CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARRIORQUARTERLY

WE ARE WARRIORS—THE LEADERS AND THE BEST!

WINTER 2026-27



Thank you, veterans!

Celebrating Progress, Looking Ahead

It has been a remarkable autumn across the Chippewa Hills School District. As we wrap up the first trimester of the school year, our buildings remain focused on academic excellence, student engagement, building relationships and creating environments where every Warrior can succeed.

Here is a look at the major milestones, celebrations, and updates from across our district over the past few months.

Our commitment to meeting students where they are academically continues to move forward with the addition of math interventions. The successful implementation of "What I Need" (WIN) Time for reading at the elementary and middle school levels continues to provide targeted, data-driven interventions and enrichment opportunities tailored to individual learning needs. The high school has also begun implementing supports through intervention classes and character development during their Warrior Time.

Our staff's hard work was also recognized at the state level. Chippewa Hills was honored with multiple statewide Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Data Utilization Awards. These awards celebrate our schools' excellence in collecting and using fidelity data in Reading and Behavior to support all learners. The MTSS system coupled with strong instructional approaches is what is providing data-driven interventions and progress for our students.

Following our recent November election, the district's revised facility bond proposal did not pass. While this is not the outcome we hoped for, we deeply appreciate every member of our Warrior community who took the time to vote, attend our town halls, and engage in conversations about the future of our schools.

Our primary mission remains unchanged: providing a safe, welcoming, and high-quality learning environment for all 1,750+ of our students. However, the critical infrastructure, safety, and security upgrades outlined in the proposal are still priorities that our aging buildings face every day. Moving forward, we will evaluate our next steps and determine how to address these ongoing facility needs. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff, and we remain dedicated to working alongside our community to support the immediate and long-term success of the Chippewa Hills School District.

It is hard to believe that we are almost to Thanksgiving break! I have traditionally looked forward to this time of year as I love spending time with my family. This year will be a bit different as I lost my mom earlier this fall. A significant loss definitely has a way of changing your perspective. This holiday season, I am grateful for the memories I have to hold onto and thankful for the family and friends that have supported me and will continue to make this time of year meaningful.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season making memories with those you love.



Michelle Newman
Superintendent

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DISTRICT NEWS

Making Every Dollar Count

Grant dollars continue to play a vital role in offsetting our district costs. While state per-pupil funding covers our foundational needs, around 80% of those funds go directly toward staffing. That leaves limited flexibility for the extra programming and opportunities our students and community deserve

Thanks to our dedicated efforts, recent grants are helping fill that gap:

- **Native American Heritage Foundation ($177,339):** Following up on funding that allowed us to refinish our Middle School gym floor over the summer, this new grant completes our district-wide rebranding efforts—all without taking a single dollar from our classroom budgets.
- **Out-of-School Time (OST) Grant via MiLEAP ($297,600):** For the second consecutive year, we've secured OST funding. These funds will support enriched programming and educational field trips for our Little Warriors latchkey and summer programs. This is awarded through a partnership between MiLEAOP and the MOISD.

While we've received several other grants this year, I wanted to take a moment to highlight these key community partners. Their investment allows us to keep our core state funding right where it matters most: directly in the classroom for our students.



Kyle Talicska
Assistant Superintendent

Fresh Ideas on the Menu!

Our Food Service team has been busy bringing fresh flavors and new options to our school cafeterias!



Recently, our cafeteria staff participated in hands-on training focused on preparing meals with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. We're also introducing new menu items each month, including taco foldovers and smash burgers, which received positive reviews during student taste tests at the Middle School and High School!

We've also introduced a Second Chance Breakfast at the Middle School and High School, giving students another opportunity to eat breakfast if they missed it before school.

We look forward to serving our traditional **Thanksgiving lunch on November 18** and continuing to bring delicious options to our Warriors!



Deb Champagne
Food Service
Director



Winter Events

Nov 25: Early Release Day
Middle & High School released at 12 PM
Elementary Schools released at 12: 15 PM

Nov 26-27: Thanksgiving Break

Dec 14: Board of Education Meeting
6 PM, High School Media Center

Dec 21 - Jan 1: Winter Break

Jan 4: School Resumes

Jan 11: Board of Education Meeting
6 PM, High School Media Center

Jan 18: No School for Students
Staff Professional Development Day

Feb 15: No School for Students
Staff Professional Development Day

Feb 26: End of Second Trimester

Feb 26: Early Release Day
Middle & High School released at 12 PM
Elementary Schools released at 12: 15 PM

School Hours

High/Middle/Mosaic Schools
Full Day: 8 AM - 3 PM
Half Day: 8 AM -12 PM
3-Hour Delay: 11 AM - 3 PM

Elementary Schools
Full Day: 7:45 AM - 3:15 PM
Half Day: 7:45 AM -12:15 PM
3-Hour Delay: 10:45 AM - 3:15 PM

Office Hours

School Offices
7:30 AM - 4 PM, school days

Transportation Office
5:30-10:30 AM & 2-5 PM, school days

Warrior Wellness Center
8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday

DISTRICT NEWS

NEW! Warrior Family Hub & Warrior Student Hub

Finding the information you need just got easier! We've added two new resource pages to the Chippewa Hills website to help families and students quickly access important information and commonly used tools.

