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A newsletter about the
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Community Center

From the Superintendent



Dear Comstock Schools Community,

In my discussions with community members regarding the upcoming construction projects, there have been several recurring questions. I thought it

would be helpful if I shared the answers with everyone.

Why isn't the work being done over the summer?

There are several reasons why the project timeline is during the school year. The main reasons are:

- Design and estimation lead time
- Contractor Pool
- Project Pricing

The bond vote occurred in May, 2016, and bonds were then sold in the summer of 2016. From there, the preliminary design and cost estimation process began. The district worked with Miller-Davis (Construction Manager) and GMB (Architects and Engineers) to create the preliminary designs and the cost estimates. Given the desire of the district to complete as much work in the first series of bonds as possible, the district went through several series of initial design and estimates. When the final estimate came back below the allocated funds, GMB went to work to develop all of the drawings and specifications needed to bid the projects.

Preparing drawings and specifications for the \$8 million projects took hundreds of pages of specifications and dozens of drawings for each project. There were 14 major bid categories in the project.

In discussions with Miller-Davis and GMB, I asked what should we do to maximize the taxpayers' money and ensure we receive the best bids possible? They recommended anything we could do to modify the schedule to bid the project when contractors are not fully booked during the summer.

With that in mind, we made the decision to bid the project with a timeline beginning in the fall of 2017. The recommendation worked and the

bids came in below budget. The time spent on the multiple revisions of preliminary design and cost estimates allowed the district to maximize the funds available. Additionally, contractors expressed their interest and availability because the project started after all their summer work was completed.

What will be done to ensure student safety during construction?

The District, Miller-Davis and GMB all are focused on ensuring student, staff, visitor and worker safety. Miller-Davis and GMB have extensive experience in doing construction projects in occupied spaces. Miller-Davis has designed a site-specific separation plan for each of the buildings. They will have an onsite construction superintendent while construction is going on. Miller-Davis has written safety plans for each contractor onsite.

Miller-Davis and the district will erect signage and fencing outside to prevent students and visitors from entering the construction area. Inside, Miller-Davis will construct separation walls to physically separate students, staff and visitors from entering the construction areas. Miller-Davis has developed plans to prevent construction traffic and activities during the student drop-off/pick-up times. Additionally, there will be specific times for deliveries and material shipments to avoid conflicts with school traffic.

Miller-Davis qualifies each contractor for the project by reviewing their written safety plans, work-related accident histories and their experience with school construction. Overall, the District, Miller-Davis and GMB have gone to great lengths to provide and promote the safest construction sites possible.

Why are the locker rooms being remodeled in the spring of 2018?

In looking at the sports and physical education schedules and trying to have the least amount of impact on the operation of the high school, all those involved determined that beginning in the



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Todd Mora
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by supporting, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach his/her full potential through education.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an educational community where every person is empowered to reach his/her full potential.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away:
269-250-8907

STORIES OR INFORMATION

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From the Superintendent

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spring of 2018 presented the best option. The locker rooms will be available for the majority of sports which use them and for a good portion of the physical education classes before they are taken offline for remodeling. The new locker rooms will be ready to go for the fall of 2018.

I thought the high school and NEMS were going to be remodeled?

They are. NEMS remodeling is the major portion of the second series in the bond issue which will be issued in late 2018 or early 2019. The high school remodeling is in the third series of bonds which will be issued in late 2021 or early 2022. The bonds are being issued in series to save on interest costs to taxpayers.

If you have questions regarding the bond issue, please feel free to contact me directly at morat@comstockps.org or 250-8907. Also, please check out www.comstockps.org/2016bond for construction updates.

Go Colts!
Todd Mora
Superintendent

Comstock Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

August:

22 Michigan Sheriff's Mounted Assn. Country Music Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets at the door.

COMSTOCK
Public Schools



Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2017

- Recognized Audrey Rabick and Freddie Ouding for winning the FIRST Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Recognized Michaela Kessler, Fredrick Ouding, and Vincent McNelis for being this year's recipients of the Excellence in Education scholarship.
- Recognized Coleman Rodriguez for having been selected as this year's Education for Employment Outstanding Senior.
- Recognized the recipients of Education Incentive Grants:
 - Sarah Zebarah and Cathy Buscher - North Elementary teachers
 - MacKenzie Skalski and Karyn Medendorp - STEM Academy teachers
- Recognized Excellence in Education Significant Educators:
 - Liz O'Brien who was selected by Michaela Kessler as her significant educator
 - Charlene Daily who was selected by Fredrick Ouding as his significant educator
- Recognized Excellence in Special Education Award Recipients:
 - Patty Anderson
 - Bridget Hicks
 - Ben Hill
- Approved Miller-Davis Construction Manager Contract.
- Approved Chartwell Contract for 2017-2018.
- Approved METS Contract for 2017-2018.
- Approved vendors for summer technology purchases.
- Approved support of the Kalamazoo RESA 2017-2018 budget.
- Set a Board retreat for Saturday, August 26, 2017.
- Moved into closed session to discuss the ACLC sale agreement.
- Approved the sale of the ACLC, 301 N. 26th St. to Dean Sutton.

