



Swartz Creek High School Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning*

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 22	Blood Drive
November 27-29	No School-Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-Jan 6	No School-Winter Break

[2024-2025 District Calendar](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Swartz Creek High School Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together so far this school year. It has been a remarkable first half of the semester, and I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and hard work our students, staff, and families have demonstrated.

This is a time to celebrate the many successes we've achieved, from academic growth to extracurricular accomplishments. Whether it's a student's progress in the classroom, making one of our winter sports teams, or the inspiring leadership shown in student clubs, there's so much to be proud of. We've seen students rise to challenges, embrace learning opportunities, and show resilience even when faced with obstacles.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on their own successes, both big and small. The next few weeks will be critical as we work toward our semester goals. I urge our students to keep pushing forward,

stay focused, and take advantage of the resources and support available to them. The effort you put in today sets the stage for the success of tomorrow.

To our parents, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Your encouragement and involvement are key to your child's success, and we are grateful for the role you play in their education. As we enjoy this time of reflection and togetherness, I hope you find moments of rest and joy.

Best regards,

Jamie Dammann, Principal
(810) 591-1801
jdammann@swcrk.org

Maintenance & Grounds Update

We are happy to report that our new heating and cooling unit is hooked up and ready to go in the 500 hallways of our building. This completed the last of our temperature controlled classrooms. With the completion of this new unit we also had an air quality test done at the high school and we are happy to report the below from that report.

"Based upon the results of this microbial assessment, performance concludes that there was a normal airborne fungal ecology at the areas tested and no further response action is required"

Peer-Tutoring

We have started our Peer-Tutoring program every Wednesday in the Media Center from 2:30-3:30. This is a supervised tutoring session for students to come to when they need extra help from their peers. We have NHS students as well as other students ready and willing to help their peers be successful with their academic goals. This is a drop in format so there is no need to sign up- just show and someone will be happy to help you. If you have questions please see Mrs. Dorow.

mdorow@swcrk.org



SCHS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday November 22, 2024

8:00am- 1:00pm

LOCATION:

Swartz Creek Center for Performing Arts

8427 Miller Rd Swartz Creek, MI 48473

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED:

Call 866-642-5663, visit [versiti.org/mi](https://www.versiti.org/mi)

*If you are 16 please bring your completed parent consent form

*Walk ins welcome, as schedule allows

*Donate and receive a pair of Swifty socks, while supplies last

*Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating

Student of the Month

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month who attended the Rotary Luncheon on 11/19/24

Senior- Sophia Thompson

Nominated by Mrs. Dammann

Junior- Ava Brown

Nominated by Ms. Derscha



November Students of the Month

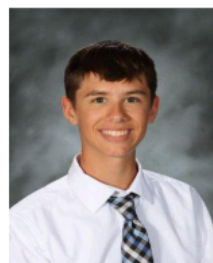
Sophia Johnston



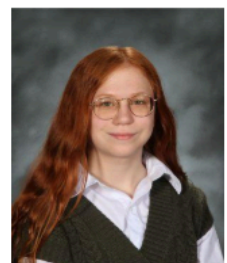
Ava Brown



Conner Clark



Hannah Wyatt



🚗 STUDENTS PARKING PERMITS 🚗

Parking permits are **REQUIRED** for all licensed drivers wanting to drive to school at SCHS. Please make sure your **\$25 parking pass** is purchased and your car is registered with the main office. This policy is to ensure the safety of those at our school and our school grounds.

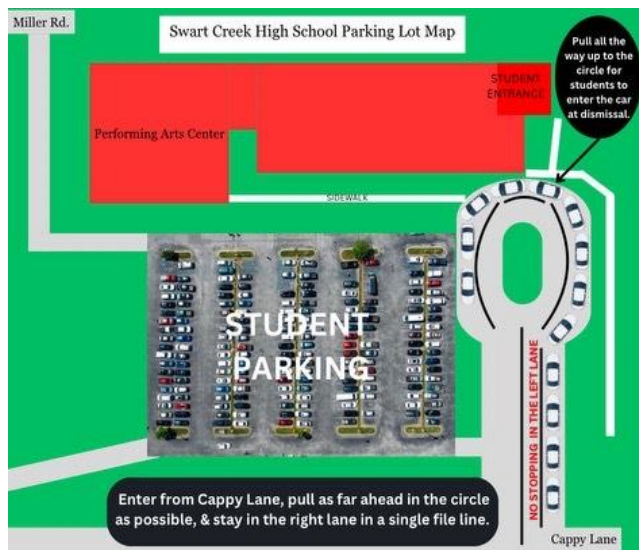
We have begun our monthly checks and 3rd notices have been given out. I am happy to report that we are 91% compliant as of last week with parking passes and only a few students left to make it to 100%. You **WILL NOT** be permitted to park on school grounds without the purchase of a parking pass so please get to the office and get these purchased ASAP!

