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# SWAN VALLEY Communicator



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## JANUARY IS... School Board Appreciation Month

January marks a time when communities unite to honor the remarkable efforts of school board members. These individuals play a crucial role in shaping our educational landscape, ensuring our schools offer the best opportunities for our children. School Board Appreciation Month serves as a poignant reminder of the tireless dedication and commitment of these unsung heroes. The Board of Education's support and passion have made a lasting impact on our educational community. Their vision and contributions have significantly influenced the growth and development of our schools, positively affecting countless students, educators, and families.

Among our Board Members, we celebrate Liz Peters, who has selflessly served as a board member for the last seven years. Throughout her tenure, Liz has shown leadership, collaboration, and advocating for initiatives to enhance the quality of education. Her commitment to creating a supportive learning environment for all students has been commendable.

As we express our heartfelt gratitude to Liz for her service, we are excited and congratulate **David Deline** for his recent appointment that took place at the Board of Education Meeting on December 14, 2023. He will step into his board seat beginning in January 2024.



In welcoming David, we recognize the importance of continued dedication and unwavering support for our educational institutions. Each board member brings unique perspectives and expertise, contributing to the collective goal of nurturing a thriving educational system and ensuring that all students reach their potential at Swan Valley School District.

As we celebrate a new year filled with possibilities, challenges, and opportunities, let us extend our deepest appreciation to our Swan Valley School District Board Members for their outstanding commitment to serving our students. Let's also offer our support and encouragement to the incoming board member, knowing their dedication will further enrich our schools and community.

In closing, on behalf of Swan Valley School District, we extend warm wishes for a Happy New Year to our Viking Family!

Sincerely,

**Dr. Alison Cicinelli**



## CURRICULUM UPDATE

### ELA CURRICULUM UPDATE:

#### *A Collaborative Journey for Student Success*

We are thrilled to share exciting updates regarding our English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum! Over the past months, our dedicated teachers, with the support of the Board of Education, have been diligently working on revamping the ELA curriculum for grades young 5s through 5th grade. This endeavor has been driven by a commitment to learning experiences that cater to our students' diverse needs and to help them reach their potential.

### COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS:

Last spring, the Board of Education approved the incorporation of McGraw Hill's StudySync for grades 6-12. In November, they approved McGraw Hill's Wonders for grades 2-5. In December, Grades Y5-1 recommended using various resources aligned to research to implement a cohesive and aligned curriculum for students. To ensure a seamless transition and to maximize the benefits of these resources, our teachers have been actively engaged in the revision process.

### TEACHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

The heart of this curriculum update lies in the invaluable contributions of our teachers. Their unwavering dedication, extensive experience, and insightful perspectives have been instrumental in shaping a curriculum that nurtures a passion for literacy among our students. We believe that it is truly the people, not the resources that make us successful.

### STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH:

At Swan Valley School District, our priority is our students. The revised ELA curriculum has been meticulously designed to enhance student engagement, increase rigor, promote critical thinking, and ignite a love for reading and writing across all grade levels.

### SUPPORTING TEACHERS:

Recognizing the effort required for this transition, detailed pacing guides and integrated resources have been developed to support our teachers. These tools are intended to provide structure and aid in effective instruction, ensuring sustainability in curriculum implementation.

### FUTURE OUTLOOK:

The collaborative efforts of our teachers, in conjunction with the Board of Education, represent a significant step towards a more enriched ELA learning experience at Swan Valley School District. We are confident that these updates will empower our educators and inspire our students, setting them on a path to academic success, lifelong learning, and ensure that all students reach their potential at Swan Valley School District. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible teachers for their dedication and commitment to providing our students with the best educational experience. Together, as a community, we are shaping a brighter future for our students.





# ADULT, ALTERNATIVE & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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## Senior Citizen's Holiday Program

On December 6th, Swan Valley Community Education hosted its annual Senior Citizen Christmas program. Thomas and James Township Senior Citizens enjoyed a Christmas dinner provided by Swan Valley Food Service via Chartwells. Shields Elementary students created personalized Christmas placemats for each person. The Learning Center students sang Christmas Carols and the Swan Valley High School band performed a selection of their Holiday concert performance.

*A great time was had by all!*



## Swan Valley Adult & Alternative Education

SHELLEY HANSON, Principal

Phone (989) 921-2472 • Fax (989) 921-2405

shanson@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

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](http://www.swanvalleyschools.com)), go to the Schools section and click on the Adult, Alternative and Community Education Page for Online Registration.

## SV Varsity Volleyball

Making a difference in our Community!



*Thanks to the Varsity Volleyball team and Swan Valley Community Education, student athletes were able to supply over \$1000 worth of Aluminum Free deodorant to Covenant Radiation Center. The staff will give these to new cancer patients during initial intake. So proud of Coach Gyger and this Amazing Varsity Volleyball Team!*

## ENROLL TODAY

Ages 22 & Older

**DROPPING OUT HAPPENS...**

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

**SWAN VALLEY ADULT &  
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

**989-921-2472**

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**





## Congratulations to all of our VIKING VICTOR WINNERS!

*Each month three winners are awarded this special honor.  
This applies to ANY school district staff member.  
Look for the Viking Victors button on the District Website  
and nominate a staff member today!*

WINNER #1 ASHLEE HAHN	WINNER #2 LEON LARUE	WINNER #3 LORI VACIK
		
Nominated By: Emily Provenzano	Nominated By: Marvin Burns	Nominated By: Emily Provenzano

### SEPTEMBER VIKING VICTORS!

WINNER #1 CHRIS DEMING	WINNER #2 LELAND JENNINGS	WINNER #3 SEAN THEISEN
		
Nominated By: Wendie Aldrich	Nominated By: Dan Wolgast	Nominated By: Amy Perez

### OCTOBER VIKING VICTORS!

WINNER #1 KIM NEWMAN	WINNER #2 JODI HOLLIS	WINNER #3 JUSTIN BRANDEL
		
Nominated By: Brad Jeske	Nominated By: Emily Provenzano	Nominated By: David Hernandez

### NOVEMBER VIKING VICTORS!



## Swan Valley High School Main Gymnasium AMAZING NEW FLOOR





Thank you to the community for  
supporting the 2021 Bond Issue!



**It's a great  
day to be a  
Viking!**

Check out our NEW  
Main Gym Floor at the  
High School.







# NEWS & INFORMATION

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### Swan Valley School District Chartwells K12 Food Service Worker(s)

**EMPLOYER:** Compass Group USA -  
Chartwells K12

**PAY:** \$12.50/hr

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday, approx 7:30am-  
1:00pm and/or 10:00am-2:00pm  
School Schedule, when in session.  
Hours are estimated and may be  
adjusted.

**JOB DUTIES:** Summary: Prepares, presents and  
serves food as needed.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Performs prep work such as washing, peeling, cutting and seeding fruits and vegetables.
- Weights and measures designated ingredients.
- Carries pans, kettles and trays of food to and from work stations, stove and refrigerator in accordance with safety standards.
- Stores food in designated areas following wrapping, dating, food safety and rotation procedures.
- Cleans work areas, equipment and utensils.
- Distributes supplies, utensils and portable equipment.
- Utilizes approved food recipes and production standards to ensure proper quality, serving temperatures and standard portion control.
- Serves customers in a friendly, efficient manner following outlined steps of service.
- Resolves customer concerns and relays relevant information to supervisor.
- Ensures compliance with company service standards and inventory and cash control procedures.
- Assures compliance with all sanitation and safety requirements.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

#### INTERESTED CANDIDATES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

Melissa Pavlik, CDM CFPP  
Swan Valley School District,  
Foodservice Director  
foodservice@swanvalley.k12.mi.us

## Robert LaRocque Hired As Swan Valley High School Assistant Principal



During its January Organizational Meeting, the Swan Valley Board of Education approved the hiring of **Mr. Robert LaRocque** as Swan Valley High School Assistant Principal. Mr. LaRocque will begin in his new position on January 22nd.

Mr. LaRocque comes to Swan Valley with over thirteen years of teaching with John Glenn High School in Bay City. In addition to teaching French, Biology, AP Computer Science, and Technology courses, Mr. LaRocque also served as the men's/women's swimming and diving coach and the Student Senate advisor.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts at Saginaw Valley State University and has a Master of Arts in Educational Technology from Michigan State University. He also received his Michigan School Administrator Certification from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mr. LaRocque is excited to meet the students and staff of Swan Valley High School and "hit the ground running" in this new position.

## VACANCY NOTICE

### Swan Valley School District is hiring a Substitute Custodian

Back ground check required.

Rate of pay is \$16.15 per hour.

This position could lead to a full time position  
with full benefits.

Apply in person only at:  
Swan Valley Administration Building  
8380 O'Hern Road, Saginaw,  
Monday thru Friday  
from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## VACANCY NOTICE

### Sub School Bus Drivers Wanted

Immediate Opening • \$17.23 per hour  
CDL Class B with endorsements preferred.  
Paid CDL training.

Holidays, weekends and summers off.

#### Requirements:

- Excellent driving history
- Must pass background check, physical exam and ongoing drug screening
- Must be willing to train and acquire school bus credentials
- High school diploma or GED

Contact Annie Yingling,  
Transportation Supervisor at 989-921-3721  
or [dyingling@svsd.us](mailto:dyingling@svsd.us)

## 2022-23 Audit Report

On November 16th, the Swan Valley Board of Education approved the 2022-23 audit of the district by Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas, and Luplow, P.C. The 2022-23 school year ended with a general fund surplus of \$1,824,638 increasing the fund balance to \$ 6,573,548 or 31% of general fund expenditures. A copy of the audit report is available on the district's website.





## 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](mailto:jouellette@swanvalley.k12.mi.us)



The holiday season was filled with joy at the Swan Valley Learning Center. We were excited to spread some Christmas Cheer during the senior citizen luncheon in early December! Our preschool friends got to perform three songs and pass out special crafts and cards to those who attended the luncheon. We love being involved with the community and have so much fun doing this program each year!



Later in December, our preschool classes enjoyed Christmas parties with a surprise visit from Santa! Families were encouraged to join their children for holiday crafts, games, food, and a student book exchange. The kids enjoyed having their loved ones in their classrooms and leaving with a new book to read!



We are looking forward to being fully settled into our updated location in 2024! We love the changes that continue to happen at the SVLC!