The **Warrior Family Hub** brings together helpful resources for families like school calendars, transportation information, meal menus, Skyward Family Access, communication tools, and answers to frequently asked questions.

The **Warrior Student Hub** provides quick access to everyday learning tools, academic resources, and information to help students plan for their futures, including Skyward, Clever, Xello, scholarships, and more.

Both pages are designed to make it easier to find what you need, all in one convenient place!

Explore the new Warrior Family Hub and Warrior Student Hub on our district website!

Warrior Family Hub

Warrior Student Hub

Coming in January: Go Guardian Parent App

We are excited to introduce GoGuardian Parent, a new tool that will give parents and guardians greater insight into their student's online activity on school-managed devices and accounts.

The free mobile app allows families to view their student's online activity, including websites visited, screen time, and recent activity. Parents will also have access to additional tools to manage internet use on school-issued devices outside of school hours, including the ability to block websites or pause internet access.

GoGuardian Parent is designed to help families stay informed, encourage healthy digital habits, and support students as they learn and navigate technology.

Look for more information in January! Following winter break, our Technology Department will share details with families about accessing the app, setting up their accounts, and getting started.

GoGuardian Parent App





Justin Compson
Technology Director

Stay Connected

WEBSITE
Visit chsd.us for district news, calendars, and information.

FACEBOOK
Follow Chippewa Hills School District on Facebook for highlights, reminders, and celebrations.

CHSD APP
Download the CHSD app for announcements and school information at your fingertips.

Phone Numbers

Central Office
(989) 967-2000

High School
(989) 967-2100

Middle School
(989) 967-2200

Mosaic School
(989) 967-8150

Barryton Elementary
(989) 382-5311

Mecosta Elementary
(231) 660-0145

Weidman Elementary
(989) 644-3430

Athletics Office
(989) 967-2125

Food Service
(989) 967-2239

Technology
(989) 967-2050

Transportation & Facilities
(989) 967-3435

Wellness Center
(989) 967-2290

DISTRICT NEWS

Winter Weather: Preparing for School Closures & Delays

Michigan winters can be unpredictable! When severe weather impacts our schools, our priority is keeping students and staff safe while providing families with timely, accurate information. Decisions to close or delay school will be communicated as early as possible through our official channels.

Stay Informed

Families can find school closure and delay announcements through:

- **CHSD App:** School announcements and notifications
- **District Website:** chsd.us
- **Facebook:** Chippewa Hills district and school pages
- **Radio:** 94.5 WCEN, 95.3 WCFX, 100.9 & 102.3 Y102-WYBR, and 104.3 WCZY
- **Television:** TV 9&10/Fox 33, NBC 25/Fox 66, ABC 12, ABC 7&4, WNEM TV 5, Fox 17, WOOD TV 8, and WZZM 13

Please make sure your phone number and email address are current in Skyward and that you have downloaded the CHSD app so you don't miss important updates.

What Closures & Delays Mean

School Closure: All school buildings are closed, and classes are canceled for the day. Extracurricular activities and athletic events are also canceled unless otherwise announced.

3-Hour Delay: School begins three hours later than normal, with bus pick-up times also delayed by three hours. Breakfast will not be served. After-school activities and athletics will continue as scheduled unless otherwise announced.

Navigating Winter Roads Together

Winter weather brings unique challenges for our school bus drivers, especially in a large, rural district like Chippewa Hills. Road conditions can vary significantly across our district, and occasional bus delays are an unavoidable part of winter travel. We appreciate your patience and understanding as our drivers work to transport students safely each day.

When buses experience significant delays or route-related incidents, we make every effort to notify impacted families directly through text messages, phone calls, and emails. **Please ensure your contact information is current in Skyward** so you don't miss important transportation updates.

We're Hiring!

Our Transportation Department is looking for bus drivers and bus monitors to join our team! If you're interested in making a difference for our Warriors, we'd love to hear from you!

Give us a call at (989) 967-3435.



Lisa Cole
Transportation Supervisor



CELEBRATIONS!

Chippewa Hills Earns Statewide Recognition for Student Support!

Chippewa Hills School District and five of our schools have earned 2025–2026 recognition from the Michigan Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MiMTSS) for their efforts in supporting student success! MTSS is a framework that uses student data to identify learning and behavioral needs and provide targeted support to help every student succeed. These awards recognize our schools' commitment to using data effectively and implementing strong academic and behavioral support systems. Congratulations to our dedicated Warrior educators!

Two CHSD Elementary Schools Earn Statewide Honors!

Weidman and Mecosta Elementary Schools have been recognized among the 2027 Best Elementary Schools by U.S. News & World Report, an honor recognizing the top 40% of elementary schools in Michigan! Weidman ranked an impressive #27 statewide, and Mecosta earned a spot at #190. Congratulations to the students and staff at both schools on this outstanding recognition!



Warrior Marching Band Earns Top Honors!

Congratulations to our **Warrior Marching Band** on earning a Division 1 rating at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 1 Marching Band Festival in October! This is the highest rating possible and a reflection of our students' hard work, dedication, and musical excellence. Way to go, Warriors!



