



THE STCS CONNECTION

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Mackinaw High School staff treated their students to a pre-Thanksgiving pancake and sausage breakfast! Blueberry, chocolate chip and plain pancakes were on the menu as well as sausage links and patties cooked by Mackinaw staff and the Superintendent's office staff.

Mrs Fry's class, at Westdale Elementary School, was awarded two STCS Foundation grants for her Kindergarten classroom. The awards, Light for Learning and Creative Corner, provided a light table and art easel with supplies for the class. Mrs. Fry's students have multiple opportunities to explore these hands-on centers on a daily basis.



White Pine Middle School Welcomes New Resource Officer

White Pine Middle School started the school year off with a new Resource Officer, Jeff Fenton. Officer Fenton started in law enforcement in 2011 with the Bay City Police Department. He's been with the Saginaw Township Police Department since 2017 and worked on night road patrol, prior to coming to White Pine.

"My goal at White Pine is to keep the campus and everyone on it safe. I also want to be a mentor and positive role model for students and have influence that will be long lasting," explained Fenton.

He wants everyone to know he has an open door and is ready to listen when students, staff or parents want to talk. "I want to be involved in as much as I can at the school and foster those positive relationships."

Fenton is married with two daughters and appreciates the opportunity to work at White Pine Middle School. He joins Andy Carlson, Heritage High School Resource Officer, as the district's policing staff. They can be reached at jifenton@stcs.org or arcarlso@stcs.org.



School Bond Proposal to be on the May Ballot

Bruce Martin - Superintendent

The Saginaw Township Community Schools Board of Education has approved placing a \$242.9 million bond proposal on the May 2 ballot. If approved by voters, the bond will finance improvements at all school facilities. The bond also will provide revenue for the demolition of three aging circular classroom pods and the construction of a new Academic and Arts facility at Heritage High School. The gyms, pool, and cafeteria will remain.



The comprehensive bond proposal is designed to make necessary upgrades and renovations across the school district. The updates to school facilities focus on enhancing student safety and security, upgrading and renovating school facilities to meet the learning needs of Saginaw Township Community Schools students, and updating interior and exterior facility infrastructure (roofs, boilers, HVAC, site, etc.)

The bond proposal requires a 5.7 mill tax increase which will cost the average Saginaw Township Community Schools' homeowner (living in a home with a market value of \$100,000) \$23.95 per month or about 79¢ per day. Most homeowners will pay less, but some will pay more.

How was the bond proposal developed?

Planning for the May 2023 bond proposal started in the summer of 2019 with an in-depth facility review process. Architects and engineers worked with members of the school district's administration to identify short- and long-range needs of all Saginaw Township Community Schools facilities. The review process focused on three key areas:

1. Upgrading safety and security;
2. Improving the learning environment; and,
3. Updating facility infrastructure (roofs, boilers, HVAC).

A project list was developed following the facility review process. Then, a series of focus panels were conducted to gain community, staff, and student input on the proposed bond projects. Questions for focus panelists included what panelists liked about the proposed projects, what questions they had about the proposed projects, and their thoughts on other improvements that should be considered at each facility.

Following the focus panels, all staff and community members were invited to participate in a survey that allowed them to express their opinions about the proposed projects. Community and staff comments were reviewed, and a final project list was developed and submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval. The Board of Education set the election after receiving approval of the project list from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Why is the bond proposal necessary?

Voters approved the last bond proposal over 15 years ago (one year after the first iPhone was introduced in 2007). Just like your home, our mechanical systems, roofs, flooring, etc., have worn out and need to be replaced.

This bond proposal is necessary because, like your home, mechanical systems, roofs, flooring, technology, etc., eventually wear out and need to be replaced. In addition, learning environments have changed over the last 15 years. Our learning environments need to be upgraded and additional safety measures put in place to keep students safe and Saginaw Township Community Schools competitive with surrounding school districts.

How will the school district share information about the bond proposal with community members?

School district officials will share information about the bond proposal through community meetings, meetings with parents and staff, direct mailings, social media, the school district website, and the news media. To view a complete list of bond projects as well as to learn more about the bond proposal, visit www.stcs.org and click on *Bond Election Info*.

