

# The Comstock Communicator

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# From the Superintendent



Dear Comstock Schools Community,

Last October, Governor Rick Snyder signed legislation aimed at raising the literacy rate of Michigan students. The key component of the legislation

is the requirement that students read at grade level by third grade. If students do not read at grade level by third grade, the new legislation requires those students to be retained.

Research has shown that children who do not read at grade level by third grade are more likely to drop out of school. Additionally, children who are not reading at grade level by third grade face a much tougher financial future than children who read at grade level throughout school.

Comstock is committed to helping all students grow in their reading skills, especially early elementary students. The District has added a variety of supports and interventions to help our early readers. There will be a greater focus on reading at the kindergarten through third grade level.

The district has also invested in additional resources to assess students' reading levels. The daily schedule has been realigned to allow teachers to collaborate on reviewing student data and instructional techniques. The district is also partnering with volunteers to be reading "buddies" with students at the elementary grades.

Along with all of the work being done by the school district, there are many things that can be done at home to help students become better readers. Here is list of things that can be done away from school to help students of any age:

\*Read to your children, no matter if they can read or not. Children who are read to on a regular basis have larger vocabularies and are better prepared to read at an early age.

\*Read with your children. Children model behaviors that their parents exhibit. If children see their parents reading, they will be independent readers.

\*Ask your child to read to you. The best way to encourage your children and assess their reading ability is to ask them to read to you. It encourages them to read and allows them to show off their skills.

\*Ask your children questions about stories they have read. Asking questions helps children improve their reading comprehension and shows how important their reading is to you.

\*Celebrate your child's growth and success. Set home reading goals and celebrate when your child succeeds.

We all are working toward the same goal, a better future for our students. One of the best ways to ensure a better future for all our students is to help them be strong readers.

Todd Mora  
Superintendent



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*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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## Board Briefs

### REGULAR MEETING

#### July 10, 2017

- Approved Rob Nieto as varsity cross country coach.
- Approved resignations of:
  - Rob Rostar - special education teacher, high school
  - Sarah Silverman - special education teacher, high school
  - Courtney Boyce - third grade teacher, Green Meadow
  - McKenzie Shepard - special education teacher, North
  - Alison Nord - business teacher, high school

- Approved hiring:

- Steven Rand - special education teacher, high school
- Michelle Lee Bird - special education teacher, North
- Sonya Hogan - second grade teacher, Green Meadow
- Jennifer Snead - third grade teacher, North
- Kathleen Reiff - seventh grade math teacher, NEMS
- Jeannine Roys - art and design teacher, STEM
- Rebecca Simison - math teacher, high school
- Ratified the agreement with the Comstock Bus Drivers Association for 2017-2020.
- Approved expanding the STEM Academy by adding an additional first, third, and fifth grade sections.

### WORK SESSION

#### July 24, 2017

- Approved resignations of:
  - Kristie Poulson, principal, North
  - Kevin Faraci, teacher, North
- Approved moving necessary funds in the budget in order to continue the golf programs for 2017-18.
- Approved construction project contractors

### REGULAR MEETING

#### August 14, 2017

- Approved hiring the following:
  - Kristie Poulson, math teacher, high school
  - Heather Crull, third grade teacher, STEM
  - Anne Swinehart, third grade teacher, STEM
  - Gary Sprague, eighth grade boys basketball coach
  - Brianna Coon, eighth grade volleyball coach
  - Paul Kampen, seventh grade boys basketball coach
- Approved following resignations:
  - Kelley Howard, NEMS principal
  - Jeff Pellerito, director, Special Education Services
  - Kevin Lillibridge, sixth grade teacher
- Approved a 2 percent pay increase for non-bargaining employee group.

- Approved using excess monies from the general fund of not more than \$465,000 to purchase buses rather than borrowing money.

### BOARD RETREAT

#### August 26, 2017

- Approved sending MASB guidelines and state protocols to the Policy Committee for review.
- Superintendent Mora updated the Board on the status of the Strategic Plan.
- Reviewed the current school board calendar.
- Approved moving forward with an electronic sign to advertise positive things about the district with a budget not to exceed \$10,000.
- Jay Bennet from the Michigan Association of School Boards facilitated a work session on using the MASB board self-evaluation instrument.