Fall Athletes Earn Academic All-State Honors!

Our fall athletes are excelling in the classroom! **Girls Golf** earned Academic All-State honors from the Michigan Golf Coaches Association with an impressive 3.828 team GPA, which was the 4th highest team GPA in all of Division 3 Girls Golf in the state! **Varsity Volleyball** was recognized by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association with a 3.7 team GPA. **Girls Cross Country runners Dory Simon and Ava Harris** earned individual Academic All-State honors from the Michigan Track Coaches Association. Congratulations, Warriors!



CHMS Wins Hoops for Hunger — Again!

For the second consecutive year, our Middle School brought home the CMU Hoops for Hunger trophy! Competing against 15 other area middle schools, our Warriors rallied together to collect nearly 2,500 canned goods and raise almost $2,000 through school-wide fundraising efforts. The donations support the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen as part of CMU Women's Basketball's Hoops for Hunger event. Way to make a difference, Warriors!

Celebrate the Season
at Chippewa Hills

Sounds of the Season

Dec 1: Mecosta Elementary Holiday Program, 6 PM in High School Auditorium

Dec 9: Weidman Elementary Holiday Program, 5 PM

Dec 10: Middle School Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert, 7 PM in Middle School Gym

Dec 14: High School Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert, 7 PM in Middle School Gym

Dec 16: Barryton Elementary Holiday Program, 5 PM

Holiday Shopping & Fundraisers

Dec 3-5: Wreath fundraiser pickup at Middle School

Dec 12: Band Boosters Holiday Craft Show, 10 AM - 3 PM at CHHS. *Shop from 80 booths featuring local vendors!*

Warriors Giving Back

Middle School Student Council Toys for Tots collection through **Dec 8.**

Dec 15: High School Holiday Blood Drive, 8 AM - 3 PM, High School Gym Lobby

Warrior Wonderland

Saturday, December 12 | 6–9 PM
Sunday, December 13 | 6–8 PM

Join us for a festive weekend at Warrior Wonderland! Enjoy a lighted holiday walk featuring decorated trees and displays around the Secondary Complex (Middle School, High School, and Mosaic School), along with food, vendors, and plenty of holiday fun for the whole family!

HIGH SCHOOL

Focus and Success for the Second Trimester

As we wrap up our first trimester, we have plenty to celebrate at CHHS! From fall athletics and Homecoming to concerts, field trips, and classroom activities, our students have been busy learning, competing, and making memories. We're looking forward to another great trimester!

Attendance & Tardies

Regular attendance is essential to student success. Please review our attendance policies and help ensure your student arrives at school and to class on time.

Cell Phone Reminder

Cell phones may only be used during lunch and must remain locked in student lockers throughout the school day. Personal devices, including earbuds, tablets, and laptops, are not permitted in classrooms. School-provided Chromebooks are available for instructional use.

If you have questions, please contact me at bmumby@chsd.us or call the High School office at 989-967-2100.



Brian Mumby
Principal

Find Your Path at CHHS!

Every student has different interests, strengths, and goals. At Chippewa Hills High School, we offer a wide variety of opportunities to help students explore their interests, develop valuable skills, and prepare for life after graduation.

From Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual enrollment to hands-on learning in Agriculture, Welding, Wood Technology, and Small Engines, students can pursue pathways that match their goals. Our Band, Orchestra, and Fine Arts programs provide creative opportunities, while electives like Drones, Forensic Science, Digital Photography, Astronomy, and more allow students to discover new interests.

So, how do students choose the right path?

That's where the Educational Development Plan (EDP) comes in! The EDP process helps students connect their interests and future goals with the courses and opportunities available at CHHS, creating a plan for high school and beyond.

Beginning in January, our Counseling Office is hosting a series of parent meetings to help families navigate the EDP process and prepare for upcoming academic planning.

We encourage all families to participate and help their students take the next step toward their future!

Winter Events

Nov 25: Trimester 1 Celebration

Dec 3: 12 Days of Christmas Kickoff

Dec 12: Band Boosters Holiday Craft Show, 10 AM - 3 PM

Dec 14: High School Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert
7 PM, MS Gym

Dec 15: NHS Blood Drive
8 AM - 3 PM, Gym Lobby

Jan 12-14: NWEA Testing

Jan 27: Parent-Teacher Conferences
4-7 PM

Feb 10: Band Concert
7 PM, Middle School Gym

Feb 11: NHS Blood Drive
8 AM - 3 PM, Gym Lobby

Feb 15-19: Snowball Week

Feb 19: Smiles on Wheels Mobile Dentist

Feb 20: Snowball Dance, 7-10 PM

Feb 23: Orchestra Concert
7 PM, Auditorium

Feb 24-26: Exams

Feb 26: End Trimester 2 & Trimester 2 Celebration

Family EDP Meetings

All meetings begin at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditorium.

- **11th Grade** (Class of 2028): Thursday, January 7
- **10th Grade** (Class of 2029): Wednesday, January 13
- **9th Grade** (Class of 2030): Wednesday, January 27
- **8th Grade** (Class of 2031): Wednesday, February 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building a Positive Warrior Culture

Our WARRIOR Tickets and Reward & Recovery Days are off to a great start! Students earn tickets for demonstrating positive behaviors, making good choices, and living out our WARRIOR expectations.