SPECIAL MEETING

May 22, 2017

- Approved Jeff VanGoeye as the Board's delegate in the KRESA Biennial election.
- Approved Richard Hathaway as the voting alternate in the KRESA Biennial election.
- Approved the voting delegate at KRESA biennial election resolution.
- Discussed three options regarding a district reconfiguration.
- Began Board goal-setting process for 2017-18.

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2017

- Introduced Sheldon Williams who is the new transportation supervisor, replacing Kim Johnson who is retiring.
- Science Club demonstrated various projects they had worked on during the school year.
- Trustee VanGoeye updated the board on the Facilities Committee's work.
- Approved the school lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - \$2.30 - elementary schools
 - \$2.65 - high school
- Approved purchasing five buses from Midwest Transit for \$463,852.
- Approved the preliminary budget for 2017-2018.
- Approved committing to the Year 1 project engaging with Consumers Energy to establish the Green Revolving Fund.
- Approved new computer classes at the high school: Computer Tech I and II.
- Approved textbooks for algebra II, physics, U.S. history and American government.
- Superintendent Mora said that the district will be switching to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for low-income districts to provide breakfast and lunch to students.

BUDGET HEARING

June 12, 2017

- Paula Johnson, business manager, presented the preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

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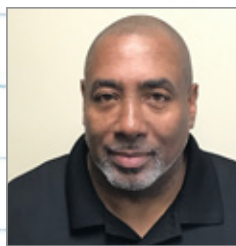
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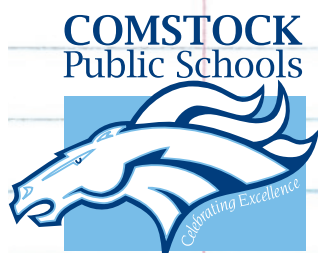
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DISTRICT ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Confidentiality of Educational Records

The school district has compiled records on all students for use in the provision of appropriate education programs and services. Federal and State legislation provides parents and eligible students (18 years and older) with certain rights regarding the confidentiality of school records.

Student Records

- Personal and family data
- Health and immunization records
- Test data including aptitude, interest, intelligence, and achievement testing
- Achievement and attendance records
- Anecdotal records
- Records of conferences
- Copies of correspondence concerning a student
- Student questionnaires
- Other records which may contribute to the understanding of the student
- Past school records from other districts
- Individualized educational plans for handicapped students

Procedures Relating to Retention, Destruction, and Disclosure of Records

Records are maintained at the building in which the student is enrolled or last attended. Each record is kept in an individual file open only to those personnel who have a need to know. Information on grades, attendance, and courses completed are kept forever unless transferred to another school district. Portions of a record may be destroyed when it is no longer appropriate to retain them.

Parental and Student Rights

Parents of a student or an eligible student have the right to:

- Inspect and review the educational records of the student
- Request information contained in such records be amended if it is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy or other rights of the student.

- Request a hearing to challenge the content of the student's record.

Access Procedures

Parents or eligible students who wish to review the student's educational records shall request at the attending building. A review shall be scheduled within a reasonable time not to exceed thirty days.

Disclosure to Third Parties

Personally identifiable information from the educational record of the student shall not be released without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. Information may be released to certain individuals or agencies as permitted by law.

Directory Information

The district provides directory information which includes: name, address, telephone, date and place of birth, weight and height, participation in school activities, dates of attendance, awards received, and other similar information. Directory information may be released unless parent or eligible student refuses such release. The refusal must be made to the superintendent's office within 10 days of the publication of this notice.

Special Education and Section 504 Notifications

It is the policy of the district to actively find and provide services to handicapped students. The district will provide appropriate evaluations, identification and services for all eligible students under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or current special education laws.

Administrative Policies and Procedures Complaint Procedures

The district does not discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, age, or race with regard to admission, access to services, treatment, or employment in programs and activities.

The district has a coordinator responsible for Section 504, the American Disabilities Act and Special Education. Contact your building principal for that person's name and telephone.

The district policies and procedures are on file in the superintendent's office and may be reviewed there.

