

The Comstock Communicator

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A newsletter about the
Comstock
Community Center



From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Community,

Welcome back to school for the 2018-19 school year! My name is Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes (TAY-nes) and I am both thrilled and humbled to be the new superintendent of Comstock Public Schools. I am sincerely grateful for the support of our school board and look forward to serving everyone in the district in my new leadership role.

My wife, Isabel, and I moved to the district in July and have made Colt Country our new home. We are excited and energized by all there is to see and do in Kalamazoo. We anxiously anticipate tasting the local cuisine, seeing the beautiful art and theater offerings, and cheering on the Colts at a variety of athletic events. If you have a recommendation for your favorite restaurant or wish to invite me to a particular event, please let me know.

A little about myself and my family - My wife, Isabel, and I have been married for almost 28 years. We met when we were middle school teachers in Arizona. We have one child, our son Benjamin. Isabel is a young adult and children's book author and Ben just graduated this past June from Grand Valley State University. He now works for Steelcase in Grand Rapids.

My life's journey that has delivered me to Comstock has included working in a number of places and settings with a variety of peoples.

*I've worked in two countries - As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala just out of college and in the United States. My second language is Spanish.

*I've worked in three states - Arizona, Ohio, and Michigan.

*I've worked in five Districts - Tucson Unified in Arizona, Bowling Green in Ohio, and Bridgeport-Spaulding, Mt. Pleasant and Williamston in Michigan. These districts vary widely. Tucson Unified is the largest district in Arizona with 44,000 students and is predominantly

Hispanic. I worked there in a fully bilingual program working in an ethnically diverse school including Tohono O'Odahm and Dine native peoples. Bowling Green and Mt. Pleasant are university towns and the student populations reflect those universities. In addition, Mt. Pleasant has about a 10 percent Ojibway native population. Bridgeport was the most ethnically diverse school - about one-third African American, one-third Hispanic and one-third Caucasian. Williamston is a small rural town of about 4000.

In 20 years as an administrator and building leader, I've served as a middle school principal and assistant principal for a total of seven years and as a high school principal for the past 13 - five in Mt. Pleasant and eight in Williamston.

My career in education spans 32 years.

I have a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in Spanish from the University of Arizona and two master's degrees, the first in bilingual/bicultural education from the University of Arizona and the second in educational administration from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. I earned my doctorate in educational leadership from Central Michigan University in 2009.

In the coming months, I hope to connect with and meet many of you. I welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts about our beautiful community, its schools, and your vision for the path ahead.

My door is always open and I invite you to stop by and chat. Additionally, if you or a group of you would prefer to meet me for a coffee or a meal, we can do that too. Simply call my direct office line at 269-250-8906, and we'll make the arrangements.

"It's a great day to be a Colt!"

Dr. Jeff Thoenes
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

STORIES OR INFORMATION

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Compass High School

GED Classes Begin Soon Compass High School

Looking to get your GED or complete your high school diploma requirements? Comstock Adult Education will help!

Registration for fall semester morning, afternoon, and evening classes will be August 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and August 30 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Comstock Compass High School, 3010 Gull Road. Please call 269-250-8930 for more information.



Board Briefs

SPECIAL MEETING

May 7, 2018

- Interviewed superintendent candidates:
 - Matthew Goebel, assistant superintendent, Hastings Public Schools
 - Dr. Jeffrey Thoenes, principal, Williamston High School

SPECIAL MEETING

May 8, 2018

- Interviewed superintendent candidates:
 - Ric Seager, principal, Schoolcraft High School
 - Eric Whitney, superintendent, Romeo Community Schools

SPECIAL MEETING

May 9, 2018

- Interviewed superintendent candidates:
 - Dr. Karen Sherwood, superintendent, Kalkaska
 - Marshall Perkins, principal, Holt Junior High School

REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2018

- Recognized Excellence in Education Student Recipients: Daryn Dratt, Brianna Salome.
- Recognized Excellence in Education Significant Educators: Colleen Grueter, High School teacher
- Recognized Excellence in Education Incentive Grant Recipients: Tara Storeteboom and Kathryn Appel, North Elementary Teachers.
- Recognized Excellence in Education Special Education Award Recipients: Stacy Alatalo Costello and Karen Hetrick
- Heard presentations from the Green Meadow Lighthouse Team; Auditorium; and College and Career Academy.
- Ken Greenwood, business manager, presented the 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget.
- Approved resignations of Stevee Malamas, eighth

grade writing teacher; and Russ Lardie, NEMS physical education teacher.

- Approved submission of a grant request from Green Meadow to the Michigan Arts Council.
- Approved continuing with Miller-Davis for construction management services for Series II and Series III of the bond project.
- Approved revised advanced project list for Series II as presented by Superintendent Mora.
- Approved a quote for \$3,757.70 from Landscape Forms for exterior lighting at the high school.
- Approved a pre-calculus textbook for the high school.
- Approved the contract with the Comstock Education Association for the 2018-2019 school year which provides a two percent base increase and steps granted at mid-year.

SPECIAL MEETING

May 15, 2018

- Heard presentations from superintendent candidates, Ric Seager and Dr. Jeff Thoenes, about their 90-day transition plans. Both outlined their goals and how they will accomplish them during the transition.

WORK SESSION

May 29, 2018

- Approved Dr. Jeff Thoenes' three-year contract with the district with a salary of \$125,000.
- Heard from GMG lead project architect, Jeff Hoag, about the timeline for the Series II bond projects.
- Heard a presentation from Superintendent Mora on the superintendent evaluation process.

BUDGET HEARING

June 11, 2018

- Business manager, Ken Greenwood, provided an overview of the preliminary 2018-1029 budget

listing projected revenues and expenditures.

