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From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Community,

As I begin my fifth year at the helm of Comstock Public Schools, I want to welcome everyone back to school for the beginning of the 2022-23 school year!

As the Superintendent, I am sincerely grateful for the close, collaborative partnership between our School Board and community. In unity with these two stakeholder groups as well as with our administration, teachers, staff, and parents, this past year we made many positive strides forward. As a result, the outlook for this new year looks brighter and more promising than ever.

Highlights of 2021-22

2022 Bond Election - The District's first major accomplishment was passage of the bond in May. After 18 months of preparation, discussions, a detailed facility assessment, and multiple surveys, public forums, and stakeholder input, on May 3, 2022, the Board of Education placed before community voters a bond proposal for \$39.4 million. Fortunately, voters passed the measure. The District will use this money over the next four years to remodel, renovate, and modernize Comstock High School and build an entirely new STEM Academy, the first new school building for the District in over 50 years.

With the support and counsel of our construction partners, GMB Architecture, Miller Davis Construction, and AE Tech Design, we will carefully plan these facility improvements. Accordingly, during the coming school year, most of the work on these two major construction projects will be spent planning, drafting, and reviewing potential building designs and ultimately approving them.

District Finances - Another major accomplishment was the continued strengthening of the District's finances under the astute and adept leadership of the Board's Finance Committee (Chair Paul Lamphear, Secretary Dori Scholly, and Trustee Karen Howes) and Finance Director Michelle Darnell. The Board was able to success-

fully negotiate two-year labor agreements and fund appropriate increases to the financial compensation packages for all three of our employee groups (Comstock Education Association, Comstock Paraprofessional Association, and the Comstock Educational Professional Administrative Assistants Association). The District also provided raises for our administrative team, support staff, bus drivers, custodians, and food service workers while also increasing the district's fund balance, or savings account, to 10 percent. By any standard, it was a banner year for our finances.

Instructional Excellence and Academic Growth

Finally, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the District offered in-person learning all year. This decision paid dividends for our students. Our teachers and support staff do an excellent job and their hard work, passion, and dedication clearly paid off. Attendance rates were up, teachers planned engaging lessons, and a vast majority of students were excited and pleased to return to a predictable school routine. Importantly, after accounting for transient students and as measured by the NWEA, on average the students in Grades K-8 at Comstock Elementary School, Comstock Middle School, and Comstock STEM Academy showed more than a year's worth of growth in math and reading. The passing rates of core classes required for graduation also increased for grades 9-12 at Compass and CHS - simply outstanding!

New Beginnings for 2022-23

Here are several exciting new initiatives coming to Comstock Public Schools this school year.

CHS Math and Science Academy - With the support of the Board's Academic Performance Committee and input from a wide variety of stakeholders, this year Assistant Superintendent Jill Ansel and I will be developing a cohort program for Comstock High School for accelerated math, science, and robotics students. For more information, see the related article in this edition of *The Comstock Communicator*.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by empowering, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential, and to ensure all students learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an inclusive, high performing learning community where we foster dreams, explore possibilities, and create futures.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away:
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Districtwide Art Show - The District will hold its inaugural districtwide art show on Thursday, April 27, 2023 in collaboration with the District's art team (Kristin Card, CHS and CMS; Jeannine Roys, STEM Academy; and Maggie MacGirr, CES) and the Comstock Schools Foundation. Show categories will include elementary (PK-5), middle (6-8) and high school (9-12) divisions. The pieces will be adjudicated by a panel of local artists with awards for the top three pieces in each category and an overall Best of Show. The top pieces in each category and the Best of Show will be purchased by the District, framed or preserved, and put on permanent display in the respective schools. The overall Best of Show will be permanently displayed at the Administration Office.

Therapy Dogs - In the coming year, both Comstock Elementary School and Comstock Middle School will receive therapy dogs. Participation in therapy sessions will be completely optional, parent permission will be required, and each school's program will have its own unique focus and goals. At CES, the dog's name is "Piper" and she is a Goldendoodle. When fully grown, she will weigh

about 50 pounds and be about 3 feet tall. Crystal Kohtala, a teacher at CES, and her family have agreed to serve as Piper's host. Conveniently, the Kohtala Family lives only two minutes from the school.

Piper will primarily serve as a reading buddy and emotional support dog. In small groups of two or three, students will read to and interact with her. Piper will also help comfort and calm students experiencing stress, trauma, or tension. Piper is currently undergoing training and will start her service in April, 2023.

At CMS, the type and name of the dog is not known at this time, but the dog is currently receiving training from Paws For A Cause out of Wayland, Michigan. Cathy Street, a teacher at CMS, has agreed to serve as the dog's host. This animal's primary focus will be to help comfort and calm students experiencing stress, trauma, or tension. We expect the animal to start service in December, 2022.

Solar Energy - The District is actively seeking to install solar energy arrays at each of its six school buildings and has initiated conversations with a

Michigan-based company to this end. Given the rising costs of energy and the increasing affordability of solar energy, the District expects to save a substantial amount of money over time with these solar panels. As this issue develops, I will update the community.

As you can tell, Comstock Public Schools has a lot of positive, forward momentum. I invite anyone reading this to become a part of our District's efforts, programs, and initiatives.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, feel free to reach out to me either via email, phone call, or personal visit. I can be reached at Jeff.Thoenes@ComstockPS.org or 269-250-8906. If you happen to see me at a future school event or in the community, please take the time to say "Hi" and allow me to introduce myself. I look forward to our conversation!

Dr. Jeff Thoenes
Superintendent

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

District Proposes New Math and Science Academy

Dear Comstock Community,

I am introducing an initial idea for the creation of the Comstock High School Math and Science Academy (MSA) as well as providing an outline of the process that Assistant Superintendent Jill Ansel and I will follow to facilitate the collective and collaborative design and implementation of this new program.