You may file a complaint regarding a district policy or procedure. Please contact the superintendent and receive the specific process for the legislation for which you believe the district is in noncompliance.

Weapons-Free School Zone

Comstock Public Schools is a Weapons-Free School Zone. Violators may face expulsion and/or criminal prosecution. Firearms of any type are prohibited, as are knives, bow and arrows, and any type of explosive devices.

Drug Prevention

In accordance with Federal and State Law, the Comstock Public Schools Board of Education hereby establishes a "Drug-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, delivery, on property, within the Drug-Free School Zone or at any district-related event. Furthermore, the Superintendent shall take the necessary steps to ensure that an individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who knowingly delivers or distributes controlled substance on designated and prohibited by Michigan statute within the Drug-Free School Zone to another person is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.





CPS Foundation Needs Your Help

The Comstock Public Schools Foundation currently has openings on the board for positions as officers and trustees for the Foundation. Being a Foundation member is quite rewarding as you are part of managing and distributing student scholarships and teacher grants.

Our next meetings are September 12, 2017, and October 17, 2017. If you think serving on the Foundation board may be for you, check out the September meeting. New officers/trustees are voted in during the Annual and Organizational Meeting in October.

Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. at the Comstock Public School Administration Building, 3010 Gull Road.

The Comstock Public Schools Foundation is organized exclusively for the benefit of the educational, literary, and scientific activities of the Comstock Public Schools, including scholarships and grants to students and teachers.

Please consider joining us and helping enrich the educational environment of Comstock Public Schools!

North Elementary

North Students Learn About Saving

Mercantile Bank volunteers, Jeff Stoops and Sarah Kominek, visited Mrs. Scholly's fourth grade class at North Elementary to facilitate a workshop called "Teach a Child to Save Program." Students were exposed to saving, needs vs. wants, and how to budget. Mr. Stoops and Ms. Kominek are from the Mercantile Bank on Drake Road.

Class of 2017 Seniors Receive Foundation Scholarships

Many seniors from the Class of 2017 are starting college this fall with the help of scholarships awarded by the Comstock Public Schools Foundation.

Receiving the \$500 Charles A. Pratt Memorial Scholarship was **Angel Bell**. The Pratt scholarship is awarded to a senior who has maintained a 2.8 GPA or better and who is planning on pursuing a law-related curriculum.

Jorence Quiambao received the Howard Ewles Scholarship in the amount of \$500. This scholarship recognizes a senior who has a 3.3 GPA and who plans to major in math or science.

The four-year Mary E. Roe Scholarship of \$2,000 a year for four years was awarded to **Samantha Huffstutter**. For this scholarship, the recipient must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater and be planning on studying engineering or science.

Garrett Green was awarded the Edith S. Leighty Scholarship and Exemplary Student Award in the amount of \$250 a year for four years. This award is granted based on the student's ACT score, GPA, extracurricular participation and citizenship.

Nine seniors received \$3,000 scholarships from the James W. and Lois I. Richmond Scholarship

Fund for students who have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75, who have shown leadership in the school and community, and who will be attending Western, Kalamazoo College, or KVCC. Recipients are **Clayton Osborn, Jaida Saokho, Coleman Rodriguez, Mason House, Ethan Stilson, Jonathan Maynard, Samantha Huffstutter, Taylor Bailey, and Logan Tiller**.

Receiving the Deb Dart Memorial Scholarship of \$500 was **Lauren Bonds**. This scholarship recognizes a female high school senior who played on the golf team, maintained a 2.8 GPA or better and volunteered in the community.

Shane Easter received the \$250 Ernie Stafford Scholarship, given to a senior who played on the football team and who maintained a 2.8 GPA.

The \$10,000 Kate Kwasny Memorial Scholarship was given to **Amanda Northrup**. Awarded by the Kwasny family, this scholarship is for a senior who is planning on becoming a teacher.

For more information about the Comstock Public Schools Foundation and the scholarships available through the Foundation, contact them via email at foundation@comstockps.org or visit the website at www.comstockps.org/foundation.



News from the Athletic Department

2017-18 Physicals

Physicals for the 2017-18 school year will be offered on August 2, at Comstock High School from 6-7 p.m. The cost will be \$25. All students in grades seven through twelve planning on playing a fall sport must have a physical dated after April 15, 2017, on file with the athletic office before they can participate in practice or games.

Shane Easter

Shane Easter had quite the spring. Not only did he make First Team All State in baseball, but he also was chosen to play in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaching Association All Star Game in June. He had a remarkable game and was chosen as the MVP of the All Star Game. Congratulations, Shane!