SVHS 2023-24 Trimester 1 Academic Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.0-3.75)

- FRESHMAN
- Savannah Baird
  - Gabrielle Bartrum
  - Ryan Bell
  - Olivia Bielby
  - Evan Blome
  - Emmy Brethauer
  - Elizabeth Dunn
  - Nolan Erlenbeck
  - Jackson Gebauer
  - Drew Golden
  - Aubrey Hare
  - Owen Hebl
  - Reed Henderson
  - Olivia Horwath
  - Nathan Howie
  - Zachary Irvine
  - Lilyana Johnson
  - Braden Judd
  - Jorja Kalenak
  - Kenneth Kowalski
  - Marygrace Luplow
  - Gavin Medema
  - Maxwell Miller
  - Haven Rohde
  - Sarah Rousseau
  - Corbin Rush
  - Layla Shanks
  - Lucy Shemanski
  - Brady Stephens
  - Chloe Stephens
  - Ayden Teneyuque
  - Lila Throop
  - Matthew Trevino
  - Hadley Wagner
  - Matilda Weyand
  - Makena Whelton
  - Lisa Woods
  - Blake Young

- SOPHOMORES
- Terry Allen III
  - Gabriel Barrigar
  - Tamera Bryce
  - Shiloh Charboneau
  - Greer Diefenbach
  - James Gardey
  - Beckett Goldensoph
  - Gavin Grandy
  - Alivia Guilbeaux
  - Jaxon Hartley
  - Alexis Ittner
  - Emily Killingbeck
  - Colton Kittle
  - Evan Kumar
  - Ashleigh Lederer
  - Madison McCoy
  - Thalia Morales
  - Zoey Stiener
  - Brooklyn Stimpson
  - Ryder Stipanovich
  - Makayla Taylor
  - Maya Vasquez
  - Murphy Wagner
  - Ella Wilcox
  - Alison Windy
  - Isabelle Wolfgang
- JUNIORS
- Reese Beery
  - Violet Boehler
  - Trenton Chauvette
  - Harrison Dammann
  - Aubrey Davidson
  - Kyle DuRussel
  - Braeden Fox
  - Alexander Galsterer
  - Nicholas Hoffman
  - Braiden Janetsky
  - Hailey Koch
  - Sydney Kuhn
  - Caitlyn Larner
  - Sophia Looby
  - Aliceon MacDonald
  - Joseph Maturen
  - Jason Neuenfeldt
  - Annabelle Pardo

- Julia Reeves
  - Joseph Seaver
  - Delaney Shinnars
  - Ashlyn Stockford
  - Megan Taylor
- SENIORS
- Alivia Alcock
  - Kaitlyn Bartley
  - Callie Baumann
  - Hannah Bell
  - Owen Bennett
  - Owen Bierlein
  - Abigail Binder
  - Abryana Bledsoe
  - Alexander Burch
  - Amandine Cresteil
  - Mason Duprey
  - Ava Duprey
  - Logan Gast
  - Grace Gilbert
  - Brock Golden
  - Isiah Hayes
  - Blaise Hooverman
  - Mason Horwath
  - Petya Hristova
  - Sarabeth Jankowiak
  - Elliana Johnson
  - Amelia Jones
  - Amanda Kelly
  - Mallory Kretz
  - Katana Krymusa
  - Corina Mangiapane
  - Andrew Markhart
  - Akiera Martinez
  - Dylan Masar
  - Thomas McDonald
  - Johnathan Meyeette
  - Joseph Miller
  - Mayle Miller
  - Kenadie Mlujeak
  - Mackenzie Morgan
  - Kirstin Murday
  - Kyle Ontiveros
  - Evan Pearsall
  - Alexandria Randall
  - Marli Robinson

- Jordian Schreur
  - Jacob Simons
  - Aaron Smith
  - Isaiah Sova
  - Emma Staples
  - Keri Stephens
  - Ethan Strachan
  - Issac Streng-Beougher
  - Kennady Tiitola
  - Jewelliann Vanliew
  - Cianna Vasey
  - Emma Wingerter
  - Kailey Wright
  - Chevelle Ziembo
  - Emily Zolinski
  - Madison Zwingman
- MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.749-3.250)

- FRESHMAN
- Ariel Aldrich
  - Grace Alford
  - Cole Becker
  - Calleigh Devinney
  - William Emery
  - Ryan Espinoza
  - Cruz Favela
  - Brighton Ginardi
  - Gabriella Haley
  - Isabella Haley
  - Liliana Hall
  - Owen Hare
  - Noah Hernandez
  - Christopher Lamb
  - Emria Leachman
  - Dempsey Looby
  - Nicholas Markhart
  - Trenton McDonald
  - Torrance McMurren
  - Emilie McNeil
  - Tyler Ochoa
  - Anicela Ortega

- Mackenzie Powell
  - Braden Ray
  - Kamdyn Reynolds
  - Jayda Ruiz
  - Cloie Rupert
  - David Scharck
  - Pierce Schiebner
  - Nolan Selasky
  - Noah Smith
  - Rohan Tabasa
  - Luke Wenzel
  - Noah Weston
  - Maddelyn Zissler
- SOPHOMORES
- Alexis Acha
  - Cash Ardouin
  - Drake Bastian
  - Alexandria Benkert
  - Brady Burkey
  - Maci Chavarrez
  - Carly Clark
  - Isabelle Coffel
  - Romelo Diaz
  - Maxwell Fleming
  - Ian Gast
  - Makalah Habina
  - Zara Hayes
  - Sylvia Hernandez
  - Caleb Horny
  - Aydrey Kilts
  - Elijah Krantz
  - Sydney Lietzke
  - Jessica Lockwood
  - Carter Maher
  - Cameron Mair
  - Brody Mccoy
  - Kendall Mccracken
  - Isabel McKillop
  - Jessica Meyeette
  - Jenner Miller
  - Keegan Palmer
  - Brooke Parsons
  - Nadia Rausch
  - Sarah Reeves
  - Katelyn Simons
  - Gannon Sova

