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Message from the Superintendent Swan Valley School District Puts Safety **FIRST**



Superintendent McRae

Welcome Back to another amazing year in Viking Country! As anyone can tell who has been in or around our campus, we have been very busy updating our facilities with the goal of ensuring another 50+ Years of Excellence for our students and our community! Once again, we are thankful to the voters who passed the August 2021 bond issue to support these projects.

Many of those improvements have focused on the importance of student and staff safety. Last spring, we partnered with Thomas Township to upgrade the water lines running through the main campus. Improved fire hydrant access will ensure that all facilities, including the new Performing Arts Center, will have the best chance to remain intact in the event of a fire emergency.

In addition to the bond, we secured Section 97 Grants from the Michigan Department of Education. The amount of those grants total \$226,000, and what we have been able to accomplish with these funds so far is below:

- ✓ comprehensive safety and security assessment provided by outside contractor
- ✓ completion of critical incident mapping to be used internally and with all emergency responders
- ✓ additional bullet resistant glass coating for all interior windows
- ✓ upgraded "lockdown" systems
- ✓ window film for all school building entrances preventing exterior line of sight
- ✓ emergency shades and blinds for all classroom windows
- ✓ upgraded public address and strobe light alert systems
- ✓ district wide emergency radio capabilities
- ✓ interior and exterior camera expansion
- ✓ bus GPS system
- ✓ expanded bus cameras
- ✓ fencing for playground areas

We were also fortunate to secure grant funding for a school resource officer. This "matching" grant will cover 50% of the costs of this position for the next three years. In case you missed it, please see the press release for Officer Maxwell on this page.

As a district, we realize that not all concerns for safety are external. Thankfully, the Michigan Department of Education has also awarded our district \$208,000 in Section 31aa grants to address student mental health. The administration works with the District Behavior Support Team, the District Wellness Team, and partnering agencies such as the following: the Saginaw Intermediate School District, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan School Safety Initiative, the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network, Parenting in a Techworld 2.0, and Discover You (The Rock) with the goal of identifying students in need and providing them appropriate resources to heal.

Finally, it is important for all of our families to understand that we have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that is shared with staff and all emergency responders who have access to our facilities. While the EOP cannot be shared for public viewing, it serves as a process guide when our district is faced with a variety of emergency events including: threats of violence (both internal and external), active shooter, fire, tornado, severe weather, power outage, shelter in place (i.e. chemical release), natural gas leak, medical/cardiac emergencies, and hazardous materials.

Training of staff is also important to ensure student safety. All staff are required to complete three hours of training annually on the following topics: bullying recognition and response, cyberbullying, child abuse, CPR, first aid, FERPA, hazardous materials, bloodborn pathogens, and sexual harassment.

While we know it is impossible to prevent any/all issues that jeopardize the safety of our students and staff, we are confident that we have taken every measure available to us as a school district. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or one of our building principals. It's an exciting time to be part of the Viking family...

Have a great school year!



Swan Valley
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RELEASE DATE:
August 17, 2023

PRESS RELEASE

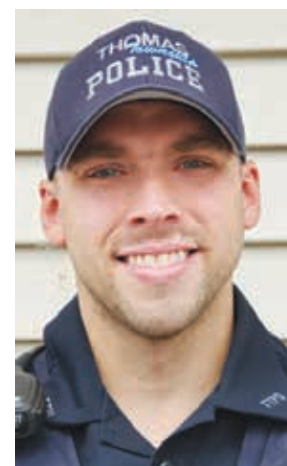
The Swan Valley School District partners with Thomas Township to welcome its first School Resource Officer

The Swan Valley School District is proud to announce that Thomas Township Officer Rafe Maxwell will officially become its School Resource Officer when school begins August 28, 2023.

The District was very fortunate to receive the SROG (School Resource Officer Grant) from the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety. This fifty percent matching grant is for an initial three-year period.

Officer Maxwell is a Bay City Western graduate who currently resides in the Swan Valley area with his wife and two daughters. He graduated from The University of Olivet and is an MIAA collegiate swimmer. Prior to joining Thomas Township, Officer Maxwell served as an officer in Gratiot County for several years and is currently an instructor at the Delta College Police Academy.

Officer Maxwell will work a "flexible schedule" for the district where he will be visible before and after school, in the hallways and lunchrooms, and at many after school events. He is excited to educate students of all ages on law enforcement issues and ways to ensure their personal safety. He will also assist school administration with truant students and will serve as a positive adult role model for students of all ages.



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ADULT, ALTERNATIVE & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Welcome Back
to the 2023-2024 School Year
from Swan Valley Adult &
Alternative Education Staff



Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Education

SHELLEY HANSON, Principal

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Swan Valley Adult and Alternative Education provides a blended and online learning opportunity. For the 2023-2024 school year, students in the building classroom from 1:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All classes are self-paced per semester. Alternative students are age 16-21 and free and reduced lunch is available for Alternative students at 12:30 pm. All teachers are highly qualified in each of the core curriculum.

Adult students are 22 and older. Adult education is located in the Swan Valley High School and students can come into the building or can join distance learning classrooms via Zoom. All teachers are highly qualified in each of the core curriculum.

Any student wishing to apply to this program needs to contact Ms. Hanson and have on hand a copy of his/her transcript, discipline and attendance records, along with a copy of their birth certificate and two pieces of residency are required. Please call the number listed above to make an appointment or view our website (www.swanvalleyschools.com) GO to the Schools section and click on the Adult, Alternative and Community Education Page for Online Registration.

Swan Valley School District Board of Education Meetings

(Held at Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center)

Thursday, October 19, 2023 • 7:00pm

Thursday, November 16, 2023 • 7:00pm

Thursday, December 14, 2023 • 7:00pm

Nominate a
"Swan Valley
Viking Victor"
NOW!

Let's celebrate 50 years!

2023-2024 Staff



Three staff members will be randomly selected each month. The staff will receive a "swag bag" and recognition on the website. Winners will be drawn on the last Friday of the month.

Administration, Teachers, Secretaries, Paraprofessional,
Counseling, Learning Center, Maintenance, Food Service &
Transportation

2023 Youth Cheer Camp



122 Future
Varsity Vikings!

It's a Great Time to
Be a **VIKING!**



Enjoy our new concessions,
stadium entry and restrooms
located in the Viking Stadium.

ENROLL TODAY!

DROPPING



OUT HAPPENS...

but it's NEVER too late
to drop back in!

