



THE STCS CONNECTION

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Welcome Back on Tuesday, August 23rd!

Start & End Times:

Upper Elementary & Hemmeter	7:35 am - 2:27 pm
Lower Elementary	7:50 am - 2:43 pm
White Pine Middle School	8:55 am - 3:45 pm
Mackinaw High School	8:45a - 4:15pm (Friday 8:45-12p)
Heritage High School	7:40 am - 2:40 pm

Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, announced that Saginaw Township Community School's Heritage High School yearbook program achieved the Jostens 2022 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award! The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

The Heritage High School award-winning yearbook program was led by Elizabeth Swope, Madison Huston, Lillie Beauregard, Macy Ziehmer, Brian Bradley, Kennedi Thomas, Harley Burkhard, Camden Grunwell, Abigail Hoskey, Brooklyn Tanner, Grace Polzin, Alexis Rankin, Tejal Richardson, Nia Rupp, Luke Meier and under the direction of Mrs. Lauren Seals, Heritage High School yearbook adviser.

"I was so proud of my Yearbook Staff. They work very hard to capture the special moments that happen throughout the school year. Each year, they strive to make the yearbook better than the last. The yearbook staff was especially proud of this year's cover. We featured the Hawks Nest (student section), which was extra special since it was the first time since COVID having spectators at events. What my yearbook staff accomplished last year during COVID was absolutely amazing, and this year it was awesome to see all the events back in the yearbook. These are memories and comments students will enjoy looking back on in the years to come," said Mrs. Seals.



Congratulations to the recipients of STCS Foundation Grants for 2022-2023! Twenty-two grants are being funded totaling \$22,998.56 to provide STCS teachers, counselors, librarians, and administrators opportunities to extend learning opportunities to the STCS community!

- Jeanne Watz, DK Fine Motor and Math Parent and Child Night, Westdale, \$322.50
- Lori Puckett, Student Staff Rooms Mural Project, all schools, \$350
- Theresa Koeppen, Little Engineers Working Together, Sherwood, \$700
- Lisa Gotham, March Book Madness, Weiss, \$550
- Karen Fenech, Delta College Experience, Mackinaw, \$200
- Allison Fry, Mrs. Fry's Creative Corner, Westdale, \$400
- Tiffany Wika, Making Music Connections, all schools, \$2000
- Marcus Moore, Michigan Youth in Government Transportation, Heritage, \$1000
- Kari Keith, 3-P Learning in MS Science, White Pine, \$2000
- Shannon Dammer, KNOTS, all schools, \$1000
- Karen Fenech, In Your Own Backyard, Mackinaw, \$700
- Theresa Hausbeck, Heritage HS Photography Club, Heritage, \$1227.06
- Alan Kern, Mackinaw Market, Mackinaw, \$1000
- Alan Kern, Operation Dissection, Mackinaw, \$1400
- Alan Kern, Cooking with Kern, Mackinaw, \$1000
- Elisabeth Anderson, Piano Project, White Pine, \$2000
- Allison Fry, Light for Learning, Westdale, \$700
- Jennifer Moeller, A Story Walk, Hemmeter, \$2000
- Danielle Julian, Read It, Mackinaw, \$599
- Sandy Vauhkonen, Revamping the Revolution, Weiss, \$1350
- Sandy Vauhkonen, High Interest Books, Weiss, \$1500
- Catherine Kerns, Page Turners Book Club, Heritage & White Pine, \$1000



A Message from our Superintendent

Welcome back to another school year at the Saginaw Township Community Schools! I'm writing this message in the early days of August. Excitement is building as we put the tumultuous 2021-22 school year to bed and turn our thoughts to a very promising 2022-23 academic year.

I shared three years ago that one of our family traditions is to spend some time at a campground in Ludington, Michigan, on a summer vacation with a few other families. I also shared my love for Michigan's beautiful lighthouses, several of my favorites being in or near Ludington. I explained my vision that STCS be seen as a "lighthouse" for families and residents in our community and region to help guide them through the challenging job of educating and raising kids in today's turbulent world. My vision is that the wonderful businesses and services in our township view the school district as a rock-solid foundation upon which partnerships are nurtured and our economic base is strengthened. My vision is that our thousands of alumni feel connected, view our current efforts and achievements with pride, and harken back to their own positive experiences at STCS.