### WORK SESSION

#### August 28, 2017

- Approved hiring:
  - Dr. Jemel Hence - NEMS principal
  - Mark Wilke - North Elementary principal
  - Angela Macias - North, fourth grade teacher
  - Heather Crull - STEM, third grade teacher
  - Russell Lardie - NEMS, health/PE teacher
  - Kimberly Lamp - NEMS, computer teacher
  - Anastasia LaRoy - NEMS, eighth grade writing
  - Sarahruth Furrow - NEMS, seventh grade, English language arts
  - Nathan Miller - North, physical education teacher
  - Steven Erickson - NEMS, seventh grade - English language arts
  - Daniel Houvener - NEMS, seventh grade science
  - Sharon Nichols-Hicks - High school, resource room teacher
  - Tina Gross - NEMS, resource room teacher
  - Holly Verdon - NEMS, sixth grade math/science teacher

- Approved resignations of:

- Mary Grintals - NEMS teacher
- Cristy Connellee - NEMS teacher
- Ashley Offidani - NEMS teacher
- Niki Richards - NEMS/HS art teacher
- Moved into closed session to discuss negotiations with the Comstock Education Association. Superintendent Mora will speak with the district's legal counsel about approaching the CEA to request negotiations be reopened to discuss teacher compensation.

## 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 250-8907.

## 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](mailto:recruiting@contractbusdrivers.com).

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

# Welcome, New Staff Members



**Steve Erickson**

Teaching seventh grade reading this year at NEMS is Steven Erickson, a graduate of Galesburg-Augusta High School and Ferris State University. He majored in education with a focus on English, language arts and speech communication.

“I had some teachers who were major influences in my life and helped me realize how much I could help people by following in their footsteps,” he said of why he became a teacher.

One special teacher in his life was Ardis Cook, an English teacher, whom he had in both his freshman and senior years at Galesburg-Augusta.

“She helped me step out of my shell and recognize that what I was doing in Scouting and with my brothers was something I could make a career out of that I could enjoy,” he said.

Erickson taught for one year at Maple Street Magnet School and for five years in the Galesburg-Augusta district. He is currently working on a master’s degree at Western.

His wife, Lena, is an IT worker at Bronson. They have a daughter, Kahlan, 4.

He enjoys writing, having published a book and two short stories. He also enjoys painting miniatures and playing with his daughter. When time allows, he would like to take up flying drones.



**Sonya Hogan**

Sonya Hogan, who will be teaching second grade at Green Meadow this year, decided on a teaching career for two reasons.

“I love working with kids, and I like helping

students set and reach attainable goals,” she said.

Her mother was an important educator in her life. She was in her mother’s class in both first and second grades at a Lutheran school.

“Not only did I learn from her as my teacher, but I have learned from her as my mom,” she said. “She continues to push me to give 110 percent in everything that I do.”

A native of Midland, Michigan, Mrs. Hogan attended Dexter High School and Grand Valley State University where she majored in language arts. She also has a masters in educational leadership.

An experienced teacher, she has taught third grade in Arizona, second grade in Detroit, and first grade in Kalamazoo.

Her husband, DJ, coaches and works at Grand Rapids Catholic Central. They have a daughter, Penelope, who is 13 months old.

She enjoys taking trips with her family and doing yard work.



**Anastasia LaRoy**

A graduate of Portage Central High School, KVCC, and Western Michigan University, Anastasia LaRoy will be

teaching eighth grade writing at NEMS. Her bachelors degree is in K-5 with an early childhood endorsement. Her minors also allow her to teach sixth through eighth grade integrated science and language arts.

“From a young age I have had a love of learning and I knew that I wanted to be a teacher,” she said.

So many educators influenced her life that she can’t name any person as her most influential educator.

“Growing up I had numerous teachers who helped me grow to become the teacher and

person I am today,” she said. “I knew that I wanted to share my love of lifelong learning with others and teaching was the best way to do it.”

Mrs. LaRoy taught in Arizona for a year and then returned to Michigan where she taught preschool for a year at the Comstock Learning Center. After that, she taught for two years in the Three Rivers Public Schools.

Her husband, Adam, also works in education. He is currently a behavior interventionist at Three Rivers High School. Before that, he taught in the learning lab at Portage Central High School working with at-risk students.

She and her husband have two daughters, Makenzie, 9, and Alexa, 7.

Her free time activities include watching football and relaxing at home with her family.

“I love to read and hope to one day have more time to do so,” she said.



**Sharon Nichols-Hicks**

With five grandchildren, Sharon Nichols-Hicks enjoys attending their sporting events, soccer games, plays, concerts and dance recitals.

