



Morrish 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*

Principal's Message



What an amazing start to the school year! Thank you to all of our Morrish families for the outstanding support you showed at Open House. It was wonderful to see our building filled with so many smiling students and families. We truly appreciate your help in kicking off the year with such excitement and positive energy!

Our first day of school was great! Our students did a fantastic job learning new routines, connecting with their teachers and classmates, and settling into their classrooms.

This week, students are learning and practicing our schoolwide **CREEK expectations**. We encourage you to ask your child what it looks like to be a **CREEK Kid** in the classroom, hallway, lunchroom, playground, and even on the bus!

I am looking forward to partnering with our families throughout the year to support the success of every student. Open communication and a strong connection between home and school make such a difference, and I am excited about all we will accomplish together.

We are off to a wonderful start, and it's going to be a great year at Morrish!

Becky Trent

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead

- 9/4** No School
9/7 No School- Labor Day
9/14 PTO Meeting- 4:00 Art Room
9/18 Homecoming Parade/Football Game
9/26 Morrish Night @ Chipotle 4-8 p.m.
9/29 Book Fair Week
- 10/1** Morrish Literacy Night 5:00-6:30

This calendar is helpful for parents as you plan for days off school, ½ days, and so forth for the school year. Click here to see: [2026-2027 District Calendar](#)

VOLUNTEERS

We love having family members involved at Morrish! Anyone wishing to help with school events, volunteer in a classroom, or chaperone a field trip must complete a background check.

Please complete a Volunteer Profile Form and submit it to the Main Office at least one week before the event or activity. This allows our office enough time to complete the required background check. Thank you for sharing your time and helping make Morrish a great place for our students!

[Morrish 26-27 Volunteer Form](#)

TRANSPORTATION



If your child will be riding a school bus this school year or will be attending AM and/or PM Latchkey, please take a few minutes to carefully review the link with transportation instructions and complete the required Transportation Change Request form in your PowerSchool/PowerParent account (only if there are changes).

Please note the following important reminders:

- You must answer "YES" to the question asking if your student needs transportation. If you do not select YES, your child will not be assigned to a bus.
- Complete the form carefully, selecting the appropriate transportation option (AM, PM, or both) and the correct pick-up/drop-off location.
- Transportation requests may take up to 5 business days to be processed and assigned.

The 2026-2027 Transportation Instructions link also includes:

- StopFinder setup instructions for families using the district's bus tracking app.
- Latchkey transportation instructions for students attending AM and/or PM Latchkey.

2026-2027 [Transportation Instructions](#)

Thank you for completing these steps as soon as possible to help ensure your child's transportation is in place before the start of the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate staff listed in the instructions.

John Miehme, Transportation jmiehme@swcrk.org (810) 591-2113

StopFinder Info

If you need to sign up for a STOPFINDER ACCOUNT, don't hesitate to contact transportation to request an invitation. Click the links below to watch a short video on how to set up and use your StopFinder app and to answer the FAQ.

[Stopfinder.com](https://stopfinder.com)

[Link to video](#)

Drop off & Pick Up Details



Thank you for your patience as we continue to fine-tune our parent pick-up process! **To help dismissal run safely and smoothly, please make sure your car tag number is clearly displayed either on the front passenger-side window or in the front windshield on the passenger side.** Having your number visible as you enter the pick-up line will help our staff identify your vehicle quickly and keep the line moving. We appreciate your help and cooperation!

Snacks & Water Bottles

Help your child stay fueled and hydrated throughout the school day! Students are encouraged to bring a healthy classroom snack and a reusable water bottle that can be refilled at our bottle-filling stations. Please be sure to clearly label your child's water bottle with their name so it can easily find its way home!

School Safety

Your child's safety is our utmost responsibility while they are at Morrish Elementary. Throughout the year, we will conduct safety drills for emergencies such as fire drills, tornado drills, evacuation drills, and lockdown drills. Your child's teacher will discuss all emergency procedures with their class and teach them the proper way to handle each situation. If you have any safety concerns, please contact the main office at (810)591-3730

Absences

Please call in all absences to the school office by 8:30 am.