It's been a really busy summer, so allow me to share a few district updates:

Since our oldest school (Hemmeter Elementary) is 85 years old and our newest (Heritage High School) is 51 years old, we've been working hard to address increasing demands from aging facilities at STCS. Four main developments illustrate these efforts:

1. We've spent the past year completing an intensive facilities' study with the help of our architects and construction managers. After inviting the community for building tours and visioning sessions in June, the Board of Education is now finalizing a plan to present to sample groups in September in hopes of soliciting feedback on how best to address our aging facilities and provide students with the best possible learning environment into the future. Over the next nine months, we hope to develop a plan that makes sense, is financially responsible, and takes care of our amazing kids!
2. Join me in welcoming Mr. Charles (Chip) Lynch as our new Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Chip comes to us after successful tenures with the Lapeer Community Schools, West Bloomfield School District, Flint Community Schools, and McLaren Hospital. Chip brings a great deal of expertise and experience to the position and we are excited to have him leading this very important department.
3. We are in the midst of two major projects utilizing Sinking Fund dollars approved by our community in August 2018.
 - The first project is a replacement of the underground electrical lines, transformer, and switch gears feeding our White Pine Middle School campus. We've been frustrated with intermittent power problems at WPMS, so this project is long overdue. The project will be ready for staff and students to report for the start of school, then will be finalized over the Christmas holiday break.
 - The second project is a replacement of the heating and ventilation system at Mackinaw High School. Crews have been working all summer



to replace the boilers and classroom ventilation units, as well as the digital controls to manage the system. We are pleased that this project will also be ready for students to arrive for the start of school.

4. The STCS Board of Education recently supported a rebuild of the structure housing the Sherwood Pool. We closed the pool in February after damage to the pool building arose due to a broken dehumidifier control unit. The control unit was ordered in November and due to supply chain issues, still has not arrived. After weighing several options, including a total demolition of the pool, the Board chose to move forward with repairs and renovations to the structure. Between our adult exercise classes, lifeguard training classes, and student swimming lessons, the Sherwood Pool gets a great deal of use from our community, so we are working with our construction manager and architects to begin that rebuilding process.

In the area of safety, I can't help but share my excitement over a recent gift from the Saginaw Township Trustees. After a detailed process, we have been granted a full-time School Resource (Police) Officer for White Pine Middle School. Officer Jeff Fenton (STPD) has been selected for this important position and will become part of the WPMS staff in mid-August. Officer Fenton joins Officer Andy Carlson (SRO at Heritage HS) in building relationships and connecting with our students on a daily basis. I'm so thankful for the township granting us this critical position and am eager to see the positive impact Officer Fenton will have on our campus. We work hard to maintain a wonderful partnership with STPD and are appreciative of the protection and reassurance they provide our community!

We've also focused on being wise stewards of the federal-stimulus funding released to school districts over the past two years. Recent purchases include:

- New instructional materials in high school social studies, middle and high school math, high school business, high school psychology, middle and high school drama, and K-12 physical education
 - K-12 classroom libraries and audiobooks
 - Air-purification units in every classroom and office throughout the district
 - Security cameras throughout the district
 - Numerous technology upgrades, including desktop computers, touchscreen teaching panels for each classroom, and a variety of online instructional licenses and subscriptions
 - Elementary and White Pine playground renovations (coming soon)
- And much more (for a complete listing, see our website at www.stcs.org, then "District," then "Sinking Fund & ESSER Spending.")

Again, our goal is to develop the Saginaw Township Community Schools into a "lighthouse" district in Michigan that provides award-winning education and service to our community. Thanks for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to make that a reality!

Bruce Martin, Superintendent

STCS Nutrition Services Program Information - August 2022

Contact: Wendy Hohwart, Nutrition Services Director (989-793-9713 or wjhohwar@stcs.org)

*The USDA Waiver for free meals for all students has ended. Meals will return to full pay for the 2022-2023 school year. *

PLEASE APPLY-FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS: Your student's eligibility for free or reduced price meals also provides the District with much needed funding for instructional and pupil support services. If you are not sure whether your children qualify or whether your children will use the meal program, please apply for free or reduced price meals anyway. Your information is completely confidential and will not be shared without your permission.

FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS: Packets will be mailed out mid-August to all households. If you have already received a pre-approval letter for the 22-23 school year prior to the application packet, you do not need to fill the application out. An online version of the application is available now, by logging into your student's school meal account. (Online instructions are located on the Nutrition Services website at: www.stcs.org, under Departments/ Nutrition Services.) The online application works best on a computer, not a phone. If you do not have access to a computer, please fill out the paper application. Only one application is necessary as long as all students are listed on the application along with the schools they will attend. Completed applications may be returned to the school office, the lunchroom cashier or mailed to the Nutrition Services Office at P.O. Box 6278, Saginaw, MI 48608. You will receive a letter notifying you of the outcome within 2 weeks from the date the application is received. If your child was approved free or reduced priced meals during the 21-22 school year from an application in this district, these benefits will continue for the first few weeks of school. However, a new application must be submitted and approved by September 30th, 2022 or benefits will be terminated until a new application is submitted and approved. Students will be expected to pay full price for meals during that time, so please get your application in as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in benefits.

MEAL PRICES AND MENUS: Student meal prices for 2022-2023 school year are as follows: Elementary breakfast is \$1.40, middle and high school breakfast is \$1.60, the elementary lunch price is \$1.85, middle school lunch is \$1.95 and high school lunch is \$2.10. The price for ala carte milk is \$.60 per 8-ounce carton. Breakfast and lunch menus will be posted on the STCS website under the Nutrition Services link prior to the start of school.

PAY ONLINE: All enrolled students have a debit account on our point of sale system. All students use an ID card or enter their ID number on a PIN pad when going through the lunch line. You may deposit money into your student's account online with a credit or debit card (\$2.00 convenience fee) or by sending cash or a check to school with your student. The money may be used to purchase breakfast, lunch, milk, or, at the middle and high schools, a la carte items. The purchase of a la carte items is not covered by the free or reduced meal program. Any balance remaining in the students account at the end of the school year automatically carries over to the next year. Online access to your student's account information is available by completing the online access request form at www.stcs.org, Departments/ Nutrition Services/Online Access Request (under links). If you already have a login and password, you do not need a new one.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT SCHOOL: School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class. If your students qualify for free or reduced price lunches, they also qualify for free or reduced price breakfasts, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost (1.40 elementary and 1.60 middle and high school) anywhere else, so please plan to have your student eat breakfast with us at school. Help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: If your child has a special dietary need as determined by a physician, we will do our best to make reasonable accommodations. The State of Michigan does require a signed form from your child's physician stating the prescribed diet and/or substitution. This form can be accessed on the Nutrition Services web page at www.stcs.org, Departments, Nutrition Services, Special Dietary Restrictions & Needs, and must be on file in the Nutrition Services Office in order for us to make meals substitutions.

We are very proud of the service provided by our department. We offer healthy food choices that meet the USDA's nutritional guidelines for school meals while doing our best to make the meals appealing to our students. We offer 1% white and chocolate milk. A variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grain items are served every day. All ala carte and snack items sold to students during the school day meet the USDA "Smart Snacks" guidelines. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs. Please feel free to contact us with ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns. We look forward to serving your children during the 2022-23 school year. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Income Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals for Schools: 2022-2023 School Year

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for free and reduced price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals:

Scale for Free Meals			Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
Total Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$25,142	\$2,096
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$33,874	\$2,823
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$42,606	\$3,551
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$51,338	\$4,279
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$60,070	\$5,006
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$68,802	\$5,734
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$77,534	\$6,462
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$86,266	\$7,189

For each additional family member, add:

	\$6,136	\$512	\$8,732	\$728
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After School Club for White Pine Middle School students!

This club will be open after school until 6 pm each full day school day (not open on half days or no school days). The After School Club at White Pine provides students with a place to hang out, online access, and time to do homework if the student so chooses! Students will also be able to participate in other White Pine activities elsewhere on campus. Parents can schedule the days on a weekly basis. To get details, visit www.stcs.org/comed. To enroll, call Community Education 797-1847. Students must be pre-registered in order to attend. Cost is \$8 per day, paid weekly for the following week.

Morning Hang-Out for White Pine Middle School students!

For students who need to have a supervised place to hang-out before school starts, White Pine has a "Morning Hangout" in the White Pine Auditorium that opens at 7:45 AM. Students can work on their homework and Wi-Fi is available. Cost is \$2 per morning payable at the door. There is no pre-registration needed. Just use the hang-out when you need it! If you have questions, call Community Education at 797-1847.