- Grace Spear
  - Boston Streng-Beougher
  - Hayden Taylor
  - Madeline Turner
  - Cooper Wagner
  - Byron Wilson
  - Garrett Swingman
- JUNIORS
- Sergio Arroyo
  - Conner Boehler
  - Demi Buckley
  - Addison Bush
  - Linda Justina Casas
  - Matthew Davis
  - Erika Decker
  - Cal Delisle
  - Emily Dunn
  - Owen Fennelly
  - Isabelle Freeman
  - Alexzander Fulgencio
  - Madison Gracias
  - Isabel Hernandez
  - Larissa Hernandez
  - Liam Kinney
  - Annalise Mileski
  - Alissa Moody
  - Makenna Moore
  - Julian Myles
  - Anthony Olivarez
  - Logan Pangborn
  - Landen Phillips
  - Aleigh Premo
  - Alexis Raymond
  - Natalie Rousseau
  - Jacob Seamon
  - Riley Sharpe
  - Preston Thurston
  - Robert Treadway
  - Emily Turner
  - Landyn Yaklin
  - Logan Zahn
- SENIORS
- Isiah Baniel
  - Bengisu Kakir
  - Manoela Cardoso

- Reece Clements
  - Jack Corriveau
  - Alexis Curtis
  - Kenady Davis
  - Makayla Duperon
  - Amber Dusenbury
  - Jordan Everett
  - Chase Fanning
  - Dakota Fowler
  - Jacob Hickerson
  - Nathan Hornsby
  - Gabriella Jamino
  - Alec Kocur
  - Signe Kristiansen
  - Jack Ladouce
  - Travis Leach
  - Addison Lewis
  - Ryley Lotz
  - Alex Macdonald
  - Jermaine Miller Jr
  - Haileen Mizoory
  - Lukas Ordway
  - Mars Reese
  - Sophia Reynolds
  - Tyler Ryll
  - Layten Schrems
  - Noah Throop
  - Jonathon Walkiewicz
  - Hannah Wilcox
- CUM LAUDE (3.249-3.0)

- FRESHMEN
- Asialyn Barrett
  - Lochlan Canaday
  - Spencer Dammann
  - Kara Ellerman
  - Caleb Harvey
  - Layla Johnson
  - Sylvie Johnson
  - Madison Looby

- Vincent Morse
  - Rocco Ragnone
- SOPHOMORES
- Hunter Albrecht
  - Mitchel Barnes
  - Hannah Furlo
  - Tyler Garcia
  - Adalynn Hubbell
  - Kinsey Kaul
  - Lukas Mey
  - Souleen Mizoory
  - Mia Robinson
  - Eve Schicht
  - Grace Schmiegell
  - Logan Selasky
- JUNIORS
- Lauren Adelberg
  - Gracie Avila
  - Jameson Ball
  - Marius Blondin
  - Mia Delgado
  - Amya Duron
  - Andrew Fruk
  - Ava Gallardo
  - Dallas Gomez
  - Jasmine Guerra
  - Justin Hartwick
  - Bella Johnston
  - Marcelo Ortiz
  - Samantha Perez
  - Elyana Teneyuque
  - Calla Thomas
- SENIORS
- Matthew Adams
  - Owen Bonner
  - Berta Camargo
  - Kiley Carpenter
  - Milargo Perez
  - Logan Prezzato
  - Emily Walter
  - Sanai Williams



## THE AMAZING RACE

### Another Year of "Holiday Spirit" at SVHS

Once again SVHS was able to provide Christmas for more than 25 families in our district. The high school staff, students, and various members of the community, assisted with raising more than \$10,000 to help brighten the holiday season for these families. Gift cards, household items, personal hygiene items, and food were all collected to help ease the financial burden often faced this time of year. Students at SVHS raised over \$5,000.

Each graduating class once again competed in our annual "The Amazing Race". Congratulations to the "Class of 2027" for their awesome accomplishment of raising the highest amount of money this year! The students took pride in their efforts helping to provide a nice holiday for the families in need. We would like to thank everyone who contributed.

*A special thank you to our "Sponsors" this year:*

*Ascension Lutheran Church • Shield Of Faith • Garber Chevrolet • Pumford Construction  
Bierlein Companies • Swan Valley Athletic Association • The Mayan Agency of Merrill  
Gardner Provezano & Luplow CPA Firm • Boehler & Stedry Financial • Swan Valley "Pay It Forward"*



## FAFSA UPDATE FOR SENIORS

The purpose of this message is to strongly urge every one of you to complete and submit the FAFSA! It is so important to access almost all financial aid opportunities. A financial aid workshop will be presented on Tuesday, January 30. Stay tuned for complete details!

- ✓ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college.
- ✓ Many states and colleges also use the FAFSA to determine which students get financial aid – and how much they'll get.
- ✓ Submitting the FAFSA is **the** most important thing you can do if you want financial aid.
- ✓ The FAFSA is free – you don't need to pay anyone to prepare it for you.

- ✓ You need to submit a new FAFSA before each academic year in which you want to get aid. If you plan to apply for aid throughout college, you'll need to fill out the FAFSA each year.
- ✓ Be sure to use a permanent email address on the form, not your high school email, so you can use your FAFSA account throughout college.
- ✓ The FAFSA is being simplified and redesigned in fall of 2023 to make it easier for applying for federal student aid.
- ✓ Students in the class of 2024 attending college in the fall of 2024 and other students completing the FAFSA will not be able to complete it until December 2023 instead of October when it usually opens.