Stadium Reserved Seating

Two different kinds of reserved seating will be offered for the 2017-18 school year. Both types of seats will be located in front of the press box along the 50-yard line. The cost for a seat without a back rest is \$5 per seat for the year. The cost of a seat with a back rest (only 30 seats available) is \$15 per seat for the year. All proceeds will be used to help fund the Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards. The first home varsity football game kicks off at 7 p.m. on August 24 vs Vestaburg. Please support Comstock Athletics and our Hall of Fame Banquet by purchasing a reserved seat through the athletic office at 269-250-8711.

Sports Booster Golf Outing

The Sports Boosters are again hosting their Scramble Golf outing on Saturday, August 26, starting at 8 a.m. at Eastern Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$60 per player and includes lunch. You can email Scott Langejans at scott.langejans@yahoo.com to enter your team and then you can pay when you arrive at the event.

Season Pass Workers Needed

We are starting to coordinate workers for next school year right now. If you would like to work at athletic events for a family pass, please contact the athletic office. Some of the job duties include ticket taking, running the clock, scorebook, announcing and timing for track meets.

We have a lifetime pass for all our senior citizens for free. If the senior citizens would still like to help out at our athletic events, we would love to have you here but it is not required. Please give us a call at 269-250-8711 to let us know if you are interested in working.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Comstock Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for the 2018 induction. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2018 induction. A nomination form is on page 10 of this *Communicator* and also can be found online at www.comstockcolts.org. Please call Justin Ansel with any questions at 250-8711.

High School Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 7 for football and August 9 for volleyball, girls golf, boys soccer, sideline cheer and boys and girls cross country. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org. Every athlete must have a physical to participate.

NEMS Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for NEMS sixth to eighth grade girls volleyball, sixth to eighth grade boys soccer and fifth to eighth grade boys and girls cross country is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, August 21. Official start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org as we get closer to the beginning of the season. Only those athletes participating in volleyball need to have a physical since it is a school sponsored sport.

Stampede Basketball

3rd-6th Boys

3rd-8th Girls

Tryouts for Session I Comstock Stampede basketball is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 1, and is specifically for kids attending Comstock Public Schools. We will send out more information to all the kids after school starts.

Session I for girls is the Rising Stars season which begins playing games in mid-October. Session I for boys is the Sharp Shooter season which begins playing games the beginning of November.

All fall sports being played are a priority and until the fall season is over, kids try to make what they can. Session I will cost \$75 along with the cost of a uniform which is \$55. It is a great program to learn a lot about basketball and we hope we see a lot of kids from Comstock participating.

The CYB basketball program will still take place beginning in December and is open to everyone in the community. If you have any questions, please give Justin Ansel a call at 269-250-8711.

Triathlete Event

The Comstock Sports Boosters sponsored the 16-17 Triathlete event at Michigan's Adventure. The Comstock triathletes had a day of fun in the sun at the amusement park. A big thank you to the Boosters for sponsoring the event and to the chaperones who attended to help make it a special day. Nice job, Triathletes!

Comstock 3v3 Basketball Tournament

The Comstock boys and girls basketball team is sponsoring a 3v3 tournament at Comstock High School on Saturday, August 5. The cost is \$50 and we will have MHSAA officials on every court. The entry form can be found on page 11 in this edition of the *Communicator*.

COMSTOCK H.S. FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Boys Varsity Football

Fri, Aug 18	@ Colon Scrimmage w/ United Colon	6:00PM
Thu, Aug 24	Vestaburg High School	7:00PM
Thu, Aug 31	@ Kent City High School	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 8	@ Brandywine High School	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 15	Buchanan HS	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 22	Berrien Springs HS	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 29	@ Pittsford Area Schools	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 6	Parchment (HOMECOMING)	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 13	@ Bridgman Public Schools	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 20	Maple Valley High School	7:00PM

Boys JV Football

Fri, Aug 18	@ Colon Scrimmage w/ United Colon	3:00PM
Wed, Aug 23	@ Vestaburg High School	6:00PM
Wed, Aug 30	Kent City High School	4:30PM
Thu, Sep 7	Brandywine High School	6:30PM
Thu, Sep 14	@ Buchanan HS	6:30PM
Thu, Sep 21	@ Berrien Springs	6:30PM
Thu, Sep 28	Pittsford Area Schools	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 5	@ Parchment	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 12	Bridgman Public Schools	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 19	@ Maple Valley High School	6:30PM