WE ARE URGENTLY HIRING!
KITCHEN HELP

QUALIFICATIONS :

- minimum high school education
- capable of learning cash register
- efficient, punctual and organizational
- want to help your local community

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
"Every Student Every Day"

IMMEDIATE START! APPLY ON-LINE:
STCS.org
Click on Employment Tab

STCS needs Nutrition Services Substitutes to help serve lunch at all buildings! Starting pay is \$12.00 per hour. You can apply online at STCS.org or in-person at the Nutrition Services Office at 3283 Fashion Square Blvd.

VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Are you looking for something to do for a few hours during the day while the kids are at school? Would you like to earn a little extra spending money? If so, Saginaw Township Community Schools is the place for you! The Nutrition Services Department will be looking for kitchen helpers and cashiers to assist with lunch set-up, serving meals to students and cleaning up after lunch, including washing dishes, pots and pans. The shifts will be a minimum of 3 hours. We always need bus drivers and there are also opportunities for substitute teachers, noon hour supervisors, teachers and more! If you are interested in applying, go to www.stcs.org and click on the employment tab at the top.





Transportation Bus Expectations & Regulations

The following rules for student conduct related to transportation provided by the Saginaw Township Community School District are necessary to ensure the safety of all students and employees of the District. Therefore, it is the responsibility of students and their parent to become familiar and to comply with these rules. Violation of these rules may result in the suspension of transportation privileges for a period of time as determined by the building administration. It is the policy of Saginaw Township Community School District to provide safe, courteous, and regular transportation services to eligible students. All resident students living 1 ½ miles or more from their home school are eligible for District provided transportation. Transportation to and from school is a privilege not a right. Students are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined below.

To Sign up for Bussing:

1. Go to the district's web site: www.stcs.org. Click on the tab labeled Transportation
2. Fill out the form to request transportation

At the Bus Stop:

1. Riders will be at the stop five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. (Once the driver turns off the flashing red lights, no additional students will be picked up at that stop. DRIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WAIT FOR TARDY STUDENTS).
2. Riders will remain behind the curb while waiting for the bus.
3. Riders will show respect for the private property near the bus stop.
4. Riders will stand at the designated stop until the bus comes to a complete stop and then board the bus in a single file line. Riders must not approach the bus while it is moving.
5. Students must not cross "no crossing allowed streets" as designated by the District when going to or from a bus stop. Students must not change bus stops without prior permission.
6. Riders must be on time when leaving school. DRIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WAIT FOR TARDY STUDENTS.

On the Bus:

1. Riders will sit in their assigned seats.
2. Riders will be required to sit three to a seat when necessary.
3. Riders will stay in their seats and in a seated position.
4. Riders will conduct themselves with courtesy and consideration for others while on the bus.

Riders must:

1. Keep head/arms inside the bus at all times.
2. Talk in a quiet voice, no shouting and screaming.
3. Not throw anything inside the bus or out the window.
4. Not bring food or beverages on the bus (except for student lunches).
5. Refrain from using abusive, profane, or vulgar language or gestures.
6. Not tease, bully or fight with other students. These are serious offenses and will result in penalties.
7. Not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, and/or drugs on the bus or the bus stop.



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8. Never use emergency windows or the emergency door to exit the bus unless in case of an actual emergency.
9. Not touch switches, controls, or any other bus equipment.
10. Not carry weapons on the bus.
11. Not be allowed to bring anything on the bus that cannot be carried safely on the student's lap.
12. Not put down windows without the driver's permission.
13. Not bring insects or animals on the bus. This includes reptiles and pets.
14. Not use cell phones on the bus.
15. Not do anything detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of all passengers and driver. Any conduct that diverts the driver's attention is prohibited. The driver is in charge of the bus and passengers. Riders are to follow the driver's directions at all times.

Exiting the Bus:

1. Riders will not leave their seats until the bus has come to a complete stop.
2. Use the handrail when entering or exiting.
3. If it is necessary to cross the road after leaving the bus, riders will: upon leaving the bus, take ten giant steps to the front of the bus within sight of the driver; look both directions, make sure all traffic has completely stopped; if safe, proceed across the road; and walk; do not run, when crossing the road.
4. Do not return to the bus for any reason.