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2018

- Approved hiring Jason Fritz as band director.
- Approved membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 2018-2019.
- Superintendent Mora provided an update on the construction and the bond sale.
- Adopted the preliminary 2018-2019 budget.
- Approved renewing contract with Chartwells for 2018-2019.
- Approved overnight camping trip to Fort Custer for the soccer team.
- Approved K-5 social studies textbooks and materials.
- Approved administrator contracts for 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved a bid from Midwest Transit for five, 71-passenger buses in the amount of \$447, 230.

WORK SESSION

June 25, 2018

- Approved adding new superintendent, Dr. Jeff Thoenes, as a signatory on financial accounts.
- Reviewed original drawings of Series II projects for the middle school and high school.
- Approved the bid of \$350,000 from Gametime (Sinclair) for the playground projects at Green Meadow, North, and the STEM Academy.
- Approved the bid from Foundation Sets, LLC, for purchasing three portable classrooms for Green Meadow Elementary.
- Approved the final budget amendment for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approved Superintendent Mora's evaluation rating of 71 percent.

From Tucson to Comstock: An Educator's Journey



"What skills do you have?" the Peace Corps recruiter asked Jeff Thoenes, a new graduate from the University of Arizona.

"I have a degree in history," Thoenes said.

"Did anybody ever ask you what you were going to do with that degree?" the recruiter responded. "You're not even a teacher."

Recalling that moment years later, Thoenes said it was like being struck by lightning. No one had ever asked him that before.

"I just loved history," he said. "I just took classes in history and got a degree in history."

Rejecting his application, the Peace Corps recruiter suggested he get his certification and re-apply the next year.

It wasn't like Thoenes didn't have teacher role models. His mother was a teacher. His grandmother had taught for 41 years in a one-room school in Nebraska. His brother and aunt were also teachers.

So, Thoenes became a teacher, getting his certification in a one-year program at the University of Arizona. Then, he reapplied to the Peace Corps and was sent to Guatemala for two years where he worked in a Youth Development program, teaching physical education. He also taught young teachers how to teach.

In Guatemala, Thoenes gained a new way of interacting with people, stemming from the fact that Guatemalans are very social people.

"When you go into a room, you are supposed to say hello to everybody," he said. "You go around to each person, shake their hand, acknowledge them, say, 'Hello.' I picked that up. It's very much engrained in me now. I go into a room and I say, 'Hello' to everybody."

Returning to Tucson after the Peace Corps, Thoenes became a middle school teacher and cross-country and track coach. There, he also met his wife, Isabel, who was the dance and choir teacher as well as the cheerleading coach and National Honor Society advisor.

In that Tucson middle school, he also realized the way he had been taught in a middle class school just wasn't working in this school where

many students were underprivileged.

"The kids tore me apart," he said. "It was trial by fire. This wasn't working so after the first two or three months, I began to make my own curriculum, teach my own way, what felt natural."

That meant getting the kids into small groups and doing things such as simulations where the groups represented the American colonies, for example.

"Their behavior started to calm down because they were engaged," he said.

He taught government by involving the students in the democratic process. Elected delegates from each class met after school to compile a uniform set of class rules.

"I had them create the rules and guess what? They followed their own rules or they had kids to enforce their own rules appropriately such as saying, 'It's time to be quiet. Mr. Thoenes is talking,'" he said.

He surveyed the students each year to see what was working and what wasn't.

"I was always getting feedback from kids," he said. "That became part of how I led."

Still Thoenes was concerned about school administrative procedures where decisions were made without any input from teachers.

"That's what drove me into leadership," he said. "I thought I could be more effective than what I was experiencing because the leaders weren't including the people they were serving. They were supposed to serve the teachers. Instead, it was kind of reversed with 'I'm the boss. You do what I say. You serve me.' That wasn't what I thought it should be like."

Hearing his frequent complaints about administration, his wife said, "Stop complaining or you go be a principal yourself somewhere and run the building the way you would want."

So, he began on his educational leadership journey, entering a doctoral program the same year his wife was finishing her doctorate in music education. Shortly thereafter, his wife got a job at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, and they moved there where Thoenes continued his pursuit of a doctorate.

Meanwhile, he taught in a Bowling Green junior high for two years and then became assistant principal in the same junior high. That lasted for two days before he was made acting principal upon the surprise retirement of the principal.

His first crisis was dealing with a vacancy created by a science teacher who left suddenly without warning shortly before school started.

So, he immediately began implementing his collaborative philosophy of administration, calling the science teachers together to go through the 50 applicants for the job vacancy. The teachers were amazed to have been included in the process.

"That set me on my trajectory of always including the people - parents, kids, whoever," he said. "It makes it richer and many hands make light work. I firmly believe that the smartest person in the room is the room. If we come in with this arrogance that because I have the title, I'm supposed to know it all, that's exhausting and very inefficient."

After his wife got a job at Central Michigan, they moved again with Jeff becoming assistant principal at Bridgeport-Spaulling. He completed his doctorate at Central, became principal at Mt. Pleasant High School, and then at Williamston where he has been for the last eight years.

Now, Dr. Thoenes continues his educational journey by bringing his experience and leadership skills to Comstock as the district's superintendent.

Welcome, Dr. Thoenes!

Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

August:

22: Moe Bandy Country Music Concert, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets online: msmakalamazoo.com publicsafetypsa.com Order tickets by phone: 800-445-2143

September:

10-11: Center Stage Auditions for "Kids-Honk Jr.," Colt Center-5-8:30 p.m. Visit cstheatre.com for details.

18: Blood Drive-Colt Center, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rental Information:

If you're interested in renting the auditorium and/or Colt Center, contact Sue Duncan, auditorium manager, at 250-8783.

DR. THOENES: A SERVANT LEADER CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE

Collegial and collaborative - That's how Superintendent Jeff Thoenes describes his approach to administration. He asks for help, looks, listens and poses lots of questions.

