

TIGER NEWS

From The Principal's Desk

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month (11:00am, November 11), in the year 1918, the guns fell silent, all was quiet on the Western Front; the beginning of the end of the first "Modern War," World War I. This day became known as Armistice Day, celebrating the end of hostilities in Europe. In 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day, to give recognition to all those who have served in our nation's armed forces.

I cannot begin to express the debt owed to those who willingly placed themselves in harm's way for love of country and patriotism. "Never was so much owed, by so many, to so few" (Winston Churchill, 1940). The word Hero just does not seem big enough to "cover the bill," given the mind numbing sacrifices and hardships endured by not only those who served, but also by their families.

For those who have not had the honor of serving their country, it is difficult to truly understand what it is like to stand on foreign ground, to not know the language,



the customs, or to be able to gaze upon a recognizable face, and take up arms. For those who have not served, it is hard to fully understand the agony of separation from loved ones and family, and the hunger and unyielding anguish of desire to return home, or the weight of isolation and loneliness while surrounded by strangers.

To all who have served, I say Thank You, God Bless You, your sacrifices have not been in vain; it was your blood, your sweat, and your courage that has made us what we have become today. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." (Elmer Davis).

THANK YOU VETERANS



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Create a culture of deliberate excellence with equity.

Vision Statement

Every graduate will be future ready for personal success, college and career, and the global marketplace.



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English Department

A Rock-Solid Student Artist

Pull into the school's circle driveway off of M-40 Highway, and you will see a line of boulders to your left. Five of those boulders have been painted with "2024" in school colors, but a beautifully painted tiger head sits between the "20" and the "24". This year's senior class wanted to start a new tradition by painting the boulders with their graduation year, and the administration agreed to let them do it. But, they wanted something special nestled between the two halves of the graduation year, and Ella Ringel, a senior, volunteered to take the lead on that project.

With paint, paintbrushes, a container of water, and a blank rock canvas, she spent several hours in the hot summer sun carving the tiger head out of the rock with her imagination and paints. When she was done with the project and visitors to the rock were delighted by her work, Ella was seen a week later with painting tools in hand again standing next to her canvas. Mrs. Harbaugh, who was chaperoning the senior parking-spot painting that day, asked Ella if she was putting on finishing touches, and Ella replied that she needed to redo it because it "was too small" and it "was not the best that I could have done," so she proceeded to mix paint, brush on a base coat, and paint again. She "kept only the nose" and worked outward from there.

An hour and a half later, the tiger was larger and more beautiful than it was before, and Ella was satisfied with her work. She said that she "never submit(s) anything (she) is unsatisfied with."



Ella, a gifted artist, does not intend to "focus entirely on art after high school," but she may use her artistic skills to help with college tuition.

Science Department



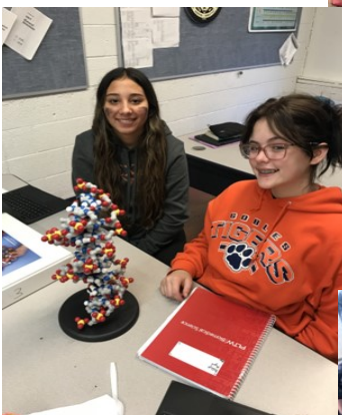
← Principles of Bio-medical students seeing their own DVA.

→ Zoyee Taylor and Ashlyne King, getting smart about how bacteria become resistant to antibiotics.



← Olivia Sweet and Deanna Wood learning about touch receptors in Anatomy & Physiology.

→ Kelsee Sherrod and Grace Wilkins working on robotics and coding in 7th grade STEM.



← Alana Gonzalez and Ashlyn Myers building their DNA model in PBS.

→ Bryce Doorlag and Justin Gibson constructing a barn for the Micro Farm in Agriscience.



Social Studies Department



Recently, the Spanish 2 students had the pleasure of visiting Pilsen, Illinois on Friday, October 20th. Pilsen is a suburb of Chicago with a large Mexican population, which shows itself in the beautiful murals and mosaics that can be seen throughout the

neighborhood. First, the students visited the National Museum of Mexican Art, in order to take in the amazing ofrendas (altars) in honor of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). The students spent considerable time going through the various exhibits and then spent a little time - and money! - in the gift shop where they purchased homemade bracelets and other items from vendors in the area. After the visit to the museum, they enjoyed a delicious lunch at an authentic Mexican restaurant in the area. This is an annual trip for Spanish 2 students, and they were so excited and grateful to be able to go.



Fine Arts Department

Mrs. Butler's Creative Writing class has written their way through 8 different types of poems so far this year, including haiku, limericks, concrete poems, tankas, and quatrains. Students are developing a writing habit through daily journaling. They have been exposed to about 1 dozen poets, to date, and have just finished reading/watching/analyzing 7 or 8 of Edgar Allen Poe's most famous works. Look for a sample of their poetic efforts in future issues.