In what order will bond projects be completed?

Design work will begin immediately following voter approval of the bond proposal. Then, a construction schedule will be developed. Safety improvements, critical infrastructure needs, and educational improvements will be the initial priority areas that will be addressed.

All bond proposal projects will be completed by 2027. Every effort will be made to complete construction projects with the least interruption to student learning.

How will staff members be involved in planning updates for the schools where they work?

Staff input regarding updates to their respective buildings will be solicited throughout the planning process and through surveys and meetings with the design team.

Why did the school district decide to tear down the instructional pods at Heritage High School and build a new Academic and Arts facility?

During the facility review, two options were explored: (1) renovating the current facility and (2) constructing a new academic and arts facility. Following input from the community and staff during the focus panels and survey, most participants favored building a new facility. The reasons community and staff members provided to support the construction of a new facility included:

- The current facility has numerous doors and entry points which create security issues.
- The current facility is 51 years old and is in need of major repairs.

- Renovating the current facility would be a Band-Aid approach to address facility needs and replacement would eventually be required.
- The construction of a new facility would allow for improved learning spaces for all programs (Academics, Arts, Industrial Arts, etc.) and provide climate controls, natural lighting, thoughtful teaching and learning spaces, and security improvements.
- While the initial replacement cost is higher to build a new Academic and Arts facility, renovating the current facility and then replacing it down the road doesn't make financial sense.

Will the sinking fund support the bond proposal?

Yes, Saginaw Township voters first approved the establishment of a sinking fund for the school district in the late 1990s. It was last approved by voters in 2018. The Saginaw Township Community Schools sinking fund is primarily used to make ongoing facility repairs and to address maintenance issues. A sinking fund isn't intended for large-scale construction projects.

Since voters first approved the sinking fund, routine maintenance, and repairs, such as the replacement of some boilers, roofs, and computer network servers, have been paid for through the sinking revenue. The sinking fund will continue to be used for repairs and maintenance that are not allowable through a bond.

A bond proposal is a State-approved funding process for a set scope of projects. When voters approve a bond proposal, the school district sells bonds in the authorized amount and uses the proceeds of the sale to pay for those projects in the bond proposal. Bonds are usually paid back in 20-30 years.

In many ways, the bonding process is like a homeowner obtaining a mortgage and making payments over a period of years.

Nine surrounding school districts currently have a higher bond and sinking fund debt than Saginaw Township Community Schools. Saginaw Township Community Schools currently levies 3.9 mills for bond and sinking fund debt. If voters approve the May 2023 bond proposal, Saginaw Township Schools will levy a total of 8.89 mills for bond and sinking fund debt.

Where can I get more information about the bond proposal?

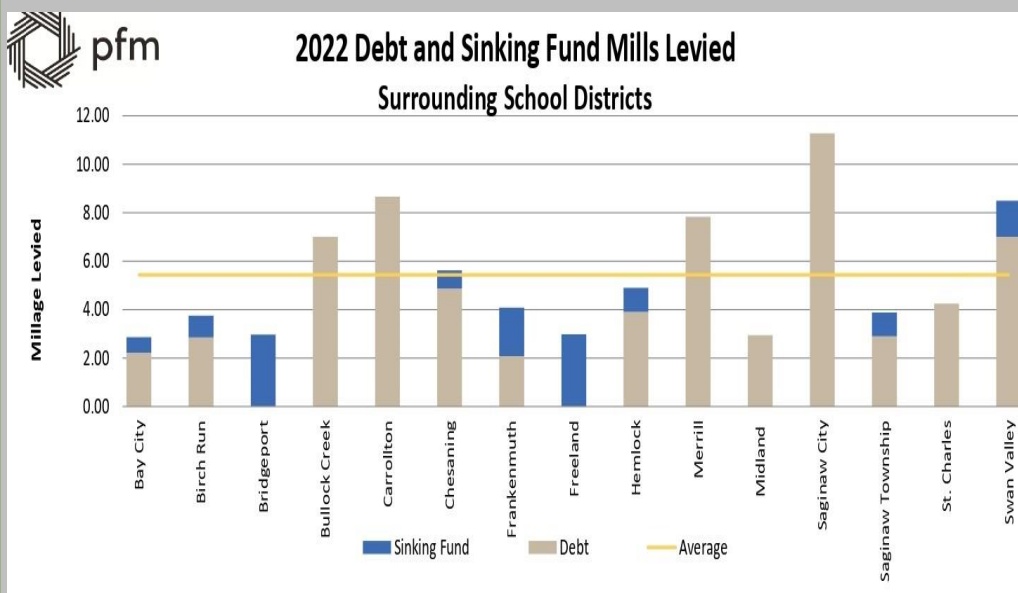
Information about the bond proposal is available on the school district's website and will be updated continually through Election Day. I invite all residents to visit www.stcs.org and click on *Bond Election Info* or contact me directly at dbmartin@stcs.org with any questions.

Share your thoughts about the May 2023 bond proposal.

To share your thoughts about the May 2023 bond proposal, visit www.research.net/r/STCSbond or scan the QR code below to take a brief survey.



How does the debt levy of Saginaw Township Schools compare to surrounding school districts?



Source: 2022 Saginaw County Apportionment Reports and Individual School Districts
5.43 mill average

Heritage High School was just awarded CollegeBoard's Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Female students who take APCSP are more than five times as likely to major in computer science in college.



White Pine Middle School has been re-designated as a 'School to Watch' for the 4th time! The Schools to Watch program is only for middle schools. The National Forum to Accelerate Middle School Reform has a rubric focused on the best middle school practices. To be a 'School to Watch', the school must survey the staff, submit a report and have a school visit by evaluators. The school is evaluated on academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational structures and processes.

White Pine Middle School received its award at the annual National Forum's conference in Washington D.C. in June. Pictured is Principal Vikki Wandmacher with Frank McMurray, the Schools to Watch of Michigan State Director.

In other White Pine Middle School news, The Michigan Art Education Association is pleased to announce the selection of Principal Dr. Vikki Wandmacher as one of MAEA's 2022 Distinguished Service Award Recipients! Dr. Wandmacher has given many years of dedicated service as an instructor and an administrator in the field of Education. Dr. Wandmacher was nominated by WPMS Art Educators Kimberly Cairy, Christina Mulford, and supported by sixth grade Assistant Principal, Joe Blaskowski. A quote from the nomination letter reads, "The visual arts program at White Pine Middle School is thriving and has done so for many years. Dr. Wandmacher embraces this aspect of our learning community and works hard to deliver and support the art curriculum in our school."



Hemmeter Elementary held a school-wide assembly on Veteran's Day to honor those who served. They had the opportunity to invite their military relatives to the assembly and present the guests with a special song and tribute.



Heritage High School seniors Landon Wagner and Yara Ahmedfiqi were named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program! National Merit Commended students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance, on the qualifying test used for program entry. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year. Yara was also selected as a Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship semifinalist this year.



The Heritage High School Hockey Team took a weekend this fall to trim, rake and clean up the grounds at Weiss Elementary School. STCS is proud when the older students help in the district's elementary schools!



Weiss Elementary School held a Trunk or Treat event for students and their families! The staff dressed up and passed out candy to the kids on a beautiful October evening. Schomaker Farms donated straw and pumpkins for the event and everyone loved showing off their costumes.



The Heritage High School Music students have had a busy year so far! They've performed at "Christmas at the Castle Museum", Saginaw Christmas Parade and the Inclusion Week Concert. In addition, they held the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band Winter Concerts!



The Arrowwood Elementary Staff was busy learning about fractions, using manipulatives, and new math games with Strategic Intervention Solutions.



Paddle sports are a big hit in Sherwood Elementary School Mr. Reed's Physical Education class! The cure to the winter blahs!



STCS Drama Presents
An Evening of Comedy
Tickets are \$5 at stcsdrama.ludus.com

Thursday, February 16 at 7pm at the
White Pine Middle School Auditorium.
Featuring 3-short plays performed
by students grades 6-12.

