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THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

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A Word on Vocational Education:



In the Spring of my sophomore year in high school, I was approached by the industrial arts teacher, Mr. Feak, who was a well-liked member of the school faculty and known to be a strong advocate for all students, regardless of background. Mr. Feak was on a mission that day and declared, "Rittenhouse, I know you are going to college, but you still need to take my class!"

I was surprised and impressed by his sales pitch and he quickly followed up with his reasoning, which involved the importance of practical skills in the real world. He talked about what the class would cover, including rough framing, drywall, electrical, and metal fabrication. Mr. Feak promised me that even if I became an engineer, I would still find these skills useful for home repair and maintenance in the future.

He then set the final hook in his recruiting strategy...by customizing what my experience would be in his classroom if I signed up. He said we would do an individualized project on a solar relay hot water unit. I was hooked and made the schedule adjustment with my guidance counselor for the following year. Mr. Feak was as good as his word and his class was one of the most memorable and engaging experiences of my K-12 career.

I am relating this story to you because we had the recent good fortune to witness the passage of an operating millage through our intermediate school district, KRESA. This operating millage raises over eight million dollars yearly, expanding our Education for Employment services to Gull Lake High School students and leading to the creation of a centralized location for vocational classes that are easily accessible to all students.

So, now seems like a good time to dust off Mr. Feak's sales pitch for vocational experiences for all our GLCS students. "Hey, Gull Lake students, I know you are going to college, but you still need to take my class!" These hands-on project-based learning experiences are rooted in practical skills that round out the K-12 experience and can be applied to everyday real-life situations. How many of you in your work fields have lamented the lack of preparation many job candidates reveal in the interview process? High quality vocational curriculum comes in many forms and helps students become Career and Workplace ready.

With our increased scheduling flexibility, students have more choices and can fit in vocational experiences through our expanding Education for Employment offerings. Take time to explore these engaging offerings and consider where they might fit in your student's high school experience. In decades past, there was a perception that vocational pathways were the default for students who were not considered college material. Now that attitude has shifted, and we no longer operate in such defined silos. It is all about an individual developing the right skill set for their chosen pathway. Gathering the desired skills involves a much broader set of options and environments.

We celebrate the expansion of vocational and hands-on courses moving forward and will keep you updated on the rollout of these engaging new options for the students of Gull Lake Community Schools.

Best Regards,

Raphael Rittenhouse/GLCS Superintendent

WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO TO SUPPORT READING AND WRITING

From the Michigan Department of Education

Promote Reading and Writing.

- Have books throughout the home.
- Write letters to friends and family.

Have Patience

- When children are trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give them time to do so.

Encourage Writing

- Provide a place to write like a desk or table.

Talk About What You Read

- Ask your child questions about the story.

Read Aloud Together

- Try reading different types of materials with your child.

Read Everywhere

- Provide things to read all over the home like books, signs, lists, etc.

For Michigan's Read by Grade Three Guide, please visit bit.ly/Read_by_Gr3_Guide.



Bond Update

RYAN INTERMEDIATE

- The additions for 4th and 5th grade halls have been completed. Brick has been placed and windows will be installed soon.
- The STEAM labs are underway. Foundations and concrete slabs have been completed and the concrete block walls are under construction. Once concrete block is completed, the exterior brick work will begin.
- The emergency egress tunnel along the exterior of the existing school has been constructed. This "tunnel" will protect any necessary access along the construction zone while building of the concrete block walls is underway.
- The foundations and underground work in the 3rd grade hall have been completed. Concrete block walls will begin in the next few weeks.
- The new underground Sanitary Sewer lines outside of the 3rd grade hall has been installed and connected. Completion of this work allows normal use of the Ryan Intermediate School to continue while construction moves forward. Allowing for no interruptions to the school.
- The new metal stud walls have been installed in the 5th grade hall. The classroom spaces are now defined into individual spaces.
- The entrance from the new 5th grade hall addition into the existing school is defined.
- A sample of the polished concrete floor has been completed and is ready for approval.
- The roof in the 5th grade hall has been installed.



ATHLETIC PROJECT

Construction Complete and currently finishing up project close out items.

MAINTENANCE/STORAGE BUILDING

Currently out for bid. Planning to start construction for Project Spring 2020.

KELLOGG ELEMENTARY

Completing Construction Documents, scheduled to receive bids January 2020 with construction to begin late spring 2020.

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY

Design is ongoing, scheduled to receive bids in March 2020 with construction to begin summer 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Design is ongoing, scheduled to receive bids in April 2020 with construction to begin late summer 2020.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

November was National Diabetes Month!



Megan Asper – District Nurse –
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Diabetes is a chronic disease, that according to the CDC affects an estimated 30.3 million people in the United States. It is believed that around 7.2 million of those are unaware or have not yet been diagnosed. There are two types of diabetes: Type 1 (previously known as Juvenile Diabetes), and type 2 (also known as adult onset diabetes). Both types of diabetes involve an accumulation of too much glucose (sugar) in the bloodstream.