Quiz Bowl is about to begin! If you are interested, please stop in to see Mrs. Butler as soon as possible. League matches begin on January 24th with a meet at the Lawrence Conference Center and will close with a tournament, there, on March 27th. Meets will be held on Wednesday afternoons at host locations (or the LCC) starting at 4:30. Coach and league co-ordinator, Carrie Butler, stated, "We plan to have a Varsity league, a JV league, and a MS league, so there are many opportunities to get involved." She added, "Not all levels will play every week. That means you can coordinate being a part of QB, even if you are involved in other activities." If you enjoy Jeopardy, trivia events/games, etc., why not see what QB is all about?

Mr. Van Buren's classes are running a Virtual Fundraiser through Vertical Raise. They are working towards raising enough money for a new floor in the weight room, as the current one has surpassed it's functional life. The fundraiser is done by a company called Vertical Raise. It's run through email and text messages; those who are willing to donate will have a link sent to them. Students will be collecting contact information (and it will NOT be redistributed- see Mr. Van Buren for more details) and then bringing them to the assembly during lunch/success on Tuesday, November 7th. Corporate sponsorships are available, and there are incentives for donations. They include t-shirts for the top three individuals who raise money, and a pancake breakfast for the grade or class that raises the most (pancakes only, bring your own toppings).

Additionally, his classes are beginning to test out for those not participating in fall sports. Tucker Greffe hit a personal record and took third place (all-time) for the 10th grade boys squat. Way to go, Tucker!!

Aaron Van Buren, NSCA-CSCS,*D, CPT,*D
Head Strength and Conditioning Coach/Teacher

NHS News

The NHS ran a successful blood drive on 10/25. 18 pints of life saving blood was collected. Though this amount still pales by comparison to pre-COVID collections, it is more that we collected at last year's October drive. Advisor, Carrie Butler reported, "We had 11 student donors and 6 first-time donors!" The members did a great job of advertising, supplying cookies and juice, and doing various tasks during the event. They also signed Christmas cards! Once again, the group is working with the Blue Star Mothers and signing cards that will be put into the holiday care packages. Upcoming NHS projects are, of course, the Turkey Bucks drive, the canned food drive, the holiday coin collection, helping with the elementary Santa Store, and helping with a Stuff the Bus type of food drive that the local food pantry is holding at Village Markey on November 11th, from 8:00 - 4:00.

In conjunction with the National Honor Society, 6th grade art students decorated the envelopes for the cards that are headed overseas for service personnel. Some of the festive designs are pictured here.



Students Of The Month



Alyssa Sparks, 8th grade, was nominated by Dr. Erin Carlin for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. Alyssa did this by working hard in class, and being an excellent

conversationalist with a good sense of humor. According to Dr. Carlin, Alyssa understands that hard work is about making yourself better than your previous self. Well done, Alyssa, we are so very proud of you!



Ethan Ashbaugh, 8th grade, was nominated by Dr. Erin Carlin for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. Ethan did this by buckling down and making impressive improvements in his academics.

Ethan, according to Dr. Carlin, understands that laziness is not an option, and is beginning to see the rewards of hard work. Well done, Ethan, we are so very proud of you!



Krislyn Conner, 7th grade, was nominated by Dr. Erin Carlin for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. Krislyn did this by being a genuinely fun student who makes it fun to teach class. Krislyn, according to Dr. Carlin, has an excellent

attitude, leads by example, approaches her assignments with enthusiasm, and is just a great person to be around. Well done, Krislyn, we are so very proud of you!

Students Of The Month



Liam Wilkes, 7th grade, was nominated by Dr. Erin Carlin for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. Liam did this by being a fun and inquisitive student who makes teaching a

joy. Liam, according to Dr. Carlin, has an excellent attitude, leads by example, approaches his assignments with gusto, and is just a great person to be around. Well done, Liam, we are so very proud of you!



Owen Perkins, 7th grade, was nominated by Dr. Erin Carlin for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. Owen did this by being a genuinely nice student that is quick to smile, and fun to be around. Owen, according to Dr. Carlin, is a hard and willing worker, who makes good decisions even when his peers fail to do so. Well done, Owen, we are so very proud of you!



Kimberlee Newland, Kylee Killeen, Adriana Dickerson, Elianna Wood, and Daisy Jackson, 10th grade, were

nominated by Ms. Veronica Peterson for demonstrating the Core Values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Pride & Tradition. These girls did this by maintaining their educational excellence during a crazy homecoming week, where they were busy everyday after school with volunteer work, games, and activities. Well done girls, we are so very proud of each and everyone of you!



