



THE STCS CONNECTION

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Welcome Back on Wednesday, 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

Heritage High School Social Worker Michelle Bell was 1 of 15 who was selected nationwide for the Distinguished Educator Tour with the United State Air Force Recruiting Services. The selection included an all-expense paid trip to San Antonio, Texas. The tour shared many training, career, and educational opportunities available to students who choose to enlist and complete the 7-1/2-week basic training. Recruiters from every military branch visit Heritage High School yearly and will meet with students individually upon request.



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 has some opportunities for you! The Nutrition Services Department is 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 are also hiring bus drivers (CDL paid training), bus aides, coaches, noon hour supervisors, paraprofessionals and more! If you are interested in applying, go to www.stcs.org and click on the employment tab at the top of the page to see the various opportunities!

In anticipation of the new school year, **Heritage High School** held its Student Orientation in August. Students picked up textbooks, had their photo taken, found their classrooms and tried their locker combinations!



A Message from our Superintendent

Welcome back to another school year at the Saginaw Township Community Schools! Excitement is building as we turn our thoughts to a very promising 2023-24 academic year.

In the face of a recent bond issue defeat, our district's determination to enhance and maintain our public facilities has remained resolute. Rather than allowing this setback to hinder our progress, we have turned to innovative solutions, leveraging ESSER I and II and Sinking Fund dollars to strategically address our most pressing facility needs. This proactive approach has allowed us to continue chipping away at projects, to ensure the safety of our students and functionality and overall well-being of our schools.

Our approach to utilizing these funds has been methodical and forward-thinking. These funds are only allowed to be spent on very specific items. Recognizing that resources are not limitless, we have focused our attention on addressing facility projects first that fit within the criteria of the funds. These projects often involve safety concerns, social emotional wellbeing, and infrastructure maintenance. By allocating our limited resources strategically, we demonstrate our commitment to meeting immediate needs and ensuring that our facilities remain functional and reliable. Here are just a few projects we are working on at each building:

-Arrowwood Elementary: interior/exterior painting, playground fencing, new playground

-Hemmeter Elementary: repairing steam leak, new roof, kitchen painting, repairing ceiling in boys' restroom, gym floor refinishing

-Heritage High: boiler replacement, roof repair, parking lot sealing/stripping, new kitchen equipment

-Mackinaw High: gym floor refinishing, outdoor spigots, install washer/dryer for student needs

-Sherwood Elementary: new boilers, replacement of main entrance interior security doors, new playground and fencing



-Westdale Elementary: new sink fixtures, new kitchen floor, new playground, water filling stations

-Weiss Elementary: interior painting, new basketball court/goals, new playground

-White Pine Middle: new kitchen equipment, electrical re-boot, stadium lights, basketball courts/goals

It is important to acknowledge that the task of facility upgrades is an ongoing endeavor. While we are steadfast in our commitment to addressing the pressing needs of our district, the challenges persist and the list of required improvements continues to grow. Moreover, the cost of delaying these upgrades can escalate as time passes, potentially burdening our community with even greater expenses in the future.

As we navigate the complexities of facility funding, we are actively exploring opportunities for another bond proposal in the future. The possibility of securing additional financial support through community collaboration is a step towards meeting our facility improvement goals comprehensively. While this process requires careful consideration and planning, we are committed to exploring all avenues that will allow us to provide the best possible facilities that our students deserve to enhance their learning.

The defeat of a bond issue did not deter us from our mission of enhancing and preserving our district facilities. Through creative resource allocation, diligent prioritization, and an unwavering commitment to progress, we have continued to make headway on critical projects. We assure our residents that while the challenges are significant, our resolve to meet these challenges head-on is unwavering.

Bruce Martin, Superintendent



When the air quality outside isn't good, summer school moves inside for projects! The kids made boats and sailed them in the White Pine Middle School pool! They also learned teamwork with how to paddle a boat.



STCS Nutrition Services Program Information - August 2023

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



Saginaw Township Community Schools is participating in the Michigan School Meals program this school year. This means all STCS enrolled students will have access to school meals free of charge. However, it is imperative that you still fill out an Education Benefits Form for your household. This form is linked to Summer EBT benefits for your household, additional discounts and savings such as discounted internet fees, along with district funding for instructional and pupil support services. Every student's eligibility equates to additional funding for the District and Summer EBT benefits for your family. A form is available online at STCS.org, click 'Departments,' click 'Nutrition Services.'