PHOTOGRAPHY Club

Heritage High School

In January 2022, the Photography Club at Heritage began under the advisement of Stacey Stahl, freshmen school counselor. Mrs. Stahl worked for both LifeTouch and Sears Portrait Studio before becoming a school counselor and wanted to share her love of photography with our students.

The club was initially a failure in terms of participation. Theresa Hausbeck, 9th grade Special Education teacher, approached Mrs. Stahl in the spring with some ideas to improve the club and an offer to be co-advisor. They brainstormed together to write a compelling grant proposal. Mrs. Stahl suggested that club members take senior portraits for free for low-income students as a condition of receiving a grant. Mrs. Hausbeck wrote the proposal, and her hard work was rewarded with \$1,400 to purchase a camera and accessories. Mrs. Stahl purchased a Canon Rebel, a 30 mm prime lens, three fabric backdrops, a backdrop stand, a camera bag, a SD card, an extra battery, and a tripod.

At their first club meeting in September, Mrs. Stahl and Mrs. Hausbeck were thrilled to see 14 students, an increase from the average attendance during the previous school year. In October and November, Mrs. Stahl taught students principles of natural light portrait photography and aperture settings, and they took pictures of seven Heritage seniors for their yearbook photo. Mrs. Hausbeck has written another grant proposal for money to purchase Photography Club apparel for members with the caveat that they offer free family portraits to low income families with students at Heritage.

In the meantime, club members will complete themed challenges like Tradition, Snowflakes, Downtown Saginaw, Water, and In the Garden. They hope to have a Photography Contest to showcase their work to the school. Additionally, Mr. Church, the Video Club advisor, has offered the Photography Club use of his green screen to do some unique projects.

Students may join the club any time. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of the month after school until 3:30. They meet in Mrs. Hausbeck's classroom.

Heritage High School has many dedicated staff members that volunteer their time as club advisors to benefit our students. Check out the list of clubs at STCS.org.

Sherwood Elementary School built their Homecoming float based on the "Samba to Rio" theme! Students passed out candy along the parade route and enjoyed Homecoming festivities all week!



Arrowwood Elementary School held their November Math Night and approximately 50 families enjoyed learning new math games! They had to use strategic thinking and skills to play at the various stations, and left with new games to play at home!



Hemmeter Elementary 4th graders recently finished a social-emotional learning unit on empathy and compassion. Wanting to make a greater impact, they decided to apply these skills out in the Saginaw community. With the help of their SEL teacher, Mrs. Kelly Hendrick, they connected with the Hospital Hospitality House in Saginaw to bring their guests some holiday cheer. Together, they created colorful paper chains, winter pictures and motivational sayings to hang in the common area of each house. This project helped each student become part of something greater than themselves through creativity and collaboration, while bringing smiles to the faces of others in their community.



The White Pine Middle School auditorium recently received a much needed light and sound upgrade!



2022-2023 District Calendar

August 2022					September 2022					October 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5				1	2X	3PDx	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	5X	6	7	8	9	10	11	12PTC	13PTC	14
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22	23FD	24	25	26/X	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28ERW
29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30	31				
FD = First day of School					X=No School - Labor Day Break					X = No School PTC - students attend AM only PTC: Oct.12 - HS/Elem. Conferences 1-5 pm PTC: Oct.12 - MS Conferences 1:30-5:30 pm PTC: Oct.13 - Elem. Conferences 2-7 pm PTC: Oct.13 - HS/MS Conferences 3-7 pm ERW=Elem Record day; students AM -(HS/MS has full day with students)				
November 2022					December 2022					January 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
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7	8PDx	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13RWx
14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	16PDx	17	18	19	20
21	22	23X	24X	25X	19	20	21	22X	23X	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30			26X	27X	28X	29X	30X	30	31			
X=No School					X = No School					X = No School RWx = Record day - full day No school				
February 2023					March 2023					April 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
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20PTC	21PTC	22PTC	23	24X	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28
27	28				27X	28X	29X	30X	31X					
ERW=Elem Record day; students AM -(HS/MS has full day with students) * Feb. 24 - snow day makeup if needed					X=No School - Spring Break					Good Friday 4/7; Easter 4/9				
May 2023					June 2023					Recommended				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri					
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8	9	10	11	12										
15	16	17	18	19										
22	23	24	25	26										
29X	30	31												
X=No School - Memorial Day					LD = Last Day with students					Professional Development Days Full Days 8/16, 8/18, 10/3, 11/8, 1/16 Half Day 5/5				



Welcome to our School!

