

# The Comstock Communicator

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# From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Community,

A sincere and hearty thanks to everyone for the wonderful start to the 2018-19 school year! Due to an amazing effort by our maintenance and work crews as well as our custodians, important construction projects were finished and the buildings were clean and ready to go.

Our terrific teachers, support staff, and principals had prepared for the arrival of parents and students by decorating the buildings, organizing the offices, and stocking classrooms full of instructional supplies and materials.

I visited each of our six buildings personally on this special day and watched the educational and instructional process for our students begin anew. It was truly a thrill.

With students back in class, we can turn our attention, energy, and focus onto our district's primary mission of supporting, inspiring, and

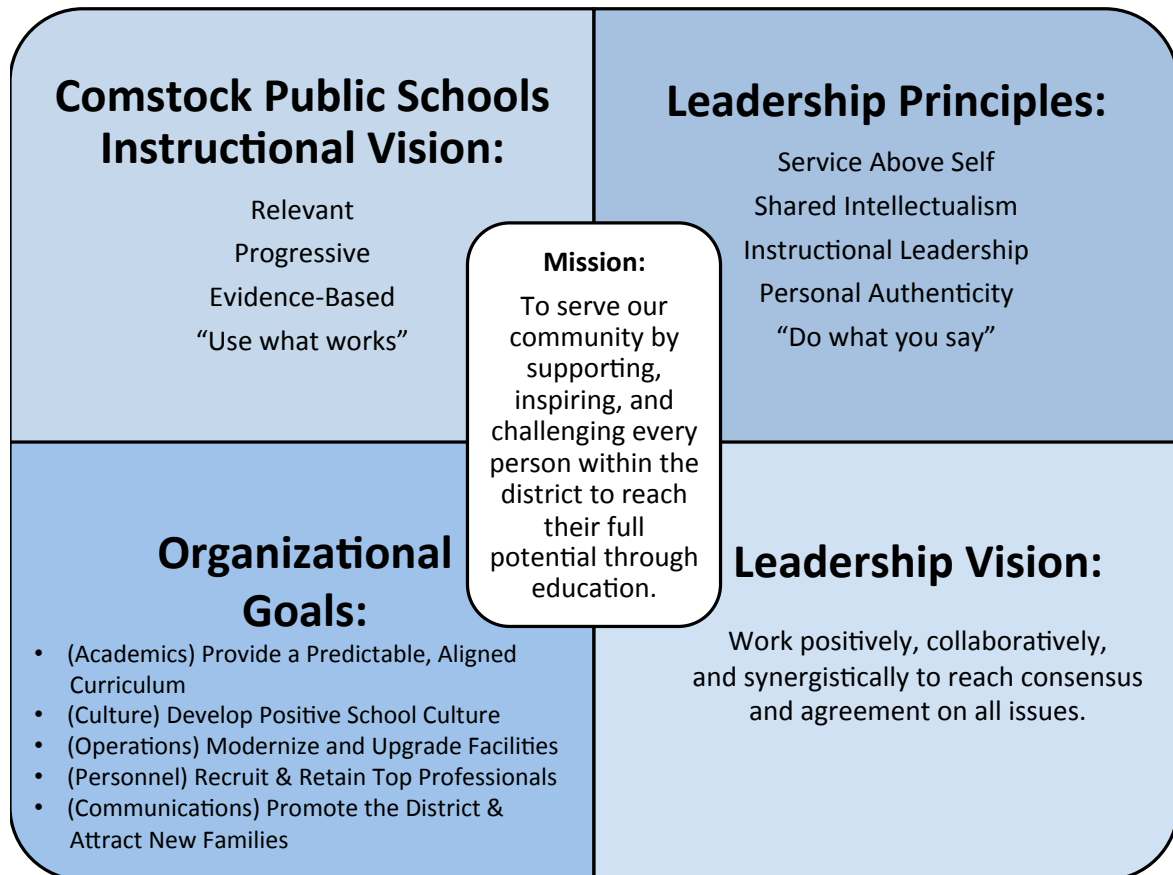
challenging students, teachers and staff within the district to reach their full potential through education.

To make this mission real and tangible, I created an instructional and leadership model which I introduced to teachers and staff at our opening day breakfast. And now, I would like to introduce it to the community.

The center or heart of the model consists of the District's Mission surrounded by four major components or quadrants (see adjacent graphic) - Instructional Vision, Leadership Principles, Leadership Vision, and Organizational Goals.

**Instructional Vision** - All of our instructional staff including teachers, paraprofessionals, and curriculum and behavioral coaches will use practices that are relevant, progressive, and evidence-based. Essentially, the educators will use what works but their practices must

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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:  
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connect to the students, create meaning, and have research that supports the instructional strategy. We will not engage in outdated, obsolete, or ineffective practices that have been shown or demonstrated to be ineffective.