Reward & Recovery Days celebrate students who are keeping up with assignments while providing dedicated time and support for others to catch up. Students also enjoy redeeming their WARRIOR Tickets for milestone rewards. Together, these initiatives help build a positive school culture!

Snow Many Ways to be Responsible!

After Thanksgiving break, we'll launch a new PBIS initiative! Each day, one randomly selected class period can earn a snowflake by meeting classroom entrance expectations. If we reach our building-wide goal, all students earn a reward, with an extra prize for the grade level collecting the most snowflakes! Follow our progress on the hallway display outside the main office!

Handling Conflict in Middle School

Peer conflict is a normal part of growing up, especially as students develop friendships and navigate different personalities. These disagreements provide opportunities to learn important life skills.

At CHMS, we encourage students to communicate respectfully, consider different perspectives, take responsibility for their actions, and seek help from trusted adults when needed. Our goal isn't to prevent every disagreement, but to help students handle them appropriately and build healthy relationships.

Second Step: Building Social-Emotional Skills

Our Second Step social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum helps students develop skills for managing emotions, communicating respectfully, and navigating peer relationships. Lessons focus on empathy, understanding different perspectives, recognizing the impact of words, and making responsible choices to prevent misunderstandings and resolve conflicts.

Think Before You Speak: Words Matter

Middle school students often joke and tease as they navigate friendships, but words matter. Threatening language or comments about harming others are taken seriously, even when intended as a joke. Comments that seem harmless to one person may make another feel unsafe and may require investigation and follow-up.

We encourage families to talk with their students about choosing words carefully, thinking before speaking, and understanding that joking does not excuse threatening language. Our priority is maintaining a safe environment where every student and staff member feels secure.



Sarah Muscott
Principal

Winter Events

Nov 20: 7/8th Activity Afternoon
3-5 PM, MS Gym & Cafeteria

Dec 10: Middle School Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert
7 PM, MS Gym

Dec 15: 8th Grade Community Night, 5:00-6:30 PM

Dec 17: 5th Grade Community Night, 5:00-6:30 PM

Jan 15: 5/6th Activity Afternoon
3-5 PM, MS Gym & Cafeteria

Jan 27: 6th Grade Community Night
5:00-6:30 PM

Jan 28: 7th Grade Community Night, 5:00-6:30 PM

Feb 3: 8th Grade Parent Meeting
6:30 PM, High School Auditorium

Feb 12: 7/8th Activity Afternoon
3-5 PM, MS Gym & Cafeteria

Feb 27: 7th & 8th Grade Snow Bash Dance, 6:00 PM

Winter Testing

Nov 30: 7/8th Reading Acadience, Gate 1

Dec 2: 5th Reading Acadience

Dec 3: 6th Reading Acadience

Dec 8: Reading NWEA

Dec 9: 7/8th Reading Acadience, Gate 2

Dec 10: Math NWEA

8th Grade Meeting

High school is just around the corner! All 8th graders and their families are invited to join the High School Counseling Office on **Wednesday, February 3**, at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. Learn about course options, graduation pathways, registration, and important deadlines while preparing for a successful transition to high school!

MOSAIC SCHOOL

A Fantastic Start to the School Year!

A successful school year is about more than numbers on a spreadsheet. It's about students showing up, families getting involved, teachers making connections, and young people taking meaningful steps toward graduation. At Mosaic, the fall data for the 2026–2027 school year tells a story of momentum, engagement, and progress—and there is plenty to celebrate!

Students Are Back in the Building!

One of the most exciting developments this year is something that might seem simple but makes a tremendous difference: We have students in the building!



Having students back in the classroom brings energy, connection, and opportunities for meaningful face-to-face interaction. While Mosaic continues to offer flexible learning options, including hybrid opportunities, seeing students physically present reminds us of the importance of creating a welcoming school environment where students feel connected and supported.

That flexibility hasn't come at the expense of academic progress, either. Students participating in both face-to-face and hybrid learning are demonstrating that different learning environments can lead to successful outcomes.



Showing Up & Staying Connected

Our Mosaic Warriors are making great academic progress! 90% of face-to-face and hybrid students passed their direct instruction classes during the first two progress reporting periods, reflecting the hard work of our students and staff.

Student attendance is moving in the right direction, increasing from 80.7% to 83% between the first two reporting periods. We also welcomed families to our first Parent Engagement Night, providing an opportunity to strengthen relationships and build connections between home and school.

Celebrating Graduation Milestones

We're especially proud to celebrate three Mosaic students who have already completed their graduation requirements this school year! Their hard work and determination remind us that every student's educational journey looks different, and every milestone deserves recognition.

At Mosaic, success isn't measured by one number or one milestone. It's measured by the opportunities we create, the relationships we build, and the progress our students make every day. And this year, that progress is already underway!