Contact Doug Bird with questions at [dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us](mailto:dbird@swanvalley.k12.mi.us)



## BUDGET CHALLENGE®

ROAD TEST FOR PERSONAL FINANCE®

Financial Literacy Students participated in the national Budget Challenge during the 1st Trimester.

The 3rd hour class finished 24th out of 297 other classes in their same session (month) cohort. 5th hour finished in 33rd, and 1st hr placed 49th.

Scores were assessed during the 10 week simulation based on paying bills on time and in full, managing credit card utilization, paying down debt, saving for an emergency fund, and allocating money toward their 401k.

We would like to thank First Area Credit Union for enabling our students to participate in this valuable learning experience. CEO Lynn McCoy and First Area Credit Union also awarded \$25 gift cards to the top point earners in each class that participated.

The 1st period class winner is **Jack LaDouce** (right), the 3rd period class winner is **Blaise Hooverman** (3rd from left), and the 5th period class winner is **Abryana Bledsoe** (left).



*Thank you again to Lynn McCoy and First Area Credit Union.*



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## SWAN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL • 1st Marking Period 2023-2024 HONOR ROLL 3.50-4.00

### 6TH GRADE

Maggie M. Adams  
Austin C. Alcock  
Elijah J. Anders  
Carter Anderson  
Addison C. Ball  
Carson J. Boehler  
Hailee A. Bostwick  
Rian L. Bourbina  
Mya R. Brogger  
Anderson J. Bush  
Mia G. Castillo  
Connor T. Charboneau  
Kennedy M. Darabos  
Sophia L. Davis  
Ava R. Eckhardt  
Tyler J. Garrett  
Cooper J. Gavenda  
Jaxson W. Graham  
Leah H. Hebl  
Charlotte Hollenback  
Grace E. Horny  
Willow N. Imm  
Alexus J. Johnson  
Maliyah Johnson  
Azalia R. Johnston  
Emily M. Jones  
Wesley A. Kemerer  
Margaret H. Kennelly  
Ellieana A. Keyes-Rocha

Benjamin L. Killingbeck  
Cameryn G. Kornecky  
Addilyn L. Larkin  
Cooper D. Light  
Isabella G. Looby  
Chloe A. Maher  
Elizabeth R. McCollum  
Quinn K. McCracken  
Jacqueline G. McKillop  
Hayden Medema  
Ryder R. Melzo  
Braylon M. Mendoza  
Alayna L. Metiva  
Evelyn M. Miller  
McKenna D. Miller  
Wyatt N. Newman  
Hudson R. O'Neil  
Ethan M. Oswald  
Kendall A. Palmer  
Claire A. Persicke  
Alexander J. Pike  
Lucas J. Powell  
Ivy S. Prieur  
Vincent M. Procu  
Parker P. Pruden  
Brynlee M. Quellet  
Sophia E. Radewahn  
Maximilian Rapin  
Brooklyn S. Rethman  
Gianna M. Rodarte

Kaylee L. Ross  
Charles A. Schiefer  
Teegan J. Simmons  
Maeva H. Sobol  
Piper J. Sova  
Isabelle R. Stierer  
Brooke H. Stoney  
A'mira B. Surlles  
Ryelle M. Thompson  
Brayden J. Truckle  
Olyvia M. Tyler  
Eli VanNortwick  
Easton J. Vasey  
Jacob N. Vasquez  
Harper G. Wagner  
Alexander E. Walle  
Mason J. Warner  
Brynn O. Wenglikowski  
Aiden M. Wiktorowski  
Maci A. Wilson

### 7TH GRADE

Vivienne S. Ardouin  
Aubrey A. Aven  
Zoe P. Baird  
Isaac B. Ball  
Brooke L. Bartrum  
Nicholas J. Bauer  
Lily J. Boden  
Sophia M. Burns

Bailey A. Carlson  
Carmelo J. Casas  
Olivia A. Clark  
Lenore M. Coil  
Gabriella G. Dalton  
Shae C. Daly  
Christopher Dellavedova  
Zoe O. Ecker  
Jacob T. Farr  
Caleb T. Fortier  
Lily G. Garza  
Joshua R. Gonzales  
Parker J. Graham  
Cole Hendershot  
Olivia J. Hernandez  
Ella M. Holnagel  
Clara M. Irvine  
Norah Jennings  
Hartleigh P. Johnson  
Carley Kabobel  
Clark J. Lowrey  
Jaxson G. Lutz  
Hudson R. Maxa  
Donald R. McCoy  
Hanna L. Mercer  
Shelby R. Mercer  
Gabriella J. Miller  
Veen C. Mizoory  
Sawyer J. Murphy  
Rylie G. Nachtweih

Nalini Nguyen  
William J. Nichols  
Mason M. Oliver  
Quintin G. O'Neal, Jr.  
Kyra Ortner  
Kennady A. Paige  
Gabriella J. Price  
Roman J. Radabaugh  
Jacob C. Rankin  
Grant B. Rausch  
Oliver W. Reynolds  
Ava R. Stroud  
Jayde Tinglan  
Vaughn S. Trombley  
Jacob B. Trythall  
Maurice N. Villegas  
Delaney M. Weston  
Penelope L. Weyand  
Mason A. Wilson  
Madilyn R. Windy  
Sawyer N. Wolfgang