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Sat, Aug 19	@ Lawton Invitational	8:30AM
Wed, Aug 23	@ Delton-Kellogg Invitational	8:30AM
Wed, Sep 6	@ Buchanan HS	6:00PM
Wed, Sep 13	Brandywine High School	6:00PM
Mon, Sep 18	@ Pennfield	6:30PM
Wed, Sep 20	@ Bridgman Public Schools	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 28	Berrien Springs HS	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	6:00PM
Sat, Oct 7	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 12	@ Quincy High School	7:00PM
Wed, Oct 18	Mendon High School	6:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ BCS Conference Meet @ Parchment	9:00AM
Tue, Oct 24	@ Battle Creek Central HS	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 26	@ Sturgis Quad w/ Lake & Paw Sturgis	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 30	MHSAA Quarter - TBD Comstock	TBA
Wed, Nov. 1	MHSAA Semi - TBD Comstock	TBA
Thu, Nov. 2	MHSAA Final - TBD Comstock	6:00PM

Girls JV Volleyball

Sat, Aug 19	Comstock JV Tournament	9:00AM
Tue, Aug 22	@ Delton-Kellogg Invitational	8:30AM
Sat, Aug 26	@ Portage Northern Invitational	8:00AM
Wed, Sep 6	@ Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 13	Brandywine High School	5:00PM
Mon, Sep 18	@ Pennfield	5:15PM
Wed, Sep 20	@ Bridgman Public Schools	5:00PM
Tue, Sep 26	@ Otsego JV 6 Pack Invite	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 28	Berrien Springs HS	5:00PM
Sat, Sep 30	@ Battle Creek Central Invite	8:30AM
Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 12	@ Quincy High School	5:30PM
Wed, Oct 18	Mendon High School	5:30PM

Sat, Oct 21	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	8:30AM
Tue, Oct 24	@ Battle Creek Central HS	5:30PM
Thu, Oct 26	@ Lakeshore Quad w/ Sturgis & Paw	5:00PM

Girls Golf

Thu, Aug 17	@ GK Invitational	TBA
Fri, Aug 18	@ Lakeview Tournament - Cedar Creek	TBA
Wed, Aug 23	@ Wayland Invite - Orchard Hills	9:00AM
Mon, Aug 28	@ KVA M Lutheran Jamboree - Blossom Trails	4:00PM
Fri, Sep 8	KVA Comstock Jamboree - Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Fri, Sep 15	Comstock JV Golf Invite - Hickory Ridge	1:00PM
Thu, Sep 21	Comstock V Tourn. - Eastern Hills	10:00AM
Tue, Sep 26	@ KVA K Christian Jamboree - Crestview	4:00PM
Fri, Sep 29	@ KVA Conference Tourney - LMC - Hawkshead	8:30AM
Wed, Oct 11	@ MHSAA Regional - Milham Park	TBA

Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country

Fri, Aug 18	@ Lawrence Invitational	10:00AM
Tue, Aug 22	@ Three Rivers Big Hill Climb	5:00PM
Tue, Aug 29	@ Marshall Meet at Cornwell's Turkeyville	10:00AM
Tue, Sep 12	@ BCS Buchanan Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Sep 16	@ Mendon Invitational Mendon Inv.	10:00AM
Wed, Sep 20	@ Lawrence Invitational at Van Buren ISD	5:00PM
Tue, Sep 26	@ BCS Bridgman Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Sep 30	@ Otsego Invitational	8:00AM
Sat, Oct 7	@ Allegan Invitational	10:00AM
Tue, Oct 10	BCS Comstock Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ Gobles Invitational	10:30AM
Sat, Oct 28	@ MHSAA Regional - Buchanan Red Bud	TBA
Sat, Nov. 4	@ MHSAA Finals	TBA

Boys Varsity Soccer

Fri, Aug 18	Bloomingtondale HS	6:00PM
Tue, Aug 22	Bangor Public Schools	6:00PM
Sat, Aug 26	@ Coloma Tournament	10:30AM
Mon, Aug 28	@ Lawton Community Schools	6:00PM
Wed, Aug 30	Pennfield	7:00PM
Wed, Sep 6	@ Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 7	Kalamazoo Cougars - JV Scrimmage	4:00PM
Sat, Sep 9	@ Bloomingdale Tournament	TBA
Mon, Sep 11	@ Vicksburg High School	6:45PM
Wed, Sep 13	Brandywine High School	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 14	@ Delton-Kellogg H.S.	6:00PM
Mon, Sep 18	Lawrence JV Scrimmage	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 20	@ Bridgman Public Schools	TBA
Thu, Sep 21	@ Schoolcraft High School	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 27	Berrien Springs HS	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 28	Cassopolis High School	4:00PM
Mon, Oct 2	@ Maple Valley High School	5:30PM
Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	TBA
Thu, Oct 5	Lakeside Academy Scrimmage	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 9	Olivet	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 11	@ Coloma High School	6:00PM



HAZARDOUS WEATHER COMMUNICATIONS

With hazardous weather conditions just around the corner, Comstock Public Schools is encouraging all parents to talk with their children about the possibility of school closing due to bad weather. In the event that school must be closed early on any given day, please have a plan developed with your children so they arrive home safely.

