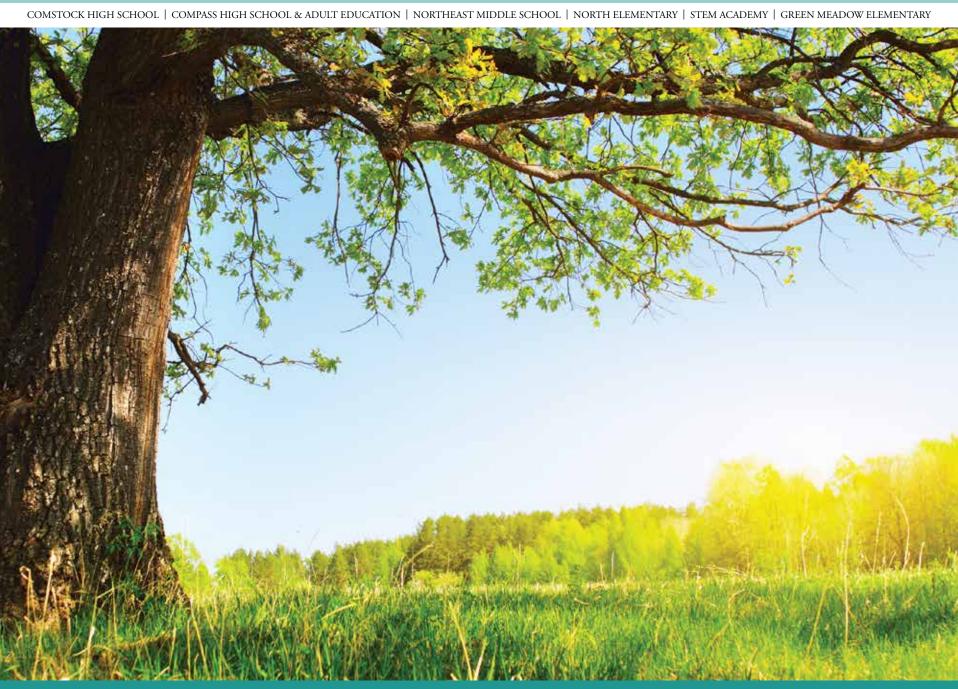
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Comstock

Community Center

From the Superintendent



Dear Comstock Schools Community,

The bond project has been moving along and is in the final design stage. The next steps will be putting the projects out for bid. Just a reminder, the projects

in Phase 1 include secured entrances at all the buildings, complete remodeling of the high school locker rooms, renovation and expansion of the high school office, renovation of the middle school office and remodeling of restrooms throughout the district.

The following is the construction timeline for the projects included in Phase 1:

Comstock High School

Office Renovation & Addition - 9/5/17 - 3/5/18 - 130 Days

Locker Room Renovations - 4/9/18 - 9/4/18 -107 Days

Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -61 Days

Northeast Middle School

Office/Entry Renovations - 9/5/17 - 10/17/17 -

Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -61 Days

North Elementary

Office/Entry Renovations - 10/15/17 - 11/17/17 - 23 Days

Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -61 Days

STEM Academy

Office/Entry Renovations - 11/20/17 - 12/20/17 - 23 Days

Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -61 Days

Green Meadow Elementary

Office/Entry Renovations - 12/21/17 - 1/22/18 -

23 Days Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -

Compass High School

Office/Entry Renovations - 1/23/18 - 3/5/18 -

Restroom Renovations - 6/12/18 - 9/4/18 -61 Days

*All of the above dates are tentative until after the bidding process is completed.

Given the scope and sequence of the project and the Board's desire to receive the most favorable bids possible, the project start date was moved to after the peak summer construction season. The moving of the start date to the early fall increases the number of potential bidders and, thus, greater competition on pricing.

The Board's construction manager, Miller-Davis, has extensive experience in managing construction projects during the school year. They do not foresee any major issues with the projects and school running concurrently. There will be physical separation between all students, staff and public and any construction projects. The district will be using temporary offices at school sites during the construction process. Restroom and locker room renovations were purposefully scheduled to have minimal impact on students, staff and parents.

Updates on the progress of the bond projects will be posted to the district's website at: http://www. comstockps.org/District/2016bondupdate.

Check back often to see how the projects are progressing.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at: morat@ comstockps.org or 269-250-8907.

Go Colts! Todd D. Mora Superintendent



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by supporting, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach his/her full potential through education.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Comstock Public Schools is to be an educational community where every person is empowered to reach his/her full potential.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning your schools, the answer is only a telephone call away: 269-250-8907

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Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2017

- Recognized the STEM Academy for being named School of the Year as part of the Catalyst University awards. The school will receive \$5,000 to use for expanding hands-on opportunities for students.
- Approved the following science department textbooks: Forensic Science Fundamentals and Investigations, by Bertino and Vertino; Your World Your Turn by Withgott. The purchase price is \$5,964.95.
- Approved the request from STEM Academy director, Chris Chopp, for the seventh and eighth graders to travel to Washington, D.C., in May. It is anticipated that this will be an every-other-year trip.
- Approved the agreement between the district and the Comstock Paraprofessionals Association.

WORK SESSION

February 27, 2017

- Approved resignation of Dan Humiston, high school math teacher.
- Scheduled a MASB workshop for the April 24, 2017, meeting.
- Superintendent Mora provided a review of his self-evaulation with supporting evidence.
- Approved the retirement of Marla Reed, high school math teacher.
- Craig Howard from Miller-Davis was in attendance to answer questions about the construction timeline.

REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2017

- Heard a presentation from Janan Zimmerman, ESA director, giving an overview of current special education programs and services.
- Approved the eighth grade trip to Cedar Point on June 16.