**Leadership Principles** - Because we are a Covey Institute, Leader in Me district, all

our employees are working to develop their leadership skills. Guiding our decision making are four key tenets or principles - Service Above Self, Shared Intellectualism, Instructional Leadership, and Personal Authenticity. Simply put, district personnel will prioritize the needs of students before their own, openly share and

collaborate about research and educational best practices, point the way toward new instructional techniques, and interact with others at all times honestly, ethically, and transparently.

**Leadership Vision** - The vision focuses our attention on how we, as leaders, will accomplish our mission of service to our students and community. It reminds us that what matters most is not power or positional authority but rather positive win-win outcomes for all. We must begin with the end in mind by creating solutions and systems that will most benefit students due to full organizational commitment and support.

**Organizational Goals** - Finally, aligning with the Comstock Public Schools Strategic Plan are the Organizational Goals. These goals specify five areas for district investment and attention - academics, culture, operations, personnel, and communications. By developing, investing, and addressing these goals, the district will reap both short- and long-term dividends.

If you happen to see me at a school event, please take the time to say, "Hi," and allow me to introduce myself. I look forward to our conversation.

"It's a great day to be a Colt!"

Dr. Jeff Thoenes  
Superintendent

## Board Briefs

### REGULAR MEETING

#### July 9, 2018

- Heard year-end report from Jay Birchmeier, Compass High School principal.
- Approved the following personnel:
  - Stanley Williams, NEMS resource room teacher
  - Andrew Perkowski, 6th-8th grade STEM teacher
  - Julianne Woods, STEM instructional coach
  - Molly Miller, NEMS 7th grade resource room teacher
  - Tyler Gjeltema, varsity football coach
  - Katie Leaders, 8th grade volleyball coach
- Approved Mercantile Bank for financing the purchase of five school buses. The purchase of the five buses had been approved at the June 11, 2018, meeting.

### WORK SESSION

#### July 23, 2018

- Approved the following personnel items:
  - Resignation of Shannon Howard, Spanish teacher
  - Resignation of Katelan Schoen, special education teacher consultant
  - Resignation of Kimberly Beeke, high school social studies teacher
- Approved the purchase of an automatic dishwashing machine for the high school at a cost of \$70,962.

### REGULAR MEETING

#### August 13, 2018

- Approved the following personnel items:
  - Lindsey Clark, special education teacher consultant
  - Kaitlynn Baylerian, Green Meadow fourth grade teacher
  - Jake Maloney, NEMS physical education teacher
  - Dr. Laura Henly, school psychologist
  - Chelsea Brooks, high school social studies teacher
  - Shea Green, varsity sideline cheer coach
  - Devin Johnson, varsity baseball coach
- Approved the purchase of 70 laptop computers for district-wide use at a cost of \$28,832.

### WORK SESSION

#### August 27, 2018

- Approved the following personnel items:
  - Jim Corstange, NEMS Interim assistant principal
  - Brian Deller, director of special education
  - Kary Mack, high school Spanish teacher
  - Connie Sandelin, STEM Academy Spanish/ESL teacher
  - Stacy Nieto, district-wide Spanish/ESL coordinator
  - Brianna Griffiths, NEMS physical education teacher
  - Angela Moreande, North Elementary technology teacher
  - Chris Ritsau, high school science teacher
- Approved attendance at the National Athletic Directors Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in December for athletic director, Justin Ansel.

## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

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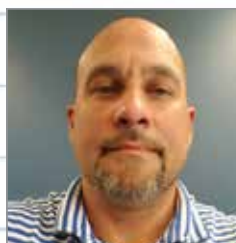
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# Welcome, New Staff Members



## **Kaitlynn Baylerian**

Challenged by reading her whole life, Kaitlynn Baylerian always looked down on herself because she couldn't read as well as the other students.

"I don't remember reading books past a certain age," she said. "I remember faking it and pretending so that no one noticed that I wasn't reading as fast as everyone else."

With the support of her family and some of her teachers, she made it through those hard times and decided to become a teacher.

"I became a teacher to help kids who struggle like I do know that it's ok if they aren't like everyone else and that they can still do whatever they want to in life," she said.

Inspiring her career in education was Gail Foster Dorsey, who was her teacher for first, second, and third grades.

"She always took out extra time, including her lunch breaks, to help me with reading," she said. "She believed in me and made me feel like it was ok to make mistakes. I strive to make my students feel valued and safe, just as she made me feel years ago."

So, after graduating from Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Ms. Baylerian earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in elementary education with a major in child development and minors in math and reading.

"I knew I wanted to work as an elementary teacher ever since I was a little kid and this program had everything I was looking for," she said.

She began her teaching career at Arborwood Elementary in Monroe, Michigan, where she taught reading intervention for a year and then third and fourth grades for three years. At Comstock, she is teaching fourth grade at Green Meadow Elementary.