We would like to thank the Kellogg Company for donating enough fruit snacks to go in all district staff's Go-kits!

During an emergency or prolonged lockdown, a student with diabetes could eat the fruit snacks to avoid life threatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). Thank you for supporting student safety!



The Renaming of the Gull Lake Administration Building

On Monday, September 16, 2019 the Gull Lake Board of Education, Gull Lake Staff and Community Members gathered for a short ceremony and open house for the renaming of the Gull Lake Administration Building to the Christopher L. Rundle Administration/Gateway Academy.

Mr. Rundle served as the Gull Lake Community Schools Superintendent from 2008 – 2018. In his ten years of service, he remained focused on the Gull Lake Community Schools Mission: To educate EVERY child to achieve his or her full potential. He carried out the GLCS mission by continuing programs like K-12 Spanish, all-day kindergarten and the alternative education option – Gateway Academy. He also was the driving force behind Gull Lake's Innovative programming – Gull Lake Virtual Partnership and Early College.

"In the course of life, if you are fortunate, you will meet a handful of people with the principles, morality, intelligence, and heart to cause you to see that person as a personal role model. I have been blessed to have a handful of these individuals in my life and I am fortunate to count Chris Rundle among them." Stated Trey Eldridge, former Gull Lake Board of Education Member.

Driver of the Month

SEPTEMBER

Rhonda Hale #23



OCTOBER

Deb Miller #50



BRIGHT HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

Lori Drogosh-drogoshlori@gmail.com



It has been a busy couple of months for the Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers! In October, we again partnered with the Gull Road Meijer store and sponsored our Fall Warm-up Event. We purchased coats and snow pants for over 300 children in need in our community. Our hearts were warmed as children of all ages shopped for their favorite colors and styles and left with brand new, warm outerwear and huge smiles just before that frigid Michigan weather snuck in. In November, several Gull Lake High School Volunteers and members of the National Honor Society assisted us with our Bright Holidays Event. The students helped us shop for clothing for several hundred children in our community. This year, The Community Volunteers partnered with the West Main Kohl's store, and we thank them for their assistance and contributions on our shopping days. The GLACV Bright Holidays program provides clothing, educational toys, and personal care items to over 136 families. A huge thank you goes out to the students in various grade levels who, once again, participated in coin-collecting contests and collected \$2000 for our

program. Thank you, too, to many local Richland and Kalamazoo businesses, churches, and individuals who sponsored several families in our community. With your help, the upcoming holidays will be a little brighter for many people in the Gull Lake School District.

For information about GLACV, please visit our website at GLACV.org.



A vertical thermometer with two scales: Fahrenheit (°F) on the left and Celsius (°C) on the right. The red liquid level is at approximately -20°F (-28°C).

Gull Lake National Honor Society is trying to help those in need

Warm Up the Winter

We are collecting donations of NEW gloves, hats, socks, mittens, and (gently used) coats.

Oct. 25 - Dec. 6th

Collection locations:
Gull Meadow Farms- Peachwave- Great Grounds-
Richland Fire Station- Gull Lake High School-
Gull Lake Middle School- Gull Lake Administration Building



Laura Zervic – glcsfineartsfoundation@gmail.com

FAF TO AWARD TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

We are thrilled to announce that we will once again be awarding two scholarships to GLHS students: the Robin Nott Performing Arts Company Scholarship and the GLCS Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship. Both scholarships are one-time awards of \$1,000. While the PAC scholarship is intended to honor those who have participated in the Performing Arts Company at GLHS, the FAF Scholarship is available to any student who has completed at least four (4) fine arts courses at GLHS and who intends to pursue a fine arts education in college. Applications are available in the high school guidance office, by emailing the FAF at the email address below, or at our website, <https://glcsfineartsfounda.wixsite.com/glcsfaf>.

TIS THE SEASON FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

During this season, we'd love for you to consider a donation to the Fine Arts Foundation. We depend upon contributions from our community. In addition to awarding two \$1,000 scholarships, during the 2018-2019 school year, we provided an unprecedented grant total, **over \$12,000**, to support a number of Arts-related activities in the GL Community Schools. Over the past five years, we have provided support for arts-related activities in every school in the district, ranging from supporting Art Shows at the Elementary Schools, helping to purchase a kiln and portable sound system at the Ryan Intermediate School, helping to purchase a kiln and thirty guitars at the Middle School, to purchasing a portable sound system for the GLHS marching band and being a long-time supporter of the Festival of the Senses at the High School. Donations may be made via PayPal at our website, or by mail to GLCS Fine Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 611, Richland, MI 49083.

