



THE STCS CONNECTION

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Congratulations to the Class of 2023 of Heritage High and Mackinaw High!



A complete list of the graduates can be found on pages 4-7.

Work-Based Learning - Student Connection to Employers

Adrian Carrier, a senior at **Heritage High School**, was looking for a work-based learning experience that would provide him with insight into the automotive industry, specifically a Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics career pathway. Mrs. Sue Hill, Heritage's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, had the perfect fit for him at Serra Toyota of Saginaw.

Supervisors at Serra Toyota said that Adrian was an excellent addition to their team. He did a great job whether he was working with the vehicles, his coworkers, or with their customers. When asked about his work ethic, Tate Keelin (Serra Toyota Fixed Operations Director), commented, "Where do I start with Adrian Carrier? He is a very hard-working young man. He is always willing to go above and beyond his day-to-day duties. Adrian's work ethic is top-notch, and if I could clone him, I would! He's a great young man!"

Adrian says, "I always had a little problem speaking to people formally. Through my work-based learning experience, I got the chance to improve. I began talking with customers, and it got easier. I become more fluent with my words and more comfortable each time. As time went on, I began getting compliments and tips from customers who appreciated my help. Even now, I still am learning something new every day. My work-based learning experience has created tremendous growth for me both as a worker and as an individual."



Adrian on the job at Serra Toyota



Mrs. Sue Hill - Work Based Learning Coordinator

Multi-Cultural Celebration at Hemmeter Elementary



Students at **Hemmeter Elementary School** celebrated the diverse cultures and backgrounds that make up their school community with a multi-cultural night in February. The event featured food from a variety of different cultures, including Indian, Middle Eastern, Korean, Thai, African, Poland and others.

"We wanted to celebrate the diversity that makes our school community so special," said Mr. James Bailey, principal of Hemmeter Elementary School. "It's important for our children to understand and appreciate different cultures, and to see that there is beauty in our differences."

Students and their families were invited to participate in the event, with many bringing dishes from their own cultural backgrounds to share with others. The school's gymnasium was transformed into a colorful marketplace, with booths representing different countries and cultures.

"I am so proud of our school community for coming together to celebrate diversity and promote understanding and acceptance," said teacher Steve Rodriguez. "This event was a wonderful way to showcase the richness of our community and the strength of our diversity." The event was a huge success and plans are already underway for next year's celebration of cultural diversity at Hemmeter Elementary school!

A Message from our Superintendent

It's hard to believe the 2022-2023 school year has come to an end. I would personally like to recognize the incredible work of our teachers, staff and administrators who made this another successful year for our students.

This year, 315 students have earned their high school diplomas from STCS. These students have an exciting future ahead as they finalize plans to enter college, a trade school, the military, or the workforce.

Because of our commitment to continual improvement this year, we have many ongoing projects moving the district forward including:

- The hiring of 8 new teachers and a social worker just this month;
- Receipt of a grant through the Michigan Department of Education for safety upgrades throughout the district. We will consult with the Saginaw Township police on safety recommendations;
- Facility upgrades including White Pine Middle School parking lots and Heritage High School's student center along with new flooring and paint in the main commons area.
- Adoption of new curriculum including K-12 grade math and 9-12 grade science.

We still have some things to work on to improve the learning environment for our students. In May, voters rejected a bond proposal to address safety concerns and improve all school facilities to support the educational program. While the bond proposal was not successful, the facility needs did not go away.



During the coming weeks, we will continue to analyze the election results. We also want to hear from you regarding what you liked and didn't like about the May bond proposal, and your ideas to address facility needs as we move forward. To get your input, residents will be invited to share their thoughts on addressing facility needs by participating in an online survey. Your comments and suggestions will be used to develop framework to bring another bond proposal back to the community. I hope you will take the time to share your ideas with us. Once that survey is available, we will share the link via email, social media and the STCS website.

In the meantime, there are numerous projects throughout the district that we will be working on over the summer. By utilizing some of the ESSER funds, we will continue with our new playground project with installation at 5 elementary schools, including pre-school playgrounds at 2 of our buildings. Sinking funds will allow us to install 7 boilers, a new roof over the Hemmeter Elementary gym, as well as a new roof over the 7th grade building at White Pine Middle School. We are also installing lights on the White Pine Middle School football field, adding blacktop for basketball and 4-square games and adding a walking path and outdoor classroom and garden. Our Nutrition Services will receive kitchen upgrades throughout the district.

In closing, we have a lot to be proud of every day in Saginaw Township Community Schools. We invite you to visit our website for district information and to follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages to see all of the fun and educational learning going on every day at STCS!

Bruce Martin, Superintendent



Congratulations to the eight members of the **White Pine Middle School** 7th and 8th grade bands who were chosen to be a part of the MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association) District 5 All Star Band! They rehearsed for 6 hours on a Saturday, together with other 7th and 8th grade students from all around our area of the state. They then put on a fabulous concert that evening! They all represented White Pine and STCS very well.