She enjoys spending time with her family which includes her father, Michael, recently retired from a career in biomedical sales; her mother, a general resource room teacher in Bloomfield Hills; and her siblings, Jason, a

chef; Lauren who works at Great Lakes Coca Cola; and Elizabeth, a student at Northwood University.

Going to concerts, hiking, home decorating, and crafting are other activities she enjoys.

Ms. Baylerian is also currently working on her master's degree from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.



## **Chelsea Brooks**

Being the first from her family to attend college, Chelsea Brooks went into education so she could help others achieve that goal as well.

A graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, she went to Michigan State University originally majoring in math with a history minor. When she realized her true passion was in the social sciences, she changed her major to interdisciplinary social science and secondary education.

Many teachers have had an impact on her life.

"I remember my middle school science teacher, Mrs. Coppens for her kindness and patience; my U.S. history teacher, Mrs. Dahl, for her fiery passion for all things history; and my world history teacher, Mrs. Hathaway, who always pushed me to do better," she said.

This year she will be teaching U.S. history, American systems, and college success strategies at the high school.

Before coming to Comstock, she taught in the Battle Creek Public Schools and also the Lansing Public Schools.

She has five brothers and two sisters. She has guardianship over two of her siblings, Ezra, 16, and Dakota, 14, who attend Comstock High School.

In her free time, Ms. Brooks enjoys watching collegiate football and knitting.

## **Brian Deller**

Brian Deller is Comstock's new director of special education. In this role, he will be working with staff members in all the buildings



to support students with individualized education plans (IEP).

After graduating from Constantine High School, he majored in special education at Grand Valley

State University.

The teacher who influenced him the most was Ed TerSteege.

"He always did what was best for students and treated parents with respect," he said.

Prior to coming to Comstock, Mr. Deller taught in Parchment, Benzie Central Schools, Pennfield, and the Calhoun Intermediate District.

He has two sons, Jackson and Tyler. Jackson is a junior at Climax High School and also attends Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Tyler is a freshman at Pennfield High School and also attends the Math and Science Center in Battle Creek.

His wife, Michole, is a school psychologist in Calhoun County, working with the families of children from birth through six years of age.

The Deller family enjoys traveling, boating, and working outside.



## **Dr. Laura Henly**

Working for eight years in the corporate world doing finance, real estate, and recruiting convinced Laura Henly that the corporate world wasn't

for her. Looking for something different, she shadowed a friend who was a school psychologist, discovering a career that she loves.

Now, she has come to Comstock to work as the districtwide school psychologist. Prior to coming to Comstock, she worked for several years in the Chicago Public Schools and also surrounding suburban schools. After moving to Michigan, she worked for the Calhoun Intermediate School District.

She has also worked in private practice and

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in the legal sector as a neuropsychologist.

"I decided I wanted to return to the schools because that is where I could help the most kids and families, especially those who wouldn't typically have access to a neuropsychologist," she said.

It's also in the school setting as a school psychologist that she has found the greatest influential educators.

"Watching what they all do on a daily basis inspires me to do the best in my job and do all I can to support them in the classroom," she said.

Originally from Minnesota and Wisconsin, she attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois, receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology. She earned her master's specialist degree in school psychology and her doctorate in neuropsychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

She enjoys playing with her two "fur-babies," Busey, a Labradoodle, and Reeves, a terrier poodle. Reading, going to the beach, camping, cooking, and traveling are among her other interests.

"Ask me about my trip to the Maldives and I will talk your ear off," she said.



## Kary Mack

A graduate of Comstock High School, Kary Mack has returned to her alma mater to teach Spanish. It was a different career choice from what she thought she

wanted to do.

After participating in an Education for Employment (EFE) program at the Comstock Auditorium, she started out to be a theater technician.

"After working at Pretty Lake Vacation Camp, I decided I had to change my major," she said.

She graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and a bachelor of science in Spanish.

"I know that I only have one life. I want

to make the most out of it," she said of her decision to go into education.

She previously taught at El Sol Elementary and Hillside Middle School in Kalamazoo Public Schools. Her experience encompasses kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Of all the teachers she's had, Mrs. Mack, considers her fourth grade teacher, Sue O'Donnell, as the most influential.

"She used restorative justice before it was a trend," she said. "She cared about me and stood by me."

Mrs. Mack's family includes her husband, Rick, who is a firefighter at Comstock's Station 9-2. They have three-year old twins, Ricky and Charlie.



## Molly Miller

Molly Miller started out to become a marine biologist but when chemistry was an insurmountable challenge, she decided on a career in

education.

"That way, I could focus on writing and research, my favorite school subjects," she said.

Interactions with people in high school and college helped her realize she wanted to be in the classroom "helping out students to show them they are great and they can learn no matter what."

In addition, her dance teachers were important influences on her life.

"Dancing competitively with my team taught me great lessons about teamwork, stamina, determination, and consistency," she said. "They are all lessons I am able to take back into the classroom and relay to my students today."