For more information:

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Performing Arts Company

Lisa Oulette – Advisor – loulette@gulllakecs.org

Gull Lake High School's Performing Arts Company opened their 2019-2020 season with the classic play *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Cully Cooper, Haley Archambault, Trenten Hargrove, Anna Clinton, and Megan Henderson led the cast of over 20 performers. Several other students made the show happen by working behind the scenes on costumes, make up/hair, media, lighting, sound, set, and props, including Myriam Troncoso Lerma as stage manager and Madison Quinn as set and props chief.



With Pride!

Brandon Burris – HS Band Director – bburris@gulllakecs.org



Drum Majors at State

On November 2nd, the Gull Lake "Blue Devil" Marching Band competed in the Michigan Competition Band Association's State Championship located at Ford Field in Detroit! To qualify for this event, the GL Marching Band had to compete at three state qualifying competitions throughout October. The top two scores from October are averaged and ranked against other bands in our Flight. The top 10 scores qualify for the State Championships. The GL Marching Band qualified last year in their inaugural season of MCBA competition and finished 2018 in 9th place. This season after qualifying for their second year, the GL Band busses rolled out of Richland at 2:00AM, spent 15 hours on Saturday practicing, traveling, and competing at Ford Field ending up with a 6th place finish! This is the band's highest placement at the State MCBA Flight III Championships!

Drum Major, Paige Treat had this to say about the experience and this season..."I was nervous to be drum major at the start of this season, but I'm so glad that I was put into this role. I've been able to witness the growth of this band on a whole other level and I am so indescribably proud of everyone. They have pushed through hours and hours of hard physical and mental work that not many would be able to handle. The band members deserve every award and recognition that they received this season"

The Gull Lake Marching Band would like to thank the community and the school district for all of their support during the season. Without your continued support, we could not compete at such a high level of excellence.

Always with Pride!

www.gulllakecs.org

Meyer Music Honors Band

On Saturday, November 16, two Gull Lake High School students participated in the Meyer Music Honors Band. Junior Erika Hubbard, French horn, and Junior Megan Woulfe, trombone, were selected by Meyer Music to represent Gull Lake in their annual concert, held at Hastings High School.

The students were given music to prepare in advance and on the day of the concert, participated in a full day of rehearsals before their performance. Approximately 50 students from across West Michigan joined together to perform five selections, ranging from Hymnsong of Philip Bliss by Holsinger to Washington Post March by John Philip Sousa.

Erika Hubbard had this to say about the experience: "It was really neat to be able to play with three other horn players from South Haven, Tecumseh and Grand Rapids Christian. I made some really good friends with people who are serious about playing music. Our conductor, from Central Michigan University, was super helpful and he loved what he was doing. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again!"



Erika Hubbard and Megan Woulfe

Eighth Grade Honors Band

Michelle Chabitch – MS Band Director – mchabitch@gulllakecs.org

Congratulations to 8th-grade band students Lilly Alvey, Kat Colby, Nathan Hubbard, Camille Markucki, Leah Perkins, Lilli Shahid, Carter Skinner, and Brenna Temple for their fabulous performance at MSBOA District 11 Middle School Honors Band on Tuesday, November 5th at Plainwell High School. They represented GLMS with pride and Respect!



Gull Lake Early College student wins first place in KCC art show.

Joy Garno has always had a passion for creating things, and Early College is giving her the opportunity to take this skill to the next level.

As a young child, Joy made all kinds of art projects. In elementary and middle school, she signed up for every art class she could fit into her schedule.

When she was old enough to enroll in the Dual Enrollment/Early College program, the first thing she did was start taking art classes at Kellogg Community College (KCC).

As a student at KCC, Joy had the opportunity to enter two of her pieces into the Student Showcase art show. "It was fun to be a part of the show," Joy said. Not only was it fun, but she ended up being awarded first place in the 3D category, which included a cash prize. Also, after the show, she was even able to sell some of her work.

Joy's classes through EC have not only helped to further her education in core subjects, but have also helped her develop her ability to think creatively and come up with new solutions to challenges in the world around her.

Joy Garno



Joy's Art

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DEC. 22 | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

WINTER TREE ID ●
FEB. 8 | 1 - 4 P.M.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER ●
FEB. 14 | 6:30 - 9 P.M.

WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT ●
FEB. 29 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

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HEROES TO HIVES** ●
MARCH 26 | 7 - 9 P.M.

MAPLE SYRUP OPEN HOUSE ●
MARCH 28 | 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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Gull Lake Virtual Partnership Student Spotlights

Priscilla Craddock, a 12th grader with Gull Lake Virtual Partnership, is an entrepreneur with a passion for photography and business. Her ultimate career goal would be to become a professional sports photographer. Priscilla shares, "I got my first starter DSLR camera when I was in middle school. After about a million practice photoshoots with my friends, taking a photography class, and shadowing a professional photographer, I am finally taking my passion to the next level. With Scilla Joy photography. Virtual school has allowed me to be flexible enough in my schedule to throw myself into developing my business. Through virtual school I have also been able to take classes like economics, math in the workplace, and a photography elective at Bedford that has helped me improve my knowledge of business and entrepreneurship." To learn more about Priscilla's photography, visit scillajoyphotography.weebly.com.