Transportation Rules cont'd - Students damaging bus equipment will pay for the replacement of any damage. Only students that are eligible for transportation may ride on Saginaw Township Community School District buses. Therefore, students that are walkers, open-enrolled, or school-of-choice may not ride the bus. Students can only ride the bus they are assigned to ride. Penalties for Violation of Bus Rules and Procedures Any act, which violates the School District Bus Rule and Regulations, will result in a referral. Bus transportation is a privilege and can be withdrawn from students exhibiting inappropriate behavior or violating safety rules. Bus Route information can be found after September 1st using Family Access on the district's www.stcs.org web site. You may also call Transportation at 797-1840.

2022-2023 Board of Education Meetings

The **Board of Education** generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Agendas are posted at the Board of Education office, on the district web site and are available at the meetings. Meetings start at 7pm at the Arrowwood Conference Center, 5410 Seidel Road. Board of Education members are: Arik Smith, Jenean Coughlin, Marianne Bird, Jan Collison, Michael Colucci, Anthony Duncan and David Jaffe. This year's schedule is as follows:

August 15, 2022	October 24	January 16, 2023	March 13	May 8
September 12	November 14	January 30	March 20	May 22
September 26	November 28	February 13	April 10	June 12
October 10	December 19	February 27	April 24	Thursday, June 22

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) NOTICE

Saginaw Township Community Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Charles Lynch, Buildings and Grounds Director at (989) 793-9711 or email at cwlynch@stcs.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Buildings and Grounds Department at (989) 793-9711. Please give the Building and Grounds Secretary, your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and they will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.



We would like to welcome Charles Lynch as the new STCS Buildings & Grounds Director. Charles originally hails from Flint and spent 11 years in Maintenance and Operations. He came to STCS most recently from Lapeer Community School where he was the Director of Operations. He looks forward to tackling all of the school building grounds as his immediate focus. Charles is married with 3 teenagers. Welcome to the district!

CLASS OF 2035! Saginaw Township Community Schools welcomes all new **KINDERGARTEN** students. If you live in Saginaw Township and have a child who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2022 (or by December 1, 2022 with a waiver), your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten! Registration is now online. Go to STCS.org and follow the instructions to enroll. You can upload your child's documents there as well.



Easy Steps to Register for Kindergarten Online!

1. Go to STCS.org, and look for 'Enroll at STCS' on the homepage

If a current STCS family:

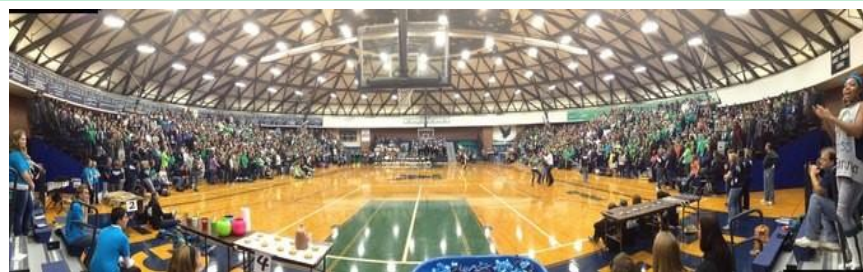
Click 'Current STCS Family Additional Student Enrollment', log into your Skyward Family account and click 'New Student Online Enrollment'

If a new STCS family:

Click 'New Student Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year' and fill out the form to set up a new account

2. Upload your child's documents (birth certificate, proof of residency, etc.)
3. Go to the school and sign the application to finish the process

Please note, transportation sign-up information will be coming by email



JOIN THE HERITAGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION!

The Heritage Athletic Association is a group of parents whose main goal is to support our student athletes. We fundraise to buy needed equipment, assist in needed repairs, and support our Senior athletes with annual scholarships. Example of what we have done in the past include purchasing Varsity baseball bags, assisting in repairing swim blocks, purchasing the watering tank you see on the football field and assisting in purchasing the new racks for our new weight room. We also provide all the varsity letters and patches that athletes receive for participating in a sport, so truly everyone benefits from the work done by our members.

We raise money through apparel sales, 50/50 sales at football games, our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing and our main fundraiser, the "Hawkktion" in April. The "Hawkktion" is a fun filled night with great food and drink and donated items donated for our silent and live auctions. As with any group, it takes volunteers to make this all happen and we are always looking for help big or small. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month. Call Heritage High School for more information. Hoping to see some new faces this year and we are excited to have our sports back in action!