Dawn Hawley
Principal

Winter Events

- **Nov 19: Rock 'n Roll Honor Roll Trip**
- **Nov 20: 8th Grade Activity Afternoon**
- **Dec 2: Parent Engagement Night**
- **Dec 11: Angels of Action Volunteers**
- **Jan 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences**

BARRYTON ELEMENTARY

Growing, Learning & Making Memories

As we wrap up our first trimester, it has been exciting to celebrate so many successes, accomplishments, and memorable moments with our students! From enjoying popsicles and ice cream sandwiches to pumpkin decorating and our Halloween costume parade, we have had plenty of opportunities to celebrate, have fun, and build lasting memories together. It has also been great to see how much our students have grown in becoming comfortable with their daily routines, schedules, and expectations. Students are fully settled into the rhythm of the school day, allowing us to focus on learning, building relationships, and continuing to grow together. We are proud of the progress our students have made and look forward to all that the next trimester will bring!

Winter Weather

As the weather continues to change and temperatures begin to drop, please make sure students come to school dressed for the weather. When the snow begins to fly, students should have a winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, and boots each day so they can comfortably enjoy outdoor recess. If you need any assistance with winter clothing, please don't hesitate to reach out to the main office. We are happy to help!

Stay Connected

We also ask that you take a moment to ensure your phone number and email address are up to date in Skyward. If you haven't already, download the CHSD app and activate your Rooms account to communicate directly with your student's teachers and school staff within the app. The CHSD app is also an important resource for school announcements, updates, and winter weather notifications, including delays and closures.

We appreciate your support at home! Please take time each day to read with your child and encourage conversations about what they are reading. The partnership between home and school plays an important role in helping our students grow and succeed!

Thank you for your help and continued support!



Joe Szombati
Principal

Winter Events

Nov 20: Popcorn Friday

Nov 24: Picture Retakes

Dec 4: Popcorn Friday

Dec 8: Parent Club Meeting
3:30 PM

Dec 10: Santa Shop

Dec 16: Holiday Programs
5:00 PM - Kindergarten
6:00 PM - 1st & 2nd Grades
7:00 PM - 3rd & 4th Grades

Jan: Book Blast Fundraiser

Jan 8: Popcorn Friday

Jan 11-14: Hearing & Vision Screening

Jan 22: Popcorn Friday

Feb: Raffle Fundraiser

Feb 5: Popcorn Friday

Feb 19: Popcorn Friday

Readers are Leaders!

Book Blast Coming in January!

Barryton Elementary is excited to launch a Book Blast on January 19!



Our goal is simple: help our families grow their child's home library with brand-new, age-appropriate books. Families register their child and then invite friends and family to support their child's love of reading. Best of all, EVERY student will receive at least one new book at the end of the event! Look for details coming home soon.

As always, thank you for your support of all of our Barryton students.

MECOSTA ELEMENTARY

Mecosta Moments Worth Celebrating

As the weather turns cold, Mecosta Elementary is bustling with exciting learning opportunities, community honors, and festive fun!

Here is a look back at what our students and staff have been up to this season, along with a preview of what's coming next:

- **PBIS Pumpkin Painting:** Students kicked off the season by showing off their creativity during our fall Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) pumpkin painting activity.
- **Halloween Costume Parade:** Costumes, smiles, and laughter filled the hallways as students and staff celebrated with our annual Halloween parade.
- **Veterans Day Presentation:** Our school gathered for a meaningful Veterans Day assembly to honor local service members and express gratitude for their service and dedication.
- **PBIS Star Lab Experience:** As a reward for demonstrating outstanding positive behavior, students stepped inside the immersive Star Lab to explore astronomy and starry night skies.
- **Student Friendsgiving:** We are wrapping up November with a school-wide Friendsgiving celebration, bringing students together to enjoy food, share gratitude, and build lasting friendships.





Looking Ahead to December

The holiday cheer continues into next month! We can't wait to welcome families for our annual Christmas Concert. Doors will open at 5:30 PM on December 1st at the High School Auditorium. The kindergarten performance is at 6:00, 1st/2nd grade will begin at 6:45, and 3rd/4th grade perform at 7:30.

Santa Shop

One of my favorite traditions as principal is welcoming our annual Santa Shop back to the building each holiday season—it truly brings our entire school community together! Our Santa Shop will be on Friday, December 4.

Every year, we love transforming our space into a festive pop-up store stocked with affordable, kid-friendly gifts like mugs, socks, keychains, and ornaments priced between $1 and $10.

With the incredible help of our parent volunteers acting as "elves," our students get the unforgettable experience of budgeting their own money, secretly picking out presents for their family members, teachers, and pets, and having their treasures wrapped before heading home.

Beyond supporting our school programs, hosting this event annually allows us to watch our kids practice real-world budgeting skills and experience the pure joy of giving—and we are so grateful to our families for helping make this magic happen year after year!

Thank you to our amazing families, teachers, and staff for making this season so memorable for our students!