Here are some preliminary ideas:

a) Interested incoming freshmen students will be required to apply and be accepted before enrolling in the MSA. Importantly, all students may apply regardless of whether or not they attended the Comstock STEM Academy. Standards for enrollment acceptance are to be determined as a part of this design process.

b) At this point, we propose that students be in a cohort for their math, science, and robotics classes in their freshman and sophomore years and then move into personally selected Advanced Placement or other similar honors-type classes during their junior and senior years. A cohort is a group of students who, in this case, will take math and science classes together with the same teacher for at least two years. Since the emphasis

of this cohort program is on math and science, we propose that the program be named the "The Math and Science Academy" or "MSA." Accordingly, students will enroll in whatever English or social studies courses and other electives that best fit their interests and academic schedules.

c) To enhance equity, increase interest, and maximize enrollment in the MSA, a student may enroll in all three MSA courses, two, or just one. However, regardless of which option the students select, they must stay in their respective cohort for their chosen classes for both the freshman and sophomore years. This combination of flexibility in course selection and commitment to the cohort will attract motivated and dedicated students while also allowing for individual student preferences based on particular interests or future college aspirations.

d) As part of this curricular proposal and design process, Assistant Superintendent Ansel and I will research best practices for exemplary high school math, science, and robotics curriculum and programming. We will also rely on the expertise and guidance of STEM Academy Principal Chris Chopp, new High School Principal Mary Spade, and any interested staff.

e) Importantly, our design process for the MSA program will feature a series of public forums and surveys to gain input and feedback from students, parents, and community stakeholders. The dates, times, and locations of the public forums will be announced in August.

f) By December, the program would be in its final form for presentation to the Board for review and approval. This timing will allow us to promote the program to the community during the second semester, complete the student application and acceptance process by late spring, and add the courses to the high school's course guidebook and schedule. The first freshmen MSA cohort would begin in August, 2023.

Let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas. We look forward to moving this process forward and ultimately enhancing the academic experiences for our high school students and families.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes
Superintendent

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Bond Construction Update

By Dr. Jeff Thoenes, Superintendent

The District's efforts to renovate, rebuild, and upgrade our facilities has continued at a steady pace. To keep the community informed and updated regarding our progress, I'll use this column to highlight the major infrastructure projects we targeted this summer.

Since early June, our construction crews have had increased access to our buildings and, thus, more time to both begin and finish a number of key projects across the District.

Our School Board and Colt Cabinet, as well as our staff, students, and families are grateful and appreciative of the community's support for the 2016 bond fund and the 2019 sinking fund, as well as the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds which have made these much needed improvements possible.

Comstock Elementary School - After 27 months, the work on Comstock Elementary School is nearing completion. Crews have completed all of the interior renovations which have transformed every classroom, the library media center, cafeteria, main offices, support offices, teachers lounge, multi-purpose room, bathrooms, and hallways. They have also installed new classroom technology.

Crews repaired, replaced and seal coated the entire roof; expanded and resurfaced the parking lot and access loop; built new sidewalks and patios; and assembled and delivered new furniture to classrooms and other instructional spaces within the building.

The school is now fully air conditioned with a modernized ventilation system. It has a large gymnasium, and a spacious playground with beautiful playground equipment. By any architectural or educational standard, CES is a modernized and attractive school building and would be a source of pride for any school district. The project was funded by the 2016 bond fund.

Comstock Middle School - In similar fashion to CES, the District targeted CMS for critical summer work. Using federal ESSER monies, the District is modernizing heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems and related materials in the school. Given the extensive scope of the renovations and the fact that the building

is only available for this type of work during the summer months, the upgrades will be done in three phases over the next three summers (2022, 2023, and 2024). When completed, the work will substantially transform the interior of the building originally constructed in 1957.

This summer's work (Phase 1) focused on six classrooms and the hallway along the east or back side of the building. Crews removed all of the original and obsolete cabinets, windows, doors, lighting, electrical and heating systems, false ceilings, and other fixtures. They then rebuilt the rooms installing modern materials including double-paned glass windows, and repainted the rooms. As a reminder, the rooms were re-carpeted last year.

Also at CMS, this summer crews used sinking funds to replace the highly visible center and right (southern) sets of double doors facing the bus loop along 26th Street. Original to the building, the doors were rusted and deteriorated, and an eyesore.

Finally, workers removed the old and worn-down tiling in the southern section of the main hallway and replaced it with plank-style, resilient carpeting that matches the carpeting installed in the remainder of the hallway last year.

Compass High School and Administration Building - Early in the summer, the District hired a local painting company to paint the remaining exterior of the building to match the work done about two years ago. Using a combination of blue and light gray paint, crews painted upper and lower surfaces, metal paneling, doorways, and entrance.

With this facelift, the Compass/Administration building looks and feels like a new building. With this facility's highly visible and public loca-

tion along Gull Road, the District now projects a much more positive public image. The project was funded by the sinking fund.

Comstock High School - The Hamet Athletic Complex Renovations Project is the final project being funded by the 2016 bond and is named for Dr. Bob Hamet who served as Comstock Public Schools Superintendent for 25 years from 1976-2001.

When completed in November, the Complex will have a new entrance and restrooms. The facility will have a beautifully-designed gated entrance that features a booth with ticket windows on three sides. Importantly, the project also includes a fully modernized restroom facility which will be larger and more aesthetically pleasing than the current version.

As always, thanks goes out to our community for the funding that made these projects possible, our Board for their support and vision, as well as our Facilities Crew led by Facilities Director Sean Gillette, and partners GMB Architects and Miller Davis Construction Management.

Without the combined efforts and synergy of these groups, none of this would have been possible.

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CPS Receives Connectivity Grant

The District has been awarded \$61,250 in funding based on the school's application to the 2022 Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). The money will be used to purchase eligible equipment and services related to educational technology.

Technology Director Rick Prather was instrumental in securing this grant for the District.



New Sports for Elementary Students

New sports will be available for elementary students this fall under the leadership of Katie Leaders, the District's new youth sports director.

The available sports will be:

- First-Sixth Grade Youth Football
- First-Sixth Grade Youth Sideline Cheer
- Fourth-Fifth Grade Youth Volleyball
- K-Fifth Youth Boys Soccer (Youth Girls Soccer will be run in the spring)

The goal of the program is to help elementary students develop fundamentals needed for the sports offered at the middle and high school levels.

Go to www.comstockps.org/athletics to access the registration forms for sports that will be offered in the fall.

The critical component in running these youth sports programs will be to secure enough parent

volunteers who are willing to coach. Consider helping develop Comstock kids. Varsity coaches are planning on running a coaching clinic for each sport to provide coaches with guidance at each level.

More information will be available later for winter and spring sport opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Katie Leaders at Katie.Leaders@ComstockPS.org.

Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2022

- Recognized Justin Ansel for his 20 years as an athletic director.
- Recognized Kim Sandefur for her volunteer work with Girls on the Run.
- Recognized Students of the Month:
 - Sebastian Rohrscheib, CELA, GSRP Pre-K
 - Grace Simpson, Elementary, Fourth grade
 - Alyse Hobson, STEM Academy, Second grade
 - Carii Chase, Middle School, Seventh grade
 - Ava Dalton, High School, Tenth grade
 - Cadence Buckmaster, Virtual Academy, Fourth grade
- Recognized Staff of the Month
 - Brenda James, K-5 Teacher, Virtual Academy
- Approved hiring the following:
 - Mary Spade, High School Principal
 - Benjamin Oakley, Director of Special Education
 - Erika Brown, Second grade teacher, CES
 - Brittney Leahy, First grade teacher, CES
 - Kelly Wright, Second grade teacher, CES
- Approved English Language Arts textbook purchase for grades 6 through 12.
- Approved the Tool Cat tractor bid.
- Adopted the 2022 School Building & Site Bonds, Series I, Authorizing Resolution.
- Approved an overnight trip to Cedar Point for graduating seniors.
- Approved trip to Cedar Point for the annual Physics Day.

REGULAR MEETING

May 23, 2022

- Approved resignations of:
 - Lydia Kirkpatrick, Speech-Language

Pathologist, CES

-Rebecca Simison, Math teacher, CHS

- Approved hiring the following:

-Kayleigh Schneider, Science teacher,

STEM

-Benjamin Stowe, Math teacher, CMS

-William Taylor, Math teacher, CHS

- Approved the 2022-2023 KRESA General Fund resolution.

- Approved the debt levy resolution.

- Approved the MHSAA Membership Resolution.

- Approved the Food Service contract with Chartwells.

- Moved into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's annual evaluation.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

June 13, 2022

- Heard a presentation from Finance Director Michelle Darnell on the proposed 2022-2023 budget.

REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2022

- Recognized Students of the Month:
 - Nikko Rodriguez-Rhea, CELA Student, GSRP Pre-K
 - Ny'Omi McClain, Elementary, Kindergarten
 - Elliott Sullivan, STEM Academy, Third grade
 - Brian DeJon, Middle school, Seventh grade
 - Annalise Schreiner High School, Eleventh grade
 - Matt Frazier, Compass, Twelfth grade
 - Sean Speegie, Virtual Academy, Fourth grade

- Recognized Staff of the Month:

-Jodi Nash, CHS, Food Service

-Virginia Woods, Transportation trainer

- Accepted the following resignations:

-Bethany Jones, ECSE Teacher, CELA

-Dawn Thomas, GSRP Teacher, CELA

-Courtney Boyce, Assistant Principal, CES

-Travis Law, English Teacher, CHS

-Maren Tillman, Fifth grade teacher, STEM

-Isabella Longo, Special Education teacher,

Compass

- Approved hiring the following:

-Kala Law, Assistant Principal, CES

-Kasmyn VanMaanen, Science teacher,

CMS

- Approved bringing the District's custodial services in-house.

- Approved the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Grant submission.

- Approved the Virtual Academy's Course Catalog for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Approved the 2021-2022 amendment to the General Appropriation of the General Fund resolution.

- Approved the 2022-2023 General Appropriation of the General Fund Resolution.

- Approved the transportation improvement bid from Maple Lake Builders.

- Approved the resolution to ratify and affirm the sale of the District's bonds to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.

- Approved renewing the Superintendent's contract.

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.

Sinking Fund Update

The District has just completed its third year using its sinking fund approved by voters in May, 2019. Because of the costs associated with the upkeep of our facilities, we are truly appreciative of the community's support for the District through this ballot proposal. This fund generates a little over \$500,000 a year for 10 years. Per Michigan law, sinking fund monies are limited to certain uses. The District uses the funds to upgrade and repair our infrastructure and buildings. Sinking funds may not be used for wage, salary, or benefit increases.

In Michigan, school districts have the option of rolling over sinking funds not expended in one school year to the next year. This is precisely the strategy that Comstock has employed during the first three years of the sinking fund. The first year of our sinking fund (2019-20), the district spent \$206,951 of the \$550,000 (approximate amount) provided by the fund. However, prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year, we anticipated and planned ahead for large sinking-fund-eligible projects. Accordingly, we spent \$799,654 during the 2020-21 school year. At the end of the second year of the sinking fund, the total amount used was right on target at \$1,006,605. This past year (2021-22), the District spent \$244,696.25 and is rolling the remainder over into this coming school year (2022-23).

Here is a detailed list for each school of the District's sinking fund projects for the 2021-22 school year:

<u>Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA)</u>	
Painting of storage building	\$3,149
Painting of bathrooms	\$3,013
Total	\$6,162

<u>Comstock Elementary School</u>	
Repair of exterior door	\$152
Replacement of snow blower	\$1,019
Parts for gym lights	\$77
Patching of potholes	\$620
Service and repair of elevator	\$24,000
Total	\$25,868

<u>STEM Academy</u>	
Replacement of bulkheads	\$22,699
Replacement of portable classroom decks	\$2,012
Repair of roof	\$250
Total	\$24,961

<u>Comstock Middle School</u>	
Installation of new carpeting	\$21,533
Repair of bathroom ceiling	\$235
Purchase of dryer hoses and vents	\$52
Replacement of wall pad	\$275
Installation of hand dryer panels	\$2,898
Replacement of broken glass panel	\$625
Total	\$25,618

<u>Comstock High School</u>	
Delivery of whiteboards	\$776
Asbestos air monitoring during removal of flooring	\$48,300
Replacement of fan motor	\$2,044
Replacement of clock	\$164
Replacement of five parking lights	\$2,777
Replacement of water heater igniter	\$113
Parts for ignition module	\$567
Replacement of snow blower	\$1,019
Sewer connection fee	\$2,000
Site plan review	\$750
Service and repair of elevator	\$24,000
Repair hot water leak	\$1,264
Replacement of door springs	\$720
Replacement of duplex condensate tank	\$7,452
Removal of tile flooring	\$5,730
Asbestos monitoring	\$2,900
Inspection of floor (pre-demolition)	\$1,800
Add reglet to base of wall surface	\$1,430
Total	\$103,808

<u>Transportation Office</u>	
Replacement of snow blower	\$1,019
Replacement of post-truck hoist	\$14,045
Deposit for building renovations	\$37,280
Total	\$52,344

<u>Compass High School/Administration Building</u>	
Repair pipe leak in ceiling	\$818
Repair window	\$483
Replacement of boiler motor	\$341
Painting of wall	\$250
Replacement of tube lamp	\$250
Notice to bidders	\$44
MI Tax Tribunal (taxable value decrease)	\$596
Total	\$2,783
Grand Total	244,696

For more information about Comstock's sinking fund, see the District's sinking fund website page at <https://www.comstockps.org/sinkingfund>.