Front row L to R: Aiden Packer, Makaila Dunn, Nori Jarvis, Zoe Farrand. Back row L to R: Lauren Baase, Oliver Ridley, Sophia Polzin, Julia Cannon.



In March, a team of **White Pine Middle School** Wood Technology students attended the Home Builders Show at Saginaw Valley State University, and participated in a “live-build,” assembling a prefabricated playhouse during the show. Teams were paired with local contractors and business owners during their building experience. They learned numerous skills, including power tool use, measurement, and assembly sequence. Arrangements are being made to donate the playhouses to preschools and daycares. Pictured are 7th Graders Liam Tiret, Matt Hall, Abe Blaskowski and 8th Grader Austin Heft.



Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of ‘A Delightful Quarantine’ for their strong showing at the Michigan One-Act State Finals at Central Michigan University. **Heritage High School** took 2nd place in Division 1 Studio Division, People’s Choice Award, and the Black Gaffe Award for best load in/load out of theatre space. The entire cast was awarded a Superior Acting Award. Individual awards included costumes, light design, sound design, and set design. Congratulate to the following students: Jenna Doyle, Ray Crachiola, Kennedi Thomas, Anya Walsh, Snow Duncan, Taylor Quackenbush, Callie Olk, Eddie Jones, Casey Dorsey, Regan Williams, Zariya Foster, Saumya Johri, Lucas Shelagowski, Anthony Ashmall, Claire Rousseau, Paige LeRoux, and Jamie Eppinga.



Congratulations to the recipients of **STCS Foundation** Grants for 2023-2024! Twenty-two grants are being funded totaling \$18,325.69 to provide STCS teachers, counselors, librarians, and administrators opportunities to extend learning opportunities to the STCS community!

- Judi Raines, Readers Are Leaders \$1000
- Alan Kern, Mackinaw Market \$1000
- Karen Fenech, Careers in Your Own Backyard \$1000
- Terrie Robbie, Sphero Bolts for STEM \$1076
- Catherine Kerns, Page Turners Book Club \$683.64
- Judi Raines, Battle of the Books \$850
- Christina Ode, Can You Hear Me? \$218.99
- Amy Sizelove, Hartley Scholarship Fund \$350
- Marcus Moore, Michigan Youth in Government Transportation Expenses \$2000
- Tiffany Wika, Making Music Connections in STCS \$2000
- Alan Kern, Cooking with Kern \$2000
- Robin Simmons, EduProtocols Plus Summer Academy at Notre Dame \$700
- Brian Wilson, Building a Thinking Classroom in Mathematics \$697.06
- Alan Kern, Self-Watering Vegetable Garden \$700
- Laura Wells, Listening is Reading Too \$650
- Jill Haag, Family Math Night - Dice, Decks, and Dogs \$1500
- Sandra Vauhkonen, The Mystery of 3rd Grade \$1700
- Karen Fenech, The Delta College Experience \$200

Heritage High School Top 20 Graduates 2023



Luke Zacharek - Valedictorian



Anderson Li - Salutatorian



Landon Wagner - Salutatorian



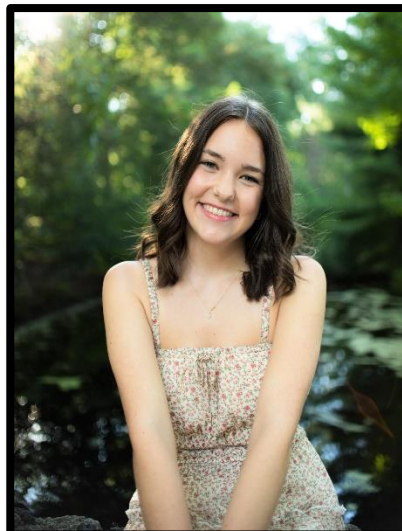
Yara Ahmedfiqi



Nathaniel Baskins



Joshua Stuber



Anneliese Mackel



Brooke Pockrandt



Preston Douglas



Ty Hirschenberger



Anna Kate Day



William Kurt Menapace

Heritage High School Top 20 Graduates 2023



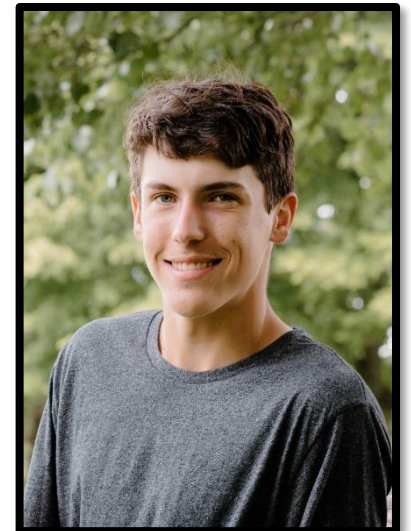
Molly Basil



Ryen Grigg



Abigail Buchalski



David Walsh



James Richardson



Theodore Lange



Amalia Moore



Macy Ziehmer

Heritage High School Class of 2023

*see **Designations** key at end of list

Tom Abendroth
 Cameron Christine Acha 3
 Alexia Mireia Aguilar
 Yara Osman Ahmed Fiqi 1, 5
 Ashtin Alexander Alvarado
 Ayden David Androl
 Noah Lawrence Baker
 Jasmine Marie Balls 2, 11
 Rudy Christian Arion Barnett