Priscilla Craddock

Amari "Mari" O'Brien is an 8th grader at Gull Lake Virtual Partnership. To say she is passionate about tennis would be an understatement. Mari is currently enrolled in the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC) located in College Park, Maryland. JTCC is a world-class training program that offers Mari and other students the opportunity to reach their full potential on the court. She is one of 150 students who train year-round at the facility to achieve their current and future goals. Gull Lake Virtual Partnership has provided Mari with the perfect fit to excel both in tennis and the virtual classroom. Shalon O'Brien, Mari's mother says, "She tried out the academy for two weeks last summer. Mari loved it and has always wanted to have more time to devote to tennis on a daily basis. In a traditional school, she only had a couple hours in the evening that she could play each day. We chose to switch her to the Gull Lake Virtual Program because she can do her online classes right at the academy while having more time to train and play tennis. Her hope is to become a professional tennis player someday."



Amari O'Brien

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VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 11, the students and staff at Thomas M Ryan Intermediate welcomed and honored close to 100 veterans at our Veterans Day Celebration. Retired Col. Frank Walker, US Air Force, and Air National Guard was the keynote speaker. A reception followed the assembly.



Brownie Troop #80475, Girl Scout Troop #80438 and Boy Scout Troops #294 and #296



Brigadier General Secrist and Richard Ford U.S Air Force and Tariel Latham

BOOK FAIR



The Ryan PTO hosted a book fair in the Ryan Intermediate library. The sales were the highest they have been in the last 10 years! Classrooms visited the book fair twice: once to make a wish list and a second time to make purchases! Readers are Leaders!

OCTOBER LEADER IN ME CIRCLE ASSEMBLY

Each month our school participates in a student lead Community Circle Assembly which focuses on one of our LIM Seven Habits. This month we focused on Habit 2, Begin with The End In Mind. During our assembly, one student from each class is recognized for exhibiting one of the 7 Habits. Teachers select the student from their class who went over and above to exhibit characteristics of one of the 7 Habits. Congratulations to the students who were selected this month.



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Congratulations to
Koby Fraaza
for finishing 5th in the
MHSAA Division 2
State Finals!



Gull Lake Athletics

Karyn Furlong - Athletic Director - kfurlong@gulllakes.org

It was another successful fall season for our student-athletes! Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf and Girls Cross Country were SMAC East Division Champions! The Boys Soccer team was SMAC regular season and tournament champions!

Congratulations to our fall student-athletes receiving all conference recognition!.

CROSS COUNTRY

All East Division

Kayla Eklund
Makenzie Zeigler
Rachel Grimes
Koby Fraaza

All SMAC Team

Kayla Eklund
Makenzie Zeigler
Koby Fraaza

BOYS SOCCER

1st Team All SMAC

Nolan Jaros
Jacob Loudon
Jack Lockerbie
AJ Boucher
Rini Sylejmani
Roni Sylejmani

Honorable Mention

Jack Hirzel
Riley Folk

GIRLS GOLF

All East Division

Kaitlyn Lemon
Lauryn Jerke
Allison Hirzel

All SMAC Team

Kaitlyn Lemon

FOOTBALL

1st Team East Division

Nate Willard
Kevin Hook
Pete Gaudard
Braden Stanton

2nd Team East Division

Justin Larkin
Andrew Foster
Jacob Wiley
Dylan Stanton

Honorable Mention

Parker Ray
Nolan Fraaza

BOYS TENNIS

All SMAC Team

Danny Keene

VOLLEYBALL

1st Team East Division

Lexie Beeke
Ireland Watts

2nd Team East Division

Sonia Markucki
Maddie Corstange

Honorable Mention

Savannah Disbrow
Maddie Bellinger

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Congratulations to our Blue Devil Student-Athletes that have signed their National Letters of Intent to compete at the collegiate level. Pictured below are:

Nolan Jaros

University of Detroit Mercy, Soccer

Lexie Beeke

Youngstown State University, Volleyball

Luke Scoles

Central Michigan University, Baseball

Rosie Wisser

Ferris State University, Soccer

Dylan Stanton

University of Michigan, Baseball

Not pictured:

Vanessa Scheel

Western Michigan University, Soccer

We will feature Vanessa, along with additional athletes, in April on the spring signing day once they make their final decision.



Computer Science & Software Engineering is Gaining Momentum at Gull Lake High School!