Amanda Trecy
Principal

Winter Events

Nov 20: Popcorn Friday

Nov 24: Friendsgiving Celebration

Dec 1: Holiday Program
6:00 PM - Kindergarten
6:45 PM - 1st & 2nd Grades
7: 30 PM - 3rd & 4th Grades

Dec 2: Picture Retakes

Dec 4: Santa Shop

Dec 11: Popcorn Friday

Dec 18: Popcorn Friday

Jan 8: Popcorn Friday

Jan 22: Popcorn Friday

Feb 2: Book Blast Launch

WEIDMAN ELEMENTARY

A Season of Celebration & Community



We had a busy October here at Weidman Elementary. In classrooms, teachers celebrated with their students by planning creative crafts and planning fun holiday parties. Some classes painted and decorated pumpkins, and others made slime. All holiday parties were full of yummy snacks and lots of fun. Students showed off their costumes during the holiday parade, and parents filled the parking lot to watch! We also had one of our Warrior Parties, where students had a blast playing Halloween-themed games! They floated ghosts at a neon dance party, "fed" the monster (cute decorated boxes that looked like monsters) in a bag toss game, and played Halloween Bingo! Students earned the Warrior Party by practicing our WARRIOR expectations every day.

The Weidman Carnival was a major success! To start off the fun, dozens of students from all grades decorated cakes and cookies for our decorating contest. The majority of our students sold raffle tickets for the grand prize: a processed hog. Merchants from around our great community donated items for our merchant raffle. The night of the event, students had a blast playing carnival games, winning cakes at the cake walk, getting their faces painted, and putting people in "jail" (a fan favorite). A huge thank you to the teachers, parent club, and NJHS for helping make this event run smoothly! We raised $10,000 that we use to give back to our students and staff– field trips, supplies, equipment and so much more.

We recognized our Veterans during an assembly on November 11th. Students created crafts to share at the VA in Clare and VFW hall in Mt. Pleasant, as well as decorate our halls for Veterans Day. Mrs. Piatkowski created a Wall of Honor, displaying the Veterans that students and staff submitted.







Looking ahead, we are excited to have our Christmas programs right here at Weidman Elementary on December 9th. Last year we had a little congestion in our parking lot, so we have adjusted the times of the performances. We will start off the show with Kindergarten at 5pm, welcome our 1st and 2nd graders at 6pm, and then end the evening with the 3rd and 4th graders at 7pm. Please have your performer here 15 minutes early. Both parking lots can be utilized for parking. Our cafeteria will be open for families to sit in if they do not have a student in one of the performances. Should we have any inclement weather, December 10th is the makeup date for performances. Students are already practicing their songs to put on a wonderful winter show!



G'ne Jorgensen
Principal

Winter Events

Nov 20: Popcorn Friday & Warrior Party

Dec 1-4: Santa's Workshop

Dec 4: Popcorn Friday

Dec 9: Holiday Programs
5:00 PM - DK & Kindergarten
6:00 PM - 1st & 2nd Grades
7:00 PM - 3rd & 4th Grades

Dec 10: Holiday Program Make-Up
(Save the date if needed)

Dec 18: Popcorn Friday & Warrior Party

Jan 8: Popcorn Friday

Jan 11: Parent Club Meeting, 3:45 PM

Jan 22: Popcorn Friday

Jan 29: Warrior Party

Feb 5: Popcorn Friday

Feb 19: Popcorn Friday

Feb 25: Warrior Party

ATHLETICS



Fall All-Conference Luncheon

Fall Season Recap & Winter Preview

What a great fall it was for the Warriors! We are incredibly proud of our student athletes, coaches and their families for all of their hard work and dedication to our fall sports season. The hard work proved to have paid off as 18 of our student athletes earned first team all-conference in the CSAA!

A special congratulations to our girls cross country and football teams for their postseason accomplishments. Football defeated Muskegon Orchard View in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs before falling to Ogemaw Heights in the district championship. It is the program's first playoff appearance since the 2018-2019 season, and first playoff win since 2016! Girls cross country qualified for the state meet by finishing in 2nd place at the regional meet hosted here at Chip Hills. The girls finished 14th out of 30 teams at the state meet, with Dory Simon finishing in 38th against a tough field of Division 2 girls runners.

It is hard to believe that the winter sports season is already upon us! Some important dates to look for are:

- Boys Basketball home opener Dec 1 vs Alma
- Girls Basketball home openers are vs Grant on Dec 10 for the JV team and vs Central Montcalm on Dec 18 for the Varsity team
- Bowling's first home match is Dec 1 vs Lakeview at 4:30 PM
- Wrestling hosts the Joe Loren Invite on Dec 19 and the Lady Warrior Invite on Dec 20
- Competitive Cheer has their home competition Jan 18 at 5 PM

We look forward to seeing our student athletes compete, and represent Chip Hills with pride. I encourage our families, students, staff, and community to get out and support our winter athletic programs. A strong home crowd and school community can have a big impact on our student athletes.

Go Warriors!



