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A newsletter about the
Comstock
Community Center



From the Superintendent

Dear Comstock Community,

It is my fervent and sincere hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily changed how we live, work, and enjoy life, and necessarily so. The coronavirus is a dangerous and resilient pathogen that easily spreads from one person to another.

However, each day scientists and epidemiologists learn more and more about the virus and eventually our community, state, nation, and world will return to normal. As my ever optimistic wife, Isabel, continually reminds me, "This too shall pass."

For the school year, the end came on April 3 when Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced Executive Order 2020-35, which effectively ended face-to-face instruction and closed schools for the remainder of this school year. With people's lives at stake including students, staff, parents, guardians, and visitors, we certainly understand and support the reasons for the decision.

However, my heart goes out to our seniors who will miss out on traditional senior year events such as prom, senior awards night, final band and choir concerts, tender and emotional goodbyes to teachers and classmates, and perhaps, most importantly, the annual graduation ceremony.

EO 35 made it clear that even though schools are closed and not providing traditional forms of instruction, teaching and learning must continue. To ensure this, the executive order directed each school district to submit a Continuity of Learning Plan ("COLP") for review and approval by the local regional educational service agency.

For Comstock, this oversight entity is the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA). By creating and implementing a COLP, the administration and staff enabled students to make academic progress. With the plan in place, the district would be eligible to receive continued state aid for operations.

Comstock answered the call in outstanding fashion. Led by Assistant Superintendent Jill Ansel, and in combination with the expertise and enthusiasm of the Colt Leadership Team and practically every teacher in the district, the team

created a Continuity of Learning Plan which was approved eight days ahead of the April 28 deadline.

The plan uses a blended approach to meet the needs of our diverse population. For students who are comfortable in an online environment, learning will occur primarily through the student's Google Classrooms.

For students who prefer a more traditional option, paper packets are available. Whether a student chooses online learning or a paper packet, the learning opportunities are designed to be the same.

However, given that we have six distinct and unique schools, the COLP design team encouraged and fostered flexibility with each building's response. Please consult our website at www.comstockps.org/colp for more details and specifics about your child's COLP expectations.

Furthermore, our plan accounts for and supports the learning of all students. As a part of the plan, our design team included support for special needs students, students without internet access or a device, and English language learners.

We are also proud of what our food service unit has accomplished during the pandemic. Led by Food Service Director, Holly Wait, and CPS Board Secretary, Dori Scholly, Chartwells employees and a host of volunteers have been preparing and dispersing over 15,000 meals to students each week. For some, this has been the difference between being well nourished or going hungry.

If you have any questions about the district's Continuity of Learning Plan, feel free to reach out to me either via email, phone call, or personal visit. I can be reached at thoenesj@comstockps.org or 269-250-8906.

If you happen to see me at a future school event or in the community, please take the time to say, "Hi," and allow me to introduce myself. I look forward to our conversation!

Dr. Jeff Thoenes
Superintendent
"It's a great day to be a Colt!"



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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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From *the* Board of Education

Pam Dickinson, President

These are scary times for all of us who have been impacted by the school closures due to the COVID-19 virus. Dealing with so many unknowns can sometimes seem overwhelming. It can cause us to fear our continued existence, create stress in our homes and add to the trauma that so many of our children and families have already been experiencing.

Added to that are grandparents who are solely responsible for or who share responsibilities for their grandchildren whose parents are essential workers. This can be especially fearful as they work to balance the concern for their grandchildren as well as the fear over their own health and safety.

All these fears are exacerbated by the feeling of having no means for controlling what is currently happening to all of us. Please know that I empathize with you because many of your fears are mine also.

During this long and unprecedented time in our nation, I commend all of you, especially our students and families who have not let the lack of a physical classroom stop the learning process.

I thank our Superintendent, Dr. Thoenes; Assistant Superintendent, Jill Ansel, and our amazing teachers, principals, and school staff members and community volunteers who have found ways to serve and engage our students in these difficult times.

As always, the education of our students remains the primary focus of the Comstock Board of Education. We are proud of the many innovative ways our schools are finding to reach out and provide learning opportunities for students across the district.