Molly Katherine Rose Basil 1, 4, 10, 11
 Nathaniel Richard Baskins 1, 4, 10, 11
 Lillie Elizabeth Beauregard 1, 4, 10, 11
 Caleb Adam Behm 3, 11
 Evy Elaine June Benoit
 Braden Jude Benton
 Alexis Michelle Bobick
 Alexander David Boelter 1
 Emilie Rose Bohinski 1

Taylor Lynn Boothe
 Cooper Ryan Borders 1, 4
 Wilson Stuart Borrello 1, 4
 Alexandria Sole' Braddock
 Deicara Zion Brazil
 Kenneth Dwayne Breedlove Jr.
 Ava Leigh Brown
 Nicholas Scott Brown 3, 11
 Abigail June Buchalski 1, 4, 10, 11

Ariana Aaliyah Angelina Bryant-Holmes 3, 10
 Harley Joseph Burkhard 3
 Devyn Kaelyn Burns 2, 11
 Michael Steven Burns
 Julian Josiah Butler 3
 Chandra E'moni Monae' Caldwell
 JeaNya Marie Calhoun
 Alicia Elizabeth Campbell
 Bianca Michelle Carpenter

Adrian Patrick Carrier 3
 Brianna Maria Cervantes
 Taylor Ann Chaltraw 3
 Amaree Konstance Chambers
 Kamryn Helena Rose Chasnis 1, 4, 11
 Miranda Anabel Chavarria
 Brenden Tyler James Chubb
 Taylor Marie Church 2, 11
 Addison Reese Clarey 3
 Makinzey Marie Clemons
 Weston McLean Coffey
 Braeden James Cole 3
 Mason Alexander Cole 3, 11
 Jayanti Sariah-Mikai Collins 1, 4
 Charles Lovell Cork II
 Luciano Regalo Cortez
 Dominic Mathias Costello
 Ethan Miles Cox 3
 Laura Grace Danielson 2
 Amanda Elizabeth Nga Dargis
 Abigail Evelyn Davis
 Lexi Jade Davis
 Michael Christopher Davis
 Jayden Alexander Dawkins
 Anna Kathleen Day 1, 4, 10, 11
 Jack Jeffery DeGrace
 Tre' James Dennison 2
 Casey Marie Dorsey 2
 Lola Shay Doss
 Preston Avery Douglas 1, 4, 10, 11
 Alyvia Rose Drews
 Hayden Lee Dugan
 Diego Mendoza Duran
 Ashton Leo Egbert
 Jocelyn Rae Evans 2
 Allison Morgan Faerber 2, 11
 Bianca Victoria Felix 2, 4
 Mit Lee Foley II 1, 10, 11
 Emily Paige Fortier 2, 4, 11
 Zariya Syrai Foster 1, 4, 10, 11
 Hannah Catherine Frenzel
 Anika 'Osk Gallagher
 Alexis Ang Gallofin 1, 4, 10, 11
 Kaydence Nichole Garcia 3
 Valencia Elizabeth Garcia
 Thomas Anthony Gawthrop
 Aaron Edward Geer
 Jad Ghanem 1
 Vanessa Renee Gloude
 Yufei Gong
 Alicea Eleanor Gonzales-Lopez 3