New Scholarship Available for CPS Students

An annual scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year to a maximum of \$40,000 has been made available to Comstock students through the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship.

The scholarship is offered to Comstock Middle School and Comstock STEM Academy eighth grade students who have demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college attendance. The applicants must demonstrate financial need. Additionally, the applicants must demonstrate good citizenship, high moral character, and a good work ethic prior to and throughout the period of the scholarship.

One eighth grade student from either Comstock Middle School or the STEM Academy will be chosen each year for the scholarship. The recipient will be monitored throughout high school to make sure the scholarship requirements are maintained and then the money will be awarded during the student's freshman year in college.

The Foundation was established in 2004 by Dr. James R. Ryan (1936-2006), uncle of Comstock graduates Dr. Tom and Deb (Dunham) Ryan. He was also the brother of former Gull Lake Schools Superintendent Tom Ryan.

Dr. James Ryan was an orthopedic oncology doctor who practiced in Detroit and Kalamazoo. In later years, he made his home in the Gull Lake community.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Deb Ryan and all other members of the James R. Ryan Family Foundation, as well as to Mr. Jim Corstange for facilitating this scholarship opportunity for Comstock students.

If you have questions regarding this scholarship, please contact Post Secondary Dean James Cotter at James.Cotter@ComstockPS.org.

CHS Alumnus Wins Blue Ribbon

William (Bill) Christiansen, Class of 1973, won the first place blue ribbon for his photography at the KIA Arts Fair this summer. After a career at Upjohn/Pfizer, Bill is now a photographer based in Schoolcraft.

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CEA Honors Teachers



Mrs. Kimberly Adams and Mrs. Shannon Wonnacott.



Mrs. Shirley Gilland

The Comstock Education Association (CEA) honored three teachers this spring during the Kalamazoo County Education Association's Partners in Education dinner and ceremony.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CEA hadn't been able to honor teachers in person for the last two years so this year's event celebrated three teachers.

They are:

- Mrs. Shannon Wonnacott - Honoree for 2019-2020
- Mrs. Kimberly Adams - Honoree for 2020-2021
- Mrs. Shirley Gilland - Honoree for 2021-2022

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SEPTEMBER 25

11AM-4PM at Comstock High School

Congratulations, Senior Scholars Class of 2022

Comstock High School extends congratulations to the Senior Scholars, Class of 2022. The Senior Scholar designation is determined by a formula which combines grade point averages and ACT scores.

This year's Senior Scholars are (in alphabetical order):



Kaylee Brownell

Parents: Larry and Nykki Brownell

Accomplishments: High Honor Roll, four years; team leader, two years; earned college credits.

Future Plans: Attend Western Michigan University for a degree in nursing.



Amelia Hall

Parents: Penny Rose and Jason Hall

Accomplishments: National Honor Society President; Drum Major; Women's Golf Captain; High Honor Roll, four years.

Future Plans: Attend WMU to major in product design.



Ethan Jackson

Parents: John and Patti Jackson

Accomplishments: Ranked second in senior class; High Honor roll, four years.

Future Plans: Major in film production as he considers a career as a screenplay writer or director.



Alexander Patov

Parents: Kalia Kaneva and Mihail Patov

Accomplishments: National Honor Society Historian; Varsity Soccer, four years; Rookie of the Year Award in soccer; High Honor Roll, four years; Kalamazoo Valley Honor Student, two years; AP Scholar Award.

Future Plans: Major in economics and then enter law school to become an international lawyer of arbitration

in trades commerce.



Domenic Putti

Parents: Sherry and Chris Putti

Accomplishments: Winning a VEX.Robotics Tournament.

Future Plans: Attend the University of Michigan to major in mechanical engineering to become an automotive engineer.



Jacob Rooney

Parents: Michael and LeAnn Rooney

Accomplishments: Excellence in Education Scholarship; High Honor Roll, four years; Honorable Mention Senior Year in Football and Captain; Second Team All Conference in Wrestling and Captain Junior and Senior Years; Rookie of the Year; Most Improved and MVP in Wrestling.

Future Plans: He is an apprentice registered in Michigan for plumbing.



Taylar Stratton

Parents: James and Diana Stratton

Accomplishments: Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, three years; completed three college classes and five Advanced Placement classes.

Future Plans: Attend Western Michigan University to major in software engineering; plans to become a computer programmer or computer software engineer.



Madigan Webster

Parents: Jason and Danielle Webster

Accomplishments: National Honor Society member and secretary; Soccer Regionals Regionals in junior year.

Future Plans: Pursuing Early Middle College through Kalamazoo Valley Community College; transfer to Western Michigan University to major in psychology to become a criminal psychologist.

Congratulations!

Comstock High School

Decision Day Highlights Students' Futures



Seniors display university t-shirts and other tokens indicating their future plans.

Post-secondary plans of this year's senior class were highlighted during the annual Decision Day. Many different post-high school plans were represented including two and four-year colleges, apprenticeships in the skilled trades, military service and the general workforce.

In this year's event, students who participat-

ed in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Education for the Arts (EFA) were also highlighted along with students who earned early college credit through Dual Enrollment and Early Middle College (EMC).

"While this is well deserved recognition for the hard work and proactive planning that our seniors

have committed to, it also serves as phenomenal exposure for underclassmen as they are able to visualize all of the opportunities that are ahead of them," said Post-Secondary Dean Jimmie Cotter. "This also helps underclassmen gather knowledge on which opportunities they can take advantage of while still in high school."

Comstock Middle

CMS Spanish Students Create Art

To end the school year, eighth-grade Spanish students created some art related to Spanish culture. They made Huichol (WE-chol) yarn art projects. They learned about the Huichol people and their intricate and colorful yarn and bead art, and then created their own works of art.

They also learned about Taíno petroglyphs and made their own versions on rainbow scratch paper.

The class is taught by Mrs. Stacy Nieto.