SWAN VALLEY ADULT &
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

989-921-2472

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

English Language Learners (ELL)

The Swan Valley School District seeks to provide every child, regardless of national origin or native language, quality, and meaningful educational instruction. Consequently, students who are English Learners (ELs) are provided instructional services through an English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual program which is designed to meet their unique needs. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the EEOA, all States and LEAs must ensure that ELs can participate meaningfully and equally in educational programs and services. Students who meet the protocol requirements as English Learners (ELs) must be provided a language assistance program, in addition to the basic/core education services (adopted by the local board of education) that all students in the LEA receive. These federally required language assistance program services ensure that ELs have equitable access to the basic, local board of education-adopted curriculum provided to all students, and acquire English language proficiency.

More information can be found in the Swan Valley School District English Language Learner Handbook available at the District Administration Center.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Swan Valley School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques with the intent of preventing pests from reaching acceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, chemical control may also be utilized.

You have the right to be informed prior to any application of an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide made to the school grounds or buildings during the school year. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the Prior Notification Request form that is available on the district web site under Forms or from the school office.

Swan Valley School District Notice of Non-Discrimination

Swan Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, gender identity or expression, race, color, religion, creed, age, physical handicap, ancestry, national origin, height, weight, military status, marital or family status, or any other legally protected category. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Mr. Mat McRae
Superintendent of Schools
Swan Valley School District
8380 O'Hern Road
Saginaw, MI 48609
(989) 921-3701

Mrs. Nicole Rethman
Special Education Supervisor
Swan Valley School District
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Saginaw, MI 48609
(989) 921-3701

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), school districts must give parents of a child with disabilities a copy of procedural safeguards one year at a time. A copy of the procedural safeguards must also be given to parents upon initial referral or parental request for an evaluation, upon filing a request for a due process hearing, and upon request of a parent.

AHERA Notification

The Swan Valley School District is required by 40 CFR 763.80 to notify all parents, guardians, students and staff of the availability of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) plan.

Our buildings were first inspected in 1988, and the last three year re-inspection was completed in July 2018.

One copy of the plan is on file in the Principals office in each building and one copy is on file in the Marvin L. Johnson Administration Center. These plans are available for review during normal office hours by any person who has an interest. Personal copies of the plan may be duplicated within seven working days at a cost of 15 cents per page.

Should any questions arise regarding our AHERA Program, please contact the Asbestos Designated Person for our school at the Administration Center, 989-921-3701.

Exciting Information about Swan Valley Nutrition Services Program



Contact info:

Nutrition Services (989) 921-2435 or
foodservice@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

Swan Valley School District is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students starting this new school year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program! Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to. Please complete the online application at [www.https://swanvalley.familyportal.cloud/](https://swanvalley.familyportal.cloud/). Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding level is appreciated. Michigan School Meals allows for one free breakfast and one free lunch per student. Extra items such as a la carte drinks, extra entrees, and snacks are not included in this program but will be available for purchase. Milk is included in your student's free meal. **Single milk without an entrée is \$0.50.**

Breakfast is available every school day this year (including half days) and will be served before and up to the first bell. Breakfast will include grab and go items, fresh fruits, milk, and a variety of other sides.

Special Dietary Needs: If your child has a special dietary need determined by a physician, we will do our best to make reasonable accommodations. The State of Michigan does require a signed form from your child's physician stating the prescribed diet and/or substitution. This form can be located on our school website under the Food Service Tab.

Opt Out Form for District School Students

Directory Information

The district may disclose information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if the primary purpose is to allow the district to include this type of information in certain school publications, such as yearbooks, newsletters, playbills, honor rolls, web page, social media, school announcements, local news/media outlets, or military. Directory information includes the student's name, address, email address and telephone number; the parents' names, addresses and telephone numbers; the student's photograph; date and place of birth; class /grade level; enrollment dates; weight and height if the student is a member of an athletic team; awards received; and extracurricular participation.

The district will not disclose directory information unless the district or school will use the information in a publication or a third party has requested the information for a reason that, in the judgement of the district, serves the student's best interests. For example, the district will comply with directory information requests from another school in which a student seeks to enroll, universities and colleges, law enforcement and Child Protective Services. The district will provide directory information for commercial purposes only if beneficial to students, such as yearbook or class ring sales. Your child's directory information will be released as described above, unless you direct otherwise by checking the box:



I DO NOT WANT my child's directory information released. By selecting this option, I understand that my child's name and/or image will not be included in the yearbook, newsletters, programs, and other school and district publications.

Protection of Pupil Rights:

The Swan Valley School District will make instructional materials available for inspection if those materials will be used in connection with a U.S. Department of Education funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate and will obtain written parental consent before minors are required to participate (PPRA USC 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98).

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act:

The Swan Valley School District must ensure that each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children. Homeless children will have access to the education and other services that such children need to ensure an opportunity to meet the same challenging State student achievement standards to which all student are held (42 USC 11431 et seq.)



LEARNING CENTER



Swan Valley Learning Center



Swan Valley Learning Center is a fully licensed year-round program that provides before and after school care, a full and part-time preschool program, as well as a summer program.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Monday through Friday

For more information, please call 989- 921-2461 or email jouellette@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

MEET & GREET



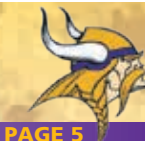
Enrollment is **STILL OPEN** for 3 and 4 year old preschool students! We offer a stand alone preschool program **OR** preschool program plus child care.

Phase one of our remodel and expansion is officially complete and we were SO excited to be back into the center just in time to start the preschool year! We were able to host all of our preschool families in the new multipurpose room for a teacher meet and greet before the year kicked off.

Phase two of construction should be done before winter break hits! We are looking forward to adding two more classrooms, a separate entryway, and our own bathrooms. Big things continue to happen inside our building and we are so happy to have so many little friends to share the excitement with!