"I'm a servant leader," he said. "It's not about me or what I want to do. It's about what's best practice, best policy, best procedure. If you can look at it through that lens, you can avoid all of the personality entanglements and issues and focus on what's best."

In July, he met with all of the administrators and board members to find out how he could support them in their work. Through these meetings and his building visits, he sensed a lot of success in the district. And he wants to continue to build on that success.

"Part of my process is to always to get people to build their strengths, their capacities, build on what they have, add to it and make it so it's not me," he said. "I'm not a micromanager at all. I have the bigger view. I will empower people to do their jobs more effectively, find resources for them, make connections for them. That's my vision."

One of the strengths he sees in the district is its diversity.

"This district excites me because there are a number of languages and ethnic groups, a crossroads of people," he said.

He was also excited to discover that the district follows the principles of Stephen Covey and his "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

"I read it at the beginning of my career, 25 to 30 years ago," he said.

In his wallet, he still has the plastic card that came with the book listing all seven habits.

"I kept it because I live by these - being proactive, first things first, win/win, understand and be understood," he said. "That's been a huge advantage for me when dealing with parents. Let them tell you what's upsetting them. Often that's all they wanted was just someone to listen."

The passage of the bond issue resulting in remodeled buildings is another advantage he sees in the district.

"That message you send kids when the facility looks great is really exciting," he said. "To me to come and be part of that bond project now and to oversee it from where Todd (Mora) began and be a finisher, that is exciting."

While experiencing all the positives of the district, Dr. Thoenes is also well aware of the challenges facing the district such as enrollment and poverty.

But he's not discouraged by those challenges. When two students from Green Meadow showed him around their building, he saw how proud they were of the work they were doing.

"I thought this is my calling," he said of that experience with those students. "It was just how I felt when I was in the Peace Corps, helping people better themselves who needed a helping hand."

That servanthood is a theme in whatever he does, he said.

"What an honor and a privilege it is to be the new superintendent," he said. "I'm looking forward to meeting the people in the community, serving the students and staff, and faculty in a united vision, getting their input. My personal mission is lead, serve, unite."

Dr. Thoenes encourages people to feel free to approach him whenever they see him at an event.

"We'll connect and I'll chat," he said. "I won't be dismissive. Going back to my Peace Corps days, you talk with people, visit, and make connections."

Notification of Compliance: The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986

The Comstock School District has completed an asbestos inspection and management plan in compliance with the Federal and State AHERA laws. Individual building survey reports and management plans are available for public inspection in the main office of each building during regular business hours. A complete report for the entire Comstock district is available for inspection in the Administration offices. For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 388-9384.

Pesticide Advisory

As part of the Comstock School District's Integrated Pest Management Program, pesticides are occasionally used. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings.

In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be notified following any such application.

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



DISTRICT ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Confidentiality of Educational Records

The school district has compiled records on all students for use in the provision of appropriate education programs and services. Federal and State legislation provides parents and eligible students (18 years and older) with certain rights regarding the confidentiality of school records.

Student Records

- Personal and family data
- Health and immunization records
- Test data including aptitude, interest, intelligence, and achievement testing
- Achievement and attendance records
- Anecdotal records
- Records of conferences
- Copies of correspondence concerning a student
- Student questionnaires
- Other records which may contribute to the understanding of the student
- Past school records from other districts
- Individualized educational plans for handicapped students

Procedures Relating to Retention, Destruction, and Disclosure of Records

Records are maintained at the building in which the student is enrolled or last attended. Each record is kept in an individual file open only to those personnel who have a need to know. Information on grades, attendance, and courses completed are kept forever unless transferred to another school district. Portions of a record may be destroyed when it is no longer appropriate to retain them.

Parental and Student Rights

Parents of a student or an eligible student have the right to:

- Inspect and review the educational records of the student
- Request information contained in such records be amended if it is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy or other rights of the student.

- Request a hearing to challenge the content of the student's record.

Access Procedures

Parents or eligible students who wish to review the student's educational records shall request at the attending building. A review shall be scheduled within a reasonable time not to exceed thirty days.

Disclosure to Third Parties

Personally identifiable information from the educational record of the student shall not be released without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. Information may be released to certain individuals or agencies as permitted by law.

Directory Information

The district provides directory information which includes: name, address, telephone, date and place of birth, weight and height, participation in school activities, dates of attendance, awards received, and other similar information. Directory information may be released unless parent or eligible student refuses such release. The refusal must be made to the superintendent's office within 10 days of the publication of this notice.

Special Education and Section 504 Notifications

It is the policy of the district to actively find and provide services to handicapped students. The district will provide appropriate evaluations, identification and services for all eligible students under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or current special education laws.

Administrative Policies and Procedures Complaint Procedures

The district does not discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, age, or race with regard to admission, access to services, treatment, or employment in programs and activities.

The district has a coordinator responsible for Section 504, the American Disabilities Act and Special Education. Contact your building principal for that person's name and telephone.

The district policies and procedures are on file in the superintendent's office and may be reviewed there.

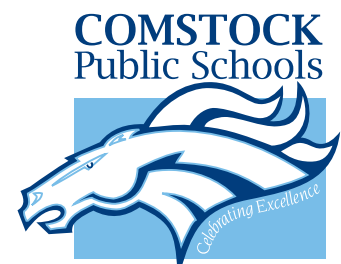
You may file a complaint regarding a district policy or procedure. Please contact the superintendent and receive the specific process for the legislation for which you believe the district is in noncompliance.

Weapons-Free School Zone

Comstock Public Schools is a Weapons-Free School Zone. Violators may face expulsion and/or criminal prosecution. Firearms of any type are prohibited, as are knives, bow and arrows, and any type of explosive devices.