We know this is a challenging time for parents and caregivers as well. But as this situation evolves, we ask you to assist the Board to ensure that com-

munity voices are heard and incorporated into our decision-making process.

The Board of Education conducts the school district's business in safe ways that align with public health guidelines. We have more to learn about communicating and conducting business remotely, just as other school boards around the country are taking on this challenge.

We welcome your input and suggestions on how we can continue to grow and serve our students in new and creative ways. While we hope this will not be a long-term reality, we know that our schools and the Comstock Community are up for meeting any challenge in innovative and equitable ways that support our students.

What Dr. Thoenes is reading:

- *A Better Way to Budget: Building Support for Bold, Student-Centered Change in Public Schools* (2015) by Nathan Levenson.
- *The Bravest Man - Richard O'Kane and the Amazing Submarine Adventures of the USS Tang* (2006) by William Tuohy



Board Briefs

REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2020

- Mr. Drew Perkowski and STEM students, Tyler Baker, Isabel Hardwick, Ema Hosbein and Madi Hosbein explained the Future City project they created for the 2020 competition theme Clean Water: Tap into Tomorrow. The team won first place for planning and using green space in their display.
- Superintendent Thoenes gave a five-year review of the Strategic Plan, Goal #2 - Learning Environment and Culture.
- Approved retirement of Ann Juzwiak, Comstock Elementary teacher.
- Approved hiring Amanda Clapper as the social worker at Comstock Middle School.

REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2020

- Heard a presentation from State Senator, Sean McCann.
- Superintendent Thoenes gave a five-year review of the Strategic Plan, Goal #3-Operations.
- Approved the following personnel changes:
 - Retirement of Nancy Prullage, CELA Teacher

- Resignation of Melissa Zolp, CES First Grade Teacher
- Resignation of Steve Edison, director of finance
- Hiring Michelle Darnell as director of finance
- Jill Ansel, assistant superintendent, reported on the NWEA test results.
- Approved the 2019-2020 amended budget.

REGULAR MEETING (LIVE STREAMING)

March 30, 2020

- Meals are being provided to district families. This has been organized by Holly Wait, food service director, and Dori Scholly, board trustee.
- Suggestions for extended learning have been compiled in the document, "Extended Learning Opportunities."
- Board members thanked the staff and community for all their efforts during the pandemic.
- Approved the Comstock Elementary School project bids as presented by Miller-Davis, the district's construction management company.
- Approved authorizing the Superintendent to approve any monetary change requests for the Comstock Elementary School bond project, up to five percent of the contract amount.

- Authorized Michelle Darnell, director of finance, as a signatory on various financial documents and accounts.
- Approved issuing the USF firewall bids for Comstock Elementary School as follows: Cabling to MOSS Base + Alt1 \$95,000; Network Electronics to Sentinel Base + Cisco Optics \$106,354; and Firewall for district to Presidio at \$35,548.22 for five years of licensing.

REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)

April 13, 2020

- The district has donated masks, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies to local health care givers.
- Superintendent Thoenes reviewed the past five years of the district's strategic plan Goal #4 - Personnel and Leadership.
- Superintendent Thoenes reminded the board about the Kalamazoo County Enhancement Millage Renewal vote on May 5.
- The district is preparing Continuity of Learning Plans (COLP for student instruction during the shutdown.
- Moved into closed session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privilege information.

District Receives ADVIA Credit Union Grant

Comstock has received a \$1,000 Advancing Lives Award from the local Advia Credit Union. The money is to be used for unexpected expenses related to the pandemic.

Board Trustee Saralyn Brown submitted the application on behalf of the district.

Thank you, Advia!

CNA Program Donates Protective Equipment

Comstock's Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) program donated 150 masks and two packages of gowns to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. CNA Coordinator, Sue Lytwyn arranged for the delivery of the items.

The facility welcomed the generous gesture, she said.

Graduation Update

Due to the pandemic and the resulting statewide lockdown, plans for graduation are still being discussed.

District officials are continuing to monitor the daily pandemic updates and will make a final determination regarding graduation once it is possible to do so.

For updates, go to the District's website at comstockps.org.