- Approved Mike Small as varsity track head coach and Rob Nieto as varsity track assistant coach.
- Approved retirement of Susan Lucas, eighth grade math teacher at NEMS.
- Approved retirement of Dorinda Scholly, North Elementary teacher.
- Moved into closed session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

WORK SESSION

March 27, 2017

- Superintendent Mora updated the board on the Strategic Plan strategies.
- Discussed ratifying the superintendent's summary appraisal.
- Ratified the superintendent's contract.

REGULAR MEETING

April 10, 2017

- Recognized students and staff for various accomplishments, including:
 - Excellence in Education grant winners, Karyn Medendorp, MacKenzie Skalski, Cathy Buscher, Sarah Zebarah
 - STEM Academy students took fourth place in the Science Olympiads.
 - Stacy Alatalo, Education in Partnership Award
 - High School's National Honor Society won the most awards ever won by Comstock's NHS in regional and state
- Trustee VanGoeye reported on Dean Sutton's offer to purchase the ACLC building and his plans for the property. The sale agreement will be discussed at the May 8 regular meeting.
- Approved the following coaches:
- Tim VanWormer as Asst. Varsity Football Coach
- Austin Sherwood as Head JV Football Coach
- James Brown as Assistant JV Football Coach

- Amy Hall as Middle School Head Track Coach
- Andria Brown as Middle School Assistant Track and Field Coach
- Discussed the district's reconfiguration plan.
- Approved the senior class trip to Cedar Point, June 1 and 2.
- Acknowledged teachers who are receiving tenure this year:

Katherine Callaghan - NEMS

Robert Cole - CHS

Cristy Connellee - NEMS

Katherine Jones - North

Allison Laning - Green Meadow

Kevin Lillibridge - NEMS

Kelly McVerry - Green Meadow

Sheri Nickelson - NEMS

Elizabeth Norton - NEMS

Lacey Ramsey - CHS

Nicholas Sasak - Green Meadow

McKenzie Shepard - North

Michael Thiel - NEMS

WORK SESSION

April 24, 2017

- Jay Bennett, from the Michigan Association of School Boards, conducted a workshop on board members' roles, responsibilities, and relationships among board members and with the superintendent.
- Approved the baseball team to travel to Notre Dame Stadium, in South Bend, Indiana, to play against Buchanan Community Schools.
- Superintendent Mora reported he had received about 50 questions from staff and community relating to the proposed reconfiguration plan. He will respond to the questions and provide them to the board prior to the May 8 board meeting.

Comstock Public Schools 2016-2017 School Calendar

June 12 Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams) Half Day Students & Teachers K-12 Half Day Students & Teachers K-12 June 13 Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS/ (High School Exams) June 14

> Teachers' Records Day P.M. Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers



Register for Kindergarten and Young Fives

Comstock Public Schools will be offering Young Fives for the 2017-2018 school year.

Kindergarten Roundup was in March, but it's not too late if you missed it. Please call 250-8960 for Green Meadow and 250-8550 for North Elementary.

The STEM Academy is also offering kindergarten and can be reached at 250-8560. Signing up early is easy and quick. Don't wait for fall. Register now.

GED Math Test Class Offered This Summer

Having trouble with the Math Test portion of your GED? Enroll in Comstock Adult Ed's Summer GED Math Class. This traditional style class will offer both full group instruction and opportunities for one-on-one help.

The \$50 fee includes instruction and one GED test. Only four weeks! Monday-Friday, July 5-July 28, from 8:30-11 a.m.

To register, see Darlene in the Compass High School Office, or call 269-250-8930.





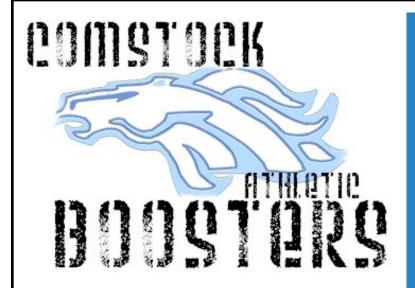
CHS ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Comstock High School 2107 N. 26th Street

Doors open at 11 a.m. Potluck at Noon

Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Come join your friends and classmates. Pass the word around!



4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$65 PER PERSON (\$35 FOR STUDENT) (INCLUDES CART)

DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:00AM

SHOTGUN START AT 8:00AM

LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED

50/50 RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!

Send email with players' names & contact info to Scott Langejans at scottlangejans@yahoo.com or call 269-207-6778

You can also call the high school athletic office at 269-250-8711

AUGUST 26TH 2017 COMSTOCK BOOSTERS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Eastern Hills Golf Course

6075 East G Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan



D.O.B: Age: Grade:

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Certified Nurse Aide Training, CNA Programs Offered

The Comstock Public Schools Community Education Center, 3010 Gull Road, offers a Certified Nurse Aide Training monthly.

Our intensive 80-hour course meets all of the requirements of the State of Michigan Certified Nurse Aide Training program. Course content includes long-term care facilities, physical and emotional needs of residents, resident rights, communication skills, death and dying, special needs including dementia care, vital signs, infection control techniques, observations, medical terminology, body mechanics, transfers, walkers, canes, positioning in bed, nutrition, intake and output, elimination needs, skin care, foot care, dressing, bathing, bed making, mouth care and first aid. Homework is required.

The class consists of ten classroom days from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and three nursing home days from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. are required. Class size is limited to 22 students. Tuition is \$850, due at the time of registration. You get to keep the book.

A nurse aide uniform, appropriate shoes and a watch with a second hand are required. Students who desire state certification, pay an additional \$125 to the State of Michigan to take the state test.