But on her own time, she’s often volunteering as a ticket taker at Miller Auditorium, attending Art Hop, or singing in the church choir. She also enjoys having dinner with friends, walking, reading, traveling, or spending time at the beach.

When she’s working, she’s teaching American literature and ninth grade English at the high school.

A graduate of Portage Northern High School, Ms. Nichols-Hicks attended KVCC and then earned a bachelors degree from Western Michigan in special education. She

# Welcome, New Staff Members

also has a masters degree in curriculum and instruction from Spring Arbor University.

Of her choice to go into special education, she said, "I had family who needed alternative ways to learn the content in school."

She previously taught at Youth Advancement Academy in Kalamazoo and in Van Buren and Calhoun Counties.



**Jeannine Roys**

Teaching art in kindergarten through eighth grades this year is Jeannine Roys, originally from Sterling Heights, Michigan. She graduated from Henry Ford II High School and then got her bachelors and masters degrees in art education from Western Michigan University.

"I wanted to share my love of art and encourage it in others," she said of her reason for majoring in art.

Her high school art teacher, Mrs. Jarkey, encouraged her to go into teaching. Since graduating from college, she has taught for 14 years, 12 of those at Paramount Charter Academy and two years in the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

She and her husband, Mike, have a son, Jimmy, 5, who attends Young 5's in Portage. They also have a dog, Sammy, and a leopard gecko named Darth Vader. Mike works in business banking at PNC.

She enjoys drawing, painting, reading, and spending time with her family.



**Jennifer Snead**

From childhood on, Jennifer Snead had always wanted to be a teacher.

"It's all I've ever known," she said.

So, after graduating from Portage Northern High School, she attended KVCC and then Western Michigan University where she majored in elementary education. She will be teaching third grade this year at North Elementary.

She previously taught in the KRESA Great Start Readiness pre-kindergarten program at North Elementary.

Not surprisingly, it was a second grade teacher who had a great influence on her life.

"Mrs. Mason, my second grade teacher, was always so wonderful and kind," she said.

She enjoys spending time with her family which includes her husband, Aaron, director of information technology at KVCC, and their two sons, Jake, 8, and Sam, 9.



**Ann Swinehart**

Ann Swinehart decided on a teaching career when her chemistry teacher told her that education would be a "good fit" for her. So, after graduating from Gull Lake High School, she majored in elementary education at Western Michigan University, early childhood education at Wayne State University, and earned an educational technology certificate at Michigan State University.

Since completing her college education, she has taught in the Battle Creek Public Schools and at Edison Oakland Public School Academy in Ferndale, Michigan. In Comstock, she will be teaching third grade at the STEM Academy.

Besides her chemistry teacher, an influential educator in Mrs. Swinehart's life was Mrs. Gloria Brady.

"She had the kindest soul," Mrs. Swinehart said of Mrs. Brady. "She taught me how the simple things in life are the important lessons.

She taught me to think outside of the box and to use the arts in my teaching."

She and her husband, Jon, a salesman at Lowe's Home Improvement, have two children, Kyle, 10, and Sara, 7. They enjoy going on family vacations.

She also enjoys sporting events, kayaking, and painting.



**Holly Verdon**

With several teachers in her family and having had some amazing teachers in her life, Holly Verdon decided to become a teacher.

An educator who had an influence on her life is Shani Wertman-Walton, a math teacher at Parchment High School.

"I have always loved math, but being in her class was so much fun," said Ms. Verdon.

After graduating from Parchment, she attended Western Michigan University majoring in elementary education.

"I have always loved working with kids," she said.

This year, she will be teaching sixth grade math, science, and reading at NEMS.

Prior to coming to Comstock, she taught Title One in Portage, fifth grade in Coolidge, Arizona, for five years, and sixth grade in Athens, Michigan.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, being outdoors, fishing, and watching sports.

*NOTE: We have many new teachers this year, too many to include in one issue. So, we will be featuring several teachers per issue until they have all been introduced.*

Northeast Middle School

# Jemel Hence Named New NEMS Principal

Dr. Jemel M. Hence has been named principal at Northeast Middle School, replacing Kelley Howard who resigned over the summer.



A native of Detroit, Dr. Hence is a graduate of Oak

Park High School, the University of Michigan, and the University of Phoenix. In college, he majored in psychology, math, secondary education and educational leadership.

“Education has the ability to create change,” he said of his decision to go into education.

Before coming to Comstock, he taught at Detroit Central High School, Detroit Loyola High School, Covenant House Lifeskills of Michigan, Detroit Community High School, and Southfield Public Schools.