Sebastian Vela Gore
 Xander Joseph Goss
 Livia Wynn Gotham 1, 4
 Nolan James Gotham 1, 4, 11
 Tayler Jenise Green 2, 11
 Gabrielle Alexis Greene
 Ryen Loren Grigg 1, 4, 10, 11
 Camden Charles Noah Grunwell
 Lliam Lucas Hamilton-Kraft
 Isaiah Christopher Harper
 Nicolas Kimsley Harris
 Diedre Carolyn Haupt 1
 Lyric Johanna Haupt 1
 Ethan Robert Heim 3
 A'nyah LaShawn Henderson 3
 Hailey Elizabeth Henning 2
 James Wilhelm Hernandez
 Isabella Elena Herrera
 Finnegan Seamus McKay Hill 2, 4
 Ty Jeffery Hirschenberger 1, 4, 10, 11
 Tyler Joseph Hogan
 Kendall Olivia Holman
 Alexandra Elizabeth Honeman 1, 4, 10, 11
 Abigail Maria Hoskey 1, 4
 Elliana Robin Howard
 Cameron Rose Hubbell 2
 Telvin Tarell Jackson II
 Evelyn Joy Jarecki
 Charles Paul Johnson 1, 11
 Taniya Chanel Johnson
 Saumya Purvi Johri 1, 4
 Krysta Lei Jones 2
 Madison Jayden Jones
 Mason Avery Jones
 Rico Lee Jones
 Sha'Mya Brendtoya Kelly
 John Thomas Kennedy 3, 11
 Peyton Alexia Kennedy 3
 Laurynn Paige Kenney 3
 Bomin Kim
 Hailie Elisabeth King 3
 Ethan Joseph Kitzman
 Wyatt Nickolas Klopff
 Aishani Koneru 1, 4
 Rachel Marie Krolewski 2
 Brooke Jacqueline Kroulik
 Braylon Josef Kubczak 3
 Gabriel Michael Kumaus
 Carter Isaac LaFave
 Sage Mae Lambert
 Karissa Rose Lang 3

Theodore Michael Lange 1, 4, 10, 11
 Brayden Hunter LaPorte
 Jenna Nicole Lee 1, 4, 10, 11
 Jordan Vanessa Lefler
 Myah Elizabeth Leuenberger 1, 4, 10, 11
 Quarvion Tairek Lewis
 Anderson Heng Li 1, 4, 10, 11
 Jilin Li 1
 Jermiah La'Ron Lindsey
 Hannah Lee Livingston 1
 Carlos Mario Lopez 3, 11
 Garrett Allan Luptowski
 Anneliese Emilie Mackel 1, 4, 10, 11
 Savannah Emilie Maddox 1
 Tristan Tomas' Parker Maiers-Regalado
 2
 Jillian Alice Maloney 1, 4, 10, 11
 Abigail Leah Markey
 Victoria Lynn Markley 3
 Jackson Eric Mason
 Alexis Gabriella Mata
 Jadelin Ella McCarthy 2, 11
 Ian Lawrence McClorey
 Lily Grace McCloskey
 Wyatt Michael McGovern
 Jordan May McGregor 2, 11
 Amari Simone McKinney
 Victoria Janice McRae 2, 11
 Kaine Adrian Douglas Medina
 Hunter Meek-McCartney 3
 Rachel Rose Meisel
 Eduardo Mejia-Arteaga 1, 11
 William Kurt Menapace 1, 4
 Elisa Merks
 Samantha Lynn Miller 2
 Stephanie Lynn Miller 3
 Zar'ria Jorja Mitchell 3
 Josephine Grace Moffitt
 Amalia Kathryn Moore 1, 4, 10, 11
 Christian Daniel Morales
 Lillian Marie Morgan 3
 Cienna Ryleigh Mosher 1, 4, 10, 11
 Oscar Moten III
 Johnathon Michael Mueller
 Owen Joseph Mulka 2
 Mona Onaliese Murdock
 Brooklyn Michele Murphy
 Mitchel Morley Murphy
 Sevrin Wolfgang Nalazek 3
 Lily Grace Nalevayko 1
 Malia Saneer' Nevarez

Ethan John Neville
 Paige Alexis Newvine 1
 Carol Ann O'Connor
 Roman Ryder-Reno Olgine 3
 Jey Andrew Olivarez
 Anthony Paul Orozco Jr.
 Ian Scott Owensby 1
 Madison Lilly Partlow 2
 Paige Elizabeth Pequignot 3
 Diego Maximus Perez
 Emma Nicole Perez
 Sonny Omero Perez
 Ludovica Petranca
 Abby Rose Petrey
 Brooke Elizabeth Pockrandt 1, 4, 10, 11
 Mia Laura Polson 1
 Olivia Grace Pozenel 1, 4
 Jason Lee Pringle II 3
 Carrington Drew Pryor 3
 Avery Robin Puszykowski 3
 Alexis Joy Rankin 1, 4
 Zori Mariyeh Rasco 3
 Ethan Nicholas Rauschert 1, 4
 Matthew Ryan Reel
 Nolan Frederick Reinig 1, 11
 Charisma' Lashon Reynolds 3
 James Andrew Richardson 1, 4
 Madison Clea Riley
 Tony Vance Rivers II
 Aristeo Ruben Robelin II
 Amaya Bellalis Rodriguez
 Claire Lauren Rousseau 1, 4, 10, 11
 Ashton Michael Rubio
 Riley Nicole Rupp 3
 Lilian Diana Ruskowski
 Graysen Lynne Rutherford 3
 Andrew Rapheal Sahouri 1, 4
 Hassan Mohamad Salameh 2
 Henry Allen Sanchez Jr.
 A'Mari Sweet Sanders
 Brady Christopher Schaeding 1, 11
 Emily Madison Scott
 Gregory Laverne Scott III
 Aubrey Elizabeth Senkowski 2
 Aaron Michael Shay 3
 Natalie Elissa Sika 2, 4
 Jordan Aaron Simpson 2
 Deasia Demiya Sims
 Diljeet Singh
 Gurjot Singh
 Sahtej Singh 3