Drug Prevention

In accordance with Federal and State Law, the Comstock Public Schools Board of Education hereby establishes a "Drug-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, delivery, on property, within the Drug-Free School Zone or at any district-related event. Furthermore, the Superintendent shall take the necessary steps to ensure that an individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who knowingly delivers or distributes controlled substance on designated and prohibited by Michigan statute within the Drug-Free School Zone to another person is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.



Comstock Adds New Health Care Worker Program

Starting in August, Comstock Adult Education will initiate a new Health Care Worker program in conjunction with the State MI Works Program.

This program will provide skill competency for those working in the community where a CNA certification is not required like home care and assisted living facilities.

If you are a natural caregiver looking for a rewarding career, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us at 269-250-8930.

For those desiring CNA certification, the Comstock Certified Nurse Aide Program which began in 1991 is a vibrant program offering the opportunity to 22 new students every month to complete a ten-day classroom and lab experience and three days of clinical experience at a local nursing home. We offer a Michigan State licensed CNA Program of 81 hours that is comprehensive and flexible to meet the individual needs of our students.

Our program has six RN instructors with a variety of hospital, community and hospice experience and four instructors who are State Train-the-Trainer Certified. We offer onsite TB Skin Testing required for the nursing home clinical experience, resume development, and review days after graduation to prepare for the State CNA exam.

We help our students learn more than 25 skills in a nine-day period. We work with MI Works, Path and Michigan Rehabilitation Services to support the success of our students.

The CNA Program provides new career opportunities as soon as day nine of the program when students are involved in an onsite job fair

with approximately 16 agencies interviewing for immediate job openings. Often employment offers are extended the same day.

The Comstock CNA Program provides new career opportunities and advancement in current jobs after students pass their State Certification testing. We provide this successful outcome for approximately 200 students each year. This training that provides new employment for our students also brings needed relief to the shortfall of aides in our community hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home care agencies, memory care facilities and hospice.

Many agencies are now sponsoring students to attend CNA classes by paying the \$980 tuition and providing job security after completion of the program. Due to our vision and program development, we have received valuable donations to our skills lab of over \$20,000.

Our goal in our CNA Program is to prepare confident caregivers to successfully obtain and retain employment in the health care arena. Our students provide care to their residents at home and in facilities. Some use this training as a stepping stone to further training as a future RN, PA or MD.

The success of our program is represented by many of our students who have made a valuable impact in the community and the individuals in their care. CNA graduate Julia Larkin has successfully launched her own home care business called Grandsitting. Another CNA graduate, Brittney Horton, provides CNA care in a nursing home, acts as a home care representative to our job fairs and evaluates aides in the home.



Students in the CNA program learn how to roll and transfer a patient.

High School Band Marches in Memorial Day Parade



The high school band recently marched in Comstock's Memorial Day Parade.



Congratulations, Senior Scholars

CLASS OF 2018

Comstock High School extends congratulations to the Top Scholars, Class of 2018. The Top Scholar designation is determined by a formula which combines grade point averages and ACT scores.

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



Name: Seth Ansel
Parents: Justin and Jill Ansel
Achievements:
 4 years of varsity track & field
 4 years of varsity soccer (captain 2 years)
 4 years of basketball (captain 2 years)

2 years of varsity cross country
 1 year of varsity football
 2 years of NHS (officer-treasurer)

Future Plans: Attend Michigan State University to study engineering and become an electrical engineer.



Name: Daryn Dratt
Parents: Michelle and Phil Dratt
Achievements:
 KAMSC student
 Core Four officer of Student Government
 NHS member

Future Plans: Attend Michigan State University Broad College of Business to become an accountant or financial advisor.



Name: Callie James
Parents: Amy and Jason James
Achievements:
 All-Conference four years cross country and soccer
 All-District Soccer four years
 All-Region one year cross

country.
 Captain -- soccer, cross country and basketball
 Ran at Cross Country State Finals.

College classes

Future Plans: Attend WMU to study exercise science to become a physical therapist.



Name: Abbigail Jepkema
Parents: Scott and Kim Jepkema
Achievements:
 Student Lighthouse team coordinator
 NHS Secretary
 Delegate on the Board of

Delegates
 Special Mention, Varsity Girls Soccer
 Most Improved Player Varsity Girls Soccer
Future Plans: Attend WMU to major in athletic training



Name: Emily Johnson
Parents: Dave and Lori Johnson
Achievements:
 High Honor Roll, four years
 Two Outstanding Student Awards for Spanish
 National Honor Society

Student Leadership team for Rebel Youth Ministry for two years
Future Plans: Attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College for one year, then transfer to Hope College to study communications and marketing for a career in social media marketing.



Name: Kyle Moore
Parents: Todd and Cyndie Moore
Achievements:
 Vice-President of NHS
 Captain of varsity soccer for three years
 Captain of varsity baseball

Future Plans: Attend Michigan State to study fisheries and wildlife for a career in the Department of Natural Resources or as a conservation officer or zookeeper.



Name: Travis Neal
Parents: Dane Neal and the late Rosellen Richards.
Achievements:
 Leader in Me -- Tech Committee and Electoral Inspector
 AP and dual enrollment

classes
 Comstock student representative for Kalamazoo County Youth Cabinet
Future Plans: Attend Michigan State to major in computer science for a career in cyber security, politics or teaching.



Name: Alyssa Loucks
Parents: John and Dee Loucks
Achievements:
 1st Division rating at Solo and Ensemble
 Captain of the varsity softball team



Name: Victor Plascencia
Parents: Victor Mas Plascencia, Maribel Sanchez
Achievements:
 Soccer -- two-time conference champions, District Champions
 Wrestling -- Conference

Champions, District Champions, Most Dedicated Award, freshman year.
Future Plans: Attend Kalamazoo College to major in chemistry to become a researcher.



Name: Katie Rooney
Parents: Michael Rooney and LeAnn Rooney
Achievements:
 NHS President
 Band Section leader
 Division I Solo & Ensemble
 Golf team captain

Track team captain
 Youth group student leader
Future Plans: Attend Alma College to pursue a degree in special education.



Name: Jada Rose
Parents: Richard Rose and Dawn Williams
Achievements:
 Unsung Hero Award for NHS
 Senior captain for varsity soccer

More Senior Scholars

CLASS OF 2018

Future Plans: Attend Michigan State University to major kinesiology and to become a physician assistant.



Name: Brianna Salome
Parents: Ken and Catherine Salome
Achievements:
 Currently holds five Colt Conditioning records
 Outstanding Research Sophomore Year (team)

Outstanding Research Junior Year (Independent)
 All Conference Discus (Junior Year)
 Honorable Mention Shot Put (Junior year)
Future Plans: Calvin College, Civil/ Environmental Engineering



Name: David Small
Parents: Michael and Tracy Small
Achievements:
 NHS -- Public Relations Officer
 Varsity Athlete
 Student Leadership Team

Future Plans: Attend WMU to major in chemical engineering, minor in chemistry



Name: Lissa Weaver
Parents: Steve and Margie Weaver
Achievements:
 Four years of band, choir and varsity tennis
Future Plans: Attend WMU, majoring in art.



Name: Wyschell Wicker
Parents: Wynell Johnson and Jermaine Mahone
Achievements:
 National Honor Society and Historian
 Varsity Track & Field -- two years Captain

Academic achievement in AP Government
Future Plans: Attend Michigan State University to study neuroscience or psychology to become a clinical psychologist helping people with their mental health.



Michigan State University



WNBA



Division I Coach

BASKETBALL CAMP

WWW.KRISTINHAYNIE.NET

Kalamazoo Area
 Comstock Northeast Middle School (1423 N 28th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048)
 Friday, August 24th

Hosted + Taught by Former WNBA World Champion and MSU Athletic HOF
 Kristin Haynie

Open to all communities and
 Open to both Boys and Girls

3rd-5th grade from 9am-12pm
 6th-8th grade 1pm-4pm

Cost: \$30

Sign up and register at
kristinhaynie.net

www.kristinhaynie.net
ignitetraining2017@gmail.com

Congratulations graduates

Class of 2018 Celebrates Graduation



Clockwise from top left:

1. Kyle Moore speaks to his fellow classmates at graduation.
2. High School principal, Gerielle Stewart, speaks to the graduates.
3. Graduates Daryn Dratt and Jada Rose will be rooming together at MSU this fall.
4. Abbi Jepkema speaks at graduation.
5. (Center) Senior Jada Rose, who is headed to Michigan State University, decorated her graduation hat with MSU's initials and school colors.

North Elementary

North Hosts Kindergarten Leadership Day

During Kindergarten Leadership Day, kindergartners in Cathy Buscher's and Sarah Zebarah's classes shared with families and community members what they've learned through the school's "The Leader in Me" program.

After enjoying breakfast, students took guests on a tour, highlighting all the ways they have grown as leaders throughout the year. The children shared their Leadership Binders which contain data on individual growth in reading, math and behavior.

Students also explained the data walls that show how everyone has grown from the beginning of the year to the end.

As an example of a leadership lesson, students demonstrated the Big Rock, Little Rock lesson of putting rocks into a bucket to explain how they use Habit 3: Put First Things First. They told



Rashawn Foster, a student in Sarah Zebarah's class, shares his Reading Challenge progress and goals with Lesley Dixon and Kristie Poulson.



Parent Nicole Elliott listens as students Lakshitha Suresh, Edward Elliott, and Trevor Reggio share the 7 Habits they're learned in The Leader in Me Program. The children are students in Cathy Buscher's kindergarten class.

their guests that the big rocks represent learning and the little rocks represent transition, extra play and behavior. They said that if they put all the little rocks in the bucket first, they can't get all their learning done, but if they put the learning first, then they will have enough time for everything.

Leadership Day was a great opportunity for the students to showcase their leadership skills as kindergartners. The adults were very impressed. It was clear that these students are ready to shine in first grade.



Kindergarten, Young 5's, Pre-school Now Enrolling



Kindergarten Round-Up is in full swing! If your child will be 5 on or before September 1, please call 269-250-8960 for an enrollment packet or more information.



Comstock Public Schools is excited to announce Young-5's is enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. There is limited room, so apply TODAY. Please call 269-250-8960 for more information and an enrollment packet.



Will your child be turning three or four in 2018? It is time to enroll them in preschool. There are many programs in the area and KRESA will be happy to help you find the one for you. Please call 269-250-9333 for more information!

These programs fill up quickly, so call now!



COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Boys JV Football

Mon, Aug 6	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Fri, Aug 17	@ Homer Scrimmage w/ CS	10:00AM
Wed, Aug 22	Saugatuck High School	6:00PM
Wed, Aug 29	@ Brandywine High School	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 6	Constantine High School	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 13	@ Galesburg-Augusta HS	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 20	Berrien Springs HS	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 27	@ Bridgman Public Schools	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 4	@ Parchment High School	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 11	Buchanan HS	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 18	Maple Valley High School	6:00PM

Boys Varsity Football

Mon, Aug 6	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Fri, Aug 17	@ Homer Scrimmage w/ CS	10:00AM
Thu, Aug 23	@ Saugatuck High School	7:00PM
Thu, Aug 30	Brandywine High School	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 7	@ Constantine High School	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 14	Galesburg-Augusta HS	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 21	@ Berrien Springs HS	7:00PM
Fri, Sep 28	Bridgman Public Schools	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 5	Parchment High School	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 12	@ Buchanan HS	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 19	@ Maple Valley High School	7:00PM