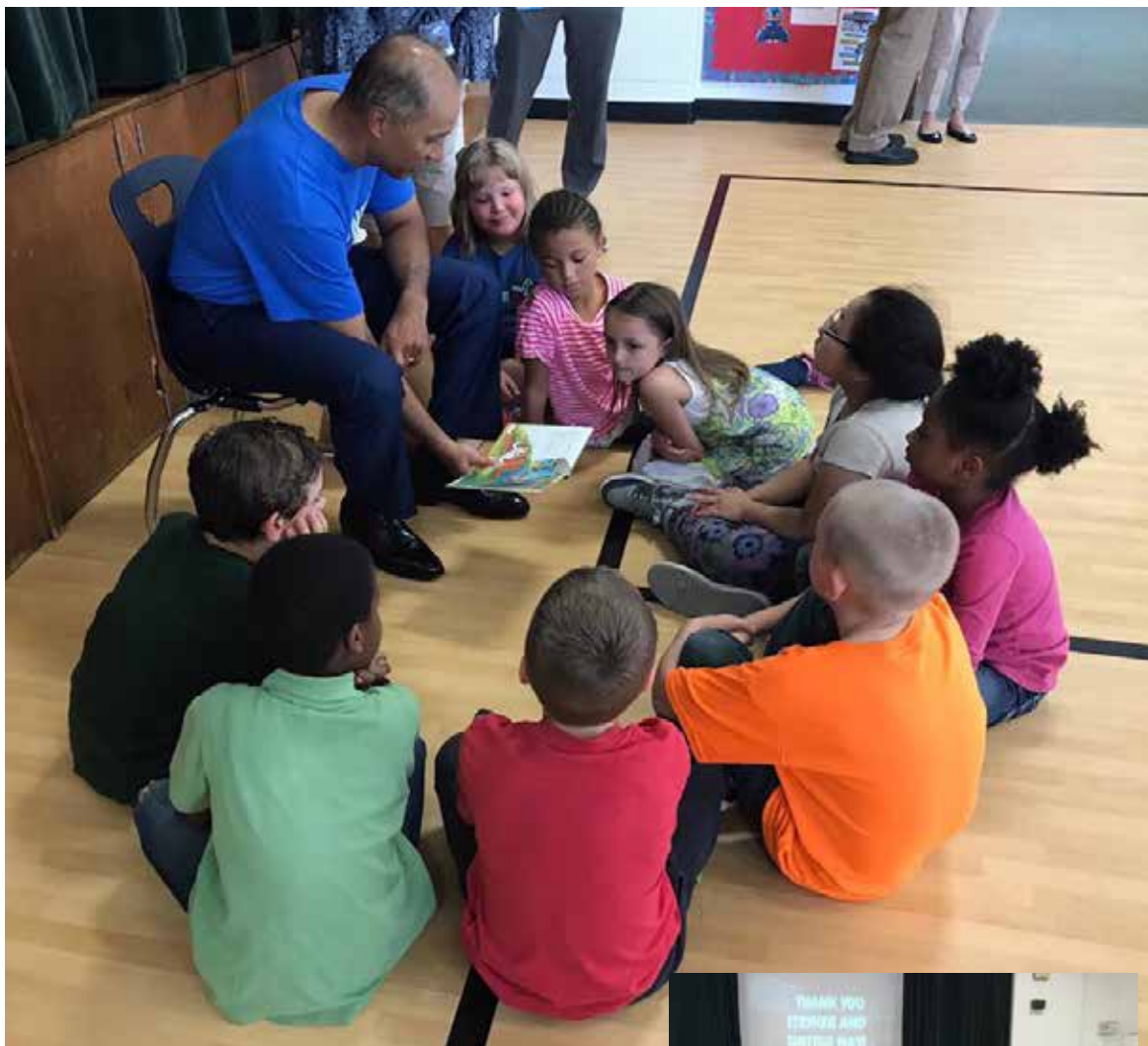
He named Howard Golding and Eric Kirk, his high school basketball coaches and teachers, as influential educators in his life.

“I learned that the first step to leadership was self confidence,” he said of what these two men taught him. “You have to believe in yourself or have knowledge of yourself so that you can be a bridge for other people. When you develop a relationship with yourself, then you are better equipped to develop a relationship with others.”

Other educators who influenced him include William Washington, Col. Melvin A. Holland III, Rev. Gregory Guice, Charity Jones, and Rev. Dr. Valencia Moultrie.