MeKhei Dontae Smith
Dakoda Paul Sopcak
Kylie Arabella Spear
Alena Renee Spears
Luke Mitchell Evans Starke
Syeira Marie Staves 3
Lauren Margaret Stedry 2, 4, 10, 11
Joshua Nolan Stuber 1, 4, 10, 11
Sean-Patrick Joseph Sullivan 2
Frederick William Sunderman IV 1, 4, 10, 11
Hannah Paige Taylor 1
Kennedi Kate Thomas 1, 4
A'Lyssa Danielle Thompson
Mackenzie Anne Tompkins 2, 11
John Paul Tovar Jr.

Alijah Alexander Trevino
Gabriel Enrique Trevino 3, 4, 11
Emeka Richard Uwaje 3, 11
Kyla Nicole Vasold 3
Landon David Wagner 1, 4, 5, 11
David Joshua Walsh 1, 11
Gabriella Marie Wasney
Raine Asakura Webley
Kaylee Anna Weiss 1, 11
Jack Cameron West 2, 11
Ethan Cole Westendorf 3, 11
Madison Grace Westendorf 1
Crystal Cassandra Whitmore
Hailey Rose Wiles
Gregory Michael Williams III 3
Joseph Bronson Williams 2, 11

RayOnna Evette Williams 1
Regan Eric Williams 1
Mellani Marguerite Williamson
Cole David Winters 3
Kristina Michelle Wise 2, 4
Brett Jerome Wobio 2, 11
Alivea Christine Wolcott 2, 11
Logan James Wolf
Erin Joy Woodley
ChristGiles Trinity Yarn
Shauna Lynn Yelsik
Nolan Ronald Yockey 1, 4, 11
Luke Alexander Zacharek 1, 4, 11
Sophia Rose Zaragoza
Macy May Ziehmer 1, 4, 10, 11
Vanessa Kourtlen Zissler 3, 11

*Designations

- 1 *Summa Cum Laude 3.75 - 4.00+*
- 2 *Magna Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.749*
- 3 *Cum Laude 3.00 - 3.499*
- 4 *National Honor Society*
- 5 *National Merit Commended Student*
- 6 *National Merit Finalist*
- 7 *National Merit Semi-Finalist*
- 8 *National Merit Winner*
- 9 *National Achievement Scholar Winner*
- 10 *Heritage Triple Achievement*
- 11 *Scholar Athlete*

Also, congratulations to Mackinaw High School's class of 2023!

Mackinaw High School graduated 32 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.

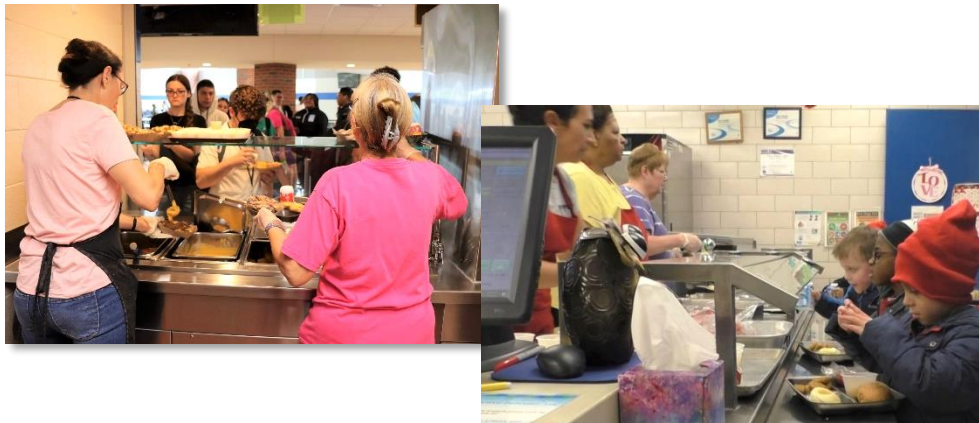


SIGN UP FOR BUSSING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR BY JULY 1ST!