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL





SWAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
10/4/23		Homecoming Video & Voting	1/3/24	7:30am	Back to School from Holiday Break	4/12/24	2:30pm	Local Scholarships Due
10/4/23		Count Day	1/11/24		NHS Tapping	4/19/24		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>
10/6/23	7:00pm	Homecoming Football Game vs Alma	1/15/24		No School - MLK Holiday			
10/6/23	1:05pm	Pep-Assembly & Robing	1/17/24		Spirit Day	4/20/24	All Day	MSBOA District V All Star Band @ BC Central HS
10/7/23	7:00pm	Homecoming Dance @ HS Gym	1/19/24		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/20/24	6:30pm	Prom & After-Prom
10/11/23	6:00pm	Midland Marching Band Showcase @ Midland Community Stadium				4/22/24		Student Government Rep Apps Pick up
10/12/23	8-10am	LifeTouch Picture Retakes	1/24/24	6:30pm	NHS Induction @ TBD	4/25/24	7:30am	MME Testing: WorkKeys - Retakes
10/16/23		College Application Day	1/31/24	6:00pm	Freshmen Curriculum Night @ HS Library	4/26/24		Student Government Rep Apps Due
10/17/23	7:30am	ACT Testing @ Back Gym	2/9/24		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/29/24		Senior Project Window Opens
10/19/23	7:30am	PSAT/NMSQT (<i>Juniors / Optional for 10th graders</i>) @ Back Gym				5/3/24	6:00pm	Band Banquet @ Golden Glow Ballroom
10/20/23		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	2/10/24	All Day	District Solo Ensemble Festival @ St. Johns	5/6/24	9:00am	8th Grade Orientation
			2/14/24		Count Day	5/7/24	8:00am	Underclassmen Awards @ HS Auditorium
			2/14/24		Spirit Day	5/8/24	8:00am	AP Literature Exam @ MP Room
10/25/23		BPA Fall Leadership Conference @ MSU	02/15/24 TBD	7:00pm	Band Pre-Festival	5/9/24	7:00pm	Band Concert @ HS Auditorium
10/30/23		Halloween Video Announcements (<i>The Viking Ten</i>)	2/16/24		No School - Inservice Day	05/10-5/14/24		BPA Nationals - Chicago (<i>Start and end of Nationals</i>)
			2/19/24		No School - Presidents Day			
10/30/23		Practice Begins for Ice Hockey	2/28/24	7:30-2:15	Drama Dress Rehearsal	5/13/24	8:00am	AP Calculus Exam @ MP Room
10/31/23	Lunch	Halloween Costume Contest	2/29/24	7:00pm	Drama Performance	5/15/24	8:00am	AP World History Exam @ MP Room
11/6/23		Practice begins for Competitive Cheer	3/2/24	7:00pm	Drama Performance	5/15/24	12:00pm	AP Comp Science Exam @ MP Room
11/6/23-11/16/23		Hidden Harvest Food Drive	3/3/24	2:00pm	Drama Performance	5/15/24	6:30pm	Senior Awards Night @ HS Auditorium
11/10/23		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	3/6/24		Trimester 2 Exams Start	5/15/24		Seniors - Static Display Boards
			3/7-3/10/24		BPA States	5/16/24	7:30-2:15	Dress Rehearsal - Drama
11/11/23	6:00pm	Rally in the Valley @ Horizons Conference Center	3/8/24		Sweatpant Wristbands Student Government Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear sweatpants</i>	5/17/24		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>
						5/17/24	7:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
11/13/23		Practice begins for Boys Basketball, Boys/Girls Bowling, and Wrestling	3/9/24	2:00pm	Men's Volleyball Tournament	5/17/24	7:30am	Beautification Day
11/15/23		Spirit Day	3/10- 3/11/24	TBD	MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival @ TBD	5/18/24	7:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
11/16/23		Thanksgiving Video Announcements (<i>The Viking Ten</i>)	3/11/24		Trimester 3 Begins	5/19/24	2:00pm	Drama Performance @ HS Auditorium
			3/11/24		Practice begins for Spring Sports	5/21/24	8:00am	Decision Day & Senior Class Meeting @ HS Auditorium
11/17/23		Trimester 1 Exams Start	3/12-3/15/24	7:30am	ACT Testing @ Back Gym			
11/20/23		Practice begins for Girls Basketball	3/15/24		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	5/23/24	6:30pm	Senior Athletic Banquet @ Crooked Creek Banquet Center
11/22/23-11/24/23		No School - Thanksgiving Break						
11/27/23		Trimester 2 Begins				5/23/24		Seniors - Last Day
12/1/23	9:00am	Amazing Race	3/16/24	All Day	MSBOA State Solo Ensemble Festival @ TBD	5/24/24		Senior Exams
12/4/23		NHS Notifications	3/18/24		Spirit Week	5/27/24		No School - Memorial Day
12/6/23	12:00pm	Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon @ HS Library	3/18-3/22/24	7:30am	ACT Testing @ Back Gym	5/29/24		Senior Trip @ Cedar Point, Sandusky Ohio
12/13/23	7:00pm	Symphony Band Concert @ HS Auditorium	3/22/24		Viking Games	5/31/24	7:30am	Baccalaureate Practice
12/15/23		NHS Application Due	03/25-4/1/24		Spring Break - No School	6/2/24	3:00pm	Baccalaureate @ HS Gym
12/15/23		Trimester 1 Video	4/2/24	7:30am	Back to School from Spring Break	6/2/24	7:00pm	Adult & Alternative Ed Graduation @ HS Auditorium
12/15/23		Soup for Hats: <i>Students may wear a hat if they donate a can of Campbells Soup to their 1st hour teacher</i>	4/8-5/3	7:30am	MME Testing: MSTEP Social Studies & Science (Window 4/08-5/03) @ Library/Labs			
			4/10/24	7:30am	PSAT 9 & 10 (Window 4/8-4/26)	6/3/24	7:30am	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
12/18/23		Spirit Week	4/10/24	7:30am	MME Testing: SAT w/Writing (Window 4/8-26)	6/3/24	7:00pm	Graduation @ HS Football Stadium
12/19/23		BPA Regionals @ SVSU	4/10/24	8:00am	Seniors Job Shadow / College Visit - Off-Site	6/5/24		Trimester 3 Exams Start
12/20/23		Activity Afternoon	4/11/24		Seniors Job Shadow - Skills Trade	6/5/24		Hats/PJs Wristbands NHS Fundraiser: <i>Students may pay \$1.00 to wear</i>
12/21/23-1/4/24		No School - Holiday Break Starts	4/11/24	7:30am	MME Testing: WorkKeys @ Main Gym	6/7/24		Last Day of School



SVHS 2022-23 Trimester 3 Academic Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.0-3.75)

FRESHMAN

Alexis Acha
Gabriel Barrigar
Drake Bastian
Tamera Bryce
Shiloh Charboneau
Greer Diefenbach
James Gardey
Ian Gast
Beckett Goldenstoph
Gavin Grandy
Alivia Guilbeaux
Jaxon Hartley
Caleb Horny
Alexis Ittner
Emily Killingbeck
Colton Kittle
Evan Kumar
Ashleigh Lederer
Madison McCoy
Jessica Meyette
Keegan Palmer
Nadia Rausch
Grace Schmiegel
Katelyn Simons
Zoey Stiener
Brooklyn Stimpson
Makayla Taylor
Maya Vasquez
Cooper Wagner
Murphy Wagner
Alison Windy
Isabelle Wolfgang

SOPHOMORES

Reese Beery
Violet Boehler

Addison Bush
Trenton Chauvette
Harrison Dammann
Mia Delgado
Kyle DuRussel
Isabelle Freeman
Alexander Galsterer
Joshua Garchow
Isabel Hernandez
Larissa Hernandez
Nicholas Hoffman
Braidan Janetsky
Hailey Koch
Sydney Kuhn
Caitlyn Lerner
Sophia Looby
Alicon MacDonald
Joseph Maturen
Makenna Moore
Jason Neuenfeldt
Annabelle Pardo
Julia Reeves
Joseph Seaver
Riley Sharpe
Delaney Shinner
Ashlyn Stockford
Megan Taylor