### 8TH GRADE

Bostyn E. Acre  
Keller R. Bedford  
Sydney L. Beemer  
Garrett J. Benkert  
Sevianna M. Berlin  
Logan J. Bledsoe  
Elijah J. Booth

Keely R. Brogger  
Gemma E. Burkhart  
Andrew J. Carter  
Ian G. Caverly  
Gavin P. Charboneau  
Theodore J. Cole  
Grace E. Csutora  
Cameron R. Curbey  
Lorenzo J. Diaz  
Jacob T. Dubey  
Victoria R. Durow  
Olivia F. Elisech  
Carmelo R. Enriquez  
Peyton J. Foy  
Robert J. Fresorger  
Javen Gomez  
Cooper L. Habina  
Jadyn K. Hartley  
Scarlett Hubinger  
Izabelle A. Karst  
Grace E. Kerby  
Anabella R. Keyes-Rocha  
Lucas J. Kilts  
Riley V. Kosanovich  
Emily M. Krantz  
Alaina L. LaFond  
Corbin Mair  
Mya D. Massey  
Aiden J. Maxwell  
Katie E. McCloskey

Harper R. McCracken  
Kimberly W. Miano  
Emma J. Miller  
Cayden A. Napora  
Lucas R. Nuffer  
Samuel P. Oberson  
Adriana S. Oldham  
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  
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Layla L. Smith  
Kolbi Stipanovich  
Fischer G. Stoney  
Lily A. Swift  
Keegan D. Toner  
Claire C. Van Buren  
Kaydence E. Walsh  
Madison E. Warner  
Parker S. Watters  
Landen M. Whelton  
Connor T. Wilcox

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### 6TH GRADE

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Aubrey K. Allore  
Ethan M. Blome  
Hudson P. Bostwick  
Savannah J. Carpenter  
Colleen E. Conley  
Ava R. Diaz  
Abel J. Dobis  
Taylor N. Funka  
Sean D. Girardin  
Sophia A. Graham  
Parker J. Guymer

Lincoln S. Hendricks  
Urijah A. Hernandez  
Mitchell E. Horwath  
Aubrei M. Johnson  
Ryann E. Kittle  
Kaden R. Lake  
London Lake-Blohm  
Julianna N. Litvinskis  
Brayten S. Mack  
Isaac R. Mauch  
Hudson M. Mayers  
William J. McCrandall  
Eli C. Menter

Benjamin R. Mitchell  
Peyton S. Pennington  
Jayce J. Riley  
Joshua L. Sova  
Ian Z. Stajdl  
Kenley G. Townsend  
Emily R. Volway  
Lacey Warner  
Liam Weidman

### 7TH GRADE

Logun W. Abram  
Matthew Acha

Griffin A. Beougher  
Makenzie L. Bonner  
Finnius L. Burnell  
Jack T. Conley  
Aiden Coven  
Marcia J. Davis-Garrett  
Stella N. Frantz  
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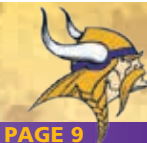
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Abigail Smith  
Addison E. Smith  
Tru O. Toth  
Nolan M. Trevino

### 8TH GRADE

Reyna R. Alfano  
Anthony S. Bell, Jr.  
Henry S. Boehler  
Dylan M. Brayman  
Quinn T. Darabos  
Emily L. Demand  
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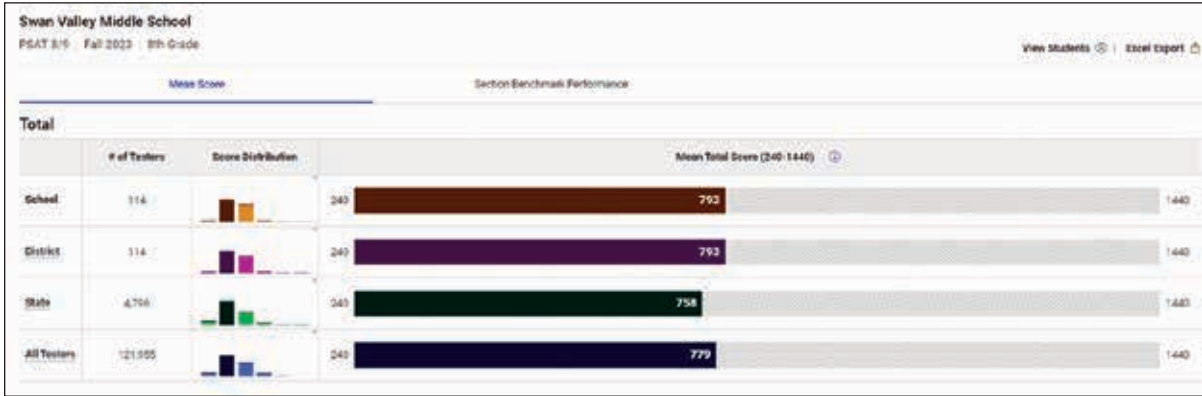
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Marcelino E. Swint  
Addelyn E. Taylor  
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## SVMS Outstanding Academic Performance in Fall 2023

SVMS 8th grade students out-performed their peers at both the state (+35 points better) and national (+14 points better) level on the Fall PSAT 8! SVMS continues to score above the state and nation in ELA and math. We will compare Fall to Spring growth for individual students prior to the summer of 2024.



## Flexible Seating & Learning Spaces at SVMS

The middle school was able to leverage 31a grant funds to re-envision some learning spaces: the lobby, hallways, library and conference room to provide students with comfortable work spaces. Additional classroom group seating is still in the works.