Building Safety:

Any students returning for a meeting right after school must be inside the building by 2:30 otherwise, they will not be allowed to enter. We are trying to maintain safety for our later staff, custodians and the students that remain in the buildings. This also assures that those students returning are actually attending a meeting or club and not using it as an excuse to wander around as they should already be in the designated area.

🚗 Swartz Creek High School Drop-Off & Pick-Up Map:

Parents please make sure you are using the designated parent drop off. Please **DO NOT** drop students off in the front of the building (Dragon Dr.) This is **NOT** a drop off location and is causing a lot of confusion with traffic.



🍎🥪 Food Service Update:

★ We need your help! ★

Please fill out the Education Benefit Form through the Meal Magic [Family Portal](#). Gathering this information is crucial for securing higher reimbursements through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), determining eligibility for Summer Food Service Programs, and ensuring our schools receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs. Parents can create an account or just fill out the form without creating one. Please **ONLY** add children who are currently registered with Swartz Creek Schools. Any other children in another District or not yet registered should be added to the "number of members in the household".

👉 Visit our website:

swartzcreek.org and click "Food Service" for more information.

Please contact Food Services with any questions (810) 591-1864 Suzie Waddell.

iWellness:

Swartz Creek High School will begin utilizing a universal social and emotional screener for all students in order to assess their mental wellness and to provide appropriate interventions as needed. The iWellness Center check-in is informational and **NOT** diagnostic. The iWellness application pulls demographic data from PowerSchool, such as age, gender, and race/ethnicity.

We at SCCS believe that by educating the whole child, our students will feel safe, supported by the school community, and empowered to overcome adversity. The social and emotional factors that play a part in a child's success are growing each and every year and SCCS is taking a proactive approach to address social and emotional needs at the Tier 1 level (all students) so we may be intentional with the support provided at the Tier 2 and Tier 3 levels. In order to be intentional and to

provide proactive, targeted support, we have partnered with iWellness Center, an organization focused on the social emotional wellness of K-12 students. iWellness Center provides a weekly check-in gaining the needed feedback on our students so we may make informed decisions on programs, support systems, and individual referrals. All results will be kept confidential and stored separately from academic records.

The following steps will be taken for the iWellness Center check-in:

Step 1: Students login to their iWellness Center dashboard every Wednesday

Step 2: Students take the seven question survey

Step 3: Students whose answers reveal a potential concern will individually meet with an administrator, school counselor, and/or school social worker.

Step 4: If an intervention may be needed outside of the school district support system (Administrator, teacher, counselor, social worker, etc...) a school staff member will contact the parent of the student..

SCCS provides the iWellness Center check-in and the iWellness Center resources at no cost, but does not provide further evaluation or treatment services. It is up to you to decide if you want to obtain any additional services for your child. Our desire in using the iWellness Center check-in is to gain a better understanding of individual, group and district-wide trends to better service our students in the area of mental wellness.

The seven questions asked weekly are:

1. Do you feel connected to others?
2. Do you feel happy?
3. Do you feel calm throughout the day?
4. Do you feel safe at school?
5. Do you have strong self-esteem?

6. Do you think your friendships are healthy?

7. Do you feel like you can handle challenges?

The 4 answer choices for each question are:

Nearly every day

More than half the days

Some days

Not at all

We appreciate your support of our efforts to support student mental wellness. Pursuant to Board Policy 5308, if you would like to opt-out of this survey for your student, please submit this request in writing to Mrs. Dammann at the email. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Dammann at jdammann@swcrk.org or (810) 591-1801.

Student Threats and Education

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe environment for our students, we want to take a moment to address the seriousness of threats within a school setting. A threat can be defined as any statement, gesture, or action that implies a potential for harm to an individual, self, or the school community. Administration, our SRO, and social workers have been visiting advisories and will continue to do so to educate students on threats and the implications making a threat can have on the students. It's important for all of us—students, parents, and staff—to understand the implications of such threats and the protocols we have in place to address possible threats..

When a threat is reported, we follow the **C-STAG process** (Crisis Support Team Assessment Group). Here's a brief overview of the steps involved:

1. **Assessment:** Our team evaluates the nature of the threat. This includes gathering details about the situation, the individuals involved, and the context in which the threat was made.

2. **Intervention:** Based on the assessment, appropriate intervention strategies are determined. This could involve discussions with the student/s involved, parental notifications, possible school or legal consequences assigned, and/or referrals to mental health resources if necessary.
3. **Communication:** We prioritize clear communication with parents and guardians.
4. **Monitoring:** After the initial response, we continue to monitor the situation to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. Follow-up meetings and support may be arranged as needed.
5. **Reevaluation:** Finally, we reassess the situation to ensure that the measures taken have been effective and that the threat has been resolved.