JUNIORS

Hannah Bell
Abigail Binder
Abryana Bledsoe
Mason Duperon
Ava Duprey
Brock Golden
Jacob Hickerson
Blaise Hooverman
Mason Horwath
Amelia Jones
Mallory Kretz
Andrew Markhart
Mayle Miller
Kenadie Mlujeak
Kyle Ontiveros

Jordian Schreur
Jacob Simons
Isaiah Sova
Emma Staples
Keri Stephens
Jewellann Vanliew
Cianna Vasey

SENIORS

Stella Adams
Elianna Avila
Brooke Bailey
Jackson Beery
Brian Booth
Lyberty Brandt
Ethan Brooks
Keegan Buggia
Kylie Call
Rose Campbell
Nathaniel Coffel
Kyle Demand
Ashton Dibiasi
Owen Diefenbach
Tyler DuRussel
Jacen Emeott
Piper Feldotte
Claire Fordney
Owen Galsterer
Landon Geiling
Makenzie Grandy
Drew Griffith
Andrew Grover
Payton Guilbeaux
Gabrielle Gutka
Adison Hallead
Melody Hartwick
Aaron Harvey
Ethan Hoepfner
Kennedy Hubbell
Alex Inman
Emily Jamrog
Sawyer Johnson
Karley Jones
Jared Jurek

Drew Kaeckmeister
Aida Karst
Connor Klein
Adam Kuhn
Nicholas Kumar
Brooke Leddy
Claire Leddy
John McCarthy
Lily Merkle
Andrew Mielke
Collin Miller
Madison Morgan
Kayden Neiderquill
Katelyn Niss
Erin Peters
Elena Psetas
Rachel Resio
Drew Sas
Ava Schiebner
Cohen Schiebner
Kiersten Schiebner
Maya Schnorenberg
Lexie Stephens
Evan Toth
Logan Turek
Matthew Turpin
Brianna Waldron
Joscelyn Whelton
Sam Wickham
Lillian Wolfgang
Sarah Wortley

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.749-3.250)

FRESHMAN

Terry Allen
Mitchel Barnes
Alexandria Benkert
Bradyn Burkey
Maci Chavarrez

Isabelle Coffel
Romelo Diaz
Zara Hayes
Sylvia Hernandez
Audrey Kilts
Elijah Krantz
Sydney Lietzke
Jessica Lockwood
Carter Maher
Cameron Mair
Brody McCoy
Jenner Miller
Thalia Morales
Brooke Parsons
Sarah Reeves
Logan Selasky
Gannon Sova
Grace Spear
Boston Streng-Beougher
Hayden Taylor
Madeline Taylor
Cheyenne West
Ella Wilcox
Byron Wilson
Garrett Zwingman

SOPHOMORES

Gracie Avila
Jameson Ball
Celestina Banda
Conner Boehler
Demi Buckley
Aubrey Davidson
Matthew Davis
Erika Decker
Cal Delisle
Amya Duron
Braeden Fox
Ava Gallardo
Madison Gracias
Jasmine Guerra
Justin Hartwick
Alyssa Jimenez
Bella Johnston

Liam Kinney
Alissa Moody
Landen Phillips
Aleigh Premo
Olivia Short
Michael Spitz
Calla Thomas
Preston Thurston
Emily Turner

JUNIORS

Alivia Alcock
Callie Baumann
Owen Bennett
Owen Bierlein
Alexander Burch
Kenady Davis
Logan Gast
Sarabeth Jankowiak
Elliana Johnson
Katana Krymusa
Jack Ladouce
Corina Mangipane
Dylan Masar
Johnathan Meyette
Jermaine Miller, Jr.
Joseph Miller
Haileen Mizoory
Kirstin Murday
Evan Pearsall
Aubrey Premo
Alexandria Randall
Marli Robinson
Layten Schrems
Ethan Strachan
Kennady Tiitola
Vicente Vasquez
Jonathon Walkiewicz
Emily Walter
Hannah Wilcox
Kailey Wright
Emily Zolinski
Madison Zwingman

SENIORS

Tucker Bedford
Jakob Benjamin
Tyler Bremer
Parker Burkey
Zachary Feinauer
Kirstin Flory
Hannah Fogg
Zaryah George
David Hernandez III
Robert Humpert
Carol Kemerer
Kiran Kurup
Camden Ladouce
Michael Lazzaro
Aidan McKendree
Matthew McKim
Nicholas Mefford
Allison Mohn
Andrea Piwowski
Brehn Reaume
Evan Redburn
William Reinbolt
Antonio Schroyer
Tayla Slaybaugh
Hunter Smith
Maliha Syed-Cruz
Cody Ueberroth
Tyler Ueberroth
Miguel Velasquez

CUM LAUDE (3.249-3.0)

FRESHMEN

Maxwell Fleming
Makakah Habina
Adalynn Hubbell
Aiden LaFond
James Lockwood

SOPHOMORES

Linda Justina Casas
Owen Fennelly
Morgan McGregor
Annalise Mileski
Marcelo Ortiz
Hunter Wiktorowski

JUNIORS

Kaitlyn Bartley
Reece Clements
Dakota Fowler
Gabriella Jamino
Amanda Kelly
Alex MacDonald
Tyler Ryll
Emma Wingerter

SENIORS

Kaidon Achtabowski
Jazmine Bowns
Jacob Brocht
Joshua Calangelo
Tyler Drain
Lucas Elisech
Lucionno Finley
Gracelyn Ginardi
Nathan Gracias
Dylan Komyathy
Carley Lietzke
Harsh Patel
Cameron Rankin
Jackson Shattuck
Jesse Shouey

It's a great time to be a Swan Valley VIKING!

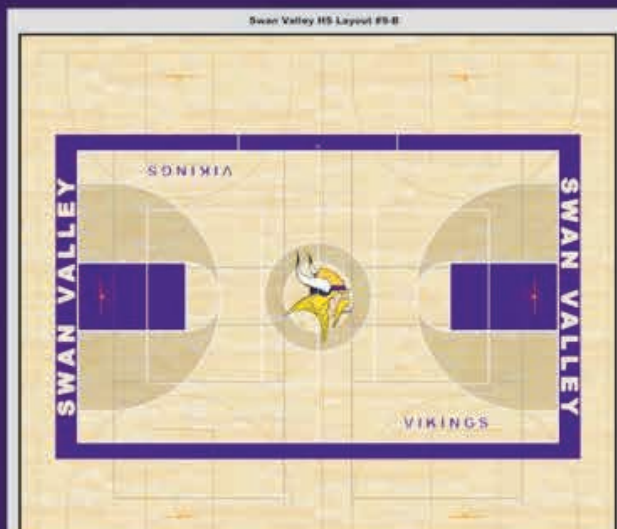


If our main gym floor could talk: **THOUSANDS** have spiked, blocked, set, swished, dribbled, pinned, danced, flipped, high-kicked, marched **on me** over the past **50 years**, but all good things must come to an end!