To gain entry to the school building:

- **Press the door buzzer button.**
- **Face the camera above the door.**
- **Wait for the office staff to respond.**
- **Provide your name and please tell us why you're here.**
- **When the door unlocks, please come directly to the office.**
- **Please do not hold the door open for other visitors.**

We appreciate your patience!

Children are our first priority!



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

Step up and speak up. The **OK2SAY** app lets a person confidentially report anything that threatens them or the safety of other students. Submit a tip by phone, text, or email, on the iPhone or Android OK2SAY app. Make the play, use OK2SAY!

2023 Board of Education Meetings

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

January 16
January 30
February 13
February 27

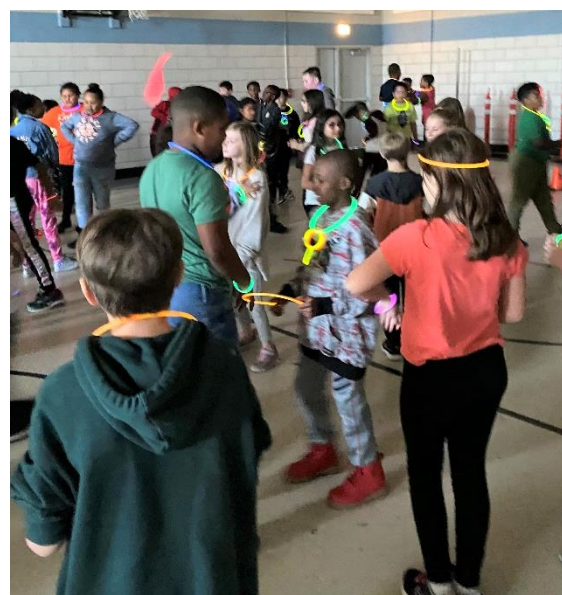
March 13
March 20
April 10
April 24

May 8
May 22
June 12
June 22



Saginaw Township Community Schools District Attendance Policy

- Verification of an absence will be accepted up to two (2) days upon the student's return.
- Students absent four (4) or more consecutive days may require documentation (i.e. doctor's note/obituary/funeral notice, etc.)
- Attendance letters will be sent out at 5 and 7 days absent
- Tardy letters will be sent out at three or more tardies. A tardy includes late arrival or early departure.
 - Sherwood and Westdale Elementary: Tardy times- 7:57-8:09a or if leave after 2:23p. A half day absence will be given for arriving 8:10a or after and leaving before 2:23p.
 - Arrowwood, Hemmeter and Weiss Elementary: Tardy times- 7:40-7:59a or if leave after 2:15p. A half day absence will be given for arriving 8:00a or after and leaving before 2:15p.
 - White Pine and Heritage: Students are tardy if they are not in their classroom when the bell rings. An absence will accrue after 20 minutes from the start of class.
- Pre-school through 5th grade: if your student arrives late, you must come into the office and sign them in or it will be considered an *unexcused absence*.
- Excused or unexcused absences in excess of ten (10) days are subject to parent notification and interventions by administration. Interventions may include meetings, improvement plans, attendance agreements, support plans, etc. This includes non-consecutive days.
- Absences documented after ten (10) days are marked as unexcused at the district's discretion.
- The County Truancy Officer will be notified of excessive unexcused absences 10 or more cumulative days for the year, after interventions have occurred at the school level.



Our Weiss Tigers love to dance! What better way to put those dance moves to the test than a dance-a-thon? The Tigers did an outstanding job as they raised over \$7,000. Our Tigers definitely have some great dance moves! The top 10 Tigers who raised the most money, had the chance to put a pie in Principal Mrs. Chase's face!