1. **Do I have to sign up for bussing each year?** Yes! Situations change, families move, etc. Our Transportation Department re-sets their routes each year and signing up ensures the correct counts for bussing.
2. **When do I need to sign up for Transportation, for the following school year? By July 1st!** It seems early, but our routes have to be almost complete and ready to be sent out for bid by August 5th! That gives our transportation department just a little over a month to complete each route. Your help with this is invaluable! Sign up is also available for Saginaw Career Complex and special needs students.
3. **Where do I find my student's bus information?** Skyward Family Access has everything you need to know under the 'Bussing' tab.
4. **When will the bussing information be released in Skyward for 23-24?** August 18, 2023
5. **Who do I call if I have a bussing issue?** Please call the Transportation Department, not the school, at 989-799-1885. Their hours are 4:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
6. **When do I need to be at the bus stop?** 7 minutes prior to the pickup time. Our drivers make every effort to be as close to the pickup time as possible.
7. **Does an adult have to be present for pick-up or drop-off?**
For all students that are Pre-K through 1st grade, there **must** be a parent present at pick-up AND drop-off. If not, your child cannot be picked up or dropped off.
8. **Can my student ride to a friend's house?** Unfortunately, no. The busses have a specific amount of students in the system and we are responsible for each child to get to the correct spot, each day.

GO TO STCS.ORG and CLICK ON 'PARENTS' TAB. SCROLL DOWN TO 'TRANSPORTATION SIGNUP.'

The **Nutrition Services Department** and their kitchens wrapped up feeding 4,800 students each school day, in addition to catering special school events this year! The staff was proud to provide fresh fruit, dipping vegetables, huge salads, various breakfast choices and balanced meals while also choosing food that kids would like (pizza, chicken, fries, etc.). School lunches have changed over the years to healthier options and the staff works hard to plan good menus while meeting the USDA requirements.



Thank you to Bill Stec from Yeo and Yeo, who brought a check to **Westdale Elementary School!** They graciously funded the kindergarten field trip to Hartley Outdoor Education Center, a camp and outdoor habitat school educating students on wetlands, pioneer living and archeology.



It's never too early to become a leader. **Westdale Elementary School** second grade students were chosen to become peer mentors because they demonstrate the characteristics needed to be a positive role model for other students. It's a high honor and these students worked hard to form positive relationships and solve problems in a thoughtful way. Congratulations to: Johari Jones, Akya Tillman-Jackson, Layla Young, Winter Putnam, Da'mija Glover, Harper Grimm, Peyton Hart, Paris Lynch.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023-24 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Arrowwood Conference Center, 5410 Seidel, Saginaw, Michigan, the Board of Education of Saginaw Township Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2023-24 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2023-24 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2023-24 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Saginaw Township Community Schools, Finance Office, 3465 North Center Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Saginaw Township Community Schools.

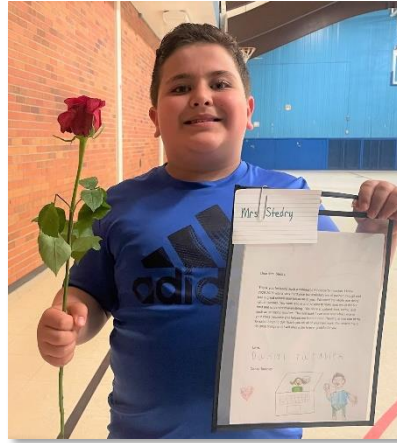
Marianne Bird, Secretary

Developmental Kindergarteners at **Sherwood Elementary School** explored the world of science and engineering through the project-based, hands-on STEM program First Inspire Lego League. Students learned about the energy journey, where energy comes from and how energy is used. Students were able to build energy sources, energy connections and energy users. The goal was for them to work creatively and explore other ways to help create a better energy future. This was made possible by The Saginaw Township Community Schools Foundation. Your little engineers thank you!





As part of teacher appreciation week, **Sherwood Elementary** welcomed some very special surprise guests to their May staff meeting. Dozens of former students crashed the meeting, armed with roses and a hand written letter of appreciation for all that teachers did to educate them during the pandemic.



The **Weiss Elementary School** student council had a coin challenge where all the grade levels competed against each other. They raised over \$600 in one week for our local animal shelter! This is a wonderful way for our students and families to give back!



Congratulations to the **Arrowwood Elementary School** Special Olympians! They competed at Saginaw Valley State University today for multiple events and did amazing. We're so proud of our Eagles!



Mackinaw High School students went on a Construction Career Day field trip to Howell. They were able to explore construction type careers thanks to hands-on events at Operating Engineer Local 324. The STCS Foundation provided transportation to the field trip!



2023-2024 School Year Calendar

August 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23FD	24	25/X
28	29	30	31	

FD = First Day of School
X = No School

September 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1X
4X	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

X=No School - Labor Day Break

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

X = No School - PD Day 10/2
Parent Teacher Conferences: TBA

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

ERW=Elem Record day; students AM
-(HS/MS has full day with students)
X = No School - PD Day 11/7
X = No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 2023				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21X	22X
25X	26X	27X	28X	29X

X = No School - Winter Break

January 2024				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1X	2X	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12RWx
15PDx	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

X = No School - Winter Break
RWx = Record day (full day) No school
X = No School - PD Day 1/15

February 2024				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9ERW
12	13	14	15	16
19PTC	20PTC	21PTC	22	23X
26	27	28	29	

ERW=Elem Record day; students AM
-(HS/MS has full day with students)
Parent Teacher Conferences: Feb. 19 - 21
*Feb. 23- snow day makeup if needed

March 2024				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25X	26X	27X	28X	29X

X = No School - Spring Break

April 2024				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1/X	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

X = No School - Spring Break 4/1

May 2024				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3 1/2
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27x	28	29	30LD	31RW

X=No School - Memorial Day 5/27
LD = Last Day with students

Recommended

Professional Development Days
Full Days
8/16, 8/21, 10/2, 11/7, 1/15
Half Day 5/3



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!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
ORIENTATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

TRANSPORTATION -
You **MUST** sign your child up for busing by August 1st if you are in need of bussing!
Go to STCS.org, click the 'Parents' tab, then click 'Transportation Sign Up'. There you will find a Google sign-up form.

Join the fun!
SUNDAY, JULY 16

HAWKS

Thank
you!



2ND ANNUAL GRIDIRON
HERITAGE HAWKS FOOTBALL GOLF OUTING

SUN 2023
JULY 16

**BEECH HOLLOW
GOLF COURSE**

7494 Hospital Road
Freeland, MI 48623

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 9:00 AM
DINNER AND PRIZES AT 3:30 PM

\$100
Per Player

Foursome
\$400



**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP
JUNE 30, 2023**

CONTACT: KIM RUNNING 989-529-4433
EMAIL: KIM@DCRCONCRETE.COM

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HAWKS MISSION

The mission of the Heritage Hawks Football program is to develop a continual state of excellence in character and competition through the constant pursuit of our three pillars of success: excellence, ownership and love in everything we do as a program.

Congratulations to the Saginaw ISD Turnaround Achievement Award winners from STCS: Mitchel Murphy from Heritage High School, Juliana Melgoza from Mackinaw High School, and Kevin Dey from White Pine Middle School! They were honored for their commitment, perseverance and effort.



CLASS OF 2036! 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, 2023 (or by December 1, 2023 with a waiver), your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten! Registration is now online! Go to [STCS.org](https://stcs.org) and follow the instructions on the homepage to enroll. You can easily upload your child's documents there as well!



Easy Steps to Register for Kindergarten On-Line!

1. Go to [STCS.org](https://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.' Follow the steps.

If a new STCS family:

Click 'New Student Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year' and fill out the form to set up a new account. Follow the steps (be sure to SAVE each section as you complete it).

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!
4. If you have any questions, call the enrollment *HELPLINE* at 989-797-1800.

Please note, Transportation & Nutrition sign-up information will be coming by email.



Saginaw Township Community Schools Step By Step Preschool Childcare Enrollment

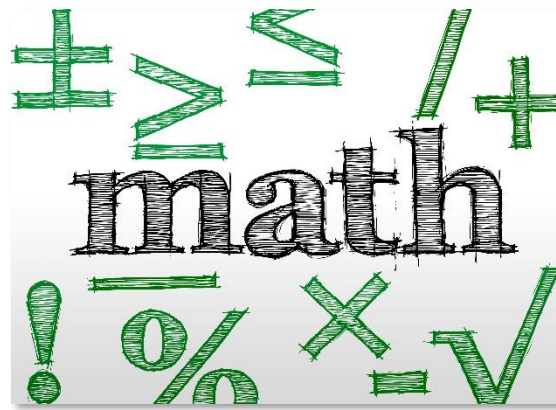
Ages 3 - 5 years

Open 7 am - 6 pm on Weekdays

Located at Arrowwood Elementary

Visit www.stcs.org/comed

or call 989-797-1847



Math Night is something **Weiss Elementary School** families never want to miss! A total of 210 families attended this event to learn some new math games from the staff. Weiss sent them all home with several math games to play as a family. It was a huge hit!

"Cooking with Kern" is a series of cooking lessons for students given by Principal Alan Kern at Mackinaw High School. Twenty-one students recently browned pork chops, sautéed apples and onions, reduced the sauce and finished the pork chops. They also cleaned up all their own pots and pans!

The **Hemmeter Elementary School** Destination Imagination teams did an awesome job at the State tournament in Waterford. The Rising Stars (non-competitive) teams impressed the judges. Hemmeter had 2 teams that participated in the competitive divisions. The 4th grade team, coached by Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Boyd, finished in 5th place in the state. The 5th grade team coached by Mrs. Ridley, finished 4th in the state. The 5th grade team also had the top instant challenge score at the competition.



White Pine Middle School Learning Community 6-2 students wrapped up their ecology unit with a field trip to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Heritage High School AP Environmental Science students planned two stations with hands-on activities that focused on resource management & competition, as well as predator/prey relationships. Students also went on a nature walk and had time to sit quietly in nature and listen for nature sounds. Special thanks for Heritage's AP Environmental Science students and to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge for supporting this great experience!