Girls JV Volleyball

Wed, Aug 8	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Sat, Aug 18	Comstock JV Tournament	9:00AM
Wed, Aug 22	@ Martin Tri w/ Allegan	5:00PM
Sat, Aug 25	@ Portage Northern Invitational	8:00AM
Tue, Aug 28	@ Galesburg-Augusta HS	5:30PM
Wed, Sep 5	Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 12	@ Brandywine High School	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 13	@ Fennville High School	5:30PM
Mon, Sep 17	Lawrence Jr.-Sr. High School	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 19	Bridgman Public Schools	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 26	@ Berrien Springs HS Berrien Springs HS	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 1	Pennfield	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 03	Parchment High School	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 11	Quincy High School	5:30PM
Mon, Oct 15	@ Parchment Mini Tournament	TBA
Wed, Oct 17	@ Mendon High School	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	8:30AM
Tue, Oct 23	Battle Creek Central HS	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 25	@ Martin Tri w/ Bangor	5:00PM

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Wed, Aug 8	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Sat, Aug 18	@ Lawton Invitational	8:30AM
Wed, Aug 22	@ Allegan Tri w/ Martin	5:45PM
Tue, Aug 28	@ Galesburg-Augusta HS	6:30PM
Wed, Sep 5	Buchanan HS	6:00PM

Wed, Sep 12	@ Brandywine High School	6:00PM
Thu, Sep 13	@ Fennville High School	6:30PM
Mon, Sep 17	Lawrence Jr.-Sr. High School	6:00PM
Wed, Sep 19	Bridgman Public Schools	6:00PM
Sat, Sep 22	@ Decatur Invitational	9:00AM
Wed, Sep 26	@ Berrien Springs HS	6:00PM
Mon, Oct 1	Pennfield	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 3	Parchment High School	6:00PM
Sat, Oct 6	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 11	Quincy High School	6:30PM
Wed, Oct 17	@ Mendon High School	6:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ BCS Red Division Tournament - Berrien Springs	9:00AM
Tue, Oct 23	Battle Creek Central HS	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 25	@ Bangor Quad w/ Martin & Watervliet	5:30PM
Mon, Oct 29	@ MHSAA District - Host Wayland	TBA

Girls Varsity Golf

Wed, Aug 8	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Thu, Aug 16	@ GK Golf Invitational - Stonehedge North	TBA
Wed, Aug 22	@ Wayland Invitational - Orchard Hills	9:00AM
Tue, Aug 28	@ KVA - M Lutheran Jamboree - Blossom Trails	4:00PM
Tue, Sep 4	KVA - Hackett Jamboree - Milham Park	4:00PM
Mon, Sep 10	@ KVA - LMC Jamboree - Lake Michigan Hills	4:00PM
Fri, Sep 14	Comstock JV Golf Invite - Hickory Ridge	1:00PM
Tue, Sep 18	KVA Comstock Jamboree - Eastern Hills	4:00PM
Thu, Sep 20	Comstock Varsity Invite - Eastern Hills	10:00AM
Mon, Sep 24	@ KVA - Kalamazoo Christian Jamboree - Crestview	4:00PM
Tue, Oct 2	@ KVA Conference Tournament - Hampshire	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 4	@ KVA Tournament - Rain Date	TBA
Wed, Oct 10	@ MHSAA Regional - The Mines GC	TBA

Boys Varsity Soccer

Wed, Aug 8	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Fri, Aug 17	@ Bloomingdale HS	6:00PM
Tue, Aug 21	@ Bangor Public Schools	6:00PM
Thu, Aug 23	Delton-Kellogg H.S.	4:00PM
Mon, Aug 27	Lawton Community Schools	6:00PM
Wed, Aug 29	@ Pennfield	6:00PM
Wed, Sep 5	Buchanan HS	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 6	@ Olivet	6:00PM
Mon, Sep 10	Vicksburg High School	6:00PM
Wed, Sep 12	@ Brandywine High School	5:00PM
Mon, Sep 17	@ Dowagiac High School	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 19	Bridgman Public Schools	5:00PM
Fri, Sep 21	Schoolcraft High School	4:00PM
Mon, Sep 24	Hopkins High School	5:00PM
Wed, Sep 26	@ Berrien Springs HS	5:00PM
Thu, Sep 27	@ Cassopolis High School	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 1	@ Hartford Public Schools	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 3	Parchment High School	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 4	Constantine JV Scrimmage	5:00PM
Wed, Oct 10	Coloma High School	7:00PM
Mon, Oct 15	@ MHSAA District Quarter - SH Host	TBA
Wed, Oct 17	@ MHSAA District Semi - Host SH	TBA
Sat, Oct 20	@ MHSAA District Final - Host SH	TBA

Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country

Wed, Aug 8	First Practice Comstock High School	TBA
Fri, Aug 17	@ Lawrence Early Bird Invite	10:00AM
Tue, Aug 21	@ Three Rivers Big Hill Climb	5:00PM
Tue, Aug 28	@ Marshall Invitational	6:00PM
Tue, Sep 4	Comstock Meet w/ GA & Martin	6:00PM
Tue, Sep 11	@ BCS New Buffalo Jamboree	5:30PM
Thu, Sep 13	@ Delton-Kellogg Invitational	5:30PM
Sat, Sep 15	@ Mendon Invitational	10:00AM
Wed, Sep 19	@ Lawrence Invitational	5:00PM
Tue, Sep 25	BCS Comstock Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Sep 29	@ Otsego Invitational	8:00AM
Tue, Oct 9	@ BCS LMC Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 20	@ Kalamazoo Christian Invitational	10:00AM
Sat, Oct 27	@ MHSAA Regional - Centreville	TBA



Comstock Sports News

2018-19 Physicals

Physicals for the 2018-19 school year will be offered on July 31 at Comstock High School from 6-7 p.m. for all athletes in grades six through 12. The cost will be \$25. All students in grades seven through 12 planning on playing a fall sport must have a physical dated after April 15, 2018, on file with the athletic office before they can participate in practice or games.