Brad Lange-GLHS Computer Science Teacher-blange@gulllakecs.org



James Bishop

Mr. Brad Lange's Computer Science students are piloting a new course during the 2019-2020 school year called CSIC, Computer Science Independent Certification. This course is designed for students who have taken Computer Science & Software Engineering, continuing in the program by taking Advanced Computer Science and/or CyberSecurity. Students now have a great understanding of their passions in Computer Science allowing them to research Industry Standard Certifications they wish to prepare for independently by using a variety of online learning tools, take the certification test, pass the test, and become certified. Currently students are preparing for Linux +, Security +, CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) and C++ certifications. On Friday, November 15, James Bishop went to KVCC's testing center and passed his C++ certification giving him a huge advantage over his peers to fulfill his dreams as a Video Game programmer. "To me, this certification shows that I am capable of working with C++ in a professional environment. Without Computer Science Independent Certification, I would never have considered getting certified in C++" ~James Bishop. Please listen to Mr. Lange's Podcast where current students talk about this amazing opportunity as members of CSIC, <https://bit.ly/2NZn9mv>

In Mr. Lange's Computer Science & Software Engineering course students are given 20% of their time, Fridays, to form teams and work on a passion of theirs. Students can then continue their projects in Research & Development where they meet for 20% of their day to continue pursuing their passions designing amazing projects worthy of being displayed each year at Gull Lakes Innovation Day being held May 14, 2020 in the High Schools Media center from 8:30 - 1:30 for anyone in the community to view. In these courses in where the Grainery Pi Project began with team leader and CEO, Donovan Below spearheading the team with Jaylen Pigeon and Foreign Exchange student Alvaro Velasco from Spain. The team's dedication to their project is unparalleled with countless failures and to quote the CEO, "the major successes kept our team going". Their project is now in a

six-month testing phase at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market on Westnedge Ave in Kalamazoo. If all goes well, their project will be in stores throughout the Midwest. "Because Gull Lake's computer science classes are so open ended, I've been able to research in many different areas of computer science and ultimately determine what I want to do as a career. I've had the opportunity to work on projects that are relevant to my future and have allowed me



Donovan Below

to become much more engrossed in computer engineering as a whole. Because of this, Gull Lake has been a huge steppingstone into college and ultimately a job." ~Donovan Below class of 2020. Please take a moment to listen to Donovan's story through our podcast at <https://bit.ly/331hPmL> for this really inspiring for anyone who loves to be creative, solve problems and be okay with failure.



The Grainery-Donovan's project at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market on Westnedge

ROBOTICS

Patrick English-Advisor-penglish@gulllakecs.org

Saturday November 9th, our Gull Lake High School was host to 68 area robotics teams making up over 400 kids. 20 of those teams were Gull Lake teams competing in qualifying events at the Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle school level. 4 Gull Lake teams qualified to compete at the State level and 13 of our teams earned awards. It was an amazing event that we were glad to be a part of. Watch for our High School event, open and free to the public, in April. For more information about Gull Lake Robotics teams, please contact Patrick English at penglish@gulllakecs.org. Congratulations to all our Gull Lake teams for all their hard work this year.



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Elementary Happenings



1st Graders Bowling

Thanks to the Gull Lake Community Foundation, Kellogg Elementary first graders took a trip to Richland Lanes in October. The trip was a great culminating activity to end a two-week bowling unit they participated in during Physical Education class.

On World Kindness Day, Ms. Vander Wal's class kicked off "Every Child's Right to a Good Night," which collects and donates new pajamas to children in the community. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand new book to give to children who are affected by instability!



PJ Drive

Y5 Family Feast Celebration

All of the Young 5 students are preparing to host their families for a Family Feast Brunch to celebrate family and friendships. There will be music, a story, and of course...a tasty feast!

Students with placemats



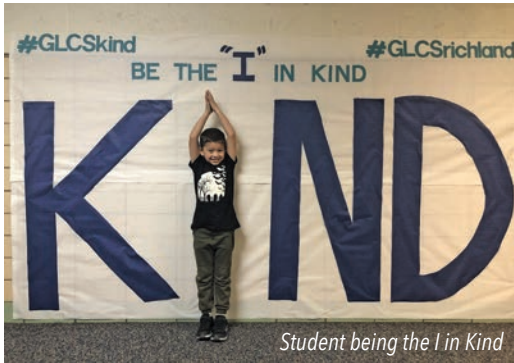
MAKER NIGHT

Richland Elementary had their first annual Maker Night in October. Families participated in STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) activities and were able to make several different items to take home with them. It was a night of creativity, fun, and delicious food. A special thank you to Maker Night Organizers Carly Andersen, Pam Gernaat, Kehly Remillet, and Erika Zimmer.



Be the "I" in KIND

Students at Richland Elementary learned about being kind to others. Through our recent Character Education focuses on friendship, respect, and empathy, students are discussing how they can be good friends to others, especially through kindness. Parents and staff were encouraged to take pictures of students being the "I" in KIND!



Student being the I in Kind

Brainstormers

Brainstormers artists came to visit Richland Elementary and to help students gain additional excitement for writing. Brainstormers will return later in the year to act out stories written by Richland Elementary students. Let the stories begin!!



Save the Date!



The annual



Father-Daughter Dance

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 7-9 p.m.

Gull Lake High School Cafeteria

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DAR Award

The class of 2020 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award Winner is **Nolan Fraaza**! Nolan was nominated by faculty and his senior class to win this award. The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected must have the qualities of dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); service (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); leadership (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an outstanding degree! Congratulations Nolan!



GLHS NATIONAL MERIT SEMI FINALIST

We are pleased to to announce that GLHS senior **Haley Schumann**, is a National Merit Semi Finalist. Haley is among 16,000 selected nationwide in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. She now advances for finalist consideration that will be announced in the spring. A HUGE honor and we are very proud of you!!!



HOURS
MON: CLOSED
TUES-FRI: 11A-9P
SAT: 8A-9P
SUN: 9A-2P

WEEKLY SPECIALS

TUESDAY : \$5 PULLED PORK SANDWICHES
WEDNESDAY: \$2 SPECIALTY TACOS
THURSDAY: \$3 BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER
FRIDAY: \$10 1/2 RACK RIBS MEAL
SATURDAY: .75¢ WINGS

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all of our specials and news throughout the winter.

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Gull Lake High School National Honor Society Gives Back to the Community!

Holly Rowland-NHS Advisor-hrowland@gulllakecs.org



Clara Sandell

VETERANS DAY DRIVE

NHS collected personal care items and delivered them to the VA Hospital in Battle Creek the week of November 11th. Teams of high school students also went to elementary classes to facilitate coloring pictures and thank you letters for local vets. Thank you to all of our Veterans!

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WINTER CAMP
JANUARY 2-4, 2020

Can't wait for summer to come back to camp? Join us for Winter Camp - three days and two nights of frosty fun!

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Bailey Mougalian, Ashlyn Wisser, Nick Dawson, Cully Cooper and Koby Fraaza

2019/2020 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

Want to thank to the local sponsors for funding the t-shirts that NHS members will wear during community service. P.A.W. Hardwear Flooring Supplies, Christy Corsi Agency- Farm Bureau Insurance, Rogers Refrigeration and Jaspers Pizza Gull Rd.



Gateway

Lynnette Walker – Gateway Academy Supervisor –
lwalker@gulllakes.org

The Gateway Academy students have been hard at work, bringing enthusiasm and dedication to the task of bringing a mural project closer to completion. They're working under the guidance of Stephanie L. Teegardin, the project's manager and Art Instructor, as well as Ivy Clark, Student Leader for the project.

The visual intention of the mural is to symbolize the place that Gateway occupies in its student's lives, to improve student self-confidence and esteem, as well as improve the building with some student public art. It is also a nod to the ecological treasures of the area.

We wish to thank Douglas & Sons and KRESA for providing funding and supplies for the project.

We would also like to thank the Richland/Gull Lake Area Lions Club, who started our school year off with an incredible donation of \$700! We appreciate the continued support of the Lions Club as they continue to invest in the lives of our students.



18th Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

Mrs. Fulling's class prepared their annual Thanksgiving lunch for their parents and the middle school staff. As a part of this activity, they shop and plan the whole event. The students are so proud of their hard work and enjoyed eating! Thank you to the middle school PTSO for generously funding this annual opportunity for Mrs. Fulling's students!



Volunteers Host a Halloween Party for Families at The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

Deb Kuch-Volunteers Advisor-dkuch@gulllakecs.org

On Monday, October 28th GLHS Volunteers enjoyed Halloween fun, face painting, games and crafts with families at the Gospel Mission. The Halloween party is one of the highlights of the fall for many Volunteers, enjoying this time of community bonding. The Volunteers plan to work again with the children of the Gospel Mission and to work toward some fundraisers to buy books and other needed supplies this spring.

The Volunteers would like to thank Gull Meadow Farms for their generous donation of over 800 donuts for this event. Thank you to all the community groups for their generous contributions.



**With YOUR HELP,
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Already this school year, Foundation grants have supported a Middle School Innovation program, a district-wide #GLWell Initiative, overnight leadership training, a chamber music program and much more! **Please support our great work.**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakescs.org.

MEETING DATES

December 16, 2019
January 20, 2020
February 17, 2020
March 16, 2020
April 20, 2020

An Open Invitation to our Senior Friends **ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

The Gull Lake Middle School Student Senate and student body are excited to invite our senior friends to join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 12, at 11:30 AM. As seniors enter the luncheon the middle school eighth grade band will kick off the celebration with festive music. At noon seniors will be served a delicious meal and will be provided entertainment from the Gull Lake Middle School Choir. You can catch up with friends or come and make new ones. Parking will be in the back of Gull Lake Middle School. As an extra service to you, we will have valet parking, which starts at 11:00 AM.

Please make your reservation by Friday, December 6. This is our way to give you back a little something for the many years of service you have given your school community.

For reservations call 548-3600 by December 6!
We look forward to seeing you there!



ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

*Schedules are subject to change. Please check the GL athletic website at goglbluedevils.com.

*MS schedules available online at goglbluedevils.com.

*Please call the athletic office at (269) 548-3520 with any questions.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

7:00 pm

12/10	Otsego
12/13	Loy Norrix
12/17	Mattawan
1/3	Williamston Hoopfest
1/7	Marshall
1/10	Battle Creek Central
1/14	St. Joseph
1/17	Kalamazoo Central
1/21	Three Rivers
1/24	Lakeview
1/28	Portage Central
2/4	Lakeshore
2/7	Loy Norrix
2/11	Niles
2/14	Battle Creek Central
2/18	Schoolcraft
2/21	Kalamazoo Central
2/25	Portage Northern
2/28	Lakeview
3/3	Comstock

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

12/10	Otsego	5:45 pm
12/12	Loy Norrix	7:00 pm
12/17	Mattawan	5:45 pm
1/3	Williamston Hoopfest	5:45 pm
1/7	Marshall	5:45 pm
1/9	BC Central	7:00 pm
1/14	St. Joseph	5:45 pm
1/16	Kal. Central	7:00 pm
1/21	Three Rivers	5:45 pm
1/23	Lakeview	7:00 pm
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2/6	Loy Norrix	7:00 pm
2/11	Niles	5:45 pm
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2/20	Kal. Central	7:00 pm
2/25	Portage N.	5:45 pm
2/27	Lakeview	7:00 pm
3/3	Comstock	5:45 pm

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

12/10	Otsego	4:15 pm
12/12	Loy Norrix	5:45 pm
12/17	Mattawan	4:15 pm
1/3	Williamston Hoopfest	4:15 pm
1/7	Marshall	4:15 pm
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2/20	Kal. Central	5:45 pm
2/25	Portage N.	4:15 pm
2/27	Lakeview	5:45 pm
3/3	Comstock	4:30 pm

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/3	West Ottawa	7:00 pm
12/6	Caledonia	7:00 pm
12/10	Otsego	7:00 pm
12/13	Loy Norrix	5:45 pm
12/17	Mattawan	7:00 pm
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2/11	Niles	7:00 pm
2/14	BC Central	5:45 pm
2/18	Sturgis	7:15 pm
2/21	Kal. Central	5:45 pm
2/25	Portage N.	7:00 pm
2/28	Lakeview	5:45 pm
3/2	Districts	
3/4	District Semifinals	

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2/18	Sturgis	4:15 pm
2/20	Kal. Central	4:15 pm
2/25	Portage N.	4:15 pm
2/27	Lakeview	4:15 pm

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

12/14	Paw Paw	9:00 am
12/16	Loy Norrix	6:00 pm
1/11	Blue Devil Invite	11:00 am
1/13	Lakeview	6:00 pm
1/18	Mattawan	9:00 am
2/10	Mattawan	6:00 pm
2/17	GL Open	6:00 pm

VARSITY WRESTLING (Team A)

12/11	Quad @ Schoolcraft	6:00 pm
12/14	Greenville Inv	9:30 am
12/18	Gull Lake	6:00 pm
12/21	Gull Lake Inv	9:00 am
1/4	Marshall Inv	9:00 am

1/8	Gull Lake	6:00 pm
1/18	Bronson Inv	9:00 am
1/22	Gull Lake	6:00 pm
1/29	Lakeview	6:00 pm
2/1	Lakewood Duals	8:30 am
2/5	Loy Norrix	6:00 pm
2/8	SMAC Conference Finals	10:00 am
2/12	Team Districts	6:00 pm
2/15	Indiv Districts	10:00 am
2/19	MHSAA Team Regionals	6:00 pm

VARSITY WRESTLING (Team B)

12/16	JV Jamboree @ Mattawan	5:00 pm
12/18	Gull Lake	6:00 pm
1/4	Jim Wade Invite @ C-S	9:00 am
1/13	JV Jamboree @ Kal. Central	5:00 pm
1/22	Gull Lake	6:00 pm
1/29	Lakeview	6:00 pm
2/5	Loy Norrix	6:00 pm

BOWLING

12:00 pm

12/7	Mattawan
12/14	Portage C. 11:00 am @ Richland Lanes
12/21	Portage N. @ M-66 Bowl
1/11	BC Central 11:00 am @ Rainbow Lanes
1/18	Kal. Central @ Eastland Bowl
1/25	Paw Paw @ South Lanes
2/1	Otsego @ Airway Lanes
2/8	Vicksburg @ Revel N Roll
2/15	Loy Norrix @ Bowlero Lanes
2/21	SMAC Tournament 3 pm
2/22	OPEN @ Eastland Bowl

KALAMAZOO EAGLES HOCKEY

Bold Games at Wings West

12/4	Portage N.	7:45 pm
12/6	Tawas Area	8:35 pm
12/13	East Lansing @ Suburban Ice East Lansing	7:00 pm
12/14	Lumen Christi @ Jackson Optimist Ice Arena	6:00 pm
12/18	Mattawan	7:45 pm
12/20	Cheboygan Showcase @ Cheboygan Ice Rink	
12/21	Cheboygan Showcase @ Cheboygan Ice Rink	
1/8	South West Mich Blades	7:30 pm
1/15	Portage N.	5:30 pm
1/24	Dewitt	5:15 pm
1/25	Okemos	12:45 pm
1/29	Kal. United	5:30 pm
1/31	Northview @ Georgetown Ice Rink	7:00 pm
2/5	Portage C.	7:45 pm
2/7	Open	7:15 pm
2/8	Holt @ Summit Sports and Ice Complex	7:00 pm
2/12	Mattawan	5:30 pm
2/15	Holt	1:30 pm
2/22	Open	5:45 pm



Gull Lake Community Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2019

2	1st Day of Second Trimester	
2-6	Richland EL. Book Fair	
5	Wassailing in Richland	5:30 pm
7	GL Spirit Shop Sale	8-2 pm
	Location: Gull Lake High School	
	Grad Bash Mattress Sale	10-5 pm
	Location: Gull Lake High School	
9	GL Sports Booster Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge	
10	Kellogg PTO Meeting	9:05 am
12	Senior Holiday Luncheon	12 pm
	Location: Middle School Gym	
13	Richland PTO Meeting	9 am
16	Board of Education Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
18	Community Volunteers Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Richland Township Hall	
23	Winter Break Begins	
	12/23/19 – 1/3/20	

JANUARY 2020

6	School Resumes	
8	GLMS PTSO Meeting	9:15 am
	Location: Middle School	
9	GL Band Parent Assoc. Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Band Room	
10	Richland PTO Meeting	9 am
13	GL Sports Booster Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge	
14	Kellogg PTO Meeting	9:05 am
15	Early Release	
	See GL website for dismissal times	
	Community Volunteers Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Richland Township Hall	
17	GL Health & Wellness Meeting	10 am
	Location: GLHS Conference Rm	
	Ryan PTO Meeting	10 am
21	Board of Education Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
27	Fine Arts Foundation Meeting	6 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
	GLCS Foundation Meeting	6:30 pm
	Location: GL Administration Building	

FEBRUARY 2020

5	GLMS PTSO Meeting	9:15 am
	Location: Middle School	
6	SNO-COURT Assembly	1:30 pm
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 – 8 pm

7	NO SCHOOL	
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	9 – 4 pm
8	SNO-COURT Dance	8-11 pm
	Location: Gull Lake High School	
10	GL Sports Booster Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge	
11-16	Ryan Int. Book Fair	
11	Kellogg PTO Meeting	9:05 am
14	Richland PTO Meeting	9 am
	GL Band Parent Assoc. Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Band Room	
18	Board of Education Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
19	Early Release	
	See GL website for dismissal times	
	Community Volunteers Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Richland Township Hall	
21	GL Health & Wellness Meeting	10 am
	Location: GLHS Conference Rm	
24	Fine Arts Foundation Meeting	6 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
	GLCS Foundation Meeting	6:30 pm
	Location: GL Administration Building	

MARCH 2020

4	GLMS PTSO Meeting	9:15 am
	Location: Middle School	
9-13	Richland EL. Book Fair	
9	GL Sports Booster Meeting	7 pm
	Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge	
10	Kellogg PTO Meeting	9:05 am
12	½ Day of School	
	See GL website for dismissal times	
13	½ Day of School	
	See GL website for dismissal times	
	Richland PTO Meeting	9 am
16	1st Day of Third Trimester	
18	Early Release	
	See GL website for dismissal times	
	Community Volunteers Meeting	7 pm
	Location: Richland Township Hall	
20	GL Health & Wellness Meeting	10 am
	Location: GLHS Conference Rm	
	Ryan PTO Meeting	10 am
21	Father-Daughter Dance	7-9 pm
23	Fine Arts Foundation Meeting	6 pm
	Location: Ryan Intermediate	
	GLCS Foundation Meeting	6:30 pm
	Location: GL Administration Building	

FINE ARTS

December 2019

3	GLMS Holiday Band Concert	7 pm
	Location: Middle School Gym	
5	GLHS Holiday Band Concert	7 pm
	Location: High School Gym	

February 2020

18	GLMS Pre-Festival Band Concert	7 pm
	Location: Middle School Gym	
20	GLHS Pre-Festival Band Concert	7 pm
	Location: High School Gym	