Compass High School

Teacher Creates Online Tutorial to Help Students

As adult education students struggled with how to turn in notes for their online classes, teacher Michele Coash saw the need and created a solution.

Using Google Meets, she created a tutorial on how to submit their notes using Google Docs and also highlighted some best practices for taking notes.

Comstock High School

Two Seniors Receive Excellence in Education Scholarships

Seniors Jeme Richards and Zoe Vandrey have received Excellence in Education Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. They are among 44 seniors from area high schools to have received this award.

The students receiving the scholarship also name their significant educators. Jeme named Nancy Nott and Zoe named Kimberly Adams as their significant educators.

Jeme's parents are Sheila and Solomon Richards. She plans to attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College and major in liberal arts.

Zoe's parents are Stephanie Scott and Jesse Vandrey. She will attend the University of Michigan to major in psychology.

Excellence in Education was designed in 1986 to focus community attention on the academic and professional excellence of graduating high school seniors and educators within Kalamazoo area schools. It is a collaborative effort among all Kalamazoo County public and non-public schools, local foundations, educational groups and the business community.

The Excellence in Education program is supported by a permanent endowment established at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Funding for the endowment was raised through the leadership of the Monroe-Brown Foundation with strong support from local foundations, businesses, organizations and individuals.

For more information, including access to the 2020 Student Presentation, please visit the Excellence in Education webpage at kresa.org/exined.



**Back to
School**

Opening Day of School

School is scheduled to reopen on Monday, August 31. A full calendar will be available as soon as it is negotiated with the Comstock Education Association.



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

- 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

Comstock High School

Seniors Honored with Yard Signs



Carter Wingler



Graviel Saldivar & Matt Edick



Teja Dockins

In the absence of the traditional end-of-the-year activities for seniors, Comstock High School seniors were recently recognized with yard signs.

Over 30 volunteers delivered more than 80 signs to the seniors. The volunteers enjoyed seeing the expressions on the faces of the seniors and their family members.

Comstock Elementary

“Flat Teachers” Visit Students During Lockdown



Cathy Buscher, kindergarten teacher, has lots of “Flat Teachers” to send to her students.



First grade teacher, Amy Stacy, created these activities to go with her “Flat Teacher” letter to her students.

Remember Flat Stanley, the children’s book character who was flattened and traveled the world by being mailed in an envelope? People took him with them as they traveled and photographed him in front of everything from the Eiffel Tower to the Washington Monument. Flat Stanley also wrote letters about his adventures.

During this pandemic, that idea has morphed into “Flat Stanley: Teacher Edition.”

So Comstock Elementary teachers, who were missing their students and wanted to visit them but couldn’t, are using the Teacher Edition to “visit” their students.

Now, they are sending “Flat Teachers” to their students. Using the Bitmoji app, teachers created pictures of themselves to mail out to students with a letter and activities to do with their Flat Teacher.

Since some teachers do not have access to a home printer, Laura Henly, school psychologist, volunteered to print them out and laminate them. It was a true team effort.

Teachers are looking forward to receiving pictures of students with their “Flat Teacher.”

Comstock Elementary

Comstock Elementary Wins \$700 Grant

With a \$700 grant from the Mathical Book Prize Collection Development Award, Comstock Elementary is hoping to take the “ugh” out of studying math. The school is one of 25 libraries in K-12 Title I schools nationwide to win the grant.

The money will be used to expand the school library’s collection of literary fiction and nonfiction books which help students discover a love for mathematics.

Emmy Kimmer, the school’s library media specialist, saw an article about the grant in the *School Library Journal* and was intrigued by the idea of using literature to foster a love of math. So, she partnered with Wendy Shreve, Title I math teacher, to write the application.

They had to collect data about the district and create lesson plans as part of the application.

When they found out they had won the grant, they had a virtual dance party in their homes while texting Principal Susan Caswell and Assistant Superintendent Jill Ansel, both of whom had contributed to the grant application.

The grant came at a good time, according to Ms. Kimmer.

“We had just gone through the nonfiction sec-

tion of the library and discovered that a lot of our math books were quite dated,” she said. “The collection needed to be refreshed and replenished with new books.”

