Swartz Creek High 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*

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead

11/3/26 Election Day-No School
11/9/26 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8
11/11/26 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6
11/13/26 ½ Day Dismissal 10:41 AM
11/14/26 Craft Show at SCHS 10-5
11/20/26-11/22/26 Something Rotten Play at PAC
11/21/26 Pancakes for a Purpose 10-1
11/25/26-11/29/26 Thanksgiving Break-No School
12/19/26-1/3/26 Winter Break-No School
Click here to see: 2026-2027 District Calendar

Principal's Message

Dear Swartz Creek High School Families,

October moved quickly, and it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first marking period! As we settle into the heart of the school year, it has been exciting to see our Dragons continue to grow, find their routines, and take advantage of the many opportunities available at Swartz Creek High School. From the learning happening in our classrooms to the activities, athletics, and events taking place beyond the school day, there is so much to be proud of at SCHS.

As we move further into the school year, our focus continues to be on **maximizing learning opportunities for every student**. We are working closely with our teachers to ensure that classroom instruction is purposeful, engaging, and focused on student growth. One of our priorities this year is making the most of every instructional minute. We want students actively participating in their learning, challenging themselves, asking questions, and developing the skills they need for success beyond high school. Our goal is not simply for students to complete assignments, but for them to truly learn, understand, and apply what they are being taught.

Our teachers are also beginning to work more intentionally together through **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)**. This collaborative work allows our departments to examine student learning, identify essential skills, share effective instructional strategies, and develop additional supports when students need them. A particular area of focus this year is strengthening literacy skills across all content areas. Whether students are reading in English, interpreting information in science, analyzing historical documents, or solving complex problems in math, strong literacy skills play an important role in their overall academic success. This work, combined with our NWEA data and classroom assessments, will help us continue making informed decisions that support student achievement.

We are also continuing to develop our **Student Resource Time (SRT)**, which takes place twice each week. As we learn more about our students' academic needs, we are working to make this time increasingly intentional and meaningful. SRT provides opportunities for additional instruction, academic intervention, enrichment, and connecting with teachers for extra support. We encourage our students to take ownership of this opportunity and recognize that asking for help is an important part of learning and growth.

With the first marking period coming to a close, this is also an important time for students and families to check in on academic progress. We encourage families to have conversations with their students about grades, missing assignments, attendance, and classroom engagement. **Success is built through consistent daily habits**, and the small decisions students make each day have a significant impact over time. Being on time, attending classes regularly, staying engaged from bell to bell, and taking responsibility for learning are expectations that will continue to be emphasized throughout the school year. We look forward to having individual talks with families during parent-teacher conferences in November.

October has also given us plenty of reasons to celebrate our Dragons outside the classroom. Our student-athletes, marching band, student leaders, and extracurricular organizations continue to represent Swartz Creek with pride. Whether students are competing, performing, volunteering, or supporting one another, these experiences are an important part of what makes our school community special. We are grateful for the staff, coaches, advisors, families, and community members who invest their time and energy into creating these opportunities for our students.

Thank you to our families for your continued partnership, encouragement, and support. We know that the strongest schools are built through the relationships between students, staff, families, and our community. We are proud of the progress our Dragons are making and look forward to finishing the first marking period strong as we continue into November.

It's a great day to be a Dragon!

Go Dragons!

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Powerschool Setup

Set up your PowerParent Account and make sure you have access (Directions for Account Setup) Update your student forms under student profile in PowerSchool. Update your Emergency Contacts and ensure that the information in your account is accurate and up to date. If you have difficulty accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account please email Andrea Nagy at anagy@swcrk.org or tech@swcrk.org

Parking Passes and Parking Lot Updates:

Parking permits are **REQUIRED** for all licensed drivers wanting to drive to school at SCHS. Please make sure your **$25 parking pass** is purchased, and your car is registered with the main office. Parking passes are available for purchase in the HS office. This policy is to ensure the safety of those at our school and on our school grounds. You **WILL NOT** be permitted to park on school grounds without the purchase of a parking pass.

Swartz Creek High School Drop-Off & Pick-Up Map

Parents, please make sure you are using the designated parent drop-off. Please **DO NOT** drop students off in the front of the building between 7 a.m.- 7:20 am on Dragon Dr. This is **NOT** a drop-off location and will cause confusion with the buses at the High School.



School Pictures

Parents still need to order pictures? Our NEW Code Lookup Tool is now available. Follow the directions to access your child's picture ordering gallery. No need to contact Customer Service for an access code! ***Student last name and Student ID number will be required for data security.*** If at any time your parents or guardians have questions about the Code Lookup or are having difficulty navigating the site, they can still reach out to the Customer Service team via the Live Chat on our website, www.strawbridge.net

Electronic Devices

The State of Michigan has enacted legislation requiring school districts to establish and implement policies addressing the use of wireless communication devices during school hours. The purpose of this legislation is to reduce distractions, improve student focus, and support a learning environment where students can fully engage with their teachers, classmates, and instruction. Swartz Creek High School's policy is in accordance with Michigan law. During the school day, students are expected to put away and refrain from using cell phones and other personal electronic devices, including smartwatches, headphones, etc., except when an exception applies under school policy.

There are two important exceptions at the high school:

- Lunch: Students may use their personal electronic devices during the designated lunch period.
- Staff permission: A staff member may authorize the use of an electronic device when it is needed for instructional purposes or legitimate school business. This permission is limited to the specific instructional or school-related purpose identified by the staff member.

We recognize that phones are an important part of communication for many families. However, during instructional time, our priority is creating an environment where students can focus on learning without the distractions associated with personal electronic devices.