2022-2023 District Calendar

August 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23FD	24	25	26/X
29	30	31		

FD = First day of School

September 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2X
5X	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

X=No School - Labor Day Break

October 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
3PDx	4	5PTC	6PTC	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28ERW
31				

X = No School

PTC - students attend AM only

PTC: Oct 5 - HS/Elem. Conferences 1-5 pm

PTC: Oct. 5 - MS Conferences 1:30-5:30 pm

PTC: Oct 6 - Elem. Conferences 2-7 pm

PTC: Oct. 6 - HS/MS Conferences 3-7 pm

ERW=Elem Record day; students AM

-(HS/MS has full day with students)

November 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8PDx	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23X	24X	25X
28	29	30		

X=No School

December 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22X	23X
26X	27X	28X	29X	30X

X = No School

January 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
2X	3X	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13RWx
16PDx	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

X = No School

RWx = Record day - full day No school

February 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10ERW
13	14	15	16	17
20PTC	21PTC	22PTC	23	24X
27	28			

ERW=Elem Record day; students AM

-(HS/MS has full day with students)

* Feb. 24 - snow day makeup if needed

March 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27X	28X	29X	30X	31X

X=No School - Spring Break

April 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7/X
10/X	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Good Friday 4/7; Easter 4/9

May 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5 1/2
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29X	30	31		

X=No School - Memorial Day

June 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1LD	2/RW

LD = Last Day with students

Recommended

Professional Development Days

Full Days

8/16, 8/18, 10/3, 11/8, 1/16

Half Day 5/5



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Talk with us.

There is hope

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org

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PEP22-08-03-002

2-1-1 is here to help

CALL
Dial 211

TEXT
Text your ZIP
to 898211

CHAT
Live chat @
211nemichigan.org

*October Parent Teacher Conference dates subject to change

Skyward Family Access Directions

Family Access is a valuable tool offered to parents. It is a way to **monitor your student's progress, grades, find out what homework is due, when upcoming tests are, communicate with teachers, mark your student's absent, see report cards and transcripts and inform the school of your student's emergency contacts and medical conditions.**

- Visit stcs.org
- Click on the 'Parents' tab at the top then click on 'Skyward Family Access' in the dropdown.

You should see the screen below: If you enrolled online, you will use the same email you chose to set up your account as your login and the five-digit code that was sent to you for your password. If you did not enroll online, choose 'Forgot your Login/Password' link. Once you access your child's account, you will see this on the right.

The image shows two parts of the Skyward Family Access interface. On the left is the login page for Saginaw Township Community Schools Student System. It features the Skyward logo, a login ID field (highlighted in green), a password field (highlighted in purple), a 'Sign In' button, and a 'Forgot your Login/Password?' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Login Area' dropdown menu set to 'Family/Student Access'. On the right is the dashboard for a logged-in user. A blue arrow points from the 'Sign In' button on the login page to the 'Home' tab in the dashboard. The dashboard includes a 'Family Access' header with a redacted name, a 'Post a message' box, and three student profiles: STEVE, LISA SC, and BRIAN. A vertical menu on the left side of the dashboard lists various features: Home, New Student Online Enrollment, Ethnicity/Race, Calendar, Gradebook, Attendance, Student Info, Busing, Discipline, Test Scores, Fee Management, Activities, Student Services, Academic History, Childcare, Reports / Report Cards, Health Info, Login History, and State Assessment Data.

If there are any emails from your child's school/teacher, they will be posted here. Along the left hand side are tabs you can use. The main tabs you will use are:

- Gradebook— see missing assignments & current grades
- Attendance— where to mark your child absent
- Reports/Report Cards— See your students report cards. Note: most schools do not print report cards except by request
- Health Info— update any medical conditions

Every tab has its own use. Please familiarize yourself with each tab. **You can also update phone numbers and emergency contact information here (Student Info tab).**

To record your student absent in Skyward Family Access:

1. Select 'Attendance' Tab
 2. Select 'Absence Requests'
 3. Select 'Add Request' You should see your student's name
 4. Select the date or dates, reason and add a comment
- If there are siblings, you can also copy the absence request to their school at the same time.

By using Family Access, you have immediate access to your student's information, grades, attendance, etc. This also helps to ensure accuracy of your child's information, along with attendance, and saves time for our secretaries and teachers to be able to attend to your child each and every day! Thank you for partnering with STCS as we work together to build a bright future for your child.