Ms. Shreve had also noticed that the library had very few math-related books.

“Choosing literature to help students understand math is a great way to provide meaning to mathematical concepts, make real life connections, build problem solving skills, and elicit math-based conversations,” she said. “Just like reading, math can be found in every aspect of our lives.”

The money will be used to purchase books from the Mathical Book Prize List.

Mathical Book Prize award-winning titles encourage students to explore the joy, beauty, and power of mathematics in the world around them through books spanning topics from magic, sports, art, music, and poetry, to biographies, adventure, graphic novels, and picture books.

Mathical titles are chosen every year by a committee of math teachers, reading teachers, mathematicians, librarians, early childhood experts, and others to support students’ pleasure reading.

The grant is awarded by the Mathematical Sci-

ences Research Institute (MSRI) in partnership with School Library Journal (SLJ). The Mathical Book Prize Collection Development Awards are made possible with generous funding from the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation.

With support from the Firedoll Foundation and the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation, the Mathical Book Prize is presented by MSRI in partnership with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and in coordination with the Children’s Book Council (CBC). You can learn more at mathicalbooks.org.



Math Books to be Purchased for Elementary Library

Using a recently awarded \$700 grant, Comstock Elementary will be purchasing math-related fiction and nonfiction books to help students discover how much fun math can be.

The books will be chosen from the Mathical Book List, said Emmy Kimmer, school librarian.

“Books on the Mathical Book List are high interest, high quality, well written, and popular books,” she said. “The books we order will hopefully spark an interest in and/or a love for math. Hopefully, presenting math concepts in a different way will reach more students and help others understand concepts that they did not understand before.”

Among the books to be purchased are:

1. *One Big Pair of Underwear* by Laura Gehl

This is a high interest book that teaches about decomposing numbers in such a fun way that students don’t realize they are learning a math concept.

2. *When Sophie Thinks She Can’t* by Molly Bang

This is a great book that connects a growth mindset with math and shapes.

3. *The Grapes of Math* by Greg Tang

This is a funny book about multiplication principles that older students will enjoy.

4. *Eat Your Math Homework: Recipes for Hungry Minds* by Ann McCallum

This will be a great book to springboard into a Family Night of “eating math” and cooking.

Free Books Delivered to Students of All Ages

Donated books are being delivered to students during the educational shutdown. When meals are delivered to homes, the students also receive books.

The United Way of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, KRESA Instructional Support, and the Book Bug of Kalamazoo united to support the literacy staff at Comstock Elementary School.

Principal Susan Caswell, Instructional Coach Shawn McMeekan and teachers Kelly McVerry, Allsion Laning, Amy Stacy, and Crystal Kohtala, have been delivering boxes of donated books to Colts of all ages.

Their efforts have warmed the hearts of the students who yearn to return to school to continue their education. In the meantime, they’re content to wrap their arms around a great book.

Community Auditorium Events Open to the Public

June:

20 Trinity Prep Center Dance Recital, 2 p.m.

July:

25 Traci Phelps Dance Studios Performance, 2-5:30 p.m. Call Studio for details and tickets.

August:

1 Momentum Dance Studio Recital, Noon and 4 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Call Studio for details and tickets.

Comstock Elementary

Teacher Recognized for Excellence in Education

Comstock Elementary School's special education teacher, Karen Hetrick, has received the 2019-20 Excellence in Special Education Award. This award is given by the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee of the Kalamazoo Regional Service Agency (KRESA). Teachers are nominated for this award by parents, guardians, and family members of students.

The award letter stated: "As parents, we are encouraged to find staff willing to understand the special needs of our children and their importance. You are making a difference in the lives of all children. We appreciate your efforts and thank you on behalf of our students."

Note: We are saddened to announce that Karen passed away in May. The family is planning a visitation and service to be held at Karen's church, Kalamazoo Community Church, sometime in the future when it is safe to gather again.

STEM Academy

Teacher Fosters Creativity with App

STEM Academy teacher, Kim Sandefur, used the Book Creator app to foster creativity in her students during the lockdown. Using the app, she created a weekly BINGO game.