Absence line is available 24-7: (810) 591-3702

All absences require a phone call, note, or email

PTO News



Morrish Spirit Wear

Show your Morrish pride! Spirit wear is available to order online through **September 8**.

<https://morrishelementaryptospiritwear.cheddarup.com/>



First PTO Meeting

Join us on **Monday, September 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Art Room** for our first PTO meeting of the year! Childcare will be available in the **Maker Space**. We would love to see you there!



Yearlong Pop Can Drive

Our pop can drive will continue all year! Families may send returnable cans to school with their child to place in the collection bin located in the hallway outside the gym. Every can helps support Morrish PTO!



Homecoming Parade

Morrish PTO will be walking in the Homecoming Parade on September 18, and students and families are encouraged to join us! Watch for more details coming soon.



Morrish Book Fair

Our first book fair of the year will run **September 29–October 1**! A volunteer sign-up will be shared soon. Anyone interested in volunteering must have a [volunteer form](#) on file.



Stay Connected

Keep up with PTO news, events, and volunteer opportunities by joining the [Morrish PTO Facebook Page](#)!

Your 2026-27 PTO Board:

Becky Asaro- President

Misty Comeau- Vice President

Jenn Reif- Treasurer

Mariea Coffey- Secretary

Food Services

Swartz Creek Community Schools WILL continue to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students in grades pre-K through 12!

For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Food Services directly at 810-591-1864.

[Meal Magic Family Portal](#): A fantastic resource for families. Here, you can set up accounts for

your children to deposit money, view purchases, transfer funds between children, and set restrictions.

[Lunch Menus](#): Available on the food service page under the NutriSlice tab, detailing nutritional value, calories, macros, and allergens.

[Special Dietary Statement](#): If your student has dietary restrictions please have the form below completed by your family physician and turn it into the office.

IT'S MORE THAN THE FORM!

Completing the Education Benefits Form takes less than 5 minutes and helps Morrish students receive important programs and resources.

EVERY FORM COUNTS!

Your form may help provide:

- Health & Wellness Services
- Before- and After-School Academic & Enrichment Programs
- Guidance & College Counselors
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions Tests
- Resources for Classrooms, Teachers & Students

Scan to complete the Education Benefits Form

Swartz Creek Families: Help Us Reach 100% Participation! One of the easiest ways you can support your child and every student in Swartz Creek Community Schools is by completing the 2026-2027 Educational Benefits Application through our Family Portal.



It takes less than 5 minutes



Only one application per family



Our goal is 100% family participation. Even if you don't think your family qualifies, please complete the application. Every submission matters.

While this application is not used to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals, it is still incredibly important.



Every completed application helps Swartz Creek Community Schools receive state and federal funding, including Title I and At-Risk funding, that helps provide programs, services, and educational opportunities that benefit our students.

Complete your application today!

Tony Delgado, Food Services adelgado@swcrk.org 810-591-1858

⚡ Mrs. Cook's Coach's Corner-tip of the week ⚡

A is for **affirmations**. Affirmations are a simple but powerful way to help our kids gain confidence, develop a growth mindset, and truly believe in themselves. They can be echoed in the car, cheered while looking in the mirror, or simply whispered during a difficult moment. Here

are a few to try with your child: 1. I am confident and brave. 2. I am important and special. 3. I am a problem solver. 4. My happiness is up to me.

Check out this link for 110 positive affirmations to try with your child.

<https://blog.gratefulness.me/positive-affirmations-for-kids/>

Staff Directory and General School Information

Becky Trent, Principal
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Judee Letavis, Secretary
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School Address: 5055 Maple Ave, Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Websites:

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

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

The School Day:

Students may enter the building at 8:15 am

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

CREEK EXPECTATIONS

C-Commit to Learning

R-Respect Others

E-Everyone is Responsible

E-Everyone is Safe

K-Kindness Counts



Stay Connected With Us!

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



Leading, Learning, Growing