*Every year parents will be asked to update and review their information. You will have a Returning Student Verification tab that will show up at the beginning of each year, for approximately 6 weeks, for you to review and update if needed. When it's open, it will be the second tab down on the left. Everyone is asked to complete this EACH year. This cannot be done on your mobile device.

Administration of Medications in School

When possible, medications should be administered outside of the school day. However, STCS recognizes the need for medication to be administered to students while they attend school. A parent may choose to administer medications at the school. Medication must be administered in compliance with existing state and federal laws in a safe, effective manner. Due to the wide variety and complexity of medications being administered in the school setting, all staff involved will receive proper training.

A Medication Consent Form must be completed for each child and must include a parent and physician signature.

STCS DRAMA AUDITION NOTICE



AUDITION WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, August 24 from 3:50pm-5pm
White Pine Auditorium

Intro to singing and dancing the musical grades 6-8

Wednesday, August 31 from 2:50pm-4pm
Heritage Vasher Theatre

Intro to singing and dancing the musical grades 9-12

AUDITIONS

Wednesday, September 7-Friday, September 9
at White Pine Auditorium from 4pm-6pm

Sign up in advanced at <https://forms.gle/bmdcapNm9zZjh6Wf6>

PERFORMANCES ARE NOVEMBER 10-13, 2022

Step By Step Preschool Child Development Center

Welcome to the Step By Step Preschool Center! Along with providing a safe and healthy learning environment for your child, our program emphasizes the growth of social, emotional, physical, and intellectual skills through a developmentally appropriate, literacy based curriculum. Community Education offers two options for preschool children ages 3-5 years of age.

The full-day program, starting on Monday August 22, is year-round, open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. It is located in the west wing of Arrowwood School at 5410 Seidel Road in Saginaw Township. To be enrolled in the program, your child must be three to five years old, completely toilet trained, and able to feed himself/herself. The Enrichment Preschool (open Mondays through Thursdays - no Fridays) begins Monday, August 29, and runs through the school year until June 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children will need a book bag, water bottle, with a change of clothing. All belongings need to be labeled with your child's name. Snack is provided.

Full Day Rate (minimum 4 days)	Enrichment Rate (2 day minimum)
5 Days - \$150/week	4 Days - \$60 per week
4 Days - \$120 per week	3 Days - \$45 per week
	2 Day - \$30 per week



Visit www.stcs.org/comed or call Community Education at 797-1847 for questions, enrollment details, and availability!

STCS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Bob Quinn graduated from CMU in the spring of 1967 with a major in biology and a minor in Physical Education. In the fall of 1971, he was offered a teaching and football/tennis coaching position at Douglas MacArthur High. In addition to teaching, he began to solely focus on coaching tennis which led to a 37-year tennis career with both boys' and girls' teams.

Throughout his career, he participated in White Pine Conference Tournaments, Saginaw Valley League Tournaments, MHSAA Regionals Tournaments, and Invitational Tournaments. In total, he had 230 tournament runs.

Quinn believes his passion for athletics came from his dad, who encouraged him to get involved in sports.

His favorite thing about coaching was "...working with the kids and watching them improve and compete. I always told the players that if success is all about winning, then you will be unhappy much, if not, most of the time. Measure success by how you compete, learn, and give 100 percent. Bring honor to yourself, coaches, parents, teammates. I always emphasized 3 D's and a P, Desire, Discipline, Dedication, and Pride."

His proudest moments in his coaching career included the boys team finishing 3rd in the MHSAA State Tournament in 1979 and the girls team finishing 2nd in the MHSAA State Tournament in 1981. Quinn was also inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Michigan High School Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1994.

One of his most memorable relationships through the years was with Jim Teal. In 1971, Teal started the tennis programs at Eisenhower High when Quinn took over the tennis programs at MacArthur High. For the next 17 years, the two enjoyed a competitive spirit until the two schools merged and both became Varsity and JV assistant coaches to each other. Teal eventually retired in 1993, but continued to run tournaments with Quinn until this year.

Quinn, and his wife Jeanie, retired from teaching in 2003, although he continued to coach tennis for another 5 years. Quinn has no intentions of slowing down. In the winter, he organizes a group of tennis players at the Saginaw Athletic Club three times a week, and in the summer he plays golf with a group, two to three times a week.

Congratulations to Mackinaw High School's Class of 2022!

Mackinaw High School graduated 33 students this year. Saginaw Township's alternative high school teaches students to persist toward their academic, future and social success through an effort-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum.