BINGO stands for Build-Invent-New-Gratitude-Outdoors. The game encouraged them to Build something, Invent something, try something New, show Gratitude for someone or something, and get Outdoors.

Students then submitted photos of what they did for each word and the result was a book. To see the first week's submissions, go to <https://read.bookcreator.com/fxrp6JbyEYbColWpSxHMHNnxzUD2/Fqat9dr7SO67Y Zfd7cOyLQ>.

Students Donate Protection Equipment

STEM Academy middle school students donated all of their science lab personal protection equipment (PPE) to the obstetrics and gynecology department at Borgess Hospital.

The items donated included large quantities of masks, gowns, and over 120,000 gloves which had been donated to the school by the Pfizer Corporation.

The OBGYN department had been running low on these supplies, according to science teacher, Karyn Medendorp, and was grateful for the donation which bolstered their capacity in responding to the pandemic.

Principal Creates "Sappy" Appreciation for Staff

Each year, STEM Academy Principal Chris Chopp teaches students about sap, including everything from tapping the sap from maple trees on the school grounds to converting the sap into syrup.

This spring, even with schools being shut down, Mr. Chopp still made maple syrup, calling it "Log Cabin Fever" syrup, and delivered a bottle to each staff member's home as part of Staff Appreciation Week.

Wearing his mask and gloves, he drove over four hours to make all the deliveries.

Thank you, Mr. Chopp!



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

Comstock Early Learning Academy

CELA Staff Distributes Home Packets

Comstock Early Learning Academy Principal Meadow Nuyen; Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Pre-K teacher, Heidi Anson; and Administrative Assistant, Christine Freed assembled and distributed work-at-home packets to CELA's GSRP students during the shutdown.

Crayons, paper, and pencils were also distributed. Packets were mailed if they were not picked up. This is part of Comstock Early Learning Academy's Continuity of Learning Plan.



CELA Students Appreciate Staff

CELA students expressed their appreciation to staff members by sending them photo messages during the shutdown.



Dmitri Brown, Mason Cobb, Aila Schoenherr, Aiden Schoenherr



Aiden & Aila Schoenherr, Zora Zakula, Mason Dyer, Madyson Bolt



Ellie Heiss, James Mulder, Blake Ponton, Lillian Sharp

Athletic Department News

2020-21 Athletic Outlook

Dear Comstock Community,

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. It is certainly an interesting time and something that will stick in our memories forever. I realize that so much will probably change by the time this *Communicator* comes out in June. Providing our student athletes and parents information on the upcoming season is important, so I will provide updated information on the main page of the school athletic website at www.comstockps.org/athletics as I get the information throughout the summer. Whenever you have a question, please don't hesitate to email me at anselj@comstockps.org.

Sincerely,

Justin Ansel

Athletic Director

2020 Senior Athletes

My heart goes out to all our senior athletes who lost out on their last opportunity to play their spring sport in 2020. The Athletic Department would like to recognize these senior athletes who were listed on the 2020 roster. Potential plans are being made to do something this summer to recognize them in person, but we have to wait for guidance from the state. More information will be provided at www.comstockps.org/athletics as we learn more about what we can do.

Baseball – **Stephen Brown, Michael Khazad**

Softball – **Carolina Ballesteros, Pa Nee Hang, Madison Lennon, Ciara Smith**

Boys Track & Field – **Ezra Conway, Sage DeCamp, Dayton Dratt, Terrence Richardson, Josh Small, Anthony Whitehead**

Girls Track & Field – **Carolina Ballesteros, Makia Gregory, Cameri Newton**

Girls Tennis – **Samantha Bogema, Alexis Hofacre, Kelsey Miltzer, Madisynn Overholts-Doty, Amber Payne, Haylee Stiger**

Girls Soccer – **Lily DeYoung-Foster, Jennifer Megan Richards, Jessica Sivley**

Boys Golf – **Hunter DeLeon**

Congratulations to our 2019-20 Big Award winners!

Most Outstanding Athletes: **Branden Bavin and Kelsey Miltzer** – The Comstock coaching staff presents this award to the most outstanding male and female senior athletes who have exhibited excellence in play, sportsmanship, attitude, and teamwork.