We urge parents to talk to their children about the importance of reporting any threats or concerning behavior they observe. Together, we can create a safe and supportive learning environment for everyone at Swartz Creek High School.

Handbook Highlights:

Swartz Creek High School's Administrative Team, Teachers, and Support Staff are committed to creating a positive learning environment that encourages academic excellence and supports the physical and emotional well-being of our students. With this goal in mind, there are several student handbook policies that need to be re-emphasized. As we move into the 2024-2025 school year, they will be implemented with fidelity to ensure a renewed commitment to our goals.

[Swartz Creek High School Student Handbook](#)

Cell Phones:



Swartz Creek staff will be fully enforcing student expectations for the use of cell phones and personal communication devices during school

hours. High school students MAY use their cell phones before school, after school, and during lunch. During class time and in between classes, students MAY NOT use their cellphones for ANY reason. Cell phones and other personal communication devices should remain off and out of sight (in their backpack).

Attendance:



Commit to being in school **all day, every day!**

The SCHS Attendance Team works collaboratively with students, parents/guardians, and teachers to closely monitor student attendance and tardies throughout the school year. Attendance information is updated daily via PowerSchool and we encourage students and families to check it regularly.

The top priority of our Attendance Team is to identify students who are not meeting attendance expectations as defined by the student handbook.

Common attendance concerns include:

- Frequent Tardiness
- Chronic Absenteeism- missing 10% or more of school days due to absences for any reason (excused, unexcused and suspensions).
- Truancy- missing 10 or more days of school due to unexcused absences.



A Note from the Nurse:

Provided by the Genesee County Health Department

Remember....

Children who go to school while sick endanger the health of others. A sick child does not learn well at school. Children need to stay at home when they begin to show signs of illness. Staying

home to rest at the first sign of illness will help to shorten the length of illness. With the first sign of illness:

Step 1. Keep your child home.

Step 2. Notify the school that your child is sick.

Step 3. Check with your healthcare provider for specific medical advice, diagnosis and treatment.

Fever Skin rash Chills

Flushed face Runny nose Cough

Vomiting/Diarrhea Sore throat Headache

The law requires the school to send home children who are showing any signs and symptoms of illness as listed above.

When to return to school? In an effort to avoid your child contracting another illness, we request that your child not

return to school until the following criteria are met.

Temperature below 100° F without medication for 24 hours

No diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours

No significant cough, nasal congestion or stomach ache

Our Nurse's Health & Safety Corner

Health Alert!

by District Nurse, Alicia Gardner October 2024

As you may already be aware, cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, have been increasing across Michigan. Pertussis is a vaccine-preventable disease; however, we continue to see declining childhood immunization rates, meaning more infants and children are at risk for severe pertussis illnesses. Pertussis can be severe and deadly for infants. Vaccination between 27 and 36 weeks gestation is recommended during every pregnancy to protect infants. Please contact your [local health department](#) or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for more information.

TRAVEL WITH US!

SWARTZ CREEK GLOBETROTTERS!

Experience, just not travel! Come join us in 2026 as we explore England, France, Belgium and Germany! This is open to all students and their families who will be entering the high school in 2026 (current 7-11th graders).

We have a few open spots left on this tour and would love to have you join us. This 11 day trip is one you will never forget. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity. Explore London, the beaches of Normandy, see the sites in Paris and visit Versailles, experience the Cologne Cathedral and visit Berlin!

Check out our Instagram account to read about travelers first hand experiences and see our adventures [@schs_globetrotters](#).

Any questions, please contact Lisa Michalczyk-Lmichalczyk@swcrk.org

"Traveling to Europe gave me a whole new appreciation for how large the world is. I never fully grasped how many exciting adventures and opportunities there were for me until I traveled to the otherside of the world and saw for myself. I am currently searching for programs to pursue an education in Switzerland and hopefully will live there when I am an adult. I am so grateful for the opportunity to go to Europe and the impact it has had on my future." -Julian, Alps & Mediterranean Coast 2024



Transcript Requests

You ***must*** request transcripts through Parchment. Please create your Parchment account now. Simply click the logo to be taken to the Parchment website to create your account if you haven't already done so.



DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS!

Be sure to use an email address you will keep and can remember as you will need it to access your Parchment account every time you need to order a transcript. *If you have created an account with your student email, it is strongly recommended that you change your email address on your account.*

MAKE SURE THAT ALL INFORMATION MATCHES!

The three biggest things that will get your order canceled are:

- Name doesn't match
- Birth date doesn't match
- Wrong graduation date (*make sure you leave year is the year you graduate*)

If ANY of these do not match our records, your order will get canceled until you correct your account.