Upcoming class dates are July 10, August 7, and September 5. Please call 269-250-8930 with questions.

Congratulations, Senior Scholars

CLASS OF 2017

Comstock High School extends congratulations to the Top Scholars, Class of 2017. The Top Scholar designation is determined by a formula which combines grade point averages and ACT

This year's top scholars are (in alphabetical order):



Garrett Green Parents: Glenn and Lori Green **Activities/Achievements:** *Band Department Award

- *Golf Coaches' Award *Leading Scholars Award
- *Science Club Award
- *Soccer Captain, two years
- *First team all district and BCS Honorable Mention, two times
- *Tri-athlete award
- *Senior Scholar

Future Plans: Attend Michigan Technological University to major in chemical engineering and to have a job as a sustainable energy researcher. Funniest Memory: Falling with my drum during the Christmas Parade freshman year in

Positive Memory: Playing at Disney World with the Band of Blue.

Kendall Green



Parents: Glenn and Lori **Activities/Achievements:** *Honor Roll *Biology, Geometry, APUSH, Algebra 2 Department Awards

- *Microsoft Excel Certified
- *MVP Cross-Country
- *Four year varsity cross-country
- *Most Improved Band Award
- *Four year leter's Leaders
- *Rookie of the Year
- *You're a Star
- *League Leadership
- *Golden Leadership

Future Plans: Attend Purdue University to major in food science with the plan to become a food chemist.

Funniest Memory: Soccer team bonding and watching people try to put tents up in the dark. Positive Memory: Going to Disney World with the Band of Blue.



Madison L. Gremore Parents: Tammy Clugston and Scott Gremore **Activities/Achievements:** *1st place in the America and Me Essay Contest *6th place in the Auto Overall Skills USA

*Member of Gilmore's Great Race Team *Senior Scholar

Future Plans: To attend University of Northwestern Ohio to major in auto and high performance. I want to be a high performance mechanic and possibly a future race car driver. Funniest Memory: A student in my auto class had brake cleaner on him and it was ignited. You could hear the initial "whoosh" from across the room. We were all in shock but thought it was hilarious. He wasn't hurt.

Positive Memory: Working on the school's drag car from the 90's and getting it ready to race again.



Laken Groll Parents: Dan and Vicki **Activities/Achievements:** *Honor Roll all four years

*Academic All-State Senior Year (Volleyball)

*Honorable Mention All

Conference Softball (sophomore year); Bowling (senior year)

- *Senior Scholar
- *Volleyball Captain (Senior Year)

Future Plans: Attending Olivet College and studying exercise science or kinesiology or marine biology.

Funniest Memory: Playing soccer freshman year and scoring three goals...on my own team. Positive Memory: Going to Disney with the

Band of Blue my sophomore year.



Makala Higa Parents: Leia and Paul Poe **Activities/Achievements:** *Three Dual Enrollment

- *Four AP classes
- *Honors classes
- *Honor Roll all four years

*Senior Scholar

Future Plans: Attend Eastern Michigan University's Honors College and major in psychology and minor in criminology. I want to be a criminal psychologist.

Funniest Memory: Senior Lip Sync Positive Memory: When the football team won the homecoming game.

Mason House

State for Soccer



Parents: Richard and Tammy House **Activities/Achievements:** *Earned 13 varsity letters *Team captain eight times *Honorable Mention All-

*Senior Scholarship

Future Plans: To be an electrical engineer at a Fortune 500 company.

Funniest Memory: The car rides to golf matches.

Positive Memory: The opportunities that Comstock provided for me including Dual Enrollment Classes at WMU.



Samantha Huffstutter Parents: Lynnette and Scott Huffstutter **Activities/Achievements:** *NHS President *Regional & State Leadership Conference

- *Varsity soccer captain, two years
- *Snowcoming court
- *Senior Scholar
- *Nominee for Student of the Year at the MASC/ MAHS State Leadership Conference

Presenter

Future Plans: To attend WMU to become a conservation biologist.

Funniest Memory: I've fallen down the stairs

Congratulations, Senior Scholars

CLASS OF 2017

like four times since the beginning of 2017 Positive Memory: Leading NHS this year; setting up for dances and going to formal with all of my friends.



Cameron Kay Parent: Rick Kay Activities/Achievements: *Varsity football player *Student government member *Senior Scholar Future Plans: To

attend University of Michigan for business communications or CMU/Ferris State for automotive technology.

Funniest Memory: When Mike Smalls tried to start a senior chant at a lunch full of juniors. Positive Memory: Comstock football winning two games in a row.



Michaela Kessler **Parents:** Mike and Kim Kessler **Activities/Achievements:**

- *Honors English Award
- *Mentoring Award
- *High GPA Award
- *Jeter's Leaders Outstanding

Attendee Award

- *Excellence in Education Award
- *Senior Scholar

Future Plans: Attending CMU to major in psychology with a possible profession in Clinical Psychology or Social Work.

Funniest Memory: Sophomore year during the Snowcoming Assembly, my pants got caught on the bleachers and ripped. Luckily, I was able to find a pair of shorts to cover it up.

Positive Memory: Waiting in the band room during a rain delay before the football game and singing songs and getting to know each other sophomore year.



Matt Mason Parents: Larry and Monique Mason **Activities/Achievements:**

*Honor Roll all four years

Senior Scholar

Future Plans: I am going to train under my dad to become a home inspector and work for his business.

Positive Memory: The Homecoming and Snowcoming assemblies



Vincent McNelis Parents: Peter and Laura Livingstone-McNelis **Activities/Achievements:** *Captain of cross-country

*NHS Public Relations Officer

*Co-founder of Kalamazoo United Ultimate *Senior Scholar

*Excellence in Education Award

Future Plans: To major in engineering or English and become an entrepreneur.