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!

Thanks to our communities' support, thousands more will now enjoy performing on a new state of the art surface!

Grand Reveal after Thanksgiving 2023!



Welcome Mrs. Atkins!



During its June 2023 Board of Education Meeting, the Swan Valley School Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Sarah Atkins as Swan Valley High School Assistant Principal. Mrs. Atkins started her new position on July 3rd. She comes to us with a year of administration experience and fourteen years of teaching English Language Arts and Science. Most recently, she served as Assistant Principal of Ogemaw Heights High School.

Mrs. Atkins earned her Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University and her Master's degree from Saginaw Valley State University where she now serves as an Adjunct Professor. Her husband is a Swan Valley Alumni and Sarah's relatives are from the area. She is so excited to have joined the amazing team at Swan Valley High School and to become a Viking!

2023 COLLEGE REP Visitation Schedule

Mr. Bird has worked hard setting up college representative visits for seniors. Students can schedule up to three visits for the following colleges on the following days:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Friday, October 13 @ 10:00

ALMA COLLEGE

Tuesday, October 17 @ 8:00

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, October 17 @ 10:00

DOUGLAS J. AVEDA INSTITUTE

Friday, October 20 @ 9:00

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Friday, October 27 @ 10:00

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Friday, November 3 @ 9:00

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT

Friday, November 3 @ 11:00

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, November 14 @ 9:00



MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023-2024 Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
8/16/23	4:00-5:00pm	MS 8th grade Registration
8/16/23	5:00-6:00pm	MS 7th grade Registration
8/16/23	6:00-7:00pm	MS 6th grade Registration
8/28/23		MS Cross Country Season Begins
8/28/23		MS Girls Basketball Season Begins - 1st Day Practice
8/28/23		MS First Day of School
8/30/23	6:00-7:30pm	MS Open House
9/1 - 9/4/23		NO School Labor Day Break
9/5/23		MS NWEA Testing Window Opens
9/21/23	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/ Activity
10/2/23		NO School - Teacher Professional Development
10/2 - 10/6/23		MS Homecoming Spirit Week
10/4/23		Count Day
10/6/23	4:30-5:30pm	Homecoming Parade Roberts Park to MS
10/6/23	7:00-9:30pm	Homecoming Football Game v Alma @ High School Stadium
10/13/23	8:00am-12:00pm	MS Life Touch Picture Retake Day
10/20/23	4:00-6:30pm	MS Tailgate
10/23/23		MS Girls Volleyball Season Begins
10/26/23	2:35-3:35pm	MS Dance/ Activity
10/27/23		MS 1st Marking Period Ends
11/1/23		Dress Code Changes
11/3/23		MS 1st Marking Period Report Cards - Electronic
11/11/23	7:00-11:00pm	Rally in the Vally @ Horizons Conference Center
11/15 - 11/20/23		MS Book Fair
11/17/23		MS NWEA Fall Testing Window Closes
11/17/23	11:00am	MS Early Dismissal - Conferences
11/17/23	12:00-3:00pm	MS Parent/ Teacher Conferences - Virtual
11/20/23	11:00am	MS Early Dismissal -Conference
11/20/23	12:00-3:00pm & 5:00-8:00pm	MS Parent/Teacher Conferences - In Person MS Parent/Teacher Conferences - In Person
11/21/23	11:00am	MS Early Dismissal
11/22/23		NO School - Thanksgiving Break
11/27/23		MS NWEA Winter Test Window Begins
12/2/23		MS Solo & Ensemble
12/7/23	7:00-8:00pm	MS Band Concert @ SVHS Gym
12/11 - 12/20/23		MS Christmas Dress up Days
12/12/23	7:00-8:00pm	MS Mock Rock
12/21/23 - 1/2/24		NO School - Christmas / New Years Break
1/3/24		School Resumes
1/15/24		NO School

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/18/24	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/Activity
1/19/24		MS End of 2 Marking Period/ 1st Semester
1/26/24		MS 1st Semester Report Cards Released
1/31/24	6:00-7:00pm	Incoming Freshmen Curriculum Night @ HS Library
2/15/24	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/Activity
2/16/24		MS BPA Competition - Grand Rapids
2/16/24		NO School - Inservice Day
2/22/24	7:00-8:00pm	MS NJHS Induction
2/27/24	7:00-8:00pm	MS Band Concert @ Middle School
3/1/24		MS March into Reading Kick OFF
3/14/24	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/ Activity
3/22/24		MS 8th grade Input Schedules
3/22/24		MS NWEA Test Window Closes
3/22/24		MS 3rd Marking Period Ends
3/25 - 4/1/24		No School - Spring Break
4/2/24		School Resumes - Dress Code Change
4/5/24		MS Marking Period Report Card Released - Electronic
4/8/24		MSTEP Testing Window Begins 6th , 7th 8th
4/10/24		PSAT 8 Testing for 8th grade (TENTATIVE)
4/10/24	End of PSAT 8	MS Early Release for 8th grade - NO Missing Assignments
4/11/24	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/ Activity
4/12/24		MS Career Day
4/17/24		PSAT Make Up for 8th grade
4/20/24		MS All Star Band
5/1/24	6:30-7:30pm	Mandatory Washington DC Parent Meeting @ MS Library
5/6/24	8:30-10:45am	5th & 8th Grade Orientation @ MS and HS
5/15/24		MS 8th Grade to Washington DC
5/16/24	2:35-3:45pm	MS Dance/ Activity - 5th Grade Invited
5/21/24	7:00-8:00pm	MS Spring Band Concert @ MS Gym
5/22/24	6:00-7:00pm	MS 5th grade Parent Orientation @ MS Library
5/23/24		MS 8th Grade Band Camp
5/24/24	1:00-2:25pm	MS Awards @ High School Stadium
5/27/24		NO School - Memorial Day
5/28/24	1:00-2:25pm	MS - Award - Rain Day @ High School Stadium
6/3/24	7:00pm	SVHS Graduation @ High School Stadium
6/4/24		MS Ipad Collection
6/4/24	6:00-8:00pm	MS 8th grade Send Off Event
6/5/24	10:00-2:25pm	MS Field Day
6/6/24	8:00-9:00am	MS Talent Show
6/6/24	11:00am	Last Day of School - Dismissed 11:00



SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL • 4th Marking Period 2022-2023

HONOR ROLL 3.50-4.00

6TH GRADE

Matthew Acha
Vivienne S. Ardouin
Aubrey A. Aven
Zoe P. Baird
Isaac B. Ball
Brooke L. Bartrum
Nicholas J. Bauer
Griffin A. Beougher
Lily J. Boden
Finnius L. Burnell
Sophia M. Burns
Bailey A. Carlson
Olivia A. Clark
Shae C. Daly
Christopher Dellavedova
Zoe O. Ecker
Jacob T. Farr
Caleb T. Fortier
Dawson J. Gebauer
Joshua R. Gonzales
Cole Hendershot
Olivea J. Hernandez
Aeris Hickey
Ella M. Holnagel
Clara M. Irvine
Norah Jennings

Lexus L. Jones
Carley Kabobel
Clark J. Lowrey
Hudson R. Maxa
Donald R. McCoy
Julia Medina
Hanna L. Mercer
Shelby R. Mercer
Gabriella J. Miller
Veen C. Mizoory
Sawyer J. Murphy
Rylie G. Nachtwaih
Isabella J. Nadolny
Nalini Nguyen
William J. Nichols
Mason M. Oliver
Quintin G. O'Neal, Jr.
Kyra Ortnr
Kennady A. Paige
Roman J. Radabaugh
Jacob C. Rankin
Grant B. Rausch
Justin D. Riley
Jared A. Seamon
Addison E. Smith
Ava R. Stroud
Jayde Tinglan

Tru O. Toth
Vaughn S. Trombley
Maurice N. Villegas
London C. West
Delaney M. Weston
Mason A. Wilson
Madilyn R. Windy

7TH GRADE

Bostyn E. Acre
Keller R. Bedford
Sydney L. Beemer
Garrett J. Benkert
Logan J. Bledsoe
Keely R. Brogger
Andrew J. Carter
Ian G. Caverly
Gavin P. Charboneau
Cameron R. Curbey
Lorenzo J. Diaz
Jacob T. Dubey
Victoria R. Durow
Peyton J. Foy
Robert J. Fresorger
Javen Gomez
Jadyn K. Hartley
Izabelle A. Karst

Grace E. Kerby
Anabella R. Keyes-Rocha
Lucas J. Kilts
Riley V. Kosanovich
Emily M. Krantz
Alaina L. LaFond
Mya D. Massey
Aiden J. Maxwell
Samuel P. Oberson
Adriana S. Oldham
Preston D. Pawlick
Jensen M. Pike
Beckett W. Pruden
Olivia A. Randall
Jaidyn O. Rethman
Nikolas M. Rodriguez
Arianna S. Roque
Colton J. Schmidt
Olivia M. Shanks
Ashton W. Simmons
Alexis N. Smith
Kolbi Stipanovich
Fischer G. Stoney
Lily A. Swift
Addelyn E. Taylor
Claire C. Van Buren
Kaydence E. Walsh

Madison E. Warner
Landen M. Whelton
Connor T. Wilcox

8TH GRADE

Grace Alford
Savannah L. Baird
Gabrielle M. Bartrum
Ryan K. Bell
Olivia D. Bielby
Evan R. Blome
Marlee E. Bouliew
Emmy L. Brethauer
Chloe A. Bryce
Lochlan K. Canaday
Spencer M. Dammann
Elizabeth G. Dunn
Olivia M. Duprey
Nicholas N. Duve
Kara Jean M. Ellerman
William A. Emery
Nolan R. Erlenbeck
Ryan E. Espinoza
Cruz J. Favela
Jackson T. Gebauer
Brighton N. Ginardi
Drew M. Golden

Gabriella D. Haley
Liliana G. Hall
Aubrey A. Hare
Owen L. Hare
Owen T. Hebl
Reed P. Henderson
Noah M. Hernandez
Kaytlynn M. Holubik
Olivia G. Horwath
Zachary T. Irvine
Lilyana Johnson
Braden C. Judd
Jorja A. Kalenak
Kenneth Kowalski
Christopher B. Lamb
Emria J. Leachman
Trenton G. Leachman
Dempsey J. Looby
Marygrace E. Luplow
Trenton J. McDonald
Emilie McNeil
Gavin J. Medema
Maxwell T. Miller
Tyler W. Ochoa
Anicela D. Ortega
Mackenzie M. Powell
Rocco P. Ragnone

Braden P. Ray
Lillian G. Reichle
Haven J. Rohde
Sarah R. Rousseau
Jayda N. Ruiz
Cloie Rupert
Corbin M. Rush
David A. Scharck
Pierce M. Schiebner
Nolan M. Selasky
Layla A. Shanks
Lucy B. Shemanski
Elliana C. Smith
Noah Smith
Garrett R. Southerland
Brady A. Stephens
Chloe G. Stephens
Rohan B. Tabasa
Ayden C. Teneyuque
Lila O. Throop
Matthew Trevino
Hadley H. Wagner
Noah W. Weston
Matilda Weyand
Makena L. Whelton
Lisa M. Woods
Blake P. Young
Maddelyn L. Zissler

SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL • 4th Marking Period 2022-2023

MERIT ROLL 3.00-3.499

6TH GRADE

Logun W. Abram
Charlotte M. Bittner
Lenore M. Coil
Jack T. Conley
Aiden Coven
Gabriella G. Dalton
Stella N. Frantz
Lily G. Garza
Parker J. Graham
Paityn M. Gruesbeck
Keegan M. Jackson

Hartleigh P. Johnson
Cassen P. Lagalo
Jaxson G. Lutz
Cayla C. Pagano
Isaiah J. Poirier
Gabriella J. Price
Colten M. Ray
Cadence R. Raymond
Oliver W. Reynolds
Sienna Schroeder
Aiden L. Silva
Abigail Smith

Nolan M. Trevino
Brooklyn M. Valtierra
Penelope L. Weyand

7TH GRADE

Reyna R. Alfano
Sevianna M. Berlin
Henry S. Boehler
Elijah J. Booth
Gemma E. Burkhardt
Theodore J. Cole
Emily L. Demand

Dominic G. Esparza
Brooke E. Felsing
Annabella K. Fleming
Isabella R. Gonzalez Millan
Scarlett Hubinger
Gabriel G. Lara
Garrett J. Lich
Corbin Mair
Daniel C. McCarn
Katie E. McCloskey
Kimberly W. Miano
Emma J. Miller

Brayden W. Reimus
Layla L. Smith
Marcelino E. Swint
Parker S. Watters
Jeffery M. Williams

8TH GRADE

Ariel A. Aldrich
Asialyn N. Barrett
Kylee M. Barron
Iain L. Beemer
Karley E. Blake

Jonathan P. Burden, Jr.
Colten J. Dubay
Leila B. Graham
Isabella C. Haley
Caleb R. Harvey
Connor Howe
Layla L. Johnson
Sylvie O. Johnson
Justin J. Keyes
Colton M. Leachman
Madison M. Looby
Torrance W. McMurren

Loureen B. Mizoory
James J. Morales
Vincent B. Morse
Addison K. Newman
Marli Newman
Allison Phillips
Kamdyn D. Reynolds
Ana L. Robles
Jaden M. Rodriguez
Maniceto Spitz
Nolan F. Wiktorowski
Kara D. Wingerter



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SVMS Outstanding Academic Performance in Spring 2023

8th grade students at SVMS out performed their peers at both the state (54 points better) and national (47 points better) level on the Spring PSAT 8 and grew by 56 points in comparison to their fall PSAT 8 score!