In his free time, Dr. Hence enjoys lifting weights and spending time with his wife, Angela, and their two children, Jada and Jeremiah. He enjoys having meals and watching movies with his family.

Green Meadow Elementary



Kevin Lobo, CEO of Stryker, visited Green Meadow to do a presentation and read with our students.

# United Way and Stryker Team Up for Books



A special thanks to the United Way of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Stryker, and Stryker CEO, Kevin Lobo, for visiting Green Meadow and sharing their love of reading with our students.

Over 300 books were delivered personally to our students. Also, a short story was read to students in the gymnasium. Every student at Green Meadow was given a book to keep. There is no greater gift than sharing a passion for reading and a good book.

Green Meadow will certainly continue to make the community proud as we continue to grow readers and leaders inside and outside the classroom.

This was one of the kickoff events in conjunction with the Children’s Book Drive sponsored by the United Way of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

The goal of the Book Drive was to collect over 15,000 books in ten days to hand out to area students.

Green Meadow Elementary

# Synergizing with Football Team

First grade teacher, Miss Amy Stacy, organized and coordinated a painting day with the Comstock football team this summer to get Green Meadow ready for the school year.

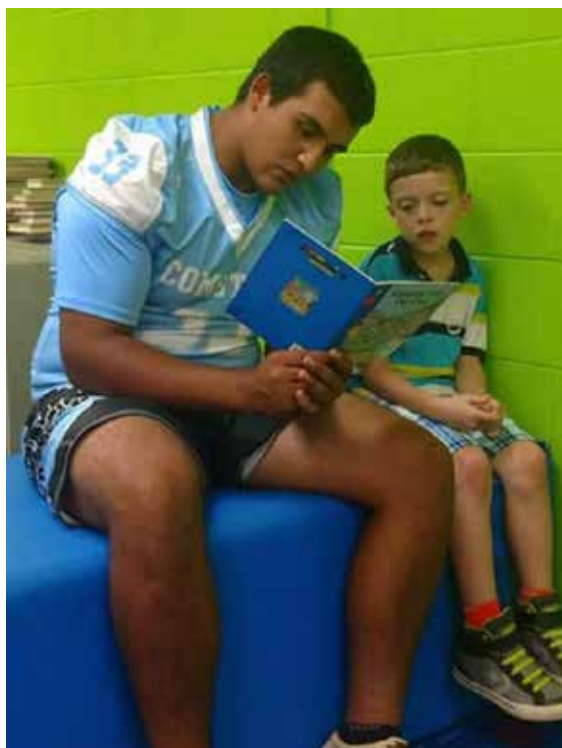
The Library Media Center received a new coat of paint in the newly created "Synergy Space." Bright new colors were added down the hallways as well. The football players volunteered to help, and Miss Stacy kept them very busy.

This fall, the football team returned to Green Meadow to read with students. Football players and students met up in the "Synergy Space" to read stories together. The high schoolers and elementary students took turns reading to each other. What a great way to synergize across the age levels.



Above: The football team worked hard in Green Meadow's hallways this summer.

Below and right: The Comstock football team read to Green Meadow students before one of their games this fall.



Green Meadow Elementary

# Parker-Hannifin Donations Keep Green Meadow Moving



Thanks to the wonderful workers at Parker-Hannifin, Green Meadow Elementary now has more physical education equipment to keep us moving. Because of Parker-Hannifin's commitment to wellness, Mrs. Odell's physical education classes have shiny new items, but each classroom has equipment to take out at recess, too. Some of the people involved with the donations of equipment were on hand at Green Meadow's Open House this fall to help students and families try out our new stuff.

Green Meadow Elementary

# Breakfast with Santa

Save the Date! - December 2. Santa is coming! It's not too early to start planning on having

Breakfast with Santa at Green Meadow. Mr. Carpenter, a third grade

teacher, has his eye on a new griddle for making pancakes. The Big Man himself will be making an appearance at Green Meadow on Saturday, December 2, from 9 to 11 a.m.



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Green Meadow Elementary

# Breakfast in the Classroom

This year Green Meadow Elementary is serving "Breakfast in the Classroom." Breakfast is available to all students without charge. So far, tardies at Green Meadow have declined since implementation of the free breakfasts compared to last year. Students are also enjoying the opportunity to eat in a quieter and cozier setting in the morning.



These carts are rolled down to the classrooms every morning for breakfast.

There is a large body of research about breakfast in the classroom and how student performance is improved and behavior issues decline.

According to information provided by Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom, "Children who eat breakfast at school perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast or eat breakfast at home. Providing breakfast to students at school improves their concentration, alertness, comprehension, memory, and learning. Participating in school breakfast also is associated with improved math grades, attendance and punctuality."

More information can be found at [www.breakfastintheclassroom.org](http://www.breakfastintheclassroom.org).

North Elementary

# North Names Mark Wilke as Principal

Mark Wilke, a native of Portage, Michigan, has been named principal at North Elementary, replacing Kristie Poulson, who has returned to teaching.

A graduate of Portage Northern High School, he obtained both his bachelors and masters degrees from Western Michigan University, with a major in education.

Mr. Wilke comes to North with 15 years of teaching experience in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. He taught fourth and fifth grades for 14 years at Washington Writers' Academy and then fifth grade for one year at Spring Valley Center for Exploration.



He decided on a career in education because he has a passion for kids and loves to teach.

"Also, my mother was a teacher and inspired me to take my love of children and use it in the field of education," he said.

He credits his grandmother for being the most influential educator in his life. "She was not a traditional teacher, but her compassion and love for children were passed on to me and allowed me to understand what it takes to be an educator," he said.

Mr. Wilke and his wife, Jennifer, the assistant aquatics director at the Portage YMCA, have four children: Abigail, 8; Hannah, 5; Lillian, 3; and Samuel, 1.

In his free time, he rollerblades, swims and spends time with his family.

## COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Boys Varsity Football

Fri, Oct 6	Parchment (HOMECOMING)	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 13	@ Bridgman Public Schools	7:00PM
Fri, Oct 20	Maple Valley High School	7:00PM

### Boys JV Football

Thu, Oct 5	@ Parchment	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 12	Bridgman Public Schools	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 19	@ Maple Valley High School	6:30PM

### Girls Varsity Volleyball

Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	6:00PM
Sat, Oct 7	Comstock Varsity Invitational	9:00AM
Thu, Oct 12	@ Quincy High School	7:00PM
Wed, Oct 18	Mendon High School	6:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ BCS Conference Meet @ Parchment	9:00AM
Tue, Oct 24	@ Battle Creek Central HS	6:30PM
Thu, Oct 26	@ Sturgis Quad w/ Lake & Paw Sturgis	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 30	MHSAA Quarter - TBD Comstock	TBA

Wed, Nov 1	MHSAA Semi - TBD Comstock	TBA
Thu, Nov 2	MHSAA Final - TBD Comstock	6:00PM

### Girls JV Volleyball

Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 5	Olivet	6:00PM
Thu, Oct 12	@ Quincy High School	5:30PM
Wed, Oct 18	Mendon High School	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	8:30AM
Tue, Oct 24	@ Battle Creek Central HS	5:30PM
Thu, Oct 26	@ Lakeshore Quad w/ Sturgis & Paw	5:00PM

### Girls Freshman Volleyball

Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	5:00PM
Thu, Oct 5	Olivet	5:00PM
Tue, Oct 10	@ Olivet	5:00PM
Sat, Oct 14	@ Schoolcraft Invitational	8:30AM
Wed, Oct 18	Kalamazoo Christian H.S.	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ Loy Norrix Invitational	8:00AM
Tue, Oct 24	@ Battle Creek Central HS	5:30PM
Thu, Oct 26	@ Paw Paw Quad w/ Stugis & Lake	5:00PM

### Girls Golf

Wed, Oct 11	@ MHSAA Regional - Milham Park	TBA
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### Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country

Sat, Oct 7	@ Allegan Invitational	10:00AM
Tue, Oct 10	BCS Comstock Jamboree	5:30PM
Sat, Oct 21	@ Gobles Invitational	10:30AM
Sat, Oct 28	@ MHSAA Regional - Buchanan Red Bud	TBA
Sat, Nov 4	@ MHSAA Finals	TBA

### Boys Varsity Soccer

Mon, Oct 2	@ Maple Valley High School	5:30PM
Wed, Oct 4	@ Parchment	TBA
Thu, Oct 5	Lakeside Academy Scrimmage	5:00PM
Mon, Oct 9	Olivet	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 11	@ Coloma High School	6:00PM
Mon, Oct 16	MHSAA District Quarter	6:00PM
Wed, Oct 18	MHSAA District Semi	6:00PM
Sat, Oct 21	MHSAA District Final	5:00PM



# News from the Athletic Department

## High School, Middle School Fall Awards Banquet

The high school fall awards banquet will be held on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This is also the awards banquet night for middle school volleyball, middle school cross country, and middle school soccer.