Scholar Athlete Award: **Matthew Northrup and Jennifer Megan Richards** - The Comstock coaching staff presents this award to the most scholarly male and female student athletes. The recipients of this award must be graduating with at least a 3.5 grade point average and have participated in at least one sport

during high school.

Sportsmanship Award: **Matthew Northrup and Alexis Hofacre** - The Comstock coaching staff presents this award to male and female senior athletes who have displayed great sportsmanship throughout their athletic careers. These recipients have kept their cool under adverse situations and maintained a manner of etiquette that has made all of us proud.

Dedication Award – **John Curry (Football & Wrestling) and Julia Krus (Volleyball)** - The Comstock coaching staff chooses a male and female athlete from any class who have exhibited extraordinary desire, dedication and determination in off-season preparation for a particular sport. Recipients are eligible to receive this award once during their high school careers.

Colt Commitment Award – **Sage DeCamp, Hunter DeLeon, Alexis Hofacre, Kelsey Miltzer, Jessica Sivley** - This award recognizes the special commitment that graduating senior athletes make in earning at least nine varsity honors throughout their high school careers or having earned the Tri-Athlete Award for four consecutive years.

2019-20 Tri-Athletes

Congratulations to our Tri-Athlete Award winners. We counted everyone who was on a spring roster toward this award. We hope to still plan something this summer if things open up for us. We will keep everyone posted at www.comstockps.org/athletics.

Seniors – **Sage DeCamp, Hunter DeLeon, Lily DeYoung-Foster, Alexis Hofacre, Michael Khazad, Kelsey Miltzer**

Juniors – **Macy Cannon, Evan Caswell, Maya DeYoung-Foster, Caleb Howard, Megan James, Jeff Koss, Eleanor McAllister, Brionna Tiffany, Carter Wintz**

Sophomores – **Kaya Berg, Keyondra Burns, Elijah Cote, DJ Howard, Mia Johnson, Kyla Owens, Israel Patterson, Domenic Putti, Deshae Reed, Matthew Searles**

Freshman – **McKenzie Bowers, Brianna Doud, Zack Greg, Autumnna Hummel, Noelle Keene, Ryan McGrail, Cameron McKinney, Masson Mollohan, Emma Schelb, Anna Schreiner, Prabjit Singh, Naszeer Thomas, Jasean Tyler.**

2019-20 Winter Awards

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our 2019-20 Winter Awards banquet this year. We have yet to determine how we will handle the culmination of this season and are waiting for more information on how things will open up for the school in general in the future. We do have all certificates and awards ready to award to our athletes and will figure out how to make

this happen sometime this summer. We will post information at www.comstockps.org/athletics as soon as we know.

2020-21 High School and Middle School Physicals

Typically, every athlete needs a new sports physical to participate in the new school year but the MHSAA is currently making modifications to the 2020-21 expectation. Please continue to check the main athletic page for the updated physical expectation for the 2020-21 school year.

Stadium Reserved Seating

Reserved seating will be FREE for the 2020-21 school year. The first home varsity football game kicks off at 7 p.m. on August 27 vs Coloma. We have a limited number of seats with and without a back rest. You can reserve your seat through the athletic office at 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 250-8711 to let us know if you are interested in working.

Hall of Fame Banquet & Nominations

The 2020 Comstock Hall of Fame Banquet is being postponed to next year on Saturday, May 1, 2021. The Comstock Hall of Fame committee is still accepting nominations but those nominations will most likely be considered for the 2022 banquet. Nominations must be received by the athletic director by November 1 to be included in the process for the 2021 induction. A nomination form can be found online at www.comstockps.org/halloffame. Please email Justin Ansel at anselj@comstockps.org with any questions.

High School Fall Sports Start Dates

We are planning as if everything will be open for the 20-21 school year. Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 10 for high school football and on August 12 for high school volleyball, high school girls golf, high school boys soccer, high school sideline cheer and high school cross country. Middle school boys soccer, middle school boys and girls cross country and middle school volleyball will start on August 31. Start times will be listed on the athletic website at <http://www.comstockps.org/athletics>.