## FIRST Tech Challenge Season Summary

The SVMS FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team competed in 2 qualifying events, finishing 12th at Midland Bullock Creek and 24th at Big Rapids. The team was recognized at both events with a second-place honorable mention in the Motivate Award category. As a third-year team the group learned a lot and improved from their rookie season. Students who are interested in participating in the 2024 season should look out for sign up during the August Registration Day in September of 2024.

The team would like to thank their mentors & parent volunteers:

- Coaches: Mr. Knepper and Mr. Blower
- Mentors: Mr. Weidman
- Parent Volunteers: Mrs. Ball, Mr. Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Vasquez

The team would also like to thank their sponsors:







# SHIELDS ELEMENTARY

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## Start with "HELLO" Week

Each Year Shields Elementary participates in **Start with Hello Week.**

Students are encouraged to meet and play with new people to make sure that everyone knows that they have a place and belong.



## 2ND GRADE PROJECT: BALLOONS over Broadway

Around Thanksgiving each year, 2nd grade students use their creativity and green screens to create their own Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloons. This year they took it a step further and attached their creations to robots and were able to code the robots to have a parade of their own.



## Food Drive & Giving Tree

Each year our Student Leadership Team holds a Food Drive and adopts families through our Giving Tree. This year in coordination with local businesses and churches, Shields families helped to support nearly 20 families who needed some extra support during the holiday season! ***We live in a generous community!***



## Appreciation Station

Student Leadership continued their Appreciation Station. The students spread some cheer by bringing the cart around to staff members and having them pick some sweet treats to enjoy.



## THE STATE BANK DONATION

Each year the State Bank donates monies raised during their Change 4 Kids fundraiser. This year the Bank donated \$2,725 to the Swan Valley School District.



## Young 5s & Kindergarten REGISTRATION DAY

**On Tuesday February 6th, Shields will be holding our annual Registration Day.**

Families have an opportunity to get and fill out paperwork for their incoming Young 5s or Kindergarten students. This aligns with the district Schools of Choice window, so non-resident families are welcome to attend.

**This event is held in the Shields Gym from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Please contact Shields Elementary with any questions.**



## Calming Corners

This fall teachers at Shields took advantage of grant funds to make their classroom more accommodating for students. They did so by purchasing flexible seating and/or through the development of calming corners in their classrooms. These areas are aimed at helping students who are unsettled or in distress to help regulate their behaviors and get back to being ready to learn. Here are just a few examples of calming corners in some of our classrooms.



## FIRST GRADE Tie Blankets

First grade and NHS participated in their yearly tie blankets. The blankets will be donated to five different nursing homes for the holiday season.

Over 40 blankets were made.

Student Leadership also participated by making holiday cards as well as decorating place mats for the residents.



## Chief Science Officers from the Middle School visit Shields

This year the Middle School sent two eighth-grade students to Shields to do Science Stemonstrations for Shields Students. They learned about predicting, density, refraction, polymers, and much more through basic science experiments families can do at home with materials they can find around the house.



## Canvas & Cookies Projects

Mrs. Robinson has hosted three after-school Canvas and Cookies events. Students have really enjoyed the opportunity to show their creativity during these fun after-school events.







# LADY VIKES RUN CLUB

Our Lady Vikes Run Club participated at the end of their season in the Bailee's Bootacular 5k in Midland!



# Havens Choir & Percussion *Concert*



Students in 3rd through 5th grade have an opportunity to participate in choir and or percussion.  
Our Choir & Percussion Students led by their teacher Ms. Britt put on an outstanding holiday concert!





# HARTLEY

## OUTDOOR

### EDUCATION CENTER

## 5TH GRADE • FALL 2023

We continue to carry on the long standing tradition of having our 5th grade students participate in the Hartley Outdoor Education programming. Students spend the night and are there for 2.5 days.



## 4TH GRADE

# Lansing Trip



Speaking of traditions, this one is tied to our 4th grade Social Studies Curriculum. Our students were able to tour the capitol, and ended their day with an IMAX theater movie experience!







## Oh the Many Ways We Learn and Participate in School!







## SV School District partners with SV Athletic Association to create **Swan Valley Athletic Hall of Fame**

By Craig Monahan

On the 50th anniversary of the Swan Valley School District, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that the SVAA board and the SV School Board have voted unanimously to establish the Swan Valley School District Athletic Hall of Fame. This endeavor is long overdue and will offer public acknowledgement to those who have made substantial contributions to Viking athletic achievements including former players, coaches, teams, administrators, and volunteers.

The north wall of the high school cafeteria will be the home of the Hall of Fame (see picture). Mr. Ken Bourbina designed the sharp and classy Hall Of Fame logo. This wall will be a permanent display of Viking pride starting in 2024 with the induction of the first class of athletes. Plaques honoring the inductees will be attached to the wall below the Hall Of Fame sign.