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN FREE OF CHARGE MEALS PROGRAM

The middle and high school offer extra items to be purchased which we call "a la carte items". These items are not covered under the Michigan School Meals program as they are considered "extra" items and not part of a complete reimbursable meal paid for by the State.

At Heritage, these items are offered in a separate line and the students must have cash or money loaded on their debit account to purchase them. If they do not have either, they will be told to go to a different line to get one of the complete meal options offered that day. We do not allow students to "charge" or go negative in their account for these extra items.

At White Pine, these items are offered at the end of the line and they ask the cashier for them. If they do not have money or funds on their debit account, they will not be allowed to add them to their free of charge lunch. We do not allow students to "charge" or go negative in their account for these extra items.

The price for a carton of milk for a child bringing a lunch from home is .60 at all schools. This is not covered as free of charge under the Michigan School Meals program and will be charged to your student as an a la carte item.

EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

Mornings can be really crazy...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or they're just not ready to eat. Eat breakfast 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. Breakfast times vary by building, so please check with your child's school to find out breakfast times and location.

PAY ONLINE:

The Nutrition Services Department manages student meal accounts with a debit point of sale system. A debit system requires money on a student's account in order to use their "debit" card. ALL students use a student ID card or enter their ID number on a PIN pad to access their meal account. You can deposit money in your student's account online with a credit or debit card (a \$2.00 convenience fee is charged) at www.stcs.org, or by sending cash or a check to school with your student or taking the payment directly to the lunch room cashier in your student's school. If you send money with your student to be given to the lunch program cashier, please be sure to put it in an envelope clearly marked with your student's first and last name and "Lunch Account" marked on it. The money may be used to purchase milk with a cold lunch at the elementary level or, at the middle or high school, ala carte items. A student must have money in his or her account or cash with them to make an a la carte purchase. Any balance remaining at the end of the school year automatically carries over to the next year. On-line access to your student's account is available by completing the On-line Access Request Form on the Nutrition Services link on the STCS website: www.stcs.org Your login and password from the prior school year for your child's lunch account is the same, so if you have that you do not need to complete an online access form.

MENUS

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are available in your school office or on the STCS website at www.stcs.org → Departments → Nutrition Services.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If your child has a special dietary need determined by a licensed physician, we will do our best to make reasonable accommodations. Please contact the Nutrition Services Office and ask to speak to Wendy Hohwart regarding a doctor prescribed special diet accommodation. We will discuss your child's individual needs and make the necessary arrangements. The State of Michigan does require a signed form from your child's physician stating the special dietary need and the prescribed diet and/or substitution. This form can be found on the STCS website at www.stcs.org → Departments → Nutrition Services, and must be on file in the Nutrition Services Office prior to making any meal substitutions.

We are very proud of the service provided by Nutrition Services. 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. Please feel free to contact us with ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns. We look forward to serving your children during the 2023-24 school year. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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

It's never too early to become a leader! These **Westdale Elementary** second grade students were chosen to become peer mentors because they demonstrated the characteristics needed to be a positive role model for other students. Being a peer mentor is a high honor and these students stood tall all year and worked hard to form positive relationships and solve problems.

2022-2023 mentors: Johari Jones, Akyia Tillman-Jackson, Layla Young, Winter Putnam, Da'mija Glover, Harper Grimm, Peyton Hart, Paris Lynch




PARENT RESOURCE FAIR

For All STCS Families of Pre-K-12 Students

Please join us for an evening with local organizations who offer supportive services!

WHEN: August 29, 2023
WHERE: Heritage High Commons
TIME: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



Partial List of Community Resources

- MSU Extension: 4H of Saginaw
- Saginaw Community Mental Health
- Saginaw County Public Health
- Great Lakes Bay Health
- Saginaw Psychological Services
- AmeriCorps & American Red Cross
- Head Start
- Underground Railroad
- Saginaw Co. Youth Protection Council
- Spectrum Autism Center
- Underground Railroad
- Guided Grace Family & Youth Services
- SOGI Youth Advocacy Council
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts
- HealthSource Saginaw
- Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
- Child & Family Services of Saginaw
- Pregnancy Care Center
- Saginaw Community Foundation
- United For Kids Child Advocacy Center
- Michigan Family Alliance
- Saginaw Township Police/Fire Dep.
- Women of Colors
- Wellspring Lutheran Services
- Department of Health & Human Services
- And Many More

For more information, please contact: Michelle Bell at mmbell@stcs.org



New, updated and safer playgrounds are being installed at each elementary school throughout the district! The project qualified for ESSER (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds as it was classified as contributing to the social and emotional health of students. The Step by Step Preschool program also received a new playground through a Community Education grant.