Nolan Smith
Athletic Director

Fall All-Conference Athletes

CROSS COUNTRY

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Dory Simon · Quinn Killian · Peyton Nellis
Conley Howard · Autumn Ottobre
Addison Dekker · Ava Harris

HONORABLE MENTION

Joie Arntz · Morgan Voorhees · Austin DuBois
Rylie Baker · Braylynn Boochard

FOOTBALL

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Kyle Dagley · Logan PeLong · Clay Farrell
Jase McArthur · Sawyer Chapman
Brayden Towne · Isaac Killian

HONORABLE MENTION

Jake Edwards

GIRLS GOLF

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Hannah Simon

HONORABLE MENTION

Lily Darnell · Saylor McArthur
Kennedy Stroud

BOYS SOCCER

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Eli Dore

HONORABLE MENTION

Carter Powell

VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Frankie Fall · Saige Brigham

HONORABLE MENTION

Aeriana Simon

WARRIORS

Winter 2026-27 Athletic Schedules

High School Teams

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 30	@ Harrison	7:30 PM
Dec 1	**vs Alma**	**7:00 PM**
Dec 4	@ Reed City	7:00 PM
Dec 8	@ Cent Montcalm	7:00 PM
Dec 11	@ Grant	7:00 PM
Dec 15	**vs Clio**	**7:00 PM**
Dec 18	**vs Tri County**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 5	**vs Swan Valley**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 8	**vs Newaygo**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 11	**vs Ogemaw Hts**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 12	@ White Cloud	7:00 PM
Jan 15	@ Big Rapids	7:00 PM
Jan 19	**vs Morl Stanwood**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 22	**vs Reed City**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 27	**vs Kenowa Hills**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 29	**vs Grant**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 2	**vs Midland**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 5	@ Tri County	7:00 PM
Feb 9	@ Lakeview	7:00 PM
Feb 12	@ Newaygo	7:00 PM
Feb 16	**vs Kent City**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 19	**vs Big Rapids**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 22	**Districts**	**TBD**

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 30	@ Harrison	5:30 PM
Dec 1	**vs Alma**	**5:30 PM**
Dec 4	@ Reed City	5:30 PM
Dec 8	@ Cent Montcalm	5:30PM
Dec 10	**vs Grant**	**7:00 PM**
Dec 15	**vs Clio**	**5:30 PM**
Dec 17	@ Tri County	7:00 PM
Jan 5	**vs Swan Valley**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 7	@ Newaygo	7:00 PM
Jan 12	@ White Cloud	5:30 PM
Jan 14	**vs Big Rapids**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 19	**vs Morl Stanwood**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 21	**vs Reed City**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 27	**vs Kenowa Hills**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 28	@ Grant	7:00 PM
Feb 2	**vs Midland**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 4	**vs Tri County**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 9	@ Lakeview	5:30 PM
Feb 11	**vs Newaygo**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 16	**vs Kent City**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 18	@ Big Rapids	7:00 PM

FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec 1	**vs Alma**	**4:00 PM**
Dec 4	@ Reed City	4:00 PM
Dec 8	@ Cent Montcalm	4:00 PM
Dec 10	**vs Grant**	**4:00 PM**
Dec 15	**vs Clio**	**4:00 PM**
Dec 17	@ Tri County	4:00 PM
Jan 5	**vs Swan Valley**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 7	TBD	TBD
Jan 12	@ Lake City	6:00 PM
Jan 14	**vs Big Rapids**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 19	**vs McBain**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 21	**vs Reed City**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 27	**vs Kenowa Hills**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 28	@ Grant	4:00 PM
Feb 2	**vs Midland**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 4	**vs Tri County**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 9	@ McBain	5:30 PM
Feb 11	TBD	TBD
Feb 16	**vs Kent City**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 18	@ Big Rapids	4:00 PM

BOYS WRESTLING

Dec 2	@ Swan Valley	5:30 PM
Dec 5	@ Hemlock	5:00 PM
Dec 10	@ Pine River	5:30 PM
Dec 12	@ Petoskey	9:00 AM
Dec 16	**CSAA vs Newaygo & RC**	**5:00 PM**
Dec 19	**Joe Loren Invite**	**9:30 AM**
Jan 13	CSAA @ Big Rapids	5:00 PM
Jan 16	@ Bay City	9:00 AM
Jan 20	CSAA @ Grant	5:00 PM
Jan 23	@ Northview Tourn	9:00 AM
Jan 27	CSAA @ Lakeview	5:00 PM
Jan 30	**Home Invite**	**9:30 AM**
Feb 6	CSAA @ Reed City	9:00 AM
Feb 10	@ Alma	6:00 PM
Feb 17	Team Districts	TBD
Feb 20	Individual Districts	TBD
Feb 24	Team Regionals	TBD
Feb 27	Individual Regionals	TBD
Feb 28	Girls Indiv Regionals	TBD

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec 11	@ Grant	5:30 PM
Dec 14	@ Mt. Pleasant	7:00 PM
Dec 16	**vs Cent Montcalm**	**7:00 PM**
Dec 18	**vs Tri County**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 5	@ Gladwin	7:00 PM
Jan 8	**vs Newaygo**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 12	**vs White Cloud**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 15	@ Big Rapids	5:30 PM
Jan 18	@ Swan Valley	7:00 PM
Jan 19	@ Morl Stanwood	7:00 PM
Jan 22	**vs Reed City**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 25	**vs Harrison**	**7:00 PM**
Jan 29	**vs Grant**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 1	@ St. Lous	6:00 PM
Feb 5	@ Tri County	5:30 PM
Feb 8	@ Shephard	7:00 PM
Feb 9	**vs Lakeview**	**7:00 PM**
Feb 12	@ Newaygo	5:30 PM
Feb 16	@ Kent City	7:00 PM
Feb 19	**vs Big Rapids**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 23	@ Alma	7:00 PM
Feb 25	@ Reed City	7:00 PM
Mar 1	Districts	TBD

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec 10	**vs Grant**	**5:30 PM**
Dec 14	@ Mt. Pleasant	5:30 PM
Dec 17	@ Tri County	5:30 PM
Jan 5	@ Gladwin	5:30 PM
Jan 7	@ Newaygo	5:30 PM
Jan 12	**vs White Cloud**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 14	**vs Big Rapids**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 18	@ Swan Valley	5:30 PM
Jan 19	@ Morl Stanwood	5:30 PM
Jan 21	**vs Reed City**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 25	**vs Harrison**	**5:30 PM**
Jan 28	@ Grant	5:30 PM
Feb 4	**vs Tri County**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 8	@ Shepherd	5:30 PM
Feb 9	**vs Lakeview**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 11	**vs Newaygo**	**5:30 PM**
Feb 16	@ Kent City	5:30 PM
Feb 18	@ Big Rapids	5:30 PM
Feb 23	@ Alma	5:30 PM
Feb 25	@ Reed City	5:30 PM

BOWLING

Dec 1	**vs Lakeview**	**4:30 PM**
Dec 6	@ Baker Invitational	9:00 AM
Dec 12	CSAA @ Greenville	9:00 AM
Dec 15	**vs Kent City**	**4:30 PM**
Dec 20	@ Baker Invitational	9:00 AM
Jan 11	@ Central Montcalm	3:00 PM
Jan 16	CSAA @ Sparta	9:00 AM
Jan 19	@ Reed City	TBA
Jan 23	@ Greenville Tourn	TBA
Jan 26	**vs Big Rapids**	**TBA**
Jan 30	CSAA @ Greenville	9:00 AM
Jan 17-20	Regional TBD	TBA

GIRLS WRESTLING

Dec 13	@ Grayling	9:00 AM
Dec 20	**Lady Warrior Invite**	**9:30 AM**
Jan 8	@ DeWitt	5:00 PM
Jan 17	@ Reed City Invite	9:00 AM
Jan 22	@ Ovid-Elsie	5:00 PM
Jan 31	@ Hemlock	9:00 AM

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Dec 10	@ Marion Invite	6:00 PM
Dec 14	@ West Catholic	6:00 PM
Jan 9	@ Bluejay Invite	10:00 AM
Jan 11	CSAA @ Newaygo	6:00 PM
Jan 18	**Warrior Invite**	**5:00 PM**
Jan 23	Oiler Invite	10:00 AM
Jan 25	CSAA @ Big Rapids	6:00 PM
Feb 1	CSAA @ Tri County	6:00 PM
Feb 4	@ Marion Invite	6:00 PM
Feb 6	@ Bullock Creek	10:00 AM

Schedule Changes

Athletic schedules are subject to change, especially with winter weather. Any updates or cancellations will be shared through the **CHSD App** and on Facebook at **Chippewa Hills Warrior Athletics**. Coaches will also communicate changes directly with athletes and families through **Rooms in the CHSD App**.

Middle School Teams

7 & 8 BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 9	@ Morl Stanwood	4:00 PM
Nov 11	**vs Tri County**	**4:00 PM**
Nove 16	@ Reed City	4:00 PM
Nov 18	**vs Big Rapids**	**4:00 PM**
Nov 23	@ White Cloud	4:00 PM
Dec 2	@ Cent Montcalm	4:00 PM
Dec 7	@ Kent City	4:00 PM
Dec 9	**vs Grant**	**4:00 PM**
Dec 12	@ Big Rapids	4:00 PM
Dec 14	**vs Lakeview**	**4:00 PM**
Dec 16	**vs Newaygo**	**4:00 PM**

7 & 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan 18	**vs Morl Stanwood**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 20	@ Tri County	4:00 PM
Jan 25	**vs Reed City**	**4:00 PM**
Jan 27	@ Big Rapids	4:00 PM
Feb 1	**vs White Cloud**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 8	**vs Cent Montcalm**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 10	**vs Kent City**	**4:00 PM**
Feb 15	@ Grant	4:00 PM
Feb 17	@ Lakeview	4:00 PM
Feb 20	**vs TC, RC, BR**	**9:00 AM**
Feb 22	@ Newaygo	4:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER

Dec 9	@ Marion Invite	6:00 PM
Dec 14	CSAA @ Grant	6:00 PM
Jan 9	@ Shepherd Invite	10:00 AM
Jan 11	CSAA @ Newaygo	6:00 PM
Jan 18	**Warrior invite**	**5:00 PM**
Jan 25	CSAA @ Big Rapids	6:00 PM
Feb 1	CSAA @ Tri County	6:00 PM
Feb 4	@ Marion Invite	6:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Jan 20	@ Grant	5:00 PM
Jan 22	@ Lakeview	5:00 PM
Jan 27	@ Lakeview	5:00 PM
Jan 30	CSAA @ Grant	9:00 AM
Feb 2	**vs BR & RC**	**5:00 PM**
Feb 5	**Round Robin**	**5:00 PM**
Feb 9	@ Grant	5:00 PM
Feb 18	**vs Cadillac**	**5:00 PM**