Students in Mrs. Stacy Nieto's Spanish class create Huichol yarn art projects.

Comstock Middle

CMS Hosts New Sixth Graders



During their visit to CMS, sixth graders visited Ms. Cathy Street's math class.

Fifth graders transitioning to the middle school for the 2022-23 school year were treated to lunch and a tour of the building this spring.

In tours led by current middle school students, the soon-to-be sixth graders walked the halls, visited classrooms, and met many teachers and support staff. Students also toured the art and band rooms.

In Ms. Cathy Street's math class, Ms. Street jokingly told the visiting students, "I'll be your favorite math teacher," noting she is the only fifth-grade math teacher.

Congratulations, Retirees!

Thank you for your service.
Enjoy your retirement.

- Brian Deller, Director of Special Education, 4 years, 2018-2022
- Linda Grogg, Administrative Assistant, 36 years, 1985-2021

Comstock Elementary

CES Hosts Virtual Leadership Day



Above: Principal Susan Caswell takes part in the virtual Lighthouse event. Right: The Student Lighthouse Team talked about their favorite "Habit."

The Student and Adult Lighthouse Teams at Comstock Elementary School sponsored a virtual Leadership Day this spring to discuss and celebrate their goals and accomplishments as part of the Leader In Me program.

The event started with the students hosting a panel discussion facilitated by Instructional Coach Shawn McMeekan. School officials from Lake City School District attended as special guests so

they could learn more about Leader In Me and its impact on the school's student body, staff, and environment.

The Leadership Day culminated with a panel discussion of the Adult Lighthouse Team composed of the Leadership Team, teachers, and parents. The adults discussed what was working well and how the Team could improve the program for next year.

CES Students To Get New Shoes



The First Day Shoe Fund (FDSF) will be at Comstock Elementary School's Back-to-School Open House on Wednesday, August 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the FDSF will be on hand to help students sign up and to measure students' feet for their new shoes that will be provided by FDSF.

According to FDSF's website, www.firstdayshoefund.org, "First Day Shoe Fund is dedicated to providing new athletic shoes to elementary students in need at Kalamazoo County public schools. We believe all children should start school on equal footing."

Online registration for the new shoes will be available starting on August 22, 2022. It will be posted on the CES website and Facebook page. Paper registration forms will be going home with students on August 29 and must be turned in by September 7. Shoe delivery for students who have registered will be September 27.

This is the ninth year that Comstock students have benefited from FDSF's generosity and support. In 2013, students in kindergarten through third grade at Green Meadow Elementary got new shoes thanks to FDSF. The program has now grown so that all students K-5 are able to get a new pair of shoes to start off the school year.

Comstock Elementary

Students Visit Comstock Township Fire Station



Decked out in firefighter gear are teachers Ms. Lori Johnson, Ms. Katie Baar, Ms. Allison Laning, and Ms. Cathy Buscher.

Students from both the elementary school and the STEM Academy visited the Township Fire Station this spring. There students learned about all the hoses, levers, buttons, and storage on the fire truck and even sat inside the truck. They also went inside the ambulance and saw how the stretcher goes in and out.

Students viewed a safety video where they learned from Sparky the Fire Dog about the ABCs of fire safety. Another highlight was using the fire hose to put out a fire.

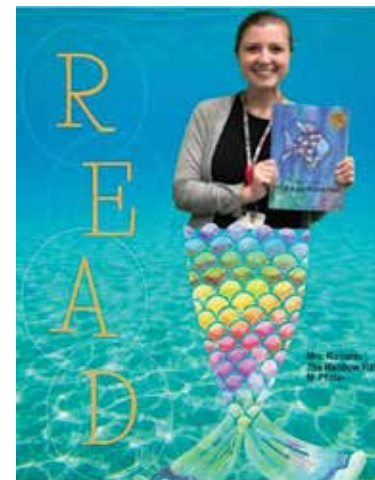
CES Teachers Named Winners in READ Poster Contest



Ms. Carly Baldwin and her student/dinosaur sidekick, Bob Pillars, pose with an out-of-this-world good book, "Dinosaur Rocket" by Penny Dale.



Mrs. Emily Flegal shared her favorite story "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin.



Mrs. Claudia Richards created a mermaid poster for her favorite story "Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.

Three elementary school teachers won a READ Poster Contest. Taking first place was Ms. Carly Baldwin, third grade teacher. Second place winner was Mrs. Emily Flegal, kindergarten teacher, and third place went to Mrs. Claudia Richards, kindergarten teacher.

The idea for the READ poster contest came from Miss Emmy Kimmer, school librarian, who was inspired by an article about the anniversary of the American Library Association's (ALA) "READ Posters" and how a school used their green screen to create their own posters. So she called on the elementary school staff for an experiment.

Since Miss Kimmer hadn't used green screen

technology before, she asked for help from Mrs. Kim Lamp, technology specials teacher. Despite a few disastrous results in the beginning, the posters were a success.

Forty-two staff members and a few students helped to create the READ posters which were displayed in the library windows and on Facebook where people could vote for their favorites. To see the posters, go to the school's Facebook page.

ALA's READ! Posters are part of a campaign using photos of celebrities with their favorite books to promote reading and literacy. Posters were first published in 1985 and continue to be produced yearly.

CES Receives \$25,000 Kalamazoo Community Foundation Grant

Comstock Elementary School (CES) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. The money will be used to expand social emotional learning opportunities for students.

With technology replacing not only conversation but also outdoor exploration, there is a need to encourage children to spend time outside and learn how to cope when they are uncomfortable outdoors whether it's swatting bugs or enduring the heat and humidity.

So, the grant money will fund an outdoor classroom to help students deal with what may be uncomfortable in that environment but also to encourage muscle growth which research has shown is lacking in today's students.

The money will also be used to give students the opportunity to earn new books via a book vending machine. Students can get these books by earning positive behavior referrals, meeting their reading goals and more.

Students identified as needing more help will

receive intensive and individualized support to help improve their behavior and academic success.

With the knowledge of occupational therapists, social workers, and teachers, the CES staff hope to bridge the gap experienced by the new types of students schooled in technology as they face the unchanging standards of education.

Intervention Specialist Emily Bartlett wrote the grant application and submitted it to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Comstock Elementary

CES Student Receives Attendance Award



Superintendent Dr. Thoenes, Principal Susan Caswell and teacher Mrs. Claudia Richards congratulate Dalton Brady for his perfect attendance.