Funniest Memory: Playing the most intense game of Egyptian Rat Screw in Mrs. Dailey's class on my first day.

Positive Memory: Winning the conference with my cross-country team.



Amanda Northrup Parents: Diane and Ron Northrup **Activities/Achievements:**

*Vice President Key Club

*PR office in National Honor Society

*DAR Good Citizenship

Nominee

- *Youth Volunteer Award
- *Successfully completed four years of KAMSC
- *Founder of the Winter Coat Drive/Warm-up the Winter
- *Senior Scholar

Future Plans: Attend MSU to major in secondary education with a focus in the natural sciences and to become a teacher.

Funniest Memory: Watching the teachers make fools of themselves at dances and laugh at the staff for a good cause.

Positive Memory: When the school came together to collect clothes to donate to the less fortunate.



Frederick Ouding Parents: Michael Ouding and Karen Vaughn **Activities/Achievements:** *JA Titan National Runner-

*Part of internationally recognized First Robotics

- *Won three awards from Kalamazoo High School Area Show for art
- *Senior Scholar
- *Excellence in Education Award

*The MASC/MAHS Unsung Hero Award Future Plans: To attend the University of Michigan and become a mechanical engineer. Funniest Memory: First day of golf with our new coach and he got hit by a ball.

Positive Memory: The teachers and advisers are so friendly and always willing to help or talk.



Jorence Quiambao Parents: Rosalie and Laurence Ouiambao **Activities/Achievements:** *Board of Delegate Member for MASC/MAHS *Officer in National Honor Society for two years

*4.0 GPA all four years

*Senior Scholar

Future Plans: To attend MSU for architecture. Funniest Memory: When Timmy Thomas smashed his water bottle on the lunch table too hard and it exploded all over Zoey Lindsey and Sammy Huffstutter.

Positive Memory: Winning districts with my soccer team and winning powderpuff with my class.



Audrey Ray Parents: Brenda Ray **Activities/Achievements:** *Placed fourth in regionals for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Bowl *Honor roll all four years

*Senior Scholar

Future Plans: To attend WMU, Oakland or

Congratulations, Senior Scholars CLASS OF 2017

GVSU to major in nursing or pre-med. I want to be a physician assistant.

Funniest Memory: The many crazy pep assemblies.

Positive Memory: Winning the first football game in five years and the school's sense of community.



Ethan Stilson Parents: Michael Stilson and Jaishrec Khatri **Activities/Achievements:** *Junior Achievement game design winning team *Senior Scholar

Future Plans: To attend

KVCC before transferring to Michigan Technological University. I am currently planning on going into management information systems. I hope to end up doing computer and I.T. If that doesn't work out, I will start my own computer repair business.

Funniest Memory: AP Biology

Positive Memory: Participating more and going to school events my senior year.

Comstock Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

June:

- Compass High School graduation, 7 p.m.
- Traci Phelps Dance Studios Performance, 2-5:30 p.m. Call Studio for details/tickets.
- Green Meadow Music Program, 7 p.m. - FREE
- STEM Academy Eighth Grade Awards Night, 5 p.m. - Colt Center
- 11 Quinn Irish Dance Recital-Tickets at the door. 2 p.m.

July:

14-16 & 21-23 "Annie," Center Stage Theater, 7:30 pm. Matinées on July 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets at the door or call: 269-348-SHOW.

Learn Golf This Summer with the Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association



Our Mission

The Junior Golf Association (JGA) was established in 1987 with the purpose of providing quality golf experiences for area juniors at affordable rates. In 2015, IGA obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit status and was renamed Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association (KJGA) with an additional purpose of using the game of golf to help young people of all backgrounds develop fundamental values such as integrity, sportsmanship, and resiliency.

Many former Comstock students have participated in the KJGA program and gone on to have wonderful golf careers at Comstock High School including Sawyer Heffner, Mason House, Kelsey Wiers, Megan & Mikala Sims - just to name a few!

How do you decide which program(s) to enter?

The KJGA is tournament-oriented; the Junior Golf Leagues are recreational; and the Junior Golf Clinics are instructional. Finding the best program(s) depends on the junior's ability.

Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced

- *Advanced or tournament players will fit best in the KJGA tournaments or the Comp Camps.
- *Intermediate or recreational players will enjoy all programs.

*Beginners should start with a Junior Golf Clinic or the Instructional program and then decide which program they would fit into best after the instruction. Private lessons are offered for all ages and ability levels.

*Private lessons are also available with Woody Capron at Hickory Ridge, Paul Simonds at Eastern Hills, GPA Academy at Milham with Clark Petersen or with LPGA legend Bonnie Bryant at Golf Services.

PGA Professional and director of golf for the KMGA, Dean Marks, is an award winning instructor who began the JGA program in 1987. He, along with several volunteer coaches including current Comstock High School girls golf coach Tracy Daniel, run the KJGA instructionals for golfers 12 years old and younger every Tuesday at Red Arrow Golf Course. This is an excellent and affordable way for younger players to begin learning golf. Information on the KJGA can be found online at kalamazoojuniorgolf.org or call 269-447-1484

Coach Daniel, who begins her sixteenth season as the CHS girls golf coach, will also be instructing girls golf sessions for potential middle and high school golfers this summer at Hickory Ridge every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. free of charge! This is a great way to prepare for the girls fall golf season.

Girls planning on playing fall golf should participate in as many of these sessions as possible along with playing in some of the JGA events.

Senior Katie Rooney and juniors Abby House and Emily Dodson will definitely be attending and preparing for another successful and fun CHS golf season.