After graduating from Dakota High School in Macomb, Michigan, she earned a bachelor's degree in special education, elementary education, and language arts from Michigan State University.

She previously worked as a paraprofessional in Holt, Michigan, working with seventh and

eighth grade students. She will be teaching seventh grade reading and math in the resource room at Northeast Middle School.

Her mother is a teacher in the Warren Consolidated Schools while her father is a firefighter/paramedic in Warren. Her brother, a recent graduate from WMU, works at Zeigler Motor Sports.

Ms. Miller enjoys doing word search puzzles, hanging in her hammock, and listening to rock. She also does hot yoga, dancing, and karaoke whenever she can find the time.



## Andrew Perkowski

Attending Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights, Michigan, Andrew Perkowski had a teacher named Mrs. Healey who still influences

his life today.

"She challenged all of her students to work and learn outside of their comfort zones," he said. "This helped me realize talents that I didn't know I had and has helped me to believe in my ability to create original, meaningful lessons."

Also figuring into his decision to go into education was the influence of his mother, a Sunday School teacher, and his sister, an elementary teacher.

"I admired how they could help empower students to become independent thinkers," he said.

At Western Michigan University, he majored in history because he's interested in the decisions and actions that have shaped civilization. For his master's degree from Peru University in Peru, Nebraska, he majored in curriculum development to learn the skills needed to create engaging and meaningful lessons for his students.

For 11 years, he taught high school in southern Maryland and then one year of seventh grade in Virginia. At Comstock's STEM Academy, he will be teaching sixth grade geography, seventh grade world history,



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and eighth grade American history.

He and his wife, LeAnne, have a two-year-old daughter, Reese. LeAnne works in real estate relocation for Century 21.

He enjoys hiking, running, fishing, golfing, cooking, and being outside with his family.



## Connie Sandelin

With a lifelong interest in language and people from other countries, Connie Sandelin chose to major in Spanish education at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Then, she earned a master's in teaching English as a second language (ESL) from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I wanted to make an impact in people's lives," she said of her decision to go into education.

Prior to coming to Comstock, she taught high school Spanish in Indiana and then ESL at ESL of Southwest Michigan, a program of the Kalamazoo Literacy Council. She will be teaching middle school Spanish at the STEM Academy and ESL throughout the district.

A graduate of Harding High School in Marion, Ohio, Mrs. Sandelin considers her father an important role model for her as a

teacher.

"My dad was never my teacher in school, but his dedication as an educator and coach, inspires me to continuously learn how to teach my subject better—and, even more importantly, to really care about my students," she said.

Mrs. Sandelin's husband, Michael, teaches math at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, Michigan. They have two children, Kara, 12, and Isaac, 9.

She enjoys spending time with her family, reading books with her children, going for long walks, and running.



## Julianne Woods

Julianne Woods, the STEM Academy's new instructional coach, owes her career in education to her mother who was an elementary teacher for 39 years.

"Growing up I loved helping in her classroom," said Mrs. Woods. "When I chose a career, I wanted to do something that mattered, and education was a natural fit for me."

So it's no surprise that her mother was also her most influential educator.

"Growing up, I watched the joy she brought to her classroom, her drive to constantly improve, and the passion with which she advocated for her students' success," she said. "Through my whole career, she has continued to be my most important sounding board, mentor, coach, and cheerleader."

After graduating from Western High School in Parma, Michigan, Mrs. Woods earned a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University and then a master of arts in curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University.

For her undergraduate degree, she had a triple minor in elementary education, math and science, and integrated creative arts.

"The first two were required, but I chose integrated creative arts because of my love for dance and music," she said. "I enjoyed learning how to build the arts into all areas of the curriculum."

Among her interests are reading, knitting, skiing, and going to Walt Disney World with her family.

Her husband, Jason, is a promotions producer at WOOD-TV8 and WOTV-4. They have two children, Aiden 10; and Sydney, 8, both of whom attend the STEM Academy.

## Pay-to-Play Sports Fees Eliminated

Comstock Schools will no longer charge fees for high school and middle school sponsored sports. The decision to eliminate the fees which have been charged for 11 years was made by the district's new superintendent, Dr. Jeffery Thoenes.

Athletic Director Justin Ansel hopes the fee elimination will increase participation in all sports.

"We want your kids involved," he said. "Let's get them all participating in sports."

Participation in sports has several positive benefits for students including higher grade point averages and better attendance. Spirit, communication, hustle, attitude, and precision

are skills needed in sports, all of which students can use throughout their lives.

Sports programs in the community which are not sponsored by the schools still need to charge activity fees. Those include Comstock Youth Football, Middle School Soccer, Eastwood Little League, AYSO Soccer and Stampede Basketball.