Dalton Brady received an award for perfect attendance for the 2021-2022 school year. His family joined him in a classroom celebration of his achievement.

Eighth Graders Attend MiCareer Quest

STEM Academy eighth graders attended the MiCareer Quest this spring. MiCareerQuest Southwest is a fun and exciting career investigation event designed for eighth-grade students across southwest Michigan, according to STEM Middle School teacher Mr. Drew Perkowski.

“Many students experience this interactive, informational and inspiring career exploration event each year and we were thrilled to be able to provide this experience for our students,” he said.

Students explored careers and talked directly with industry professionals who perform these jobs every day. Students discovered what it’s really like to be a nurse, a graphic designer, a welder, an engineer, and many more exciting careers.

STEM Academy

Two STEM Students Win Essay Contest



AEM essay winners Isabella Papierz and Charlie Baker with Ms. Katie Kukulka, the teacher intern who helped lead this project.

STEM Academy fifth graders, Charlie Baker and Isabella Papierz, were among six winners in a statewide essay contest sponsored by Aspiring Educators of Michigan (AEM). In the contest, students wrote essays based on the prompt, “Think about issues affecting your community. If you had \$100 to make a difference for a cause you care about, how would you spend it?”

The winners received \$100 to apply to the project they wrote about in their essays. Isabella will use the money to expand recycling in the school community. Charlie plans to use the money to

provide stuffed animals, coloring books, and games for kids going through cancer treatments.

Charlie and Isabella were among ten students in Mrs. Maren Tillman’s class who entered the contest. Their teacher intern, Ms. Katie Kukulka, who is president of WMU’s chapter of AEM, made the students aware of the contest.

The ten students wrote about many local issues including recycling in schools, helping the homeless, volunteering for local animal shelters, and cleaning up the Kalamazoo river.

Comstock Community Auditorium Events

August:

6 - Kalamazoo Body Building Championships- 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. shows. Tickets at the door.

13 - The Color of Dance: featuring Shantese Robinson, www.idancefearless.com/

4:00-6:30 p.m. Tickets at the door.

30 - CST auditions for “Frozen Jr.” - Colt Center, 5:00-8:30 p.m.

September:

No events scheduled.

STEM Academy

Runners Finish Season with 5K Run



Girls on the Run finished their season with a 5K run.

Runners in both the Let Me Run and Girls on the Run programs finished the season last spring with a 5K run.

Boys in the Let Me Run program at the STEM Academy received shirts and medals for their great season and personal growth according to Coach Chris Chopp. The program blends exercise with fun activities and lessons to help boys learn

teamwork, build relationship skills, create friendships, grow emotionally, amplify their self esteem, empower themselves and others, and live an active lifestyle.

Girls from the elementary school participating in Girls on the Run ran in the Greater Kalamazoo 5K at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Even though it was raining, they ran and



Comstock STEM fourth through sixth graders finished the season of Let Me Run with a 5K (3.1 miles) run.

had a wonderful time according to kindergarten teacher Mrs. Claudia Richards.

Coaching the girls this season were Tara Storteboom, Sawyer Ruffolo, Jenna Lyddon, Hannah Green, Brittany Cook and Madelyn Buhrman.

Comstock Early Learning Academy

CELA Celebrates End of Year with Simulated Graduation Ceremony

At the end of the school year this spring, the Comstock Learning Academy celebrated with a simulated graduation ceremony.

To the sounds of *Pomp and Circumstance*, the preschoolers from the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) sections promenaded along the front sidewalk of the school and took seats near a podium where Principal Meadow Nuyen stood. Principal Nuyen then called up each student to receive a certificate and special recognition.



CELA Principal Meadow Nuyen welcomes the students.



Teachers Elizabeth Triemstra and Adeaia Brandon-Greer accompany their students to the ceremony.

CELA Celebrates Week of the Young Child



Mrs. Moon's and Mrs. Hayes's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) class.

Comstock Early Learning Academy students and staff celebrated children during Week of the Young Child this spring. This week, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, honors young children, their teachers and families.

This year CELA students were given kites, crowns and pop-it bracelets. They also walked the red carpet into school where the entrances were all decorated. As they entered, they were cheered on by the staff.

Airborne Adventure Donates Passes to CELA

Airborne Adventure, an indoor amusement park in Portage, has donated Airborne Adventure Packs for two CELA families. Each pack includes four two-hour Adventure Passes and four pairs of grip socks, a value of \$109.92 for each pack.

The park features a number of innovative and challenging activities including dodgeball leagues, challenge course, parkour, trapeze, zip line, and a ninja training zone.

Airborne Adventure is located at 5103 Portage Road.

CELA Enrolling for Fall Semester

Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA) is enrolling students for the Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP). Applications are being accepted for students who are or will be four years old by December 1, 2022.

Please call the CELA office at 269-250-8960 or email the principal, Meadow Nuyen, at Meadow.Nuyen@ComstockPS.org for more information.

CELA staff members look forward to working with your family for all of your pre-K needs.



If you like the idea of earning your diploma while working at your own pace, Comstock K-12 Virtual Academy might be perfect for you!



Comstock K-12 Virtual Academy (CVA) offers classes for Pre-K through 12th grade students

Fall enrollment starts Monday, August 1st

Comstock K-12 Virtual Academy offers three diploma options:

- 24 credit Honors Diploma
- 21 credit High School Diploma
- 18 credit Michigan Merit Diploma

We offer an opportunity for motivated students to obtain their high school diploma, often in a shorter time frame, while preparing for the workforce or higher education.

We provide academic advising for course selection, free SAT preparation, and can even provide a Chromebook and internet access. Through weekly communication, and with access to lab hours, we will help keep your student on track to succeed.

CVA is open to any student, but non-Comstock residents will have to obtain a release from their home district to enroll in CVA.



**Contact Principal Pam Dudley for details:
269-250-8949
Pamela.Dudley@ComstockPS.org**

**ComstockPS.org/virtual
269-250-8949**

Comstock Athletes Place in State Finals

Comstock athletes recently placed in the state track and field finals.

Finishing fourth in the 4x100 Relay were Deshae Reed, Gianna Nathaniel, Kyla Owens, and Ti'Anna Murphy-Ryan. They are considered All-State Athletes.