If you have any further questions or need more information, please contact CHS Head Girls golf coach, Tracy Daniel, at 269-250-8717 or danielt@comstockps.org.

Northeast Middle School

NEMS Honor Society Inducts New Members



New inductees into the NEMS Honor Society are (from left to right): Azlynn Green, Samiyah Jones, Gary Li, Francisco Lopez, Bryce Plane, Israel Patterson and Xandra Mielke. Not pictured: Sirius Henshaw, Ethan Hood, Zach Liby, Laci Murdock, and Caleigh Nichols.

The NEMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted 12 new members this spring. To be invited to join, seventh, eighth and second semester sixth grade students must carry a 3.5 cumulative GPA (or higher).

The new members are:

Azlynn Green Gary Li Laci Murdock
Sirius Henshaw Zach Liby Caleigh Nichols
Ethan Hood Francisco Lopez Israel Patterson
Samiyah Jones Xandra Mielke Bryce Plane

Current members are:

Drew Hattan Jeremah Peterson Nyaira Ballinger Destiny Beebe Amy Li Haley Proctor Jeremy Channels **Emillie Morales** Madison Riggins Jackson Congdon Keagen Morse Tori Sarters Anthony Davis Gabriella Mulder Kyla Scaife Brooklyn Velasquez

Congratulations to all our new members!

Sixth Graders Learn about Global Markets in JA

Sixth grade students in Ms. O'Brien's and Mrs. Morgan's social studies classes recently participated in Junior Achievement's JA Global Marketplace Program. The program provides practical information about what makes international trade work and how it affects students' daily lives.

Lessons were taught in six sessions. Some of the lessons included concepts regarding: Trade Barriers/ World Trade Organization; Corporate Franchises/ Cultural Understanding; and Exchange Rates. Stu-

dents received a free CD-ROM, which included games and other tutorials to reinforce classroom lessons

JA Global Marketplace was designed to align lessons with sixth grade content standards, world geography, and other social studies disciplines.

Ms. O'Brien thanks Vito Vallella for his twelfth year volunteering in her classroom. Mrs. Morgan would like to thank Heather Phillips,CPA.

NEMS Honor Society Completes Service Project



Samiyah Jones and Destiny Beebe prepare the doors for painting.

For their service project this year, the NEMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) painted the doors a vibrant Colt blue, replacing the old, dark brown color that was chipping and fading.

Students stayed after school to sand and tape off the doors and then put on two coats of paint.

The result was amazing and certainly gave NEMS a fresh look for spring.

NJHS is especially grateful to members: Nyaira Ballinger, Destiny Beebe, Jeremy Channels, Jackson Congdon (with help from sibling Sophie Congdon), Samiyah Jones, Emellie Morales, Israel Patterson, Jeremah Peterson, Bryce Plane, and Madison Riggins for giving up their time to help.

Northeast Middle School

NEMS, STEM Band Members Play in Southwest Michigan Honors Band



Playing in the band were (left to right) Shelby Alexander, Drew Hatton, Colin Fletter, RJ Baker, Gabriella Mulder, Tia Geer, and Dalton Wilkins.

Seven students from NEMS and STEM were selected by Band Director, Mark Nelson, to be part of the Southwest Michigan Honors Band. The students were part of a 145-member band that rehearsed all day and then presented a concert in the evening. The event was held at Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

Green Meadow Elementary

Pickles for Playground Perfection



Green Meadow's Student Lighthouse Team had been in a pickle on how to improve the school playground. Then they had an idea! Let's sell Pickles for Playground Perfection.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, students and staff could purchase large pickles for a dollar. Within the first two weeks of pickle sales, the School Lighthouse Team had earned over \$100.

Other fund-raising efforts are in the works for Green Meadow's playground, too. There is a Color Run scheduled. Check Green Meadow's website for more information.

Also, if anyone has ideas for gallon pickle jars, we're interested.

GM Principal Duct Taped to the Wall

Green Meadow principal, Susan Caswell, was duct taped to the wall and raised \$400 to support the Kalamazoo Humane Society.

This was a project brainstormed by the Light-house Team for a community project to raise money for the Humane Society and all its programs from education to their emergency pet food bank.

For every dollar students brought in, they would get a length of duct tape to stick on Mrs.

Mrs. Caswell was a very good sport and was stuck to the wall. The students had great fun sticking tape on her and seeing her stay on the wall without a block to stand on.

"It was SO cool! She didn't fall off!," said a kindergartner.



Mrs. Caswell seems relieved to be out of her duct tape cocoon.



Mrs. Caswell had so much duct tape on her that her feet didn't even touch the floor.

Green Meadow Elementary

Visitors Learn about GM's Leadership Program

During Green Meadow's Second Leadership Day, students "knocked it out of the park" sharing our Leadership journey. Over 30 visitors from local businesses, the community, and schools from around the county visited and explored what Green Meadow is doing with The Leader in Me program.

The Student Lighthouse Team, a new way of organizing a Student Government and coordinated by fourth grade teacher, Nicholas Sasak, conducted the assembly before the guests were released to explore the classrooms.

Students stationed in the hallways explained goals and the displays of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students. Leadership Notebooks were available for guests to peruse with student guides explaining the different sections and the goals that students were working towards within each of the grade levels.

Students greeted classroom visitors and took them on guided tours of the rooms.

Students in Courtney Boyce's third grade classroom prepared a Wax Museum of students as historical figures and were excited to share their project with the visitors.

The students and staff at Green Meadow were very excited to share The Leader in Me journey with so many people.



Over 30 visitors prepare to learn about Green Meadow's leadership program during Leadership Day.



Green Meadow students performed a couple of songs for Leadership Day.