## Physicals

A reminder to all parents that it is an MHSAA requirement that all student athletes have a physical on file with the athletic department to be eligible to participate in athletics for Comstock. The physical has to be dated after April 15, 2017, to cover your son/daughter for the entire 2017-18 year. Please give Justin Ansel in the athletic department a call at 269-250-8711.

## Winter Sports Start Dates

- Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys Basketball – Monday, October 23
- High School Girls Basketball & Competitive Cheer – November 6
- High School Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Club Bowling – November 13
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls Basketball, Middle school Wrestling – Tuesday, January 9, tentatively. Please call the athletic department with any questions.

## High School Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Each winter program will hold a separate winter sports parent meeting this year. Dates and times will be shared after initial start dates. We look forward to seeing you there if your son or daughter is participating in a winter sport.

## Hall of Fame Induction

This is your last chance to nominate someone for the 2018 Comstock Athletic Hall of Fame. Please fill out the Hall of Fame nomination form at right and return it to the athletic office by Thanksgiving. The Hall of Fame board will be meeting after Thanksgiving to decide upon the 2018 Induction Class.

# 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*

# Comstock Township Library Events

**When inclement weather occurs, please check with the library to confirm our hours.**

Cannot get Internet at your home? The library now has hotspots available for circulation to Comstock Township Library patrons. Ask one of our staff members for more information! There is a \$10 fee and a \$10 deposit upon check-out.

**Comstock Community Bulletin Board:** We are hosting an online bulletin board for the community. This free service is hosted by the Comstock Township Library for events of interest to Comstock area residents. Event submissions are free; however, the library takes no responsibility for the claims made in these advertisements. Click on the "Submit an Event" link to send us your information. Please visit [www.youseemore.com/comstock](http://www.youseemore.com/comstock).

**Homebound Library Services:** The Homebound Delivery Service seeks to provide library materials to Comstock Township Residents who are unable to visit the library according to the following criteria:

*Residents are to be considered homebound if they have a condition (due to illness or injury) that restricts their ability to leave their place of residence, except with the aid of a supportive device such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and walkers, the use of special transportation, the assistance of another person or if leaving home is medically contraindicated. In most circumstances, if a resident drives, he/she would not be considered homebound.*

Homebound delivery includes the selection of materials by library staff and delivery of those materials by library employees. Call 345-0136 for further information.

**We now have a preservation station!** Do you have home videos you would like to transfer to DVDs and photos or other print material you would like to digitize? The Preservation Station, purchased with a gift from Bell's Brewery, allows patrons to make digital copies of print and media. To use the scanner and video transfer equipment, please call to set up a training session with a librarian. Patrons may scan print material to a USB drive or a writable CD/ DVD disc. Bring your own or we have them for sale. Suggested USB size is 16 MB. Video files must be transferred to a DVD-R. Usually, one full VHS would fit on a

DVD. Sorry, we are unable to convert 8mm video at this time. For more detailed information, give us a call.

We now have a **notary service** at the library during business hours. The cost is \$5 per notarial transaction. Call 345-0136 for more information.

## ADULT PROGRAMS:

**Adult Craft: Terra-cotta Pumpkin** Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 p.m. Decorate a terra-cotta pot like a pumpkin in which to store your autumnal sweets. Required registration begins on Monday, October 2, at the adult reference desk. Call 345-0136 for more information.

**Adult Craft, Peppermint Bath Bombs:** Wednesday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m. Want to make your own holiday gifts? This is the perfect program for you. You will be taught what supplies you need to make luxuriant bath bombs. Each participant will be able to take home one of their aromatic creations. Required registration begins on Monday, October 30, at the adult reference desk.

Join the Comstock Township Library on **Saturday, December 9, from 1-3 p.m.** for our annual **Holiday Open House**. Enjoy holiday cookies, cider, a performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Jazz Trio, meet Mrs. Claus, make a children's craft, play children's games, and see live reindeer. The reindeer will be outside, so, please dress warmly. Please bring your camera, as pictures with Mrs. Claus and the reindeer will be allowed.

## EVENTS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

**STORYTIME: Ages 1-5.** Registration for fall storytimes has begun. Register your child for a 45-minute session, which includes 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other activities followed by a 15 minute craft. Storytimes began in September and run through Thursday, December 7. Come dressed in your Halloween costume for Halloween Storytimes the week of October 23. There will be no storytimes on Thursday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Storytime sessions are as follows:

**Mondays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 2-3 year olds

**Tuesdays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 1-2 year olds

**Wednesdays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

**Thursdays:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., 3-5 year olds

## CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Saturday, November 11, for Veterans Day. We will also close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and will be closed on Thursday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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 child 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, 4-5:30 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, October 20, 4-5:30 p.m.**

*(Registration begins Monday, October 9.)*

**Friday, November 17, 4-5:30 p.m.**

*(Registration begins Monday, November 6.)*

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Every month on the first Friday, Sixth through Twelfth Graders.** Earn community service hours helping us plan programs for teens and other youth! Must be in sixth through twelfth grade to register for this free event! Meeting dates are:

**Friday, October 6, 4-5 p.m.**

*(Registration begins Monday, October 2.)*

**Friday, November 3, 4-5 p.m.**

*(Registration begins Monday, October 30.)*

**Friday, December 1, 4-5 p.m.**

*(Registration begins Monday, November 27.)*

**FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., all ages.** Come dressed in your Halloween costume for the third annual autumn party for all ages! Enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and our costume competition! Registration is required for this free event and begins Monday, October 10!

# Comstock Township Library Events

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT: Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., for children ages 0-18.** Decorate a milk carton gingerbread house with candies and frosting. We will provide all the supplies! Children under the age of 5 must have an adult to help them. Registration is required for this free craft and begins Monday, December 4.

## 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](http://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



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



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



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



### Now Available

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



### Computer Help

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



### Need Resume Help?

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



### Thank you to all our golf outing sponsors!

#### Special thanks go the following:

Julianna's Restaurant for supplying lunch

Bub Sherwood of Sherwood Auto for donating the Grill

Tracy Daniel for all her help in securing golf prizes

AAA / Gull Road: 1 year road side service  
 Allegra Printing Services: Supplies for gift bags  
 Applebee's Gull Road: 5 free appetizers  
 Artwear Apparel: T-shirts  
 Biggy Coffee Gull Road: Coffee Basket  
 Bone Appetite Dog Grooming: 1 - dog basket with treats  
 WMU College of Education and Human Development: CommUniverCity Tickets, coolers and supplies for bags for the cart  
 Cottage Inn Gull Road: Free Pizza for gift bags  
 Eastern Hills Golf Course: 4 - 18 holes with cart for 1st place winner  
 Galesburg Ford: \$100.00 hole sponsor  
 Gilmore Car Museum: 3- Car Show Passes  
 Gull Lake View Golf Course: 4 - 18 holes of golf with cart  
 Hickory Ridge Golf Course: 2 - 9 holes with cart / bucket of balls

Julianna's Restaurant: Provided food for the Outing  
 Kloostermans Distributing: Provided cheese / crackers for gift bags  
 North Eleven: 2 \$25 gift cards  
 Comstock Football: 2 jerseys and helmets  
 Tracy Daniel: Helped get all the golf packages for us  
 Mac's Garage: \$100.00 Hole Sponsorship  
 Borgess Fitness Center: Single day and weekly passes and t-shirts  
 Mi Pueblo: 4 dinners  
 Steensma Lawn and Garden: Backpack blower  
 JB Whiskey: \$25.00 gift card  
 Tom Walters: Golf balls  
 Bobicks Golf: 5 buckets of range balls

**We greatly appreciate your support!**

# Comstock Public Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

October 10	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 13	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 14	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 15	Green Meadow, North and STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 16	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
November 17	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 22	Half Day – Students K-12		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
November 23-24	<b>THANKSGIVING RECESS</b>		No Students / No Staff
December 7	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	<b>WINTER RECESS</b>		No Students / No Teachers
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	Half Day Students K-12 (High School Exams)		Half Day Students & Teachers K-12
January 26	Professional Development A.M. <b>END OF 1ST SEMESTER</b> Records Day P.M.	8:00am-3:00pm	No Students K-12
February 23	<b>MID-WINTER BREAK</b>		No Students / No Teachers
March 6	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 20	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 22	NEMS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 23	Half Day Students A.M./ Professional Development P.M.		Half Day Students K-12
March 26	Green Meadow, North & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 28	Green Meadow, North & STEM Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
March 30 – April 6	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>		No Students/ No Teachers
May 10	High School Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Full Day Students K-12
May 28	<b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE</b>		No Students / No Staff
June 8	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	<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b> (High School Exams) Teachers' Records Day P.M.		Half Day Students K-12 Last Day for Teachers