Featured Staff Members



Hello, my name is Marisa Sherrod, and I have been working for Gobles since 2011. I spent years substitute teaching until all of my children were in school full-time. The past few years, I have found my home teaching Middle

School. I love building positive relationships and encouraging growth. One of my favorite things about my job is seeing concepts “click” for my students, there is nothing better than watching a student finally “get it”.



Hello, my name is Roxanne Blackman, and I have two wonderful daughters and six grandkids, three boys and three girls. I went to Gobles Schools where I played and later coached sports. I have performed many jobs in my almost 20 years

working at Gobles Public Schools, but my favorite job so far is working in the library and with the 6th grade classrooms this year.



Hello, my name is Sheryl Zaczek, and I am a Gobles Tiger through and through. I was a student here (K-12), met my husband in the halls of Gobles Middle/High School, our three kids were students at Gobles (K-12), and one of my seven grandkids will be

going to Gobles. I love to help students succeed and become more independent! I love to be a friendly face, encouraging students to do their absolute best. I have been employed at Gobles Public Schools as a Paraprofessional since 1997.

Athletics Department



It has been a season to remember for the Gobles Football program. Gobles has positioned themselves to play in a regional championship game vs. Martin on November 3, 2023. Gobles enters the game with an 8-2 record, losing only to Bridgman and Northpointe Christian. Gobles dominated most of the regular season by outscoring their opponents by a total score of 454-121. With the 50 points that Gobles scored in the first round of the playoffs vs. Mendon, it puts this current Gobles team as the second highest scoring team in the history of the program. If Gobles is able to score 6 or more points vs. Martin, they will be the highest scoring team in program history. With a win vs. Martin, Gobles would secure its first regional championship since 2000.

The Gobles Tigers have been led by an array of players on both sides of the ball. It all starts with the offensive line, which has been led by Carter Bell, Josh Hitchcock, Danny Hitchcock, Tristan Harbaugh, and Xavier Wilkes. Preston Misak and Jack Geiger have also contributed on the line. Leading the Tigers rushing attack has been Eli DeYoung who has put together a stellar senior campaign. Eli leads the state of Michigan in rushing yards in both 11 and 8 man, with a total of 1,967 yards. Eli has scored 32 rushing TDs and has also thrown for 4 TDs. Mason Mansfield has been another key component of the offense as he's gathered 1,200 rushing yards and 20 rushing TDs. Tony Lisowski and Misak have both added over 100 yards rushing and 4 TDs a piece.

Defensively, the Tigers have been led by Xavier Wilkes who has established himself as one of the best linebackers in the region and, maybe, the state. Wilkes currently has 88 tackles and a whopping 37 TFLs. Jakob Monks is close behind with 78 total tackles and 7 TFLs, while Trenton Mansfield has 55 tackles and 20 TFLs. Other big contributors on defense have been Mason Mansfield, DeYoung, Misak, and Lisowski. While the offense has been in the spotlight for much of the season, the Tigers relentless defense has made them a serious contender in 2023.



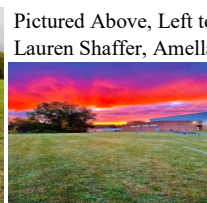
Girls Cross Country Qualifies For State Meet

The girl's team finished 2nd only 11 points away from 1st place. This 2nd place finish allows the Lady Tigers to move on to the State meet for the 2nd time in Gobles History. They have had a great season and look forward to competing against the state's best D4 teams at MIS, November 4th. Olivia Sweet set a personal record by 25 seconds at 26:21.3, Deanna Wood broke through the 23 minute barrier with a time of 22:49.7, Zoie Wood also set a PR running 22:38.0, Madison Cooley raced her 3rd fastest time this season at 21:16.4, Ava DeYoung medaled running 20:16.0, Lauren Shaffer also medaled running her second fastest time of the season at 20:04.9, and Libby Smith was meet runner up running her 2nd fastest time at 18:44.6.

Great work and way to finish the season. Good Luck at the State Meet!