STEM Academy

STEM Academy Student Council Visits Borgess Gardens

STEM Academy student council representatives spent a lovely afternoon with the residents of Borgess Gardens leading some rousing rounds of bingo. The residents loved the company and conversation.

We are proud of the great job our students did with setup, cleanup and all the effort they put in to building relationships with these important members of our community.

We hope to visit again.



Student Council representatives who visited Borgess Gardens were (from left to right back row) Logan Hicks, Anna Schreiner, Shelby Alexander, Amelia Hall, Carson VanOosterum, Genni Speedy and (front row) Olivia Morgan, Leah Standish, Allison Foster, Ava Schreiner, Hayleigh Reinhart, Justise Johnson, Jordan Manni, Elodie Reist.

News from the Athletic Department

2017-18 Physicals

Physicals for the 2017-18 school year will be offered on Wednesday, August 2, at Comstock High School from 6-7 p.m. The cost will be \$20. All Comstock students in grades seven through twelve planning on playing a fall sport must have a physical dated after April 15, 2017, on file with the athletic office before they can participate in practice or games.

Stadium Reserved Seating

Reserved seating will be offered for the 2017-18 school year. The first home varsity football game kicks off at 7 p.m. on August 24 vs Vestaburg. We have two options this year. A regular seat for the year is \$5 and we now also have a seat with a back rest that is \$10 a seat for the year. The proceeds will be used to help fund the 2018 Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards. Please support Comstock Athletics and our Hall of Fame Banquet by purchasing a reserved seat through the athletic office at 269-250-8711.

Season Pass Workers Needed

We are starting to coordinate workers for next school year right now. If you would like to work at athletic events for a family pass, please contact the athletic office. Some of the job duties include ticket taking, running the clock, scorebook, announcing and timing for track meets. We have a lifetime pass for all our senior citizens for free. If any senior citizens would still like to help out at our athletic events, we would love to have you here, but it is not required. Please give us a call at 269-250-8711 to let us know if you are interested in working.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Comstock Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for the 2018 induction. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2018 induction. A nomination form is on page 12 of this Communicator and also can be found online at www.comstockps.org/halloffame. Please call Justin Ansel with any questions at 269-250-8711.

High School Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 7 for football and August 9 for volleyball, girls golf, boys soccer, sideline cheer and cross country. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at comstockcolts.org. Every athlete must have a physical dated after April 15, 2017, to participate.

NEMS Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for NEMS volleyball and cross country can begin on August 21. Middle school soccer will begin practicing the week of August 21 as well. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at comstockcolts.org.

Stampede Basketball 3rd-6th Boys 3rd-8th Girls

Tryouts for the 2017-18 Comstock Stampede basketball 3rd-8th girls and 3rd-6th boys are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 1, and are for kids attending Comstock Public Schools. We will send out more information to all the kids after school starts.

Session I for girls is the Rising Stars season which begins playing games mid-October. Session I for boys is the Sharp Shooter season which begins playing games the beginning of November.

All fall sports being played are a priority and until the fall season is over, kids try to make the basketball practices when they can.

There will be a charge for Session I this year along with the cost of a uniform. It is a great program to learn a lot about basketball and we hope we see a lot of kids from Comstock participating.

The CYB basketball program will still take place beginning in December and is open to everyone in the community. If you have any questions, please give Justin Ansel a call at 269-250-8711.

Comstock 3v3 Basketball Tournament

The Comstock basketball program is putting on a third grade through twelfth grade boys and girls 3v3 basketball tournament on Saturday, August 5. The registration form can be found on page 5 of this Communicator along with www.comstockps.org/3v3.

Shane Easter - MHSBCA High School All Star West Team

Congratulations to Shane Easter. He has been named to the MHSBCA High School All-Star West Team which is the first time for a Comstock baseball player. The game will be at Comerica Park on June 20, at 7 p.m.

2016-17 All State Athletes

Congratulations to Mubark Hasan, Tyreese Gardner and Daisy Ansel for making All State Teams this year. Mubark is a third team selection in soccer. Tyreese is a first team selection for the Associated Press in basketball. Daisy was a first team selection for Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) and fourth team selection for the Detroit Free Press. Great Job!







Mubark Hasan

Daisy Ansel

Tyreese Gardner

News from the Athletic Department

Comstock Seniors Sign Letters to Play College Sports



Shane Easter

Congratulations to Shane Easter, Laken Groll, Taylor Wells, Raekwon Marlowe and Mubark Hasan. All of them have earned the opportunity to play a college sport.

Shane Easter will be attending Eastern Michigan University to play baseball. Laken Groll will be attending Olivet College to play volleyball. Taylor Wells will be attending Defiance College to play volleyball. Raekwon Marlowe will be attending Defiance College to play football. Mubark Hasan will be attending Lake Michigan Community College to play soccer. Great job on your awesome high school careers and good luck in college!



Laken Groll signs to play volleyball for Olivet College.



Taylor Wells signs to play volleyball for Defiance College.

Staff Members Run in the Borgess Run

Several staff members participated in the Kalamazoo Marathon - Borgess Run, this spring. Angie Boyton, Jeff Pellerito, Alison Lanning, Greta Munger, Char Dailey, Brandy Brown, Pamela Dickinson, and Darlene West all participated in the run.

Some did the half-marathon; some were first time participants; and some improved their times from last year.

Many members of the Comstock Public Schools and the community cheered on the runners.



Mr. Pellerito ran into Mrs. Caswell during the run.



Mrs. Laning

HAZARDOUS WEATHER COMMUNICATIONS

With hazardous weather conditions just around the corner, Comstock Public Schools is encouraging all parents to talk with their children about the possibility of school closing due to bad weather. In the event that school must be closed early on any given day, please have a plan developed with your children so they arrive home safely.