Stadium Reserved Seating

Two different kinds of reserved seating will be offered for the 2018-19 school year. Both types of seats will be located in front of the press box along the 50-yard line. The cost for a seat without a back rest is \$5 per seat for the year. The cost of a seat with a back rest (only 30 seats available) is \$10 per seat for the year. All proceeds will be used to help fund the Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards.

The first home varsity football game kicks off at 7pm on August 30 vs Brandywine. Please support Comstock athletics and our Hall of Fame Banquet by purchasing a reserved seat through the athletic office at 250-8711.

Comstock Football Golf Outing

The Comstock football team is now running the Sports Booster scramble golf outing. It will be played on Saturday, August 18, starting at 8 a.m. at Eastern Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$75 per player and includes lunch, cart and 18 holes of golf. You can email Jason Hayes at hayesj@comstockps.org to enter your team and then you can pay when you arrive at the event.

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 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 2019 induction. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2019 induction. A nomination form is in this *Communicator* and also can be found online at www.comstockcolts.org. Please call Justin Ansel with any questions at 250-8711.

NEMS Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for NEMS sixth-eighth grade girls volleyball, sixth-eighth grade boys soccer and fifth-eighth boys and girls cross country will tentatively begin on Monday, August 27. Official start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org as we get closer to the beginning of the season. Only those athletes participating in volleyball need to have a physical since it is a school sponsored sport.

HS Fall Sports Start Dates

Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 6 for football and August 8 for volleyball, girls golf, boys soccer, sideline cheer and boys and girls cross country. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at www.comstockcolts.org. Every athlete must have a physical to participate.

Stampede Basketball

Third-Sixth Grade Boys & Third-Eighth Grade Girls

Tryouts for Session I Comstock Stampede basketball will be tentatively on Sunday, September 30, and are specifically for kids attending Comstock Public Schools. We will send out more information to all the kids after school starts.

Session I for girls begins playing games mid-October. Session I for boys 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 what they can for basketball.

Session I will cost \$75 along with the cost of a uniform which is \$55. 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 250-8711.

Tri Athlete Event

The 2017-2018 TriAthlete event was a scavenger hunt throughout Kalamazoo. The Comstock tri-athletes had a blast together as they teamed up throughout the day. A big thank you to Shirley Doorlag, Jason Hayes, Muggs Turner, Paul Jennings and Michelle Cannon for participating as our drivers for the event. Nice job TriAthletes!



Vernard Whitehead

Congratulations to Vernard Whitehead for earning All-State this year in the High Jump. He finished in seventh place at the state meet by jumping 6'2".

COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

INDIVIDUAL Nomination

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

High School Attended _____ Year of Graduation _____

College Attended (If Applicable) _____ Year of Graduation _____

of Varsity Letters - Boys Sports

- _____ Football _____ Soccer
- _____ Tennis _____ X Country
- _____ Basketball _____ Wrestling
- _____ Bowling _____ Baseball
- _____ Track _____ Golf
- _____ Swimming _____ Hockey

of Varsity Letters - Girls Sports

- _____ Volleyball _____ Golf
- _____ X Country _____ Sideline Cheer
- _____ Basketball _____ Competitive Cheer
- _____ Bowling _____ Softball
- _____ Track _____ Tennis
- _____ 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.

TEAM Nomination - (Must have contact information for all team members to be considered.)

Year _____ Sport _____ Coach _____

PLEASE USE SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

1. Names of Team Members
2. Special Team Accomplishments (Championships, Records, etc)
3. Please list any other information which would be helpful to the committee.

INDIVIDUAL or TEAM Nominated By:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

*Please mail this form to: Justin Ansel, Director of Athletics,
Comstock High School, 2107 N. 26th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048*

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.

Below 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

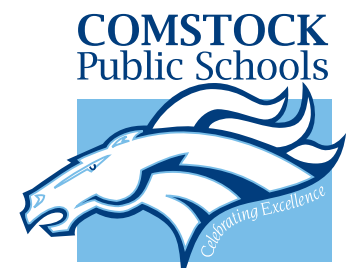
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- 100.9 FM (WQXC)
- 903 AM, 1400 AM (WBCK, WRCC)
- 106.5 FM, 590 AM, 1470 AM (WQLR, WKZO, WQSN)
- 107.7 FM, 103.3 FM (WRKR, WKFR)
- TV 3 WWMT-TV
- TV 8 WOOD-TV
- TV 4 WOTV



Battle of the Buses



Come Support Our Kids!
August 10th-11th
8am to 6pm
Walmart on Gull Rd.



Join the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Pathways to Potential program, Parchment Schools and Comstock Schools as they collect **donated supplies to help kids in need be prepared for their first day of school.** This friendly competition will help students in need throughout both school districts.

Needed Supplies:

Kleenex
Sanitizer wipes/Hand Sanitizer
Dry Erase Markers
Poster Board
Rulers
Calculators
Glue Sticks
Pencils and Pens
Crayons
Colored pencils
Highlighters
Markers
Fine point markers
Folders

Binders
Note pads
Notebook Paper
Construction Paper
Pencil erasers
Small Dixie Cups
Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap
Deodorant
Tampons/Pads
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Combs/Brushes
Hair Ties

Lice Kits
Alarm clocks
Socks
Underwear
T-Shirts
Sweatshirts
Jeans/Jogging Pants
Winter Coats/Boots/Gloves
Tennis Shoes
Gift Cards
Candy
Individual Snacks – Peanut Free



Comstock Township Library Events

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Adult Craft: Bandanna Apple. Wednesday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. Celebrate the apple season with this adorable bandanna apple. Registration for this free craft begins on August 6. Call 345-0136 for further details.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY! September 15, 9-Noon. Comstock Township Office parking lot. Enter off of Brookview Drive. Comstock Residents Only. Shred limit: Four boxes at one time; may go to the back of the line again. Drop off documents or wait while they are shredded. All shredding will be done onsite. **The event will end early if truck is filled.** There is no charge for this service. Card-board boxes will be returned to participants. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 269-345-0136.