Westdale Elementary School

Developmental Kindergarten students, from Mrs. Watz' class, had the opportunity to take part in the DK Fine Motor and Math Parent and Child Night. Students and their parents learned ways to strengthen fine motor and math skills through play. The DK Fine Motor and Math Parent and Child Night was made possible by a grant from the Saginaw Township Community Schools Foundation.

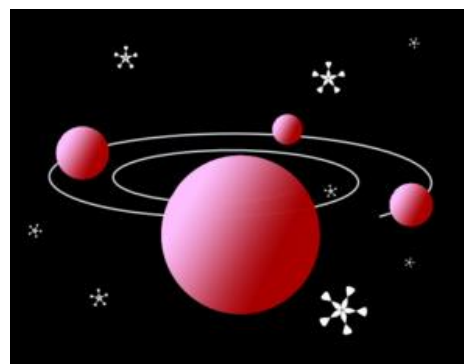


The **STCS Foundation** congratulates this year's B.L.O.C.K. Award winners! B.L.O.C.K. represents Benevolent Leaders of Creativity and Knowledge and is an annual award program for STCS staff and volunteers.

Administrator: Jim Bailey
 Community Member/Parent Volunteer: Ashley and Kevin Pockrandt
 Non-Teaching Staff Member: Molly Lorencz
 PreK-2nd Grade Teacher: Ashley Prell
 3rd-5th Grade Teacher: Kevin Moore
 Middle School Teacher: Brian Wilson



Arrowwood Elementary School fifth grade students made a model solar system and used flashlights to determine the brightness of the sun on each planet. Afterwards, they used that information to determine which planet would be best suited to explore with a solar-powered rover!



Kelly Baptist, author of "Isaiah Dunn is My Hero", "Isaiah Dunn Saves the Day", "Flying Lessons & Other Stories", "The Swag is in the Socks" and "Ebb & Flow" visited **White Pine Middle School** on Tuesday, April 4th. She spoke at 3 grade level assemblies and afterwards, a Swag Sock contest was held at each. Two winners were selected at each assembly and received either a signed copy of "Ebb & Flow" or an Amazon gift card!



Congratulations to the **Heritage High School Boys Track Team**....2023 Saginaw Valley League Boys Track and Field Conference Champions!





NATHANIEL BASKINS

Parents: Rich and Karrie Baskins

- ➔ National Honor Society
- ➔ 5 Time SVL All-Academic Team
- ➔ SVL All-Conference In Soccer
- ➔ Baseball Team Captain
- ➔ AP Scholar With Honor Award
- ➔ Member Of Robotics, Band & Student Government




HERITAGE

4.2
gpa

sports
Soccer, Baseball




JILLIAN MALONEY

Parents: Donald and Heidi Maloney



- ➔ National Honor Society
- ➔ 3 Time SVL All-Academic Team
- ➔ SVL All-Conference In Basketball
- ➔ Track, Cross Country & Basketball Captain
- ➔ Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit
- ➔ Attending CMU, Majoring in Pre-Med



HERITAGE

4.06
gpa

sports
XC, Vball, Bball, Soccer & Track

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our **STCS** athletes and coaches who held top honors this year, including those who were named to the first, second and honorable mention teams in their sport. Also congratulations to the 2022-2023 Saginaw Valley League the Scholar/Athletes of the Year, Jillian Maloney and Nathaniel Baskins!



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



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THANK YOU TO ALL THE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUB STAFF, ASSISTANTS, BUS DRIVERS, BUS AIDES, BUS MECHANICS, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, COACHES, CUSTODIANS, INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES, NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS, NUTRITION SERVICES, PARAPROFESSIONALS, SECURITY, SECRETARIES AND SUBSTITUTES FOR ALL YOU DO DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO MOVE STCS FORWARD!

VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023-2024 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 also need bus drivers and aides and we offer paid CDL training! There are other opportunities for noon hour supervisors, coaches and more! If you are interested in applying, go to www.stcs.org and click on the employment tab at the top.

Saginaw Township Community Schools Foundation



Thanks to the generosity of parents, staff, area residents and business owners each year, the STCS Foundation is able to award grants for projects that enhance educational opportunities for STCS students of all grades. It funds enrichment projects for students at all elementary schools, White Pine Middle School, Mackinaw High School and Heritage High School. Please consider making a contribution to the STCS Foundation:

- online at <http://saginawfoundation.thankyou4caring.org/stcsf>
- through United Way by designating the Saginaw Township Community Schools Foundation
- write a check (payable to STCS Foundation) and mail it to: STCS Foundation P.O. Box 6278, Saginaw, MI 48608

The Saginaw Township Community Schools Foundation partners with the Saginaw Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, to allow donations to be tax deductible. Your gift will provide opportunities for students today and the students of tomorrow.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE STCS FOUNDATION! ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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