Every effort is made to make a decision to close school by 5 a.m. and to notify the news media immediately. However, the district has no control over how quickly the information is disseminated by the media.

On the right is a list of the multiple ways you can be notified of early closings, or school closings:

You may sign-up to follow Tweets at https://twitter.com/ComstockPS regarding school closings or go to our website at www.comstockps.org.

Make sure your Infinite Campus portal is current with correct contact information in order to receive ShoutPoint notification.

For the latest school closings, turn your radio or television to the following stations:

CALL LETTERS

98.5 FM, 96.5 FM (WNWN, WFAT) 100.9 FM (WQXC)

903 AM, 1400 AM (WBCK, WRCC)

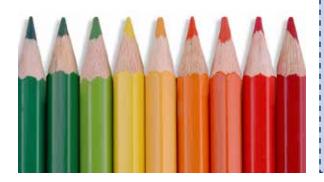
106.5 FM, 590 AM, 1470 AM (WQLR, WKZO, WQSN)

107.7 FM, 103.3 FM (WRKR, WKFR)

TV 3 WWMT-TV

TV 8 WOOD-TV

TV 4 WOTV



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Become a School Bus Driver! METS, the transportation employer for Comstock Public Schools, is currently hiring school bus drivers for part-time assignments starting at \$14.75 per hour.

No experience is necessary and training will be provided to qualified candidates. Apply today by sending your resume to: recruiting@contractbusdrivers.com.

For more information, please call (269) 250-8690, or toll free at (888) 996-8586

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Football Soccer Volleyball Golf Tennis X Country X Country Sideline Cheer Basketball Wrestling Basketball Competitive Cheer Bowling Baseball Bowling Softball Track Golf Track Tennis Swimming Hockey Soccer Swimming PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER 1. Special Comstock Athletic Awards (MVP, MIP, All Conference, All State, Coach of the Year, etc.) 2. Career Highlights (Most points in game, Most goals in game, etc.) 3. College Athletic Achievements (If Applicable) 4. Athletic Involvement after H.S. and College (Professional, Officiating, Coaching, etc.) 5. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.					
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Comstock Township Library Events

ADULT PROGRAMS:

June Adult Craft: Patriotic Stars, Wednesday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. Make and decorate a patriotic door or wall hanging to welcome Independence Day. Registration is required for this free craft and began on Monday, May 22, at the adult reference desk; space is limited. Call 345-0136 for more information.

New Quilting group to meet at the Comstock Township Library. Open to beginning quilters through advanced. Come prepared to sew! Bring your sewing machines and projects. If you have experience sewing clothes, we can help you get started in quilting. For more information, contact Sylvia at 269-303-0790 or Bev at 269-352-0079.

Build A Better World: Summer Reading Program for Adults: (Must be 18 or older to participate). Registration begins Monday, June 12, at the adult reference desk; however, you may not report the books you have read or listened to until June 19. Fill out a form for each Comstock Township Library book you read or listen to from June 12 to August 12 and enter to win prizes. The grand prize will be a Kindle Voyage e-Reader and will be drawn on August 14. For further details, call 345-0136.

Soap-Making Workshop, Wednesday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m. Join the Comstock Township Library as local dairy goat expert, Marge Perrin, teaches cold process soap-making using her 30 years of experience raising goats. Registration for this free event begins on Monday, June 26. Space is limited. Call 345-0136 for more information.

The 2017 Great American Eclipse presented by Richard Bell (family program): Tuesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will cross the United States from coast to coast. It will give tens of millions of people along a 70-milewide path from Oregon to South Carolina a chance to see the Sun's spectacular corona, a sight hidden from view except during a totality. Occurring during the summer vacation season, it holds the potential to be seen by more people than any other eclipse in history. The Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President, Richard Bell, will give a preview of this historic event. He'll also explain why solar eclipses occur and how to view them safely. Eclipse Shades, which make it possible for you to safely view the Sun's surface during the partial phases of the eclipse, will be available for purchase for \$3/pair. Weather permitting; there will also be a telescope available for your viewing pleasure.

EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT Call 269-345-0136 to register.

Do you need volunteer hours for next year? Teen volunteers are very important to the success of our Summer Reading Program and we appreciate all the hard work they do. We need volunteers for correcting worksheets, redeeming prizes, and assisting with programs and parties. Volunteer applications are available at the Young People's desk and on our website. Applications will not be accepted after Friday, July 17. You must be going into seventh through twelfth grades to volunteer!

- · Volunteen Orientation: Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m. or Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m.
- · Volunteen Thank-You Pizza Party: Wednesday, August 16, 4 p.m.

Reading this summer can earn you small prizes in our weekly drawings, and chances for larger prizes at the end of the reading program. You will also earn tickets for our Summer Reading Party on August 16. The more you read, the more tickets you will earn for playing games and redeeming prizes at the party.

DROP-IN STORYTIME: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-5. Join us for a half hour of stories, songs, games, and parachute play. No registration is necessary for this free event.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Ongoing. Pre-Kindergarten. All children can participate until they begin kindergarten. Children will win a prize from our treasure chest for every 50 books read, up to 1000 books. Stop by the Young People's desk to pick up a tracking sheet.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Wednesday, June 14, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. All ages. Get a free bowl of ice cream with toppings of your choice for showing that your library card is in good standing. Don't have a library card? Register for one at the event and still receive a free bowl of ice cream.