Board of Education member Mike Colucci was honored at the December board meeting for his dedication to the Board, as his term has ended. He served on the board for 8 years, had children who attended STCS, and was involved with the school system for 35 years. Thank you, Mike Colucci.



Coming Soon!

There's no better time than the New Year
to work on living a healthier life.
For resources visit BWellSaginaw.org

Saginaw County HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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White Pine Middle School: Transitioning from 5th to 6th grade

The annual process of transitioning 5th graders to WPMS will begin in February.

During the week of February 6th, the middle school principal will hold a parent meeting at each of the district elementary schools that have 5th graders. Parents are welcome at any of the meetings and can pick the one that best fits their schedule.

During that same week, the 6th grade counselor will visit the 5th grade classrooms to share information, answer questions, explain the scheduling process and scheduling sheets will go home to parents. Then, on February 15th, the 5th graders will visit WPMS for the Extravaganza! Students will learn about the elective classes and explore the campus. The STCS Foundation is generously providing the bussing to make this visit possible!

The White Pine Parent Council will offer 5th grade parents the opportunity to order White Pine Hawk gear and swag. These items can be worn on the day they visit White Pine and will start their collection of White Pine items!

These activities will provide information for students and parents to make scheduling decisions and get connected to WPMS. These events are planned in advance of the elementary school conferences, so parents can discuss class placement with their child's current teacher(s).

In the Spring, we invite all of the 5th grade students and parents to come to the 5th grade Family Fun Night usually the first week of May (date and time TBD). There will be food, tours, and a brief informational session run by 6th grade teachers.

Before school begins in August, we will have the new 6th grade students join us for an Orientation led by the 8th grade W.E.B. leaders. The students will see campus again, get their schedule and have a chance to 'Walk the Schedule' so they can feel confident about finding their classes on the first day.

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 6: 5th grade Parent meeting @ Weiss 6 p.m.
- Feb. 7: 5th grade Parent meeting @ Arrowwood 6 p.m.
- Feb. 8: 5th grade Parent meeting @ Hemmeter 6 p.m.
- Feb. 15: Extravaganza! 5th graders visit WPMS
- Feb. 20-21: Elementary Conferences
- Feb. 22: Scheduling sheets due - turn them into current elementary school
- May 3: 5th grade Family Fun Night 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. @ WPMS
- Aug. TBD: 6th grade Orientation @ WPMS



WHY HEMMETER ELEMENTARY?

- National Blue Ribbon School
- Advanced and accelerated curriculum designed to challenge gifted and talented learners
- Extra-curricular opportunities such as Destination Imagination, Math League, Art Club, Spelling Bee, History Bee, Computer Coding, German Club, and Chess Club

SIGNS OF A GIFTED LEARNER

- Expresses curiosity about many things
- Asks thoughtful questions
- Has extensive vocabulary
- Solve problems in unique ways
- Has a good memory
- Is a fast learner
- Shows talent in making up and telling stories
- Displays early interest in reading
- Discusses and elaborates on ideas
- Exhibits wit and humor
- Not easily bored, mind is consistently active

We are now scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year.

*To schedule an appointment for free testing, call Lisa at **989-797-1832***



STCS 'DID YOU KNOW?'

The oldest building in our district is Hemmeter Elementary at 85 years old.

The most recent building is Heritage High School at 51 years old.

White Pine Middle School - 60 years old

Arrowwood Elementary - 61 years old

Mackinaw High School - 61 years old

Weiss Elementary - 63 years old

Sherwood Elementary - 66 years old

Westdale Elementary - 66 years old



Unified Pledge Week is a week to celebrate being a teammate and a friend to those who may feel left out. This district-wide event features theme days and pledges to include others. It's also an opportunity to provide inclusion celebrations for all of our amazing STCS program classes and their mentors! Weiss Elementary, Arrowwood Elementary, White Pine Middle School and Heritage High School held Friendship Balls in the Heritage small gym to celebrate!



McDonald Auto Group held a new shoe donation drive for Westdale Elementary School! They also donated \$500 for student needs. An additional \$250 was donated from retiring firefighter Brian Wolpert. Thank you McDonald Auto Group and Brian!