Shred: Business forms, carbonless forms, computer paper, copy paper, drawings, blueprints, envelopes, fluorescent paper, kraft paper, magazines, manila slick/coated paper, newspaper, file folders, ream wrappers, white paper. (Staples, paperclips)

Cannot Shred: Aluminum cans, CDs, VCR tapes, clipboards, hard drives, metal clips, overhead transparencies, batteries-battery packs, 3-ring binders, solid wood, particle board, books.

Sponsored by Comstock Township and the Comstock Township Library.

Adult Programs

Adult Craft: Buffalo Check Pumpkin Wreath, Wednesday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m. Get ready for the harvest with this black, white, and pumpkin wreath for your door. Registration for this free craft begins on September 4. Call 345-0136 for further details.

Community Yard Sale at Comstock Township Library Grounds, Saturday, September 29. Start planning now to participate in or attend the Community Yard Sale hosted on the library grounds! Community Yard Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Comstock Township Library is hosting an outdoor yard sale. Sellers may purchase a 10x10 space for \$5, due at registration. To reserve your space, please stop by the library starting September 4. Tables, chairs and change are not available; you must bring your own. *Multiple spaces can be purchased for a larger sales area* No food items, please. 30 spaces available. Spaces are not available inside the library. Vendor's

choice to set up if weather is poor.

Buck-a-Bag Book Sale: From 9/29-10/6.

EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

SUMMER READING PARTY: Saturday, August 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine! Weather permitting, we will have the inflatable slide, bouncer, and obstacle course outside on the library grounds. Inside the library, you can trade in your reading tickets for ice cream, crafts, games, and other small prizes. Extra tickets are available for purchase at 25 cents each.

STORYTIME: Ages infant-5. Registration for fall storytimes begins Tuesday, September 4. Register your child for a 45-minute session, which includes 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other activities followed by a 15-minute age appropriate activity. Storytimes begin Monday, September 10, and run through Thursday, December 6. **There will be no storytimes on Thursday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

Storytime sessions are as follows:

Mondays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds
Tuesdays: 10:00-10:15 a.m., Lapsitters
 10:30-11:15 a.m., 1-2 year olds
Wednesdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 2-3 year olds,
 1-1:45 p.m., Preschoolers
Thursdays: 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Pre-Kindergarten. Comstock Township Library is encouraging parents to read 1000 books to their young children before they begin kindergarten and earn prizes along the way. Reading to your children beginning at a young age is the single most important thing parents can do to help their children become successful readers as they get older. Any child can participate until s/he enters kindergarten. Pick up your tracking sheet at the Young People's Desk today!

LEGO CLUB: Every month on the third Friday, 4-5 p.m. all ages. Use your imagination and build a Lego creation for us to display in the Young People's Department! Children under the age of 5 should have an adult helper with them. Registration is required for this free event. Lego Club dates are as follows:

Friday, August 17, 4-5 p.m. (Registration begins Monday, August 6.)

Friday, September 21, 4-5 p.m. (Registration begins Tuesday, September 10.)

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Saturday, September 1, and Monday, September 3, for Labor Day.



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.



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Computer Help

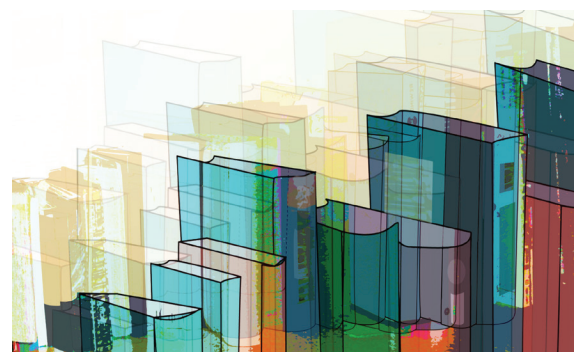
Have a question about the computer? Would you like to learn how to use the computer? Please call 345-0136 to set up a block of time for one-on-one help. Must be a library cardholder.



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.

BREAKERSPACE: Saturday, September 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 5 and up. Have you ever wondered what the inside of a computer looks like? Or how an electronic toy works? Join us for an exciting morning of taking things like those apart! This activity is free, but please register on our website or give the library a call at 269-345-0136.



Comstock Public Schools 2018-2019 School Calendar

August 27	New Teacher Orientation		
August 28	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	
August 29	Work Day & Back to School Breakfast – All Staff	7:15 am-3:00pm	
August 30	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	
August 31	LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students/ No Teachers
Sept. 3	LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students/ No Staff
Sept. 4	First Student Day		Half Day Students K-12
October 9	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 2	Professional Development Day	8:00 am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
November 12	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 13	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 14	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 15	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 16	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 21	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 22-23	THANKSGIVING RECESS		No Students / No Staff
December 4	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
Dec. 24–Jan. 4, 2019	WINTER RECESS		No Students / No Teachers
January 22	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 23	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 24	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 25	Professional Development A.M. K-12 END OF 1ST SEMESTER		
	Records Day P.M.	8:00am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
February 22	MID-WINTER BREAK		No Students / No Teachers
March 5	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 18	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 19	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 20	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Half Day Students K-12
March 21	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 22	Half Day Students A.M./ Teacher PD P.M.	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Half Day Students K-12
March 29 – April 5	SPRING BREAK		No Students/ No Teachers
May 7	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 PM	Full Day Students K-12
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		No Students / No Staff
June 10	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 11	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
June 12	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS (High School Exams)		
	Records Day P.M.		Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers