The Bulldog Bulletin

Jennifer DuBois Superintendent/Principal | August/ September 2026

Welcome Back to School

August 19th is the First Day of School

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511 Chapman St.
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School Hours:
8am-3pm
Doors Open at 7:45am

To Keep up with School news, follow us on facebook at Paw-

If your child will be absent or tardy please call the Attendance line by 10:00am*

Superintendent/Principal Column
August 2026

Welcome to the 2026/2027 School Year! I don't know where the summer went, I can't believe it is already back to school time! However, with that being said, I am excited to begin this school year and am looking forward to seeing our halls full of students and staff. This is also an exciting new school year because we are welcoming our first Paw Paw Preschool students to the building!

The first day of student attendance is August 19th! As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime if you have questions or need information about anything going on at Paw Paw School!

This summer was another busy summer at Paw Paw School! We are excited to share that we now have air conditioning in the main gym and cafeteria when school starts, as well as in the agriculture education classroom! We also were able to replace the carpeting in the band/choir room and it looks great! Be sure to check it out when you are here for School Supply Drop Off & Back to School Bash on August 17th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Teachers have been in the building this summer participating in professional development in the areas of ELA, Math, and SEL. These activities were aligned to our curricular resources and provided valuable information for our teachers to help them with the implementation of our programs.

I want to introduce our new staff and returning staff with new roles!

New Staff:
Mrs. Hussey - Assistant Principal/Preschool Director
Ms. Sydney - 2nd Grade
Mrs. Cruse - 3rd-5th ELA
Ms. Napolitano - Paraprofessional
Mrs. Houser - Paraprofessional (preschool)
Ms. VanWyhe - Speech Pathologist (part-time)

Returning staff that have new roles this year:
Mrs. Walker - 3rd-5th Math
Mrs. Prescod - Title I Reading Interventions
Mrs. Stout - Preschool

Other new staff will be officially joining us soon, and I look forward to being able to introduce them to the community!

The Paw Paw School Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month with Closed Session starting at 6:00 and open session starting at 6:30. If you plan on attending a meeting, open session will begin at 6:30. The next Board meeting is August 18. Below are the current Board members and their positions:
Josh Sarver: President Jared Penman: Vice-President
Rachel Brewer: Secretary Todd Schrader: Board Member
Jennifer Kern: Board Member Steve Richey: Board Member
Daniel Truckenbrod: Board Member

We hope you can join us at the following events in August
August 3: All sports mandatory meeting 6:00 p.m.
August 17: Supply Drop Off & Back to School Bash 4:30-6:00 p.m.
August 18: School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m (closed session) 6:30 p.m. (open session)
August 19: First Day of School!!!

I look forward to seeing everyone on August 19th for the first day of school!
Jennifer DuBois–Superintendent/Principal

From the Nurse:



We will need the following forms: Kindergarten students: school physical, eye doctor form, dental form

2nd grade students: dental form

6th grade: school physical* (will cover the sports physical) dental form

9th grade: school physical* (will cover the sports physical) *REMEMBER: students entering 6th and 12th grade will need to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination, MCV, (meningitis vaccination); 6th grade dose is to be on or after 11 years of age; 12th grade 2nd dose unless the first dose was after 16 years of age.

School Board

Next School Board Meeting is Tuesday August 18th, 2026

6:00pm closed session, 6:30pm open Session

Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive is August 14, 2026

12pm-5pm

At the Community Building

Hope to see you there!

Paw Paw CUSD #271

August

8/3/26– All Athletics Meeting @ 6pm

8/14/26– Blood Drive 12pm-5pm at the community building

8/17/26– Back to School BASH 4:30pm-6:00pm

8/18/26– School Board Meeting (6:00pm closed session, 6:30pm open session)

8/19/26– **First day of School**

8/25/26– Soccer @ Leland– 4:30pm

8/26/26– School Picture Day!

8/27/26– Soccer @ Serena– 4:30pm

8/31/26– Soccer vs Wallace– 4:30pm

September

9/1/26– Soccer vs Newark– 4:30pm

9/3/26– Soccer @ Earlville– 4:30pm

9/4/26-12:30pm Dismissal– School Improvement

9/7/26– No School-Labor Day

9/8/26– Soccer vs Leland– 4:30pm

9/10/26– Soccer @ Somonauk– 4:30pm

9/17/26-Soccer @ Sandwich-4:30pm

9/18/26– 12:30pm Dismissal-School Improvement

9/19/26– Soccer @ Earlville Tournament-TBD

9/22/26– Soccer vs HBR-4:30pm

9/22/26– School Board Meeting– 6pm closed session, 6:30pm open session

9/24/26– Soccer @ Lisbon-4:30pm

9/25/26– Soccer vs IC– 4:30pm

9/29/26– GBB vs Holy Cross– 5pm

9/29/26-10/2/26– Soccer Jr. 10 Tournament @ Somonauk TBD

Indian Creek High School

August

8/10/26– 7:00pm Board Meeting

8/12/26– 9:00am—Freshman Orientation

8/19/26– First Day of School

September

9/4/26-11:45 am– Dismissal-School Improvement

9/7/26– No School– Labor Day

9/21/26– 7:00pm– Board Meeting

For a complete sports schedule please visit

https://ictimberwolves.com/



Teacher Attendance Days: 181 Student Attendance Days: 176

August:

8/17: Teacher Institute Day

8/18: Teacher Institute Day

8/19: First Day of Student attendance

September:

9/4: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

9/7: NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

9/18: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

October:

10/9: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

10/12: NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day

10/16: End of 1st Quarter

10/21: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4:00-7:30 pm

10/22: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- Parent/Teacher Conferences- 2:00-6:00 pm

10/23: NO SCHOOL

November:

11/13: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

11/24: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

11/25: NO SCHOOL

11/26: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving

11/27: NO SCHOOL

December:

12/11: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

12/22: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement, End of 2nd Quarter

12/23-12/31: NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK

January:

1/1-1/5: NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK

1/6: NO SCHOOL- Teacher Institute Day

1/7: School Resumes

1/15: Early Dismissal - 12:30 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences

1/18: NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Day

February:

2/12: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

2/15: NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

2/26: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

March:

3/5: End of 3rd Quarter

3/12: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

3/19: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

3/22 - 3/29: NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK

April:

4/9: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

4/23: Early Dismissal- 12:30 pm- School Improvement

May:

5/7: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm- School Improvement

5/26: End of 4th Quarter, Last Day of Student Attendance (1⁄2 Day), 11:45 am Dismissal

5/27: Teacher Institute Day

5/31: No School- Memorial Day

Emergency Days- 5/27, 5/28, ,6/1,6/2,6/3

Paw Paw Schools Memorial Wall A memorial wall is being established at the entrance of the High School. Its purpose is for families to remember loved ones who have attended Paw Paw Schools and for individuals who have an attachment to the schools and want to leave a lasting legacy. To remember loved ones or leave a legacy, paw prints with names can be purchased starting at $150. The paw prints with the names and years of life or graduating class year, will be prominently displayed on the wall. The money collected for the wall will be used for projects that are permanent. If you are interested in purchasing a paw print, contact 815-627-2841.