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.



Transportation Bus Expectations & Regulations

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.

2023-2024 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: President Arik Smith, Vice President Jan Collison, Secretary Marianne Bird, Treasurer Anthony Duncan, Jenean Coughlin, Michele DeShone, and David Jaffe. This year's schedule is as follows:

August 14, 2023	October 23	January 15, 2024	March 11	May 13
September 11	November 13	January 29	March 18	May 28
September 25	November 27	February 12	April 8	June 10
October 9	December 18	February 26	April 22	Thursday, June 20

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.

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, 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 and follow the instructions to enroll. You can upload your child's documents there as well. Welcome to STCS, little ones!



Easy Steps to Register for Kindergarten On-Line!

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.' 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.



Congratulations to **Heritage High School** student Kamryn Chasnis for winning bronze for Culinary Arts at the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in Atlanta Georgia! She is 3rd in the nation.



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	18PTC	19PTC	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

X = No School - PD Day 10/2 - ALL STAFF
PTC - students attend AM only
PTC: Oct. 18 - HS/Elem. Conferences 1-5 pm
PTC: Oct. 18 - MS Conferences 1:30-5:30 pm
PTC: Oct. 19 - Elem. Conferences 2-7 pm
PTC: Oct. 19 - HS/MS Conferences 3-7 pm

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

Professional Development Days

Full Days
10/2, 11/7, 1/15

Half Day 5/3



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*October Parent Teacher Conference dates subject to change

Saginaw Township Community Schools Adopts Exciting New Academic Resources to Support Student Success

STCS is thrilled to announce the adoption of a comprehensive array of new and updated academic resources into its curriculum. Designed to promote well-rounded and rigorous learning experiences, these innovative resources will undoubtedly elevate the educational excellence that STCS has always been known for. These academic resources will be shared via a mixture of textbook and technology.

The new academic resources include:

Phonics First: K-3rd grade. A revolutionary approach to the science of teaching children to read. Phonics First is a phonics program that empowers students with essential reading skills through systematic phonics instruction. Phonics First equips students with the tools they need to become confident and proficient readers.

Structures: 4th-5th grade. The next step after Phonics First. Structures offers multisensory instruction to support phonics, spelling, vocabulary, and overall reading skills. The Structures program will equip upper elementary grades with the continued support they need to become proficient readers.

Into Literature: 9th-12th grade. English Language Arts literary exploration. The Into Literature program immerses students in a diverse selection of literary works, encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and empathy. This program offers educators and students a wide range of interactive and inquiry-based materials to enhance their understanding and appreciation of literature.

Reveal Math: K- 8th Grade. Building a Strong Foundation in Mathematical Practices, Reveal Math is an exciting program for students, providing interactive lessons and hands-on activities, students will develop a solid foundation in mathematics, setting them up for success in higher-grade levels.

Big Ideas Math: 9th-12th grade. Core Math Courses. Nurturing mathematical excellence, the Big Ideas Math program for high school engages students with interactive content, real-world applications, and problem-solving challenges.

Inspire Science: 9th-12th grade. Core Science Courses. Igniting scientific inquiry Inspire Science is an immersive program that sparks curiosity and inquiry in the field of science. Through engaging experiments, interactive simulations, and real-world applications, students will develop a deep appreciation for the scientific world around them.

Jamie Kraatz, Director of Learning, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments, expressed her enthusiasm about these new academic resources, stating, "We are committed to providing our students with the best possible education. Our processes for selecting and adopting new resources and programs for our curriculum are teacher-driven and student-centered. Our students must have access to exceptional resources. They need to be prepared for today's evolving world, but just as important, we want them to have a love for learning that supports academic excellence."



Twenty-seven 7th graders participated in the inaugural Saginaw Township Police Department Youth Leadership Academy. Over the course of five weeks, the group was introduced to life saving medical instruction, fire safety, and water safety. They also learned defensive tactics, AVI (active violence intervention), traffic stops, and K9 tactics.

They toured the courthouse, Saginaw County 911, and the Saginaw County Jail. Throughout the academy, they participated in physical training that promoted teamwork and communication and were instructed by members of the Saginaw County ES Team and STPD Detectives.

To record your student absent in Skyward Family Access:

1. Select 'Attendance' Tab from the left hand menu
 2. Select 'Absence Requests' found in the top right corner
 3. A list of your students will appear. Select 'Add Request' to the right of the 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.

Hemmeter Elementary 5th graders learned about bacteria from SVSU's Dr. LeCureux during their Science Plus Art Reaching Kids (S.P.A.R.K.) day in April. Students also painted shapes with colorful bacteria onto agar, then were able to see their shapes as the bacteria grew. These are stored in a wooden display at SVSU!

The learning opportunity was sponsored by the SVSU Foundation's Community Engagement Grant with additional thanks to STEM @ SVSU & the Hemmeter S.P.A.R.K. Day Committee!



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.



Congratulations to Mackinaw High School's Class of 2023!

Mackinaw High School graduated 27 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.

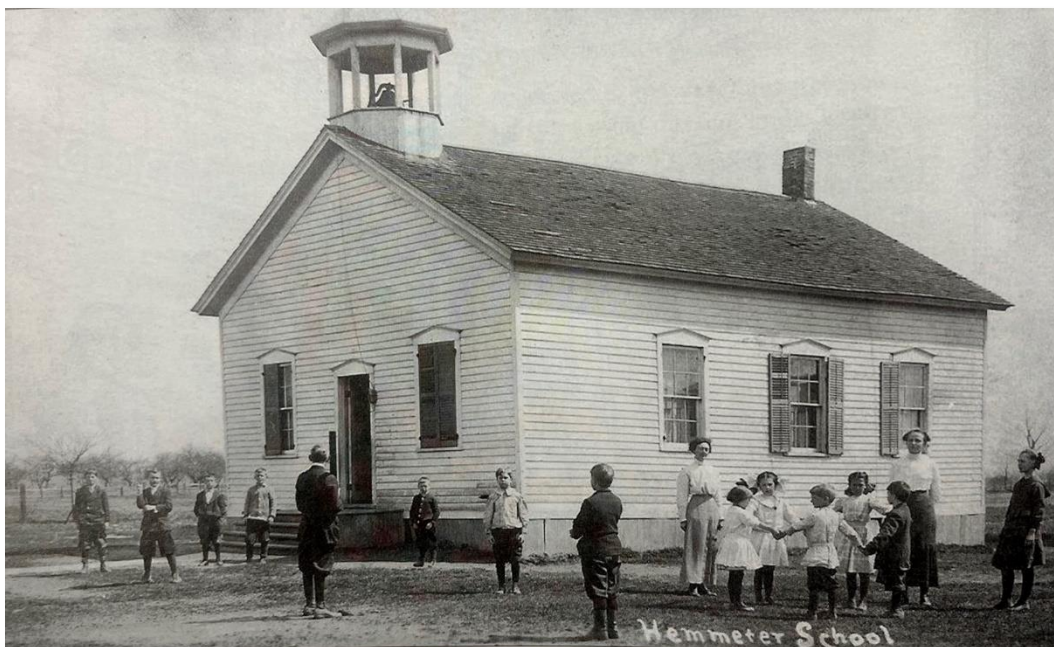
1. De'Ariea Bickham
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3. Camryn Cooper
4. Jesse Cornejo
5. Devin Davis
6. Mileena Duran-Orozco
7. Nahji Hardaway
8. Judas (Lilliya) Heinkel
9. Natalie Huerta
10. Davario Garrett
11. Sa'Niah Jackson

12. Xavier Juarez
13. Andrew Kapp
14. Allison Knights
15. Giovonni Mazzola-Colbert
16. Juliana Melgoza
17. Zero (Gracelyn) Miller
18. E'Joni Norris
19. Alyssa Proton
20. Aiden Pussehl
21. Rogelio Ramirez

22. Precious Salinas
23. Jody Sawatzki
24. Emily Simons
25. Evan Snell
26. Cameron Yancy
27. Tyler Zuriel



STCS HISTORY CORNER



The original Hemmeter School was built in 1837 at a cost of \$175. Originally called Black School, it was later renamed Swarouth School. The name changed again in 1893 when the board of education decided to rename the school in honor of William Hemmeter and his father John, both of whom served on the school board. It was located near the gravel intersection of State and Hemmeter, where the current Hemmeter Elementary stands today. (Information courtesy of Remembering our Past: Historic Saginaw Township by Larry G. Toft)



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



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Did you know that Saginaw Township Community Schools' facilities are available for rent through its Community Education Department? Elementary gyms, theaters, and cafeterias are available to small to large groups for week day events after 5:30 pm, as well as weekends. Visit www.stcs.org/comed for details or call Steve Elliott at 989-399-8029!

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 17, 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 17, students will be able to start attending beginning Wednesday, August 23. 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.