All 6th – 8th grade students also performed significantly higher on the Spring NWEA assessment than the nationally normed RIT score! In the charts below, the blue bar indicates SVMS performance in comparison to the orange diamond (national RIT).

Spring 2023 MSTEP scores are currently embargoed, but preliminary dynamic score reporting shows a similar trend in our student's outstanding performance.

Our students did a great job on all of these metrics on student growth!

Summary - Aug 2022 - Jul 2023

PSAT 8/9 April 2023

8th grade

Mean Total Score	Mean ERW Score	Mean Math Score	Participation
881 240 to 1440	443 120 to 720	438 120 to 720	144 Total test takers
53% Met Both Benchmarks	76% Met ERW Benchmark	58% Met Math Benchmark	Percentage of Test Taker Population by Sex
			Female 47% Male 53% No Response 0%

PSAT 8/9 September 2022 - January 2023

8th grade

Mean Total Score	Mean ERW Score	Mean Math Score	Participation
825 240 to 1440	416 120 to 720	410 120 to 720	141 Total test takers
31% Met Both Benchmarks	64% Met ERW Benchmark	40% Met Math Benchmark	Percentage of Test Taker Population by Sex
			Female 47% Male 53% No Response 0%



Student Growth Summary Report

Aggregate by School

Term: Spring 2022-2023
District: Swan Valley School District

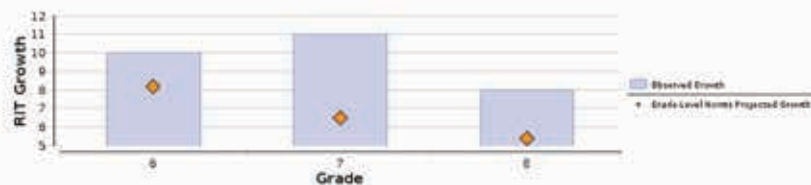
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Growth Comparison Period:
Weeks of Instruction:
Grouping:
Small Group Display:

2020 Norms.
Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Start - 4 (Fall 2022)
End - 32 (Spring 2023)
None
No

Swan Valley Middle School

Math: Math K-12		Comparison Periods										Growth Evaluated Against									
		Fall 2021				Spring 2022				Growth		Grade-Level Growth				Student Norms					
Grade (Spring 2023)	Total Number of Growth Events	Mean RT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean RT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Observed Growth	Observed Growth SE	Projected School Growth	School Conditional Growth Index	School Conditional Growth Percentile	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Percentage of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Percentage of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile				
6	118	213.6	11.3	51	229.7	13.3	82	16	9.6	9.2	8.97	81	118	79	88	81					
7	118	213.9	14.2	44	229.7	15.9	82	11	9.6	9.3	2.11	88	118	89	79	88					
8	142	224.1	14.8	47	232.3	18.1	88	5	9.8	9.4	1.17	88	142	88	88	88					

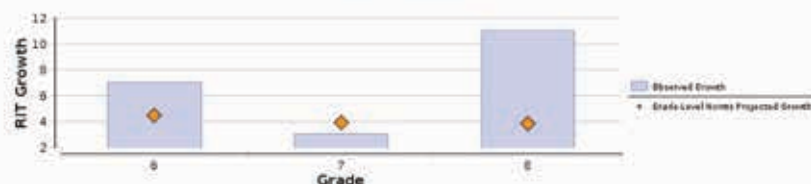
Math: Math K-12



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Source: Science K-12																	
Grade (Spring 2023)	Total Number of Growth Events	Comparison Periods						Growth Evaluated Against									
		Fall 2022			Spring 2023			Growth		Grade-Level Growth				Student Norms			
		Mean Raw Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean Raw Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Observed Growth	Observed Growth SE	Projected School Growth	School Conditional Growth Index	School Conditional Growth Percentile	Number of Students who Met Growth Projection	Number of Students who Met Growth Projection	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile
6	118	227.8	9.9	73	234.8	9.4	84	7	9.6	4.8	1.29	99	118	94	88	88	88
7	118	211.9	11.2	79	234.4	11.9	72	3	9.6	3.9	-4.47	92	118	92	84	84	84
8	142	229.1	11.8	48	239.3	11.2	82	11	9.8	3.8	3.43	99	142	123	87	88	88

Science: Science K-12



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Language Arts Reading		Growth															
		Comparison Periods						Growth				Growth Evaluated Against					
		Fall 2022			Spring 2023			Student		Grade-Level Norms		Student		Grade-Level Norms			
Grade (Spring 2023)	Total Number of Growth Events	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Observed Growth	Observed Growth SE	Projected School Growth	School Conditional Growth Index	School Conditional Growth Percentile	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	
6	117	213.2	15.1	66	219.7	12.1	73	9	9.8	5.1	1.84	92	117	81	88	87	
7	117	219.9	15.9	39	219.7	13.8	87	9	9.8	4.3	2.89	99	117	87	74	77	
8	142	219.8	16.3	29	223.8	12.1	81	11	9.8	3.8	3.23	89	142	116	81	78	

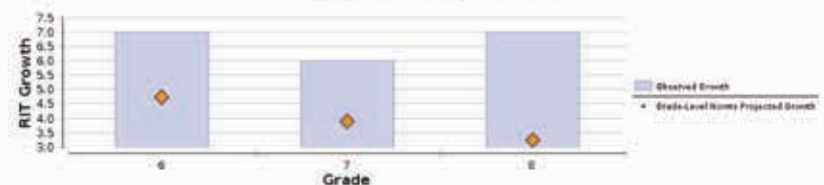
Language Arts: Reading



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Language Arts: Language Usage																	
Grade (Spring 2023)	Total Number of Growth Events	Comparison Periods						Growth				Growth Evaluated Against					
		Fall 2022		Spring 2023		Growth		Grade-Level Norms		Student Norms							
		Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Observed Growth	Observed Growth SE	Projected School Conditional Growth Index	School Conditional Growth Percentile	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Number of Students Who Met Growth Projection	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile	
6	117	228.8	12.7	93	219.8	10.8	98	7	9.7	4.7	1.89	94	117	88	88	84	
7	118	212.2	12.5	40	217.4	11.8	96	6	9.8	3.9	1.73	99	118	84	71	84	
8	142	214.8	12.8	48	221.8	11.2	88	7	9.8	3.2	3.76	89	142	133	72	78	

Language Arts: Language Usage





CSO's at SVSU

Chief Science Officers, Sydney Beemer, Jaidyn Rethman, and Advisor, Mrs. Blaesser spent two days at SVSU for CSO training. There were lots of hands-on experiences, networking with STEM professionals, they were in a STEMonstration showcase and created a STEM Action Plan for their school! We're so excited for what these ladies have planned this school year!