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| 1. Aidan Arizola | 12. Alexis Eastman | 22. Valerie Rogers |
| 2. Sha'Niya Browning | 13. Samuel Egbert | 23. Agustin Ruiz |
| 3. Sydney Carson | 14. Rilie Herbst | 24. Logan Sutton |
| 4. Destiney Carter | 15. Donnell Jones, Jr. | 25. Kayla Swift |
| 5. Nathan Castle | 16. Emily Lash | 26. Leslie Tubb |
| 6. Dru Collier | 17. Kobe Madison | 27. Daija Tucker |
| 7. Eric Culberson II | 18. Analeigh Mazur | 28. Cecil (Isabella) Warrington |
| 8. Adam Curry | 19. Hunter Mead | 29. Makaiyla Washington |
| 9. Ciara Delgado | 20. Trevor Miller | 30. Micah Washington |
| 10. Acelino Dowbrowski-Carranza | 21. Aidan Premo | 31. Daniel Weirauch |
| 11. Layla Rios | | 32. Miracle Whitson |
| | | 33. James Zamora |

Sherwood Pool - "Re-Opening" Project

The Sherwood Pool, home to daytime Aquatics Exercise, evening H2O Boot Camp, and the Swim School for students, is currently closed for major infrastructure repair, both inside and outside. The pool's dehumidification unit stopped working and we were unable to secure the parts necessary to fix it, due to supply issues. In the meantime, condensation drastically increased causing structural problems. To prevent further damage, we made the decision to close the pool. The pool itself is in good shape.

The Sherwood Pool has provided the community with a variety of aquatics offerings for over 35 years. It provides quality-of-life for many of our adults, both young and older, and swim lessons for our children. It is the only warm water pool (86 degrees) in the area, with easy access, which are major benefits for all participants.

Community Education is seeking donations to help fund this major \$1,500,00 project. We are in need of donations from individuals, organizations, businesses, companies, and corporations of all kind! For more details, call Steve Elliott, Director of Community Services. To make an online donation, go to saginaw.revtrak.net.



For fun & daily happenings at all of our schools, check us out on social media: Saginaw Township Schools & @WeAreSTCS



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POSTAL PATRON

It is the policy of STCS that the district will not discriminate against any person based on sex (including pregnancy, gender identity or sexual orientation), race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, disability, handicap or age in its programs, services or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations, STCS, PO Box 6278, 3465 N. Center Rd, Saginaw, MI 48608 Phone: 989-797-1800.

Community Education is in need of daytime Preschool Childcare and K-5 After School program substitutes!
Call Steve Elliott at 399-8029

Community Education K-5 After School Activities Clubs (ASAC)



Each STCS Elementary school has an After School Activities Club that is open until 6 pm. There are two daily pickup rates: by 5 pm and by 6 pm. Each ASAC center is open on half-days of school, and all students may attend at Arrowwood Center on full-days of no school. All students must be pre-registered at least 2 days prior to the first attendance date. Forms are available online at www.stcs.org/comed. Each form can be printed out and completed and returned to the Community Education office. Each center is licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Childcare Licensing.

After completing registration, the Weekly Schedule and Payment form must be returned, with payment, at each of your individual child's center by 6 pm Thursday the week before attending. After the first week of school, online scheduling and payment is available and you will have until Monday at 8 am to schedule for that same week. There is a \$1.75 convenience fee to use online scheduling and payment.

Rates: Normal school day pickup by 6 pm - \$10 per day per child; Half Days of School - \$22; Full Days of No School - \$26

Registration Fee: There is a registration fee of \$25 for one child or \$30 for two or more family members

If using the ASAC starting the first week of school, the Enrollment packet must include the first week's schedule with full payment and returned to the Community Education Office no later than Thursday, August 18, by 4:00 pm. If not already paid, the Registration fee must be included. If the Enrollment Packet with schedule/payment is turned in after August 18, students will be able to start attending beginning Wednesday, August 24. Please allow 2 days for processing the enrollment packet.

Pre-Paid EZ-Passes are also available for those who use the program on a periodic basis and have pre-registered their child. EZ-Passes must be purchased at least one day prior to attendance. Passes may be purchased at Community Education (797-1847). EZ-Passes are good to have on hand in case of an emergency. Rates are after school days: \$15 per day (can be used for any after school day); special days: half days of school - \$25 per day; full days no school - \$31.