We appreciate our parents and guardians partnering with us by reinforcing these expectations at home. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please use the school's established communication procedures rather than contacting your student directly through their cell phone. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide a focused, productive, and positive learning environment for all Swartz Creek High School students.

From the District Nurse

If your child has to take medication during the school year, please stop by the office to fill out appropriate forms and bring in the medication in their original bottles. DO NOT send medication in with students. This is a safety concern and against district policy. Links to the medical forms can be found here. Link: https://www.swartzcreek.org/page/health

Free Healthcare under age 21

- Genesee County has 7 school-based health care centers that are open year-round and offer services at no out-of-pocket cost for check-ups, vaccines, sports physicals, or support for mental health for anyone under the age of 21
- To learn more or find a nearby health care center, visit: https://umhs-rahs.org
- We can coordinate visits for students without transportation with parental consent
- Our goal is to continue to pursue a school-based health clinic on GB campus
- Flyer attached – it can be posted and shared



Transportation Information for the 2026–2027 School Year

Bus route details—including your student's bus number, bus color, driver name, and estimated pick-up time—will be available through the StopFinder app. To help ensure a smooth start to the year, students should plan to be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. Scheduled times may vary slightly the first few weeks as routines are established. **If Your Student No Longer Needs Transportation** Please log into PowerSchool and indicate that transportation is no longer required. **StopFinder App Setup & Support** If the primary parent/guardian listed in PowerSchool has not yet received a StopFinder invitation, please email the Transportation Department at transportation@swcrk.org with your student's name to request

one. Please do not download the app until you receive the invitation email, as it includes specific setup instructions. More info and setup instructions can be found at:

🔗 https://www.stopfinder.com

For any transportation-related questions, please contact our Transportation Office at 810-591-2113. We appreciate your help in ensuring a safe and smooth start to the new school year!

Handbook Highlights:

Swartz Creek High School's Administrative Team, Teachers, and Support Staff are committed to creating a positive learning environment that encourages academic excellence and supports the physical and emotional well-being of our students. With this goal in mind, there are several student handbook policies that need to be re-emphasized or introduced for the 2026-2027 school year. These policies will be implemented with fidelity to ensure a renewed commitment to our goals.**Parent-Student Handbook District Athletic Handbook**

Volunteer Forms

VOLUNTEER REMINDER: A **Volunteer/ ICHAT form** is encouraged to be submitted yearly for those parents wishing to volunteer for certain events. These forms are kept on file at the school in anticipation of those opportunities.
A background check **is required to be completed 5-7 days prior to EACH event. (By having the form on file it speeds up the process when background checks need to be run.)**

Travel Opportunities

SCHS Globetrotters: Europe 2028 — Enrollment Is OPEN!

Five amazing cities. One unforgettable adventure!

The Swartz Creek High School Globetrotters are heading to Europe in June 2028, and enrollment is officially OPEN! Join us as we explore **Berlin, Prague, Kraków, Budapest, and Vienna** on an incredible 12-day educational adventure!

From exploring the history of the Berlin Wall and visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau to discovering beautiful castles, historic landmarks, and vibrant European cultures, this trip promises unforgettable experiences and memories that will last a lifetime!

Don't miss your opportunity to see the world, make new friends, and experience history beyond the classroom! Any questions, please contact Lisa Michalczuk- Lmichalczuk@swcrk.org.

📅 **June 20–July 1, 2028 (requested dates)**

✈️ **ENROLL TODAY:** https://www.eftours.com/3082937CA

Adventure is calling, Dragons! Let's explore Europe together!

Assistant Principal:

Contact your AP with any student-related or discipline concerns:
9th-12th grade - Mr. Attwood jattwood@swcrk.org

Counselors:

Contact your counselors with any of your academic, social, and emotional counseling needs:
Mrs. Michalczuk lmichalczuk@swcrk.org
Ms Phelps hphelps@swcrk.org

Transcript Requests:

You ***must*** request transcripts through Parchment. Please create your Parchment account now. Simply click the logo to be taken to the Parchment website to create your account if you haven't already done so. Parchment Website

Beyond Graduation: Plan Your Future!

Wondering what's next after high school? The Genesee Intermediate School District's Beyond Graduation website is a one-stop resource for students and families planning for life after graduation! Whether you're considering a four-year university, community college, skilled trades, an apprenticeship, or entering the workforce, this website has something for you.

Explore career pathways, college applications, scholarships, FAFSA information, job opportunities, and more! Seniors can also check out the **Senior Success Toolkit** for helpful resources as they prepare for their next chapter.

Your future starts now! Visit bg.geneseeisd.org to explore your options and start planning for success beyond high school!

AP Exam Registration Deadline – November 4!

Attention AP students and families! The deadline to register and pay for May 2027 AP Exams is Wednesday, November 4, 2026. The cost is $100 per exam, or $20 per exam for students who qualify for the reduced fee.

Students must submit their completed registration forms and payment by the deadline. Students who do not plan to take an AP exam must complete and return an AP Exam Opt-Out Form.

Please make sure all forms and payments are submitted on time! If you have questions, please contact the SCHS Counseling Office.

Senior Corner: Class of 2027

College Application Checklist

FAFSA Checkilist

Parent Guide for Senior Year

Student Guide for Senior Year

Senior Events Checklist.

www.jostens.com

Senior Parent Meeting Slides

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Main Website Link - General Information
Athletic Boosters - Supports all teams HS & MS

Link to the Into The Creek (ITC) Newsletter:

https://app.smore.com/n/av9hc