Every effort is made to make a decision to close school by 5 a.m. and to notify the news media immediately. However, the district has no control over how quickly the information is disseminated by the media.

Below is a list of the multiple ways you can be notified of early closings, or school closings:

You may sign-up to follow Tweets at <https://twitter.com/ComstockPS> regarding school closings or go to our website at www.comstockps.org.

Make sure your Infinite Campus portal is current with correct contact information in order to receive ShoutPoint notification.

For the latest school closings, turn your radio or television to the following stations:

CALL LETTERS

98.5 FM, 96.5 FM (WNWN, WFAT)

100.9 FM (WQXC)

903 AM, 1400 AM (WBCK, WRCC)

106.5 FM, 590 AM, 1470 AM (WQLR, WKZO, WQSN)

107.7 FM, 103.3 FM (WRKR, WKFR)

TV 3 WWMT-TV

TV 8 WOOD-TV

TV 4 WOTV

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Become a School Bus Driver! METS, the transportation employer for Comstock Public Schools, is currently hiring school bus drivers for part-time assignments starting at \$14.75 per hour.

No experience is necessary and training will be provided to qualified candidates. Apply today by sending your resume to: recruiting@contractbusdrivers.com.

For more information, please call (269) 250-8690, or toll free at (888) 996-8586



COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

INDIVIDUAL Nomination

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

High School Attended _____ Year of Graduation _____

College Attended (If Applicable) _____ Year of Graduation _____

of Varsity Letters - Boys Sports

____ Football ____ Soccer
 ____ Tennis ____ X Country
 ____ Basketball ____ Wrestling
 ____ Bowling ____ Baseball
 ____ Track ____ Golf
 ____ Swimming ____ Hockey

of Varsity Letters - Girls Sports

____ Volleyball ____ Golf
 ____ X Country ____ Sideline Cheer
 ____ Basketball ____ Competitive Cheer
 ____ Bowling ____ Softball
 ____ Track ____ Tennis
 ____ Soccer ____ Swimming

PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

1. Special Comstock Athletic Awards (MVP, MIP, All Conference, All State, Coach of the Year, etc.)
2. Career Highlights (Most points in game, Most goals in game, etc.)
3. College Athletic Achievements (If Applicable)
4. Athletic Involvement after H.S. and College (Professional, Officiating, Coaching, etc.)
5. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.

TEAM Nomination - (Must have contact information for all team members to be considered.)

Year _____ Sport _____ Coach _____

PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

1. Names of Team Members
2. Special Team Accomplishments (Championships, Records, etc)
3. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.

INDIVIDUAL or TEAM Nominated By:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please mail this form to: Justin Ansel, Director of Athletics, Comstock High School, 2107 N. 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048



Comstock 3v3 Basketball Tournaments

3rd-12th Grade Boys & Girls

Saturday, August 5

Deadline to Register is Monday, July 31

\$50 per team – MHSAA Official on Every Court

Make checks payable to Comstock Athletics

Mail to: Comstock High School, Attn: Justin Ansel, 2107 N. 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Register now to reserve your spot!

Brackets and Game Times to be released by Wednesday night the week of the tournament.

Team Name _____ Girls Team _____ Boys Team _____

Team Coach _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Division by 2017-18 School Year Grade: (Team plays at highest grade level on the team.)

3rd Grade
 7th Grade

4th Grade
 8th Grade

5th Grade
 JV - 9th-10th

6th Grade
 Varsity - 11th-12th

Player # 1

Name: _____
D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 2

Name: _____
D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 3

Name: _____
D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Player # 4

Name: _____
D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Comstock Township Library Events

*We offer one-one-one technology lessons with a librarian (computer questions, tablets, etc.) Please call to set-up an appointment.

Cannot get Internet at your home? The library now has hotspots available for circulation to Comstock Township Library patrons. Ask one of our staff members for more information! There is a \$10.00 fee and a \$10.00 deposit upon check-out.

Comstock Community Bulletin Board: We will be hosting an online bulletin board for the community. This free service is hosted by the Comstock Township Library for events of interest to the Comstock area residents. Event submissions are free; however, the library takes no responsibility for the claims made in these advertisements. Click on the "Submit an Event" link to send us your information. Please visit www.youseemore.com/comstock.