Ti'Anna Murphy-Ryan also took fourth place in the 100 meter dash, making her an All-State Athlete as well.

They were among eight students who made it to the state finals. Others who made it to the finals were Kevin Owens, Damarion McCone, Amarion White, and Stanley Young.



Student athletes who qualified for the state finals are Kevin Owens, Deshae Reed, Ti'Anna Murphy-Ryan, Damarion McCone, Gianna Nathaniel, Amarion White, Kyla Owens, and Stanley Young.



Ti'Anna Murphy took fourth place in the 100 meter dash at the state finals.



Members of the 4x100M Relay Team who placed fourth in the state finals are Deshae Reed, Gianna Nathaniel, Kyla Owens, and Ti'Anna Murphy-Ryan.

Sports News

2022-23 Physicals

Every Comstock athlete must have a physical on file with the athletic office that is dated after April 15, 2022, to be able to participate in sports during the 2022-23 school year. Comstock will not be providing a physical day in August because Bronson Hospital is unable to provide doctors this year. Please make your appointment with your family doctor or go to a walk-in clinic such as Bronson FastCare on Gull Road. Bronson FastCare is open Sunday to Sunday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

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, keeping the scorebook, announcing and timing for track meets.

We have a lifetime pass for all our senior citizens for free. If 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 Banquet & Nominations

The 2023 Comstock Hall of Fame Banquet will take place at the WMU Fetzer Center on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2023 induction. The nomination form can be found on page 20 in this issue or online at www.comstockps.org/halloffame. Please email Justin Ansel at Justin.Ansel@ComstockPS.org with any questions.

High School Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for the fall high school sports season

will begin on August 8 for football, boys soccer, volleyball, cross country, girls golf and sideline cheer. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org.

Middle School Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for middle school seventh and eighth grade football, seventh and eighth grade sideline cheer, sixth to eighth grade girls volleyball, sixth to eighth grade boys soccer and sixth to eighth grade boys and girls cross country will tentatively begin on Monday, August 22. Official start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org as we get closer to the beginning of the season. All middle school football, sideline cheer, volleyball, boys soccer and cross country runners must have a physical on file with the athletic office in order to participate.

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 HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Girls Varsity Golf

Wed 8/17	@ KVA - Hackett Jamboree Milham Park	9:00AM
Tue 8/23	@ KVA - South Haven Jamboree Beeches	8:00AM
Mon 8/29	@ KVA - Allegan Jamboree Cheshire Hills	4:00PM
Thu 9/1	@ KVA - Schoolcraft Jamboree States Golf Course	12:00PM
Wed 9/7	@ KVA - Dowagiac Jamboree Indian Lake Hills	4:00PM
Fri 9/9	Comstock JV Golf Invite Hickory Ridge	1:00PM
Mon 9/12	@ KVA - M Lutheran Jamboree Blossom Trails	3:30PM
Tue 9/13	KVA - Comstock Jamboree Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Thu 9/15	Comstock Varsity Invite Eastern Hills	10:00AM
Fri 9/16	Comstock Family Scramble Hickory Ridge	4:00PM
Fri 9/23	@ KVA - K'zoo Christian Jamboree Heritage Glen	4:00PM
Mon 9/26	@ KVA Conference Tournament Hawkshead	9:00AM
Mon 10/3	@ KVA Conference Tournament RAIN DATE	TBA

Boys Varsity Football

Thu 8/18	@ Delton-Kellogg Scrimmage	6:00PM
Thu 8/25	@ Schoolcraft High School	7:00PM

Thu 9/1	@ Allegan Public Schools	7:00PM
Fri 9/9	Cassopolis High School	7:00PM
Fri 9/16	@ White Pigeon Jr/Sr HS	7:00PM
Fri 9/23	Saugatuck High School	7:00PM
Fri 9/30	Decatur High School	7:00PM
Fri 10/7	Centreville	7:00PM
Fri 10/14	@ Decatur High School	7:00PM
Fri 10/21	Lawton Community Schools	7:00PM

Girls & Boys Varsity Cross Country

Fri 8/19	@ Lawrence Early Bird Invitational	TBA
Tue 8/23	@ Three Rivers Big Hill Climb	5:00PM
Tue 8/30	@ Marshall Barney Roy Invitational	6:00PM
Tue 9/6	@ Allegan Public Schools	5:00PM
Sat 9/10	@ Lakeview Invitational	TBA
Wed 9/21	SW 10 Comstock Jamboree	5:00PM
Wed 10/5	@ SW 10 Cassopolis Jamboree	5:00PM
Sat 10/8	@ Allegan Invitational	9:00AM
Sat 10/15	@ Bloomingdale Invitational	10:00AM
Wed 10/19	@ SW 10 Marcellus Jamboree	5:00PM
Sat 10/22	@ Kalamazoo Christian Invitational	10:00AM

Boys Varsity Soccer

Fri 8/19	Coloma High School	5:00PM
Tue 8/23	@ Hopkins High School	4:30PM
Mon 8/29	@ Howardsville Christian School	5:00PM
Wed 8/31	Lawton Community Schools	4:00PM
Tue 9/6	@ Pennfield High School	6:00PM
Wed 9/7	@ Bangor Public Schools	6:30PM
Mon 9/12	Parchment High School	5:00PM
Wed 9/14	Hartford Public Schools	6:30PM

Thu 9/15	Schoolcraft High School	4:30PM
Mon 9/19	@ Maple Valley High School	5:30PM
Wed 9/21	@ Cassopolis High School	5:00PM
Mon 9/26	Bangor Public Schools	6:30PM
Wed 9/28	Lawrence Jr.-Sr. High School	5:00PM
Thu 9/29	Quincy High School	5:00PM
Mon 10/3	Olivet High School	6:00PM
Wed 10/5	@ Bloomingdale High School	6:30PM
Thu 10/6	@ Berrien Springs HS	6:30PM
Mon 10/10	Buchanan HS	5:00PM