Season Recap:

- Portage Early Bird, 7th
- Bridgman Invite, 1st
- Rustbuster Invite, 6th
- Hartford Invite, 1st
- SAC Jamboree #1, 1st
- Mendon Invite, 1st
- Bangor Invite, 1st
- SAC Jamboree #2, 1st
- Otsego Invite, 1st
- Portage Invite, 4th
- SAC Championships, 1st
- Gobles Little Guys Invite, 1st
- Regionals, 2nd - State qualified



Pictured Above, Left to Right: Olivia Sweet, Litzy Ostiguin, Zoie Wood, Libby Smith, Ava DeYoung, Lauren Shaffer, Amella Fortis, Claire Bodin, Deanna Wood, Madison Cooley



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|-----|----|----------------------|---------|------|
| 1. | 9 | Libby Smith | 18:41.0 | 2023 |
| 2. | 9 | Ava DeYoung | 19:48.2 | 2023 |
| 3. | 9 | Lauren Shaffer | 20:03.9 | 2023 |
| 4. | 12 | Cheyenne Allyn-White | 20:41.0 | 2014 |
| 5. | 11 | Nicole Lauhon | 20:41.5 | 2011 |
| 6. | 10 | Madison Cooley | 20:58.2 | 2023 |
| 7. | 12 | Robbie Dobbins | 21:01.8 | 2009 |
| 8. | 9 | Lauren Brindley | 21:04.4 | 2007 |
| 9. | 12 | Jaylene Tarkkanen | 21:13.9 | 2017 |
| 10. | 9 | Keaghan Kelly | 21:41.6 | 2017 |
| 11. | 10 | Logan Litchfield | 21:42.7 | 2014 |
| 12. | 10 | Jordan Fowler | 21:49.9 | 2011 |
| 13. | 11 | Alexandra Paladi | 21:59.8 | 2015 |

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| 14. | 12 | Ann Marie Olsiewicz | 22:05.0 | 2010 |
| 15. | 10 | Aletheia Grossmann | 22:06.9 | 2015 |
| 16. | 11 | Casey Adams | 22:24.3 | 2002 |
| 17. | 9 | Danni Goodwin | 22:31.1 | 2015 |
| 18. | 11 | Zoie Wood | 22:38.0 | 2023 |
| 19. | 9 | Promise Howell | 22:38.2 | 2008 |
| 20. | 9 | Jasmine Glasgow | 22:39.7 | 2014 |
| 21. | 12 | Alissa Dickerson | 22:47.6 | 2013 |
| 22. | 12 | Deanna Wood | 22:49.7 | 2023 |
| 23. | 12 | Becca Gibson | 22:56.8 | 2004 |
| 24. | 11 | Ashley Horrocks | 22:56.8 | 2004 |
| 25. | 9 | Emily Lopez | 22:57.8 | 2015 |

From Mr. Jim Wiseley, Superintendent

Gobles parents and guardians,

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, we have an opportunity to support our students, staff, school district, and community through a renewal of our current millage. The proposal would be to maintain our current millage with a **NO** tax rate increase.

Over the years, our maintenance and custodial staff have worked tirelessly to provide our students with a great learning environment. Unfortunately, areas of our district are turning 70 years old this year. As our buildings continue to age, the district, in turn, sees an upward trend in maintenance costs.

With the current proposal, there would be an emphasis on the learning environment for students, as well as improved safety/security for students and staff.

The district would add a new early childhood center, renovate elementary classrooms to support modern learning, and add air conditioning throughout the district. We would also replace the aging classrooms wing in the middle high school to create flexibility and separation for middle school and high school students. Included in the proposal would be the installation of state-of-the-art security, traffic improvement, renovation of performing arts, and many other infrastructure improvements.

This is an amazing opportunity for Gobles Public Schools and its stakeholders. Please take the time to vote and encourage others. You can find more information at www.goblesbond.com



GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023 BOND PROPOSAL

ZERO

TAX MILL INCREASE
over the current millage rate.

VOTE

BY NOVEMBER 7
Absentee voting available now.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- 7-NOV: Voting Day, please vote.
- 8-NOV & 9-NOV: Half-Day of School, Parent-Teacher Conferences. Middle/High School students dismissed at 11:00am, conferences from 11:45am to 5:15am. Conferences will be by appointment, see website for details.
- 10-NOV: No School for students, No School for teachers and staff.
- 13-NOV: Board of Education Meeting, starting at 6:00pm, in the Middle/High School library.
- 13-NOV: MSBOA District 6 All-Star Band, Paw Paw High School, Time TBA, performance will be on the 18th of November, see Ms. Redmond for further details.
- 22-NOV, 23-NOV & 24-NOV: No School for students, No School for teachers and staff, Thanksgiving Break.
- 28-NOV: Sophomore Parent Night, Middle/High School library, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, provide parents with school program information for future planning, see Ms. Trapp for details.
- 29-NOV: Junior Parent Night, Middle/High School library, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, provide parents with school program information for future planning, see Ms. Trapp for details.
- 30-NOV: Winter Band and Choir Concert. MS Choir and HS Choir arrive at 4:30pm, performance begins at 5:30pm. 6th grade Band, MS Band, and HS Band call time is 6:00pm, concert begins at 7:00pm.
- 1-DEC: Bust Out Day. Once again, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate those who are doing all the right things.