Homebound Library Services: The Homebound Delivery Service seeks to provide library materials to Comstock Township Residents who are unable to visit the library according to the following criteria:

Residents are to be considered homebound if they have a condition (due to illness or injury) that restricts their ability to leave their place of residence, except with the aid of a supportive device such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and walkers, the use of special transportation, the assistance of another person or if leaving home is medically contraindicated. In most circumstances, if a resident drives, he/she would not be considered homebound.

Homebound delivery includes the selection of materials by library staff and delivery of those materials by library employees. Call 345-0136 for further information.

We now have a preservation station! Do you have home videos you would like to transfer to DVDs and photos or other print material you would like to digitize? The **Preservation Station**, purchased with a gift from Bell's Brewery, allows patrons to make digital copies of print and media. To use the scanner and video transfer equipment please call to set up a training session with a librarian. Patrons may scan print material to a USB drive or a writable CD/ DVD disc. Bring your own or we have them for sale. Suggested USB size is 16 MB. Video files must be transferred to a

DVD-R. Usually one full VHS would fit on a DVD. Sorry, we are unable to convert 8mm video at this time. For more detailed information, give us a call.

We now have a **notary service** at the library during business hours. The cost is \$5 per notarial transaction. Call 345-0136 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Adult Craft: Mason Luminary Jar. Wednesday, August 30, at 5:30 p.m. Make and decorate a Mason jar with glass gems to provide a lovely ambiance to any room in your home. Sign-ups for this free craft are required and begin on Monday, August 14 at the adult reference desk. Space is limited; call 345-0136 to register.

Ask a Lawyer Thursday, September 14, 6-8 p.m. Join Robert Reilman to get your legal questions answered. This program is free and sign-ups begin on Monday, August 28, at the adult reference desk. Call 345-0136 for more information.

Adult Craft: Halloween Salt Shaker Button Flowers, Wednesday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. Make a Halloween bouquet out of buttons, wire, and a salt shaker. Sign-ups for this free craft begin on Tuesday, September 5, at the adult reference desk. Please call 345-0136 for more information.

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Community Yard Sale at the Comstock Township Library Grounds

Community Yard Sale: 9 a.m.-1p.m. - Comstock Township Library is hosting an outdoor yard sale. Sellers may purchase a 10x10 space for \$5. To reserve your space, please call the library at 345-0136 starting September 1. Tables, chairs and change are not available; you must bring your own. *Multiple spaces can be purchased for a larger sales area* No food items, please. 30 spaces available. Library book sale room will be open.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Comstock residents who sign up for a library card from September 1-30 will be entered in a drawing for a Date Night Prize (\$75 Gift Certificate to North 11 and a \$25 Gift Certificate to Peachwave Yogurt). Drawing limited to new Comstock resident registrations.

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Saturday, September 2, and Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday.

EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

JOEL TACEY, MICHIGAN'S FAMILY FUNNYMAN: Friday, August 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m. All ages. *Joel's Book Builder Magical Comedy Show* features goofy gadgets, dazzling magic, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation. Kids and grown-ups will be laughing out loud! Registration is not required for this free event.

FRESH FOOD FAIRY: Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Fresh Food Fairy shares fresh food fun with kids of all ages. We can learn to love the bright colors, fun shapes, different textures and flavors - eat a rainbow of vegetables and fruits, and have fun doing it! After the audience plays with and samples a variety of fresh vegetables, Fresh Food Fairy will invite everyone to ride her bike-powered blender and enjoy smoothies and slushies made with local ingredients. This is a free event, but registration is required. Please stop in or call 345-0136 to reserve your spot!

SUMMER READING PARTY: Wednesday, August 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine! Weather permitting, we will have the inflatable slide, bouncer, and obstacle course outside on the library grounds. Inside the library, you can trade in your reading tickets for ice cream, popcorn, crafts, games, and other small prizes. Extra tickets are available for purchase at 25 cents each.

STORYTIME: Ages 1-5. Registration for fall storytimes begins Tuesday, September 5. Register your child for a 45-minute session, which includes 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other activities followed by a 15 minute craft. Storytimes begin Monday, September 11, and run through Thursday, December 7. **There will be no storytimes on Thursday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** Storytime sessions are as follows:
Mondays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 2-3 year olds
Tuesdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 1-2 year olds
Wednesdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds
Thursdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Pre-Kindergarten. Comstock Township Library is encouraging parents to read 1000 books to their

Comstock Township Library Events *(cont.)*

young children before they begin kindergarten and earn prizes along the way. Reading to your child beginning at a young age is the single most important thing parents can do to help their children become successful readers as they get older. Any child can participate until s/he enters kindergarten. Pick up your tracking sheet at the Young People's Desk today!