MATH AND READING CLUB: Grades Pre-Kindergarten–Sixth. Earn treats and tickets for the Summer Reading Party in August by completing worksheets all summer. For every five math worksheets and/or reading comprehension worksheets turned in with a score of 80 percent or

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

higher, you will earn two scoops of ice cream with toppings and a ticket to spend at the Summer Reading Party. Correcting skill sheets takes time, so please do not plan to turn them in and get the reward the same day. Please check the next time you visit the library to see if you have earned your treat. Each child is limited to one bowl of ice cream per day. Alternative prizes may be available for children with food allergies.

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STORYTIME WITH FIREFIGHTER MIKE: Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-5. Join us for a special storytime with local firefighter, Mike Kessler. Enjoy stories and learn about fire safety, followed by a short craft. No registration is necessary for this free event.

Nature's Best Builders with the Kalamazoo Nature Center: Friday, July 21, 11 a.m. All ages. Children of all ages will get to experience firsthand how animals inspire builders everywhere. You even get to meet an animal architect in person. Registration is not required for this free event.

Joel Tacey, Michigan's Family Funnyman: Friday, August 4, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Joel's *Book Builder Magical Comedy Show* features goofy gadgets, dazzling magic, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation. Kids and grown-ups will be laughing out loud. Registration is not required for this free event.

Fresh Food Fairy: Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Come meet the Fresh Food Fairy and learn about how fresh food is fun. Fresh Food Fairy shares fresh food fun with kids of all ages.

Comstock Township Library Events (cont.)

We can learn to love the bright colors, fun shapes, different textures and flavors - eat a rainbow of vegetables and fruits, and have fun doing it. After participants play with and sample a variety of fresh vegetables, Fresh Food Fairy will invite everyone to ride her bike-powered blender and enjoy smoothies and slushies made with local ingredients. This event is free, but requires registration. Registration begins on July 24.

SUMMER READING PARTY: Wednesday, August 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine! Weather permitting, we will have the inflatable slide, bouncer, maze, and obstacle course outside on the library grounds. Inside the library, you can trade in your reading tickets for ice cream, popcorn, crafts, games, and other small prizes. Extra tickets are available for purchase at 25 cents each.

CRAFT DAYS: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7 p.m. All ages. Join us for a different craft each week! Crafts are suited for children ages three and up. Children under five need to have an adult helper with them. Registration is required for these free events and first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program. Space is limited. Craft sessions are as follows:

- Monday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m.: Paint a Cement Stepping Stone. Registration begins Monday, June 12.
- Monday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m.: Paint a Ceramic Bug. Registration begins Monday, June 19.
- · LIBRARY CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4
- Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.: Paint a Wooden Bird House. Registration begins Monday, July 3.
- Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m.: Minecraft Perler Beads. Registration begins Monday, July 10.
- · Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m.: Color Owl Wind Chimes. Registration begins Monday, July 17.
- · Monday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m.: Color a Plush Animal. Registration begins Monday, July 24.

· Monday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m.: Paint a Suncatcher. Registration begins Monday, July 31.

STEM WEDNESDAYS: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. All ages. Join us for a different STEM activity every week! We will explore science and engineering activities. Legos will be on display. Registration is required for these free events and first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program. These projects are appropriate for school-aged kids, so children under five will need an adult helper. Space is limited. Science themes are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 21, 1:30 p.m.: Build a Catapult. Registration begins Monday, June 12.
- Wednesday, June 28, 1:30 p.m.: Chemistry with Glue: Slime and More! Registration begins Monday, June 19.
- Wednesday, July 5, 1:30 p.m.: LEGO® Challenge. Registration begins Monday, June 26.
- Wednesday, July 12, 1:30 p.m.: Make Your Own Playdough. Registration begins Monday, July 3.
- Wednesday, July 19, 1:30 p.m.: Water Experiments. Registration begins Monday, July 10.
- Wednesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.: Balloon Powered Cars. Registration begins Monday, July 17.
- Wednesday, August 2, 1:30 p.m.: Build a Spaghetti Bridge. Registration begins Monday, July 24.
- Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.: Fresh Food Fairy. Registration begins Monday, July 24.

TEEN TIME: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Grades 6-12. Join us for different crafts and activities every Thursday. Registration is required for these free events and *first priority will be given to those registered and participating in our Summer Reading Program.* Teen Time activities are as follows:

- Thursday, June 22, 1:30 p.m.: Cement Stepping Stone. Registration begins Monday, June 12.
- Thursday, June 29, 1:30 p.m.: Paint a Ceramic Bug. Registration begins Monday, June 19.



Call the library to make sure we are open if there is inclement weather.



We now have tutor rooms and Wi-Fi available! Call 345-0136 for more information.



We now have a fax service! Must use credit or debit card to send.

Now Available



OverDrive! Download free audiobooks and e-books from home using your computer, MP3 player, e-book reader, and other compatible devices.

Computer Help



Have a question about the computer? Would you like to learn how to use the computer? Please call 345-0136 to set up a block of time for one-on-one help. Must be a library cardholder.



Need Resume Help?

Please call to schedule an appointment or visit the adult reference desk to do so. We will help you write a cover letter or resume, or just proofread one you already have. Call 345-0136 for further information. Must be a library cardholder.

- Thursday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.: LEGO® Challenge. Registration begins Monday, June 26.
- Thursday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.: Iron Chef Cookie Challenge. Registration begins Monday, July 3.
- Thursday, July 20, 1:30 p.m.: Minecraft Party. Registration begins Monday, July 10.
- Thursday, July 27, 1:30 p.m.: Color Owl Wind Chimes. Registration begins Monday, July 17.
- Thursday, August 3, 1:30 p.m.: Miss Peregrine's Party. Registration begins Monday, July 24.
- Thursday, August 10, 1:30 p.m.: Sharpie Sock Tie-Dye! Registration begins Monday, July 31.