In November's session of "Cooking with Kern" Mackinaw High School students learned how to prep, season and fry pieces of chicken. The chickens were raised by the students earlier in the fall. Each of the students who participated in the cooking session also ate what they cooked. A special thanks to Ms. Exie for showing the students the entire process.



Weiss Elementary is excited to have the READ Association back at the school! READ volunteers from the community work with children on reading to the residents. Weiss Tigers get to practice their skills and form intergenerational bonds with the volunteers on a weekly basis. It's a wonderful opportunity to have back at Weiss and the READ volunteers are so needed and welcome.



Ready? Set! Kindergarten!

Saginaw Township Schools Welcomes Your Family

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT!

LEARN HOW TO REGISTER YOUR LITTLE ONE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8TH**

**DOORS OPEN @ 5:30P,
PROGRAM STARTS @ 6P**

**Arrowwood Elementary
Conference Center
5410 Seidel Road**

Learn about:

- Transportation ✓
- Nutrition Services ✓
- After school programs ✓



See you there! Questions? 989-797-1800

Heritage High School's Esports team won the Michigan High School Esports Federation State Championship in the League of Legends! The students went undefeated in the year and dominated their way to a flawless victory! Esports is a legitimate, varsity level, video gaming sport in high schools across the nation. They finished 14-0 For the State Championship against Henry Ford Academy who was undefeated as well going into the Championship round. Congratulations to these students: Anderson Li, Finnegan Hill, Andrew Lemanski, Justin Sanchez, Jilin Li, Artemis Coe and Landon Wagner. Finnegan Hill will be attending Michigan Tech and working on the Esports team on a paid scholarship!





As part of their year-long service learning, White Pine Middle School's Learning Community 6-1 made Christmas gifts for seniors at Edgewood Assisted Living Center. The gifts included cards, goodies and activities to keep the residents busy. Once a week throughout the school year, White Pine's Learning Communities visit the seniors, who have become their friends. They converse, have celebrations and do crafts together.



Sherwood Elementary students celebrated the inclusion of everyone, by wearing tie dye to represent blending during Unified Week!



Congratulations to Arrowwood Elementary Principal Rebekah D'Haene. She was named Principal of the Year for Region 11 at MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association)! The award recognizes principals for their dedicated contributions to their local school communities as well as their dedicated commitment to their professional association colleagues. Ms. D'Haene has been in education for 19 years and is serving in her 5th year as Arrowwood's Principal. She is also a Gerstacker Fellow through SVSU. Region 11 covers Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Saginaw and Gratiot counties.



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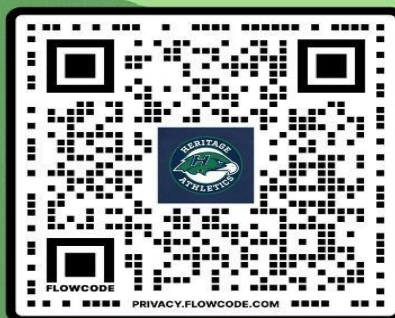
27TH ANNUAL

HAWKCTION!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 6PM
SAGINAW COUNTRY CLUB

**Silent auction, live auction,
50/50 drawing, and more!**

EARLY BIRD TICKETS: \$65
INCLUDES HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets
(Capacity is limited, buy early! Tickets at door \$75)

Proceeds will provide for
scholarships, sports equipment,
team apparel, and athletic awards.

Questions?
email: hhsaa@stcs.org



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.

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FOCUSED TEST PREP ZAPS® Focused Test Prep

In this 6 - hour SAT seminar, students will get to:

- Learn tips to improve scores in all subtests
- Practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices
- Take short practice tests that mirror the real test experience
- Reduce test anxiety and gain confidence
- Receive extensive materials for home practice

Our strategy intensive seminar is the perfect companion to content-based test-preparation your student may be utilizing.

Register by February 9!

Location: Heritage High School Media Center
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023
Time: 9 am - 3 pm (Doors open at 8:30 am; close at 8:50 am)
Seminar Fee: \$110

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