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Sat 8/20	@ Lawton Invitational	8:30AM
Tue 8/23	@ Galesburg-Augusta HS	6:30PM
Tue 8/30	@ Bloomingdale High School	7:00PM
Thu 9/8	Hartford Public Schools	7:00PM
Tue 9/13	@ Decatur High School	7:00PM
Thu 9/15	Cassopolis High School	7:00PM
Sat 9/17	@ Decatur Quad	TBA
Thu 9/22	@ Mendon HS	7:00PM
Tue 9/27	@ Marcellus High School	7:00PM
Thu 9/29	Lawrence Jr.-Sr. High School	7:00PM
Sat 10/1	@ Bloomingdale TournAMENT	9:00AM
Tue 10/4	@ Bangor Public Schools	7:00PM
Thu 10/6	Centreville	7:00PM
Sat 10/8	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:00AM
Tue 10/11	@ Paw Paw High School	5:00PM
Tue 10/18	White Pigeon Jr/Sr HS	7:00PM
Sat 10/22	@ SW 10 Conference Tourney	9:00AM
Tue 10/25	@ Bangor Quad	TBA



2022-23 Comstock Public Schools Calendar

August 22, 2022	New Teacher Orientation		
August 23, 2022	DPPD	8:00-3:00	No Students
August 24, 2022	Work Day & Teacher Breakfast	8:00-3:00	
August 25, 2022	DPPD	8:00-3:00	No Students
August 26, 2022	No Students/Teachers		No Students/Teachers
August 29, 2022	First Student Day (Half Day for Students)		Half Day Students
September 2-5, 2022	Labor Day Observance - No Students/Teachers		No Students/Teachers
September 29, 2022	CHS Conferences	3:00-7:00	
October 6, 2022	Comstock Middle School Conferences	3:00-7:00	
October 28, 2022	DPPD	8:00-3:00	No Students
November 15, 2022	Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM)	
November 17, 2022	Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM)	
November 18, 2022	Half Day Students K-12		Half Day Students/Teachers
November 23-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Recess		No Students/Teachers
December 1, 2022	CHS Conferences	3:00-7:00	
December 8, 2022	Comstock Middle School Conferences	3:00-7:00	
December 26, 2022 to January 6, 2023	Winter Recess		
January 17-19, 2023	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students/Teachers
January 20, 2023	PD AM/K-12-Records Day PM (End of 1st Sem.)		No Students
February 21, 2023	CHS Conferences		
February 23-24, 2023	Mid-Winter Break		No Students/Teachers
March 2, 2023	Comstock Middle School Conferences	3:00-7:00	
March 14, 2023	Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM)	
March 16, 2023	Comstock Elementary & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 (CES) & 3:00-7:00 (STEM)	
March 17, 2023	DPPD	8:00-3:00	No Students
March 24-31, 2023	Spring Break		No Students/ No Teachers
May 4, 2023	CHS Conferences	3:00-7:00	
May 11, 2023	Comstock Middle School Conferences	3:00-7:00	
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day		No Students/No Staff
June 5, 6, 7, 2023	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students and Teachers K-12
June 7, 2023	Last Day for Students/Records Day PM		Half Day Students AM/ Staff Records Day PM

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NS K-12 No School

C Conferences

½ K-12 Half Day

H Federal Holiday

Check for changes at www.ComstockPS.org/calendar

Comstock Township Library News

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Library Event Highlights

Summer Reading Program June 1 – August 31, 2022. Read and complete library challenges to win prizes! We offer programs for all ages, from infants to seniors. Visit our website or drop by the library to register and see a full list of summer events and programs.

Summer Park Party August 6, 2022, from 1 – 3 p.m. Join the Comstock Township Library and Comstock Parks and Recreation at Merrill Park for the biggest party of the summer! This year, we will host a foam party with music and games. Food will also be available. The foam is hypo-allergenic and safe for children.

Adult Book Club Registration began July 25, 2022. Book Club meets on August 31, 2022 at 11 a.m. Please join us for a discussion of *1000 Years of Joys and Sorrows* by Ai Weiwei. This memoir by artist Weiwei recounts the oppression he and poet father Ai Qing faced in China. Free copies of the book will be given to participants while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. Registration and book pick-up began Monday, July 25. Please visit the Library's website or call us at 269-345-0136 to reserve your spot.

Decluttering 101 with Moxie Life Organizing Registration begins August 29, 2022. Class meets on September 10, 2022, at 2 p.m. Join Susie and Kate to learn some tips and tricks and products for managing your life. Valid Comstock Township Library card required for registration. If you don't have a CTL card but would like to participate, please call us at 269-345-0136.

Library Services

- Sign up for our eNewsletter and stay current on all the latest library news and events.
- Do you need help with homework? ACT or SAT? GED testing? Grad school testing? Interviews? Please visit our new service from the Princeton Review, "Tutor.com." This service is free for Comstock Township Library patrons.
- Download free audiobooks, eBooks, music, and videos at home through our digital services, Hoopla and Libby. Visit the Digital Materials page on our website for a full list of available electronic services.
- We have photocopy and mobile print services available for a small fee. Fax and scanning services are always available for free.

Need a Library Card?

A Comstock Township Library card gives you access to books, movies, music, digital materials, and much more. If you're a resident, property owner, or work in Comstock Township, you're eligible to get a card of your own. Residents of surrounding communities may also qualify for a free card; please contact the library with any questions you may have about library card eligibility.

Comstock Library is Fine Free

The Library does not charge fines for overdue materials, with the exception of mobile hotspots and Playaway Launchpads. If you have long-overdue library items, you can now bring them back without penalty.

CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. • Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

UPCOMING CLOSURES:

Upcoming Closures: September 3 and 5, 2022

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to ensure that all our families receive communications about their students, we are asking everyone to make sure we have up-to-date contact information.

Please log on to the Infinite Campus Portal and fill out the Online Registration to verify that we have all of the correct information for your students. This year this is also available from the Parent Portal App.

Please go to the Portal and log in. Select "MORE" from the menu, and then Online Registration on the left. Please follow the prompts. It will look like a new registration, but it is just to make sure everything is correct in our system. You just need one per family.

If you need a portal account, please contact us.

Infinite Campus has two apps to help you and your students stay up-to-date with grades and missing assignments.

Go to the App Store and search for "Campus Portal." There are two apps: one for students and one for parents. Make sure you select the correct one. When you launch the app, it will ask you to pick your state and school district.

Once you're signed in, you will see announcements as they are posted. If you enable push notifications, you can see assignments as soon as they are graded, and any that are missed. You can also see if your student was marked absent or tardy.

It's easy to schedule conferences and contact teachers quickly, or to see your student's EDP.

When making choices about how you wish to be contacted, go to the website, log in to Infinite Campus and indicate your preferences.

If you don't have a portal account, we're happy to get you connected. Please contact us.