If your son or daughter is interested in participating in these programs and you need financial help, please call Justin Ansel at 269-250-8711, or email [anselj@comstockps.org](mailto:anselj@comstockps.org) for more information on available scholarships.

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# Comstock's Health Care Training Programs Provide Many Benefits

Comstock now has two programs to train those who are interested in working in health care. In August of this year, a new Health Care Worker program was started in conjunction with the State MI Works Program.

This program provides skill competency for those working in the community where a CNA certification is not required such as home care and assisted living facilities.

For those desiring CNA certification, the Comstock Certified Nurse Aide Program, which began in 1991, is a vibrant program offering the opportunity to 22 new students every month to complete a ten-day classroom and lab experience and three days of clinical experience at a local nursing home. We offer a Michigan State licensed CNA Program of 81 hours that is comprehensive and flexible to meet the individual needs of our students.

Our program has six RN Instructors with a variety of hospital, community and hospice experience and four instructors who are State Train-the-Trainer Certified. We offer onsite TB skin testing required for the nursing home clinical experience, resume development, and review days after graduation to prepare for the state CNA exam.

We help our students learn more than 25 skills in a nine-day period. We work with MI Works, Path and Michigan Rehabilitation Services to support the success of our students.

The CNA Program provides new career opportunities as soon as day nine of the program when students are involved in an onsite job fair with approximately 16 agencies interviewing for immediate job openings. Often employment offers are extended the same day.

The Comstock CNA Program provides new career opportunities and advancement in current jobs after students pass their State Certification testing. We provide this successful outcome for approximately 200 students each year. This training that provides new employment for our students also brings needed relief to the shortfall of aides in our community hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home care agencies, memory care facilities and hospice.

Many agencies are now sponsoring students to attend CNA classes by paying the \$980 tuition and providing job security after completion of the program. Due to our vision and program development, we have received valuable donations to our skills lab of over \$20,000.

Our goal in the CNA Program is to prepare confident caregivers to successfully obtain and retain employment in the health care arena. Our students provide care to residents at home and in health-care facilities. Some use this training as a stepping stone to further training as a future RN, physician assistant or doctor.

The success of our program is represented by many of our students who have made a valuable impact in the community and the individuals in their care. CNA graduate Julia Larkin has successfully launched her own home care business called Grandsitting. Another CNA graduate, Brittney Horton, provides CNA care in a nursing home, acts as a home care representative to our job fairs and evaluates aides in the home.

If you are a natural caregiver looking for a rewarding career we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us at 269-250-8930.

## 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](http://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

## Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

### October:

15 - Kalamazoo Christian High School Band/Choir Fall Concert; 7:30 p.m. FREE

### November:

2-4 - *Honk Jr.* - Center Stage Theater, 7:30 p.m., Matinee only on the November 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets at the door or call 269-348-SHOW.

6 - Kalamazoo Christian Middle School Choir Concert; 7 p.m., FREE

9 - HPA Kids *Jungle Book Jr.* - 5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Tickets: [hpami.org](http://hpami.org) or at the door.

16-17 - Kalamazoo Christian High School Fall Play; 7 p.m., Online tickets and at the door. Tickets: Call Kalamazoo Christian High School: 269-381-2250.

# Comstock Public Schools 2018-2019 School Calendar

October 9	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 2	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
November 12	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 13	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 14	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 15	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 16	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 21	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 22-23	<b>THANKSGIVING RECESS</b>		No Students / No Staff
December 4	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
Dec. 24–Jan. 4, 2019	<b>WINTER RECESS</b>		No Students / No Teachers
January 22	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
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	Professional Development A.M. K-12 <b>END OF 1ST SEMESTER</b>		
	Records Day P.M.	8:00am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
February 22	<b>MID-WINTER BREAK</b>		No Students / No Teachers
March 5	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 18	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 19	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 20	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Half Day Students K-12
March 21	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 22	Half Day Students A.M./ Teacher PD P.M.	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Half Day Students K-12
March 29 – April 5	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>		No Students/ No Teachers
May 7	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 PM	Full Day Students K-12
May 27	<b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE</b>		No Students / No Staff
June 10	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	<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b> (High School Exams)		
	Records Day P.M.		Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers





# 2018 Spring Semester Honor Roll

*Congratulations to the following students who were named to the High Honor Roll and Honor Roll at the end of the 2018 spring semester.*

## High Honor Roll

### 3.5- 4.0+

Jeztrell Abella  
Shelby Alexander  
Josette Allen  
Daisy Ansel  
James Ansel  
Luiza Arakelyan  
Carolina Ballesteros  
Keilani Baumgartner  
Andrea Behrmann  
Nickolas Bodi  
Michael Borton  
Kyra Bosma  
Alexandra Boven  
Kaitlynn Burns  
April Camburn  
Macy Cannon  
Marcus Cannon  
Olivia Carlson  
Natalie Carroll  
Madelyn Caswell  
Shawn Cosby  
Emily Dodson  
Daryn Dratt  
Samuel Dyer  
Anthony Flowers  
Tia Geer  
Cameron Gilley  
Lily Hall  
Angelina Hang  
Vien Hang  
Zachary Hattan  
Josef Henline  
Logan Hicks  
Alexus Hofacre  
Nico Hoffmann  
Abby House  
Caleb Howard  
Megan James  
Abigail Jepkema