Stampede Basketball Third-Sixth Grade Boys Third-Eighth Grade Girls

Tryouts for the 2020-21 Comstock Stampede basketball third through eighth grade girls and third through sixth grade boys is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 27, and is specifically for kids attending Comstock Public Schools. We will send out more information to all the kids after school starts. The girls and boys will play six to eight games and a

tournament in the Sharp Shooters league from October to December. 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 \$50 charge plus the cost of a uniform unless you already have one. It is a great program to learn a lot about basketball. We hope to see a lot of kids from Comstock participating. If you have any questions, please email Justin Ansel at anselj@comstockps.org.



Class of 2014 - Hunter Vorva

Congratulations to Hunter Vorva, Comstock Class of 2014! Hunter is playing in a professional hockey league in France. He has been added to the Spartiates de Marseille roster as a Goalkeeper. Way to go!!!

Comstock Township Library Events

Please check our website, www.comstocklibrary.org, and our Facebook or Instagram page for the most up-to-date opening, service, and programming information.

The library is always open on Hoopla and Overdrive! Check out the digital resources page on our website, www.comstocklibrary.org/ebooks, to get connected to movies, eBooks, and audiobooks.

We now have a subscription to Creativebug! Enjoy thousands of unlimited videos of online art, cooking, sewing, and creative projects. Ignite your creativity today by signing-up with your library card at <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/comstock>

Don't have a library card? Sign-up for a temporary one online so you can access our digital materials! Follow the link on our website and we'll email you your new library card number.

If you have questions about your library card account, or any of our other services, you can email us at info@comstocklibrary.org, message us on Facebook, or call the Library at 269-345-0136 and leave us a message so we can call you back.

Adult Programs

Summer Reading Program for Adults: Imagine Your Story! Early Bird Registration starts on Saturday, June 1. You can begin reporting the books you read on Saturday, June 13, at the Adult Reference Desk. Digitally enter a form for every book you read or listen to from June 1 until August 29 for weekly drawings. The grand prize will be a gift basket full of surprises. Registration is required for the SRP and can be done on our website. Go to Programs and it will be under "Upcoming Events." You may also call 345-0136.

***All sign-ups and entry forms will be handled through Wandoo Reader this year. Need help doing so? Please give us a call!**

Virtual Book Club: Have you ever thought about joining a book club, but felt like you didn't have the time? Or felt like you didn't want to leave the house? Now that we all have more time and are staying home more, we are looking for ways to have fun and connect

while staying healthy and safe. In order to meet that need, the Comstock Township Library is hosting an online book club each month on the free online video chat service "Zoom." Join us on **Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. to discuss "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng and on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. to discuss "Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation" by Octavia E. Butler.** Both titles are available at the Comstock Township Library or online as eBooks at Hoopla and Overdrive for our cardholders. This event is open to EVERYONE, cardholders and non-cardholders. To register for this event or if you have questions, please send an email to one of our facilitators: Beth at beth@comstocklibrary.org or Tady at tady@comstocklibrary.org. From there, you will be sent the discussion questions we will be using to guide the discussion and the log-in information for the meeting.

Youth Department Programs

Early bird registration for Summer Reading 2020 begins June 1. Sign up online and track your reading. We will offer paper logs and prizes once the library is able to re-open to the public. Like or follow us on Facebook to keep up with our online programs: facebook.com/ComstockTownshipLibrary

Storytime on Facebook LIVE: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - Join Ms. Liz and Ms. Sue every Thursday morning for a fun online storytime. You can watch our storytimes without a Facebook account. Just keep scrolling down the page until you see the LIVE video appear.

STEAM At Home on Facebook LIVE: Wednesdays, July 1 - August 19, at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Traci and Ms. Brenna will be showing you cool experiments you can recreate at home. You can watch our events without a Facebook account. Just keep scrolling down the page until you see the LIVE video appear.

Fairytales & Folktales Puppet Show on Facebook LIVE: Thursday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. - Classic fairytales, folktales and stories will come alive in this

CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on July 3 and 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



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. Check out our OVERDRIVE eBooks and audiobooks! <https://smdl.overdrive.com/>



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.

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