810-569-8922



Customer Services: 810-257-3705 or TTY 810-257-1346
(Main Campus) 1040 W. Bristol Rd. Flint, MI 48507 | (Children's Services) 1402 S. Saginaw Rd. Flint, MI 48503
24/7 Crisis Line: 810-257-3740 • www.genhs.org

PTO News

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we are in need of a **Secretary and Vice President**. These roles are essential to keeping our PTO strong, and we'd love to welcome new members to our team.

Interested? Join us at the meeting or email gaineslempto@gmail.com for more information. Your involvement makes a difference!

PTO Board Members/Leaders

President – Patty Hagler
Vice President – Janell Klosterman
Treasurer – Amanda Tesoriero
Secretary – Kristin Veselsky

*Our PTO also has a mailbox in the Main Office
where messages can be dropped off.*



**2026
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

UNEARTH A STORY™

JUNE 6 - AUGUST 1

- Open to all ages: babies, toddlers, children, teens, adults
- Log your minutes, activities, and book reviews to earn badges
- Each badge earns tickets you can enter into prize drawings
- You are entered to win a Meijer Gift Card just for registering!

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
thegd.org/src2026

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY

thegd.org



**YOUTH SUMMER
RUNNING PROGRAM**

SUMMER RUNNING CLUB

**JOIN ONE OF OVER 12 CLUBS
ALL OVER GENESEE COUNTY!
\$10 includes a weekly meeting with their
coach and a t-shirt!**

CLUBS ARE LOCATED IN:
Flint, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek,
Fenton, Burton, Beecher & Davison

**3 OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES TO
CHOOSE FROM:**

- Register for a Summer Running Club AND the Marti Austin Kids' Classic. (This includes weekly meetings with their coach and a race at the Marti Austin Kids' classic.)
- Register for a Summer Running Club only. (This includes weekly sessions with their Summer Running Club Coach only. A race is not included.)
- Register for the Marti Austin Kids' Classic only. (This is only the race. Participation in a summer running club is not necessary to sign up for the race.)

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!



SAT. AUGUST 15 | 9:00AM

**The Flint Cultural Center
MARTI AUSTIN KID'S CLASSIC**

EVENTS INCLUDE:

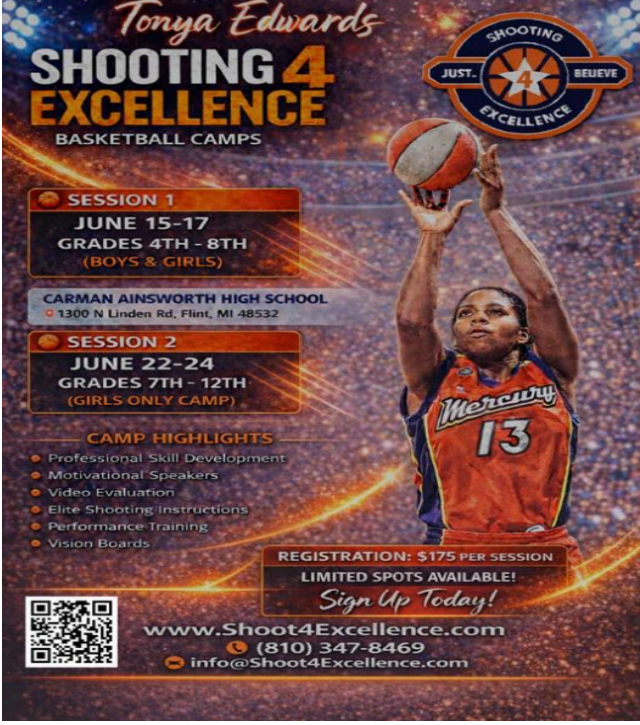
- Diaper Dash • ½ mile
- Toddler Trot • 1 mile
- ¼ mile

SAT. AUGUST 15 | 8:00 - 11:00AM

**DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY MSU
COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE'S
TEDDY BEAR HEALTH FAIR!**

Join us for a free event where kids and adults can enjoy fun physical activities, healthy snacks, and meet first responders, health pros, and MSU medical students and physicians. Bring a favorite stuffed animal for a checkup and explore local wellness resources!

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!



Tonya Edwards

SHOOTING 4 EXCELLENCE

BASKETBALL CAMPS

SESSION 1
JUNE 15-17
GRADES 4TH - 8TH
(BOYS & GIRLS)

CARMAN AINSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
1300 N Linden Rd, Flint, MI 48532

SESSION 2
JUNE 22-24
GRADES 7TH - 12TH
(GIRLS ONLY CAMP)

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- Professional Skill Development
- Motivational Speakers
- Video Evaluation
- Elite Shooting Instructions
- Performance Training
- Vision Boards

REGISTRATION: \$175 PER SESSION
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
Sign Up Today!

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info@Shoot4Excellence.com



CREEK EXPECTATIONS

C-Commit to Learning

R-Respect

E-Everyone is Responsible

E-Everyone is Safe

K-Everyone is Kind

Community Resources

[Community Counseling Resources](#)

[Genesee County Resources](#)

[Crisis Text Line](#)

[GHS Crisis Services](#)

Important Contact Information

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General School Information

School Address: 300 E. Lansing St. Gaines,
MI 48436

Websites:

District - <https://www.swartzcreek.org/>

School - <https://gaines.swartzcreek.org/>

The School Day:

The first bell rings at 8:15 am: students may enter the building.

Classes begin at 8:25 am

School Dismisses at 3:25 pm

Half Day AM starts at 8:25 am

School Dismisses at 11:40 am

Half Day PM starts at 12:30 pm

School Dismisses at 3:25 pm **Stay Connected With Us!**

Download the District mobile app ("Swartz Creek Community Schools") from **AppTegy**:



Leading, Learning, Growing