Emily Johnson  
Vaisha Johnson  
Jack Kendall  
Alexander Kish  
Adam Kreitlow  
Julia Kruis  
Tyler Kuivenhoven  
Gabrielle Langejans  
Amy Li  
Kami Littlejohn  
Alyssa Loucks  
Kierra Lovelace  
Alexander Mason  
Kelsey Miltzer  
A'Niya Moore  
Kyle Moore  
Gabriella Mulder  
Travis Neal  
Matthew Northrup  
Macy Osborn  
Emmalee Otto  
Madisyann Overholts-Doty  
Israel Patterson  
Megan Payne  
Victor Plascencia  
Cody Plosick  
Samuel Rabick  
JenniferMegan Richards  
Austin Rolan  
Kaitlyn Rooney  
Brianna Salome  
Angel Samuels  
Donovan Saunders  
Patricia Sivley  
Bradley Skane  
David Small  
Joshua Small  
Jesse VanAvery  
Zoe Vandrey  
Thomas Warner

La'Kario White  
Dalton Wilkins  
Branden Willis  
Carter Wintz

### Honor Roll- 3.0-3.4

Savannah Ames  
Madison Ballinger  
Dylan Barrus  
Brandon Bavin  
Samantha Bogema  
Sarah Cady  
Evan Caswell  
Jessica Cervantes Rosillo  
Tanner Clements  
Jackson Congdon  
Ezra Conway  
John Curry  
Nicole Dankert  
Hunter DeLeon  
Natalie DeYoung-Foster  
Brooke Dove  
Corey Echols  
Halie Foote  
Ezekiel Fowle  
Destin Foy  
Skylar George  
D'Andre Gladney  
Brianna Gorsline  
Emily Hainer  
Janice Harper  
William Hatfield  
Olivia Hetherwick  
Dominique Hines  
Jeremiah Horton  
Alayra Houseman  
Zachary Howard  
Issacc Irizarry  
Callie James  
Jaime Jeffries  
Sierra Johnson

KaSheyah Lee  
Madison Lennon  
Clinton Lewis  
Dakota Lowman  
William Markus  
Eriana Matthews  
Sophia McComb  
Bradley McIntyre  
Nareai McPherson  
Seirra Mearing  
Vincent Nguyen  
Jasmine Nuyen  
Ricardo O'Neal  
Moe'Nae Patterson  
Sophie Phillips  
Fernando Plascencia  
Hannah Prouse  
Alexandra Rawlinson  
Thomas Reilly  
Drew Richards  
Benjamin Rieger  
Teague Roellchen  
Destiney Rose  
Jada Rose  
Eric Sage  
Masyn Scott  
Bernardino Sivley  
Ciara Smith  
Scott Stacey  
Kylie Stafford  
Andrew Standish  
Haylee Stiger  
Zachary Taube  
David Thomas  
Quamon Tipton  
Evan Veenhuis  
Kaylee Walters  
Lissa Weaver  
Vernard Whitehead  
Carter Wingler  
Aliyeh Woodman



## Band Boosters Hosts Musical Cabaret Fundraiser

The Comstock Band of Blue is hosting a musical cabaret fundraiser, #SHOWOFF 2, on October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Comstock Community Auditorium Colt Center.

#SHOWOFF 2 is a musical cabaret show directed by professional artist and Comstock Band of Blue alumnus, Ashleigh Abbott. This 20-member ensemble consists of Comstock students, familiar faces from the community, as well as professional guest artists.

Headlining the event is Broadway and TV star, Lisa Capps. The 90-minute cabaret will feature exciting dance numbers, popular Broadway tunes of today and yesterday, complete with a full evening of refreshments and top-notch entertainment.

Tickets are \$20 each or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$150. Included in the ticket price is one trip for light appetizers and a drink. Additional food and beverages will be available for purchase. To purchase tickets go to our Facebook page, Comstock Bands, for more information.



# Comstock Sports News

## High School, Middle School Fall Awards Banquet

The high school fall awards banquet will be Monday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This is also the awards banquet night for middle school volleyball, middle school cross country and middle school soccer.

## Physicals

A reminder to all parents that it is an MHSAA requirement that each student athlete have a physical on file with the athletic department to be eligible to participate in athletics for Comstock. The physical has to be dated after April 15, 2018, to cover your son/daughter for the entire 2018-19 year. Please give Justin Ansel in the athletic department a call if you have any questions, 269-250-8711.