For problems logging in to your account, you will need to call Parchment at 1-847-716-3005.

Counselors:

Last Names A-F - Mrs. Guzak
jguzak@swcrk.org

Last Names G-M- Mrs. Carle
scarle@swcrk.org

Last Names N-Z - Mrs. Michalczyk
lmichalczyk@swcrk.org

Contact your counselors with any of your academic, social, and emotional counseling needs.

Assistant Principals:

10th and 12th grade- **Mr. Attwood**
jattwood@swcrk.org

9th and 11th grade- **Mrs. Hart**
ahart@swcrk.org

Contact your AP with any student-related concerns.

ATHLETICS:

Athletic Director- **Mrs. Trzebiatowski**
atrzebiatowski@swcrk.org

[Main Website Link](#) - General Information

[SNAP](#) - Game Schedules

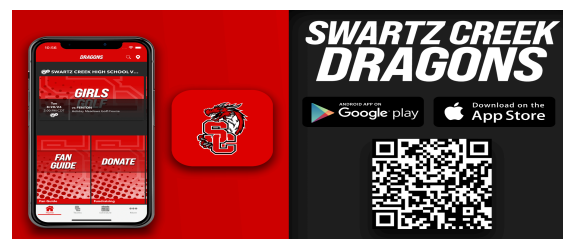
[SNAP Registration](#) - Player Registration

[Mobile App](#) - Swartz Creek Dragons

[Athletic Boosters](#) - Supports all teams HS & MS

Stay Connected With Us!

Download the District mobile app ("Swartz Creek Community Schools") from **Apptegy**:



Genesee County Holiday Help Programs

Please avoid signing up for more than one similar service agency during the holidays as agencies participate in a service pool with other local holiday package providers. If you appear on one of the lists from another agency, you will be required to obtain a letter of release from that agency.

Catholic Charities – North End Soup Kitchen

735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint MI 48505

(810) 785-6911 <https://www.catholiccharitiesflint.org>

- Provides a free Christmas Day meal to all • No eligibility or documentation requirements
- Meal typically starts at 11:30am, watch website for more details closer to the holiday.

The Old Newsboys of Flint

6255 Taylor Dr, Flint MI 48507

(810) 744-1840;

<http://www.onbflint.org>

Christmas Box Program • The program was created to make sure no child is forgotten at Christmas

- Children from birth to age 18 (if still in high school) living in Genesee County may be eligible
- Parent or Legal Guardian must have Driver's License or Michigan State ID to prove Genesee County Residence and Birth Certificates or Judgements of Legal Custody for each child
- Online Enrollment is open November 4-November 26. In person sign up is Dec 12-Dec 20th.
- See more information online

Toys For Tots – Genesee County

4425 S. Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48507;

(810) 715-4401

<http://www.toysfortots.org>

- Provides toys for children 12 or younger whose families meet income guidelines. Will issue referral for children over 15

- Enrollment is December 2- December 14th 9am-4pm Monday-Saturday
- Cannot service foster care program families
- Parent or legal guardian must apply in person (proof of guardianship required)
- Documents required:

If not a DHHS client: 1. Proof of ALL YTD Income

2. Current Picture Michigan ID

3. Parent Social Security Card ~ *copy of original accepted*

4. Child Social Security Card ~ *copy of original accepted*

5. Child Birth Certificate ~ *copy of original accepted*

6. Piece of Mail Matching MI ID Current Address

If a DHHS, SSI or SSD client:

1. Current "MyBenefits" printout -OR- phone screenshot of your MIBridges account at: www.michigan.gov/MIBridges Note: *You must be able to access your MIBridges account on your phone*

2. Current Picture Michigan ID ~ *must match DHS address*

3. Child Social Security Card ~ *copy of original accepted*

Eastside Mission

1917 Delaware Ave, Flint MI 48506

(810) 767-5312 <https://www.flinteastsidemission.org>

Typically provides a Christmas Dinner Meal to all

- In the past the meal is from 11am-1pm
 - No eligibility or documentation requirements.
- Contact to confirm 2024 details closer to Holidays

There may be additional resources for you to consider through various community agencies. Michigan 2-1-1 is a free confidential service that connects you with local community-based organizations offering support services for people seeking answers to help in addressing their needs and questions. You can connect with Michigan 2-1-1 by either:

- Visiting the website at <http://www.mi211.org>
- Dialing 2-1-1 or either one of these Toll Free phone lines at (844) 875-9211 or (800) 649-3777 (Michigan Relay) for personal assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Midway Square Townhomes

3102 Fox Circle, Flint MI 48507

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3102 FOX CIRCLE
FLINT, MI 48507**

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