The SVAA, as the sponsoring organization, has created a three person committee to oversee the Hall

Of Fame. All voting will be done electronically. There are five different categories of nominations; male and female individuals, teams, coaches and athletic administrators, and a distinguished service award for those who have made significant contributions to Swan Valley athletics. To become a voting member in the Hall of Fame join the SVAA. For more information please contact Chairman of the Swan Valley School District Hall of Fame Craig Monahan at [cmonaha@swanvalley.k12.mi.us](mailto:cmonaha@swanvalley.k12.mi.us)





BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

January 13	Away	8:00	@Freeland/Valley Lanes (Alma, Frankenmuth)
January 20	Away	10:00	@Frankenmuth/Alert Lanes (Garber, John Glenn)
January 27	Away	10:00	@Alma/Ithaca Pins (Birch Run, Freeland)
February 3	Away	10:00	@Birch Run/Alert Lanes (Bye, Alma)
February 16	Away	1:00	TVC Conference Tourn. @John Glenn/Monitor Lanes
February 23	MHSAA Regionals TBA		@Frankenmuth

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

January 18	Away	4:00	Ithaca
January 23	Home	4:00	Bridgeport
January 25	Away	4:00	Alma
January 30	Home	4:00	Carrollton
February 1	Home	4:00	Frankenmuth
February 6	Home	4:00	Garber
February 8	Away	4:00	John Glenn
February 12	Away	4:00	Hemlock
February 15	Home	4:00	Freeland
February 20	Away	4:00	Bridgeport
February 22	Home	4:00	Ithaca

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

January 18	Away	5:30	Birch Run
January 23	Home	5:30	Bridgeport
January 25	Away	5:30	Alma
January 30	Home	5:30	Carrollton
February 1	Home	5:30	Frankenmuth
February 6	Home	5:30	Garber
February 8	Away	5:30	John Glenn
February 12	Away	5:30	Hemlock
February 15	Home	5:30	Freeland
February 20	Away	5:30	Bridgeport
February 22	Home	5:30	Birch Run

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 18	Away	7:00	Birch Run
January 23	Away	5:30	Bridgeport
January 25	Away	7:00	Alma
February 1	Home	7:00	Frankenmuth
February 6	Away	5:30	Garber
February 8	Away	7:00	John Glenn
February 12	Away	7:00	Hemlock
February 15	Home	7:00	Freeland
February 20	Home	5:30	Bridgeport
February 22	Home	7:00	Birch Run
February 29	Away	5:30	Kingston

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

January 19	Home	7:00	Birch Run
January 23	Home	7:00	Bridgeport
January 26	Home	7:00	Alma
January 30	Home	5:30	Carrollton
February 2	Away	7:00	Frankenmuth
February 6	Home	7:00	Garber
February 9	Home	7:00	John Glenn
February 13	Home	7:00	Hemlock
February 16	Away	7:00	Freeland
February 20	Away	7:00	Bridgeport
February 23	Away	7:00	Birch Run

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 19	Home	5:30	Birch Run
January 23	Away	7:00	Bridgeport
January 26	Home	5:30	Alma
January 30	Away	7:00	Carrollton
February 2	Away	5:30	Frankenmuth
February 6	Away	7:00	Garber
February 9	Home	5:30	John Glenn
February 13	Home	5:30	Hemlock
February 16	Away	5:30	Freeland
February 20	Home	7:00	Bridgeport
February 23	Away	5:30	Birch Run
February 29	Away	7:00	Kingston

VARSITY WRESTLING

January 19	Away	5:00	Lady Falcons Tourn. @Birmingham Groves H.S.
January 12	Away	6:00	Fowlerville Gladiatrix Inv.
January 20	Away	9:00	Lake Fenton Inv.
January 20	Away	9:00	MLS Inv. (B Team)
January 24	Away	5:30	TVC Dual @Freeland
January 26	Away	TBA	Ovid-Elsie Girls Tourn.
January 27	Away	TBA	Carrollton Team Inv.
January 31	Home	5:30	Home Quad (Parent Sr.) (Ithaca, Heritage, Carman-Ainsworth)
February 3	Away	TBA	TVC Tourn. @Alma
February 3	Away	10:00	Midland Girls Tourn.

TRI-VALLEY TITANS VARSITY HOCKEY

January 17	Home	7:15	Gladwin Flying J @SBIA
January 26	Away	7:00	Cheboygan
January 27	Away	1:00	Gaylord
January 31	Away	7:15	Gladwin Flying J
February 3	Away	4:00	Tawas
February 9	Home	7:00	Hartland B @SBIA
February 17	Away	1:30	South Lyons @KVIH
Playoffs	TBD	TBD	TBD

VARSITY POMS

January 20	Away	TBA	Mid American Pompon Regionals @Heritage HS
February 11	Away	TBA	Mid American Pompon State Championship @EMU

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL 7TH GRADE – A & B TEAM)

January 16	Away	4:30	Hemlock
January 17	Away	4:30	Nouvel (A ONLY)
January 22	Home	4:30	Garber (A ONLY)
January 24	Home	4:30	Freeland
January 29	Away	4:30	Millington
January 31	Home	4:30	Birch Run
February 5	Away	4:30	Alma
February 7	Home	4:30	Ithaca
February 12	Away	4:30	Bullock Creek
February 14	Home	4:30	Standish
February 19	Away	4:30	John Glenn
February 21	Home	4:30	Carrollton

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL 8TH GRADE – A & B TEAM

January 16	Home	4:30	Hemlock
January 17	Away	5:30	Nouvel (A ONLY)
January 22	Home	5:30	Garber (A ONLY)
January 24	Away	4:30	Freeland
January 29	Home	4:30	Millington
January 31	Away	4:30	Birch Run
February 5	Home	4:30	Alma
February 7	Away	4:30	Ithaca
February 12	Home	4:30	Bullock Creek
February 14	Away	4:30	Standish
February 19	Home	4:30	John Glenn
February 21	Away	4:30	Carrollton