## Winter Sports Start Dates

- Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys Basketball – Monday, October 22
- High School Boys Basketball & Competitive Cheer – November 5
- High School Girls Basketball, Wrestling & Club Bowling – November 12
- Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls Basketball & Middle School Wrestling – Tuesday, January 8, tentative. Please call the athletic department with any questions.

## High School Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Each winter program will hold a separate winter sports parent meeting this year. Dates and times will be shared after initial start dates. We look forward to seeing you there if your son or daughter is participating in a winter sport.

## Hall of Fame Induction

This is your last chance to nominate someone for the 2019 Comstock Athletic Hall of Fame. Please fill out the Hall of Fame nomination form on this page and return it to the athletic office by Thanksgiving. The Hall of Fame board will be meeting after Thanksgiving to decide upon the 2019 Induction Class.

# 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

# of Varsity Letters - Girls Sports

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

\_\_\_\_ 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 HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

## Boys JV Football

Thu, Oct 4	@ Parchment High School	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 11	Buchanan HS	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 18	Maple Valley High School	6:00PM

## Boys Varsity Football

Fri, Oct 5	Parchment High School	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 12	@ Buchanan HS	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 19	@ Maple Valley High School	7:00PM

## Girls JV Volleyball

Mon, Oct 1	Pennfield	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 03	Parchment High School	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 11	Quincy High School	5:30PM
Mon, Oct 15	@ Parchment Mini Tournament	TBA
Wed, Oct 17	@ Mendon High School	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	8:30AM
Tue, Oct 23	Battle Creek Central HS	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 25	@ Martin Tri w/ Bangor	5:00PM

## Girls Varsity Volleyball

Mon, Oct 1	Pennfield	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 3	Parchment High School	6:00PM
Sat, Oct 6	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 11	Quincy High School	6:30PM
Wed, Oct 17	@ Mendon High School	6:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ BCS Red Division Tournament - Berrien Springs	9:00AM
Tue, Oct 23	Battle Creek Central HS	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 25	@ Bangor Quad w/ Martin & Watervliet	5:30PM
Mon, Oct 29	@ MHSAA District - Host Wayland	TBA

## Girls Varsity Golf

Tue, Oct 2	@ KVA Conference Tournament - Hampshire	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 4	@ KVA Tournament - Rain Date	TBA
Wed, Oct 10	@ MHSAA Regional - The Mines GC	TBA

## Boys Varsity Soccer

Mon, Oct 1	@ Hartford Public Schools	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 3	Parchment High School	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 4	Constantine JV Scrimmage	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 10	Coloma High School	7:00PM
Mon, Oct 15	@ MHSAA District Quarter - SH Host	TBA
Wed, Oct 17	@ MHSAA District Semi - Host SH	TBA
Sat, Oct 20	@ MHSAA District Final - Host SH	TBA

## Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country

Tue, Oct 9	@ BCS LMC Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ Kalamazoo Christian Invitational	10:00AM
Sat, Oct 27	@ MHSAA Regional - Centreville	TBA

## Boys Freshman Basketball

Tue, Nov 27	Vicksburg High School	4:15PM
Fri, Nov 30	Parchment High School	4:30PM
Thu, Dec 6	@ Buchanan HS	6:00PM
Thu, Dec 13	Brandywine High School	6:00PM
Tue, Dec 18	@ Allegan Public Schools	4:15PM
Wed, Dec 19	Berrien Springs HS	6:00PM

## Boys JV Basketball

Tue, Nov 27	Vicksburg High School	5:45PM
Fri, Nov 30	Parchment High School	6:00PM
Fri, Dec 7	@ Buchanan HS	4:30PM
Thu, Dec 13	Brandywine High School	7:30PM
Tue, Dec 18	@ Allegan Public Schools	5:45PM
Wed, Dec 19	Berrien Springs HS	7:30PM

## Boys Varsity Basketball

Tue, Nov 27	Vicksburg High School	7:15PM
Fri, Nov 30	Parchment High School	7:30PM
Fri, Dec 7	@ Buchanan HS	7:30PM
Fri, Dec 14	Brandywine High School	7:30PM
Tue, Dec 18	@ Allegan Public Schools	7:15PM
Thu, Dec 20	Berrien Springs HS	7:30PM

## Girls JV Basketball

Tue, Dec 4	@ Vicksburg High School	5:45PM
Thu, Dec 6	@ Buchanan HS	7:30PM
Fri, Dec 14	Brandywine High School	4:30PM
Tue, Dec 18	Allegan Public Schools	5:00PM
Thu, Dec 20	Berrien Springs HS	4:30PM

## Girls Varsity Basketball

Tue, Dec 4	@ Vicksburg High School	7:15PM
Fri, Dec 7	@ Buchanan HS	4:30PM
Fri, Dec 14	Brandywine High School	6:00PM
Tue, Dec 18	Allegan Public Schools	6:30PM
Thu, Dec 20	Berrien Springs HS	6:00PM
Sat, Dec 29	@ Kent City High School (at GVSU)	TBA

## Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling

Mon, Dec 3	Constantine High School	4:00PM
Wed, Dec 5	@ Coloma High School	4:00PM
Mon, Dec 10	@ Bronson Junior/Senior High School	4:00PM
Wed, Dec 12	Galesburg-Augusta HS	4:00PM
Mon, Dec 17	Kalamazoo Christian HS	4:00PM
Wed, Dec 19	@ Martin Public School	4:00PM

## Boys Varsity Wrestling

Mon, Nov 12	First Practice Practice	TBA
Wed, Dec 5	@ Kalamazoo Central Quad	5:00PM
Fri, Dec 7	@ Olivet Invitational - B Team	5:00PM
Sat, Dec 8	@ Big Rapids Invitational	9:00AM
Wed, Dec 12	@ Gull Lake Quad	6:00PM
Fri, Dec 14	@ Holland JV Invitational	5:00PM
Sat, Dec 15	@ Gull Lake Invitational	9:30AM
Sat, Dec 29	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:30AM



# Comstock Township Library Events

## \*BUCK-A-BAG BOOK SALE\* September 29-October 6

### Adult Programs

**Michigan Works at the Comstock Township Library on October 11 and 24 from 2-4 p.m. for JOB PLANNING!** The following services will be available: resume review, resume development, hot job leads, support services, application assistance, and service referrals. Contact Steve for details at 269-488-7503.

**Adult Craft: Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m.** Painted Wood Slice Pumpkin. Paint and decorate a wood slice pumpkin to welcome Thanksgiving. Required registration for this free craft begins on Monday, October 1. Space is limited. Call 345-0136 for more information.

**Ask-A-Lawyer: Thursday, October 25, 6-8 p.m.** Join Robert Reilman to get your legal questions answered. This program is free and sign-ups begin on October 8 at the adult reference desk. Your legal questions will be answered in the order you arrive, but you must register. Call 345-0136 for more information.

**Adult Craft: Wednesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.** Gingerbread Cookie Scrub. Get ready for the holidays with a luxurious scrub you can gift to your friends. Required registration for this free craft begins on Monday, October 29. Space is limited. Call 345-0136 for more information.

**Holiday Open House: Join the Comstock Township Library on Saturday, December 8, from 1-3 p.m.** for our annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy holiday cookies, cider, a performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's String Quartet, meet Mrs. Claus, make a children's craft, play children's games, decorate sugar cookies, and see live reindeer. The reindeer will be outside, so please dress warmly. Please bring your camera, as pictures with Mrs. Claus and the reindeer will be allowed.

### EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Pre-Kindergarten.** Comstock Township Library is encouraging parents to read 1000 books to their young children before they begin kindergarten and earn prizes along the way. Reading to children 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!

**STORYTIME: Ages infant-5.** Register your child for a 45-minute session, which includes 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other activities followed by a 15-minute age appropriate activity. Storytimes run through Thursday, December 6. There will be no storytimes on Thursday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Storytime sessions are as follows:

**Mondays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

**Tuesdays:** 10:00-10:15 a.m., Lapsitters  
10:30-11:15 a.m., 1-2 year olds

**Wednesdays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 2-3 year olds,  
1-1:45 p.m., Preschoolers

**Thursdays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

**LEGO CLUB: Every month on the third Friday, 4-5 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, October 19, 4-5 p.m.** (Registration begins Monday, October 8)

**Friday, November 16, 4-5 p.m.** (Registration begins Monday, November 5)

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:** Every month on the first Friday, sixth through twelfth graders. Earn community service hours helping us plan programs for teens and other youth! Must be in sixth through twelfth grades to register for this free event! Meetings will be:

**Friday, October 5, 4-5 p.m.** (Registration begins Monday, October 1)

**Friday, November 2, 4-5 p.m.** (Registration begins Monday, October 29)

**Friday, December 7, 4-5 p.m.** (Registration begins Monday, November 26)

**FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., all ages.** Come dressed in your Halloween costume for our fourth annual autumn party for all ages! Enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and our costume competition! Registration is required for this free event and begins Monday, October 8.

**BOBBLE HEAD DOG CRAFT: Saturday, November 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages.** Join us for decorating your very own bobble head dog. Registration is required for the free event and begins Monday, October 29.

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:** Join the Comstock Township Library on **Saturday, December 8, from 1 - 3 p.m.** for our annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy holiday cookies, cider, a performance by the

## CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans' Day. The library will be close on Wednesday, November 21, at 5 p.m., and be closed on Thursday, November 22, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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



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### 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.

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT: Saturday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., for children ages 0-18.** Decorate a milk carton gingerbread house with candies and frosting. We will provide all the supplies! Children under the age of 5 must have an adult to help them. Registration is required for this free craft and begins Monday, December 3.