Swan Valley MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF



SWAN VALLEY PARENT NIGHT

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SAVE THE DATE

SWAN VALLEY PARENTS: GRADES K-8

November 14, 2023

Swan Valley Middle School	TIME: 6:30 - 8:00
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SHIELDS ELEMENTARY

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Welcome New Teacher



Abigail Lopez

I have been an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for six years! My passion is helping young children succeed in an environment that fosters creativity, individuality, and growth for the whole child. This is my first year in the district and I am so excited to be a Viking at Shields Elementary!

UPDATED BUILDING FACE

We have been lucky enough to receive grant money that helps with both safety and giving the front of our building a facelift. One of our own guest teachers designed the front of our building!



VALUE of the Month

Mrs. Theisen's Viking Value classroom is working hard to instill and expose students to many character traits that are important for them to learn to be terrific members of our community.

We are starting with RESPECT!

Barb Smith DONATION

We'd like to thank the **Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network** for the donation of their **HOPE** Lego wall. This wall will foster fine motor skills and creativity for years to come!





WELLNESS WALL



We have a staff with great expertise!

Our Occupational Therapist and Mental Health Practitioner are developing a Wellness Wall and calming space for students in turmoil. Here is just a start of what we have happening to help kids practice calming techniques.



WE LOVE OUR Ladies of the LUNCH!





Welcome **New Teachers** **2023-2024** **School Year**



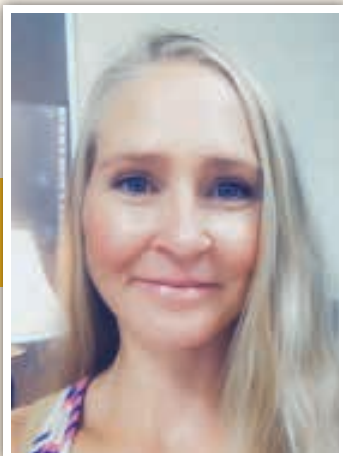
Ms. Chapman

joined our 3rd grade team.

&

Ms. Long

joined our 5th grade team.



*We are fortunate that each of them
bring valuable classroom experience!*

HAVENS Annual Fun Day

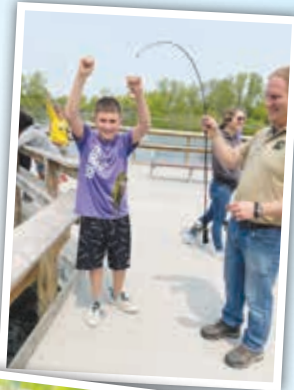
This annual June field day is organized with many events, games, and activities for our students. A lot of planning goes into making this a Fun Day for everyone. Thank you to our many staff and parents who made this a successful day! Our students have such great memories from days like this!





4th Grade Science Adventures

4th Grade continues to provide our students with many types of hands-on learning activities. This past year they continued the tradition of utilizing incubators and allowing students to gain knowledge of hatching chicks. 4th graders also visited Bay City State Park.



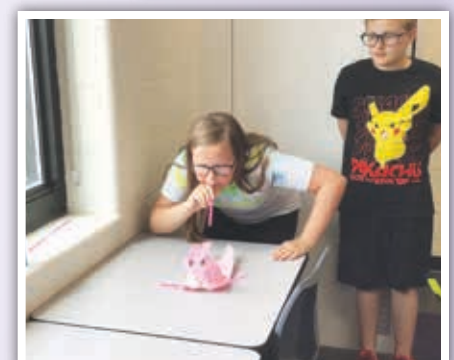
HAVENS COLOR RUN/WALK

Thank you to our many sponsors, staff, and parents for making this May 2023 event possible! Students, staff, and volunteers enjoyed it!



Havens STEM Day

Last June, students participated in hands-on activities and experiments all day long! We incorporate STEM throughout the year but during the last week of school we have a STEM day where students rotate through a variety of STEM stations.





New Season, New Look!

By Swan Valley High School Student, Jordan Everett



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On the last day of August, the Vikings of Swan Valley opened the gates of the stadium ready for some football! The Swan Valley Community kicked off the home opener against neighboring rival Freeland with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony began with a greeting and appreciation to the Swan Valley Athletic Association, and the community members for voting to approve the brand new stadium entrance, bathrooms and concession stand in the 2021 August election as a part of the most recent school district bond.

The new stadium buildings consist of a much larger women's and men's bathroom; the women's bathroom was upgraded to an astonishing 11 stalls! On the backside of the building is a family bathroom with a changing table. The new concession stand holds many modern stainless steel appliances and has 8 serving windows. Other additions to the stadium include 2 ticket booths, 3 gates, a beautiful "Welcome to Viking Country" sign, 8 high top tables, and an open concourse to help with traffic flow. Overall, the state of the art facility will go on to serve hundreds and thousands of Swan Valley Viking fans and visitors for many decades to come!

The community listened along as the Swan Valley Marching Band played "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey to help celebrate the ribbon being cut. Representatives from Swan Valley Boys and Girls Track, Football, Cheer, Poms, and Marching Band were all present to be recognized as being a part of those groups who will directly benefit from the new facilities. Sydney Kuhn from Girls Track and Jacob Simons from the Marching Band were designated to take the shears to cut the purple ribbon. Excitement buzzed through the audience as everyone cheered "Once a Viking, Always a Viking" while the ribbon blew in the wind.

Afterwards, the crowd began to build in anticipation of the big "Battle of the Mountain" game against the Freeland Falcons. The Varsity Football Team was buzzing with excitement as the stands filled with smiles and laughter awaiting the first home football game of the season. The Vikings started off strong, but would end up falling to the Falcons. The Swan Valley Varsity Football Team is back in action this fall and things are just starting to heat up, looking to continue another year of qualifying for the playoffs!

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