LEGO CLUB: Every month on the third Friday,

4-5:30 p.m., all ages. Use your imagination and build a Lego creation for us to display in the Young People's Department! Children under the age of 5 should have an adult helper with them. Registration is required for this free event. Lego Club dates are as follows:

Friday, August 18, 4-5:30 p.m.

(Registration begins Monday, August 7.)

Friday, September 15, 4-5:30 p.m.

(Registration begins Tuesday, September 5.)



AUGUST 26TH

2017 COMSTOCK BOOSTERS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Eastern Hills Golf Course

6075 East G Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$65 PER PERSON
(\$35 FOR STUDENT)
(INCLUDES CART)

DAY OF EVENT
REGISTRATION
BEGINS AT 7:00AM

SHOTGUN START AT
8:00AM

LUNCH TO BE
PROVIDED

50/50 RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES AND
SPECIAL EVENTS

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!

Send email with players' names & contact info to Scott Langejans at scottlangejans@yahoo.com or call 269-207-6778

You can also call the high school athletic office at 269-250-8711



Call the library to make sure we are open if there is inclement weather.



We now have tutor rooms and Wi-Fi available! Call 345-0136 for more information.



We now have a fax service! Must use credit or debit card to send.



Now Available

OverDrive! Download free audiobooks and e-books from home using your computer, MP3 player, e-book reader, and other compatible devices.

Computer Help

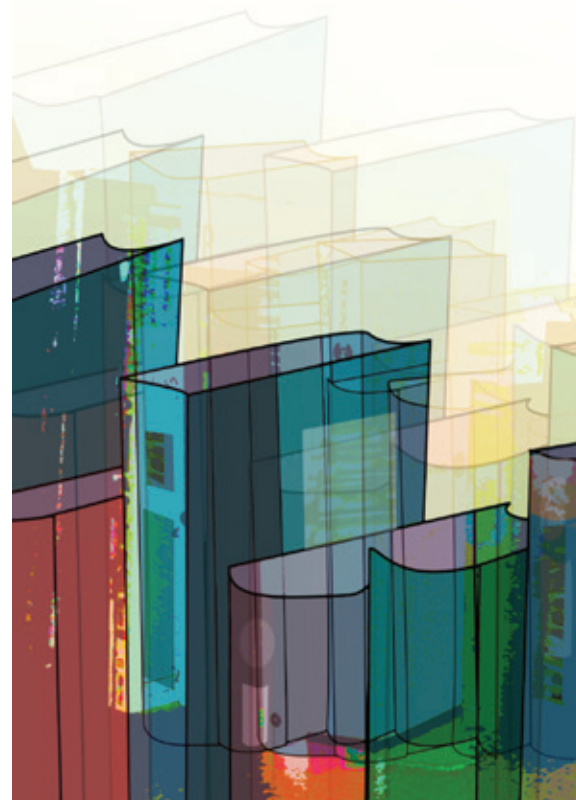


Have a question about the computer? Would you like to learn how to use the computer? Please call 345-0136 to set up a block of time for one-on-one help. Must be a library cardholder.



Need Resume Help?

Please call to schedule an appointment or visit the adult reference desk to do so. We will help you write a cover letter or resume, or just proofread one you already have. Call 345-0136 for further information. Must be a library cardholder.



Comstock Public Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

August 28	New Teacher Orientation		
August 29	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	
August 30	Work Day & Back to School Breakfast – All Staff	7:15 am-3:00pm	
August 31	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	
Sept. 1	LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students/ No Teachers
Sept. 4	LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students/ No Staff
Sept. 5	First Student Day		Half Day Students K-12
October 10	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 13	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 14	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 15	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 16	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 17	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 22	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 23-24	THANKSGIVING RECESS		No Students / No Staff
December 7	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	WINTER RECESS		No Students / No Teachers
January 23	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 24	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 25	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 26	Professional Development A.M. END OF 1ST SEMESTER Records Day P.M.	8:00am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
February 23	MID-WINTER BREAK		No Students / No Teachers
March 6	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 20	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 22	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 23	Half Day Students A.M./ Professional Development P.M.		Half Day Students K-12
March 26	Green Meadow, North & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 28	Green Meadow, North & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 30 – April 6	SPRING BREAK		No Students/ No Teachers
May 10	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
May 28	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students / No Staff
June 8	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 11	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 12	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS (High School Exams) Teachers' Records Day P.M.		Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers