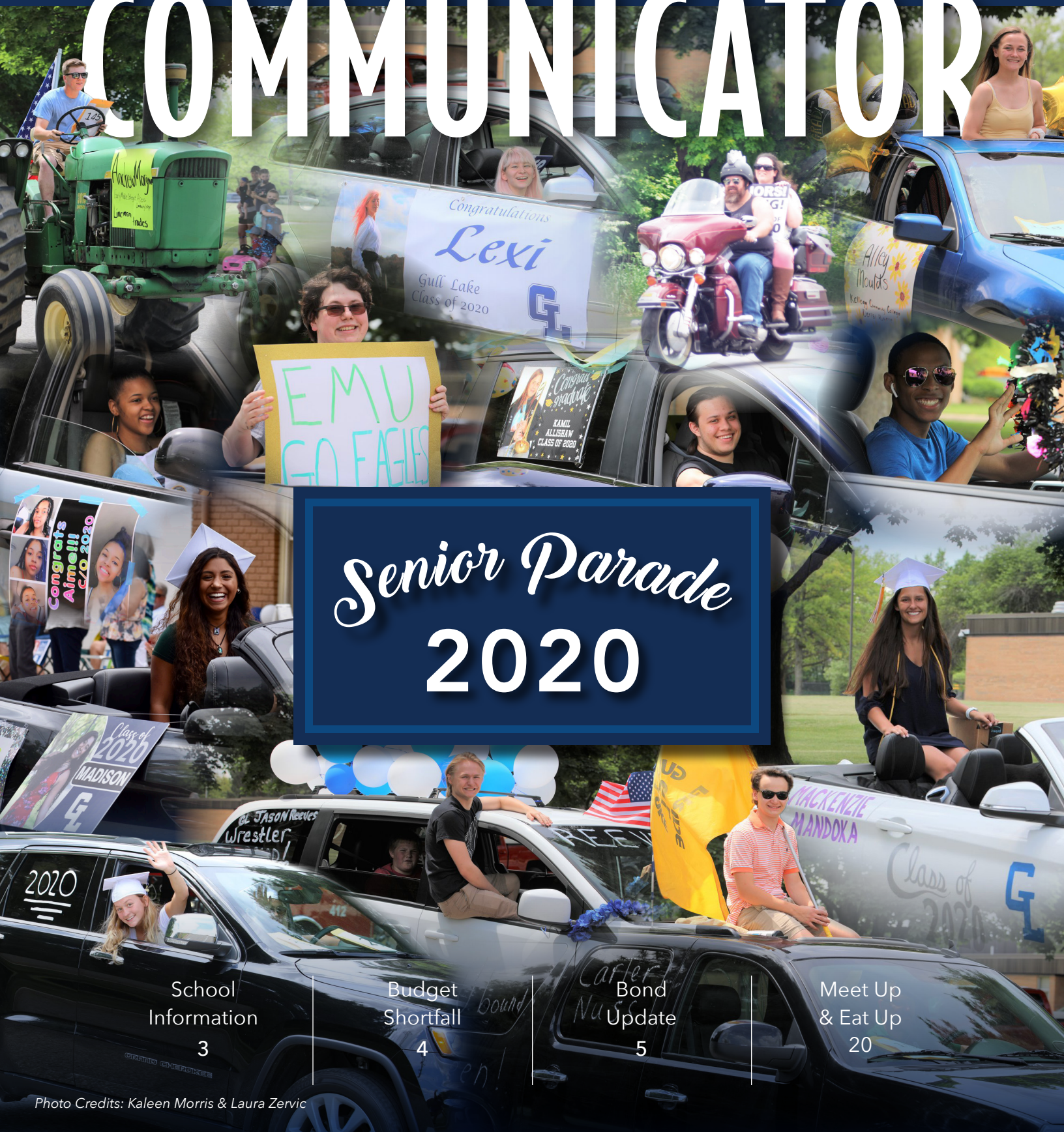




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Superintendent Message

As I write this message, our 2019-20 school year has drawn to close after holding the end of year Cap and Gown car parade for seniors and “Honk and Wave” car parades at our elementary schools. The middle school student senate developed an online “padlet” platform for everyone to recognize 8th graders moving on to high school.

These celebrations and recognition events were a welcomed way to gather while observing proper social distancing techniques in order to maximize each other’s safety in the face of the COVID-19 phenomenon.

We have learned many things about ourselves and each other during this unprecedented time and are already beginning to incorporate that new knowledge in creative ways to plan for summer and the coming school year. How will we interact with each other as we advance the learning of our GLCS students and support our families? To that end, we have gathered survey information from families and staff and are using it to map out pathways that will best serve the practical needs of our students and school community. We are blessed with a compassionate and dedicated staff, gracious and caring parents, and an innovative streak that keeps us on the leading edge of positive change in the pursuit of meaningful and engaging lifelong learning.

The quality of our initial response to the instant changes brought about by COVID-19 can only be surpassed by our next collaboration to bring about the necessary conditions for a successful new school year. A design team has been gathered from across the District representing all areas of our comprehensive program offerings. This group is incorporating all the input you have provided through the survey process and continues to closely monitor emerging guidance from all levels in order to create the safest and most effective routines for our kids and staff. We will keep you informed on our progress in the coming days and weeks so that you can create your family plans and arrangements accordingly.

I am pleased to inform you that the District has been able to continue progress on the capital bond project that is transforming our District buildings into next generation learning infrastructure. Our partners in this project have been diligent in moving this important work forward and you will find additional information in the following pages of this edition of the Communicator and those to follow. The continuation of this project is a reminder that we can successfully navigate the challenges of our current environment and look to the future with hope and anticipation of better things to come. I want to remind you that the bond funds collected for this project by law must be spent on infrastructure and can be used only on the completion of the project versus being diverted into general fund expenditures and daily operations of the District. We are excited about how the project is taking shape and believe you will be inspired

You have been made aware through the media that school funding is taking a hit along with the rest of the revenue shortfalls that have impacted the economy of our state and nation. We are aware that many of our families and students have been impacted by this issue and are here to assist you even as we make the necessary budget adjustments to minimize the impact at the classroom level. Our community is built to withstand these challenges and knows how to support each other during times of crisis. Please know that we are hearing your voice and are standing with you to face the challenge together.

Best Regards,
Raphael Rittenhouse/GLCS Superintendent

IN MEMORIAM



Jonathan (Jon) Scott, Vice President of the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Trustees, passed away suddenly on April 23 at the age of 51.

Surviving members of his family are parents Charles and Bestie Scott, wife Starla Scott (Wank) with three children Alex, Megan and Gabe Scott, brothers Steve (Heidi) Scott and Rob (Lindsay) Scott.

Jon was the president and co-owner of the family business Gull Lake View Golf Club and Resort. Jon graduated from Gull Lake High School in 1987, then continued a quest of higher education with two degrees from Michigan State University, a master’s from Western Michigan University, and Juris Doctor Degree from Cooley Law School.

Jon was elected to the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Trustees in November 2014 and actively served on the Board since 2015. Jon was a great supporter of the Gull Lake Community Schools and the greater Gull Lake community.

His former commitments to the community included being a Ross Township Trustee, board member of the Parks Committee supporting the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, and board member of Family & Children Services.

Jon’s family and his many friends will miss Jon deeply and remember him dearly. Jon passionately promoted golf and related businesses at the local, state, national, and international levels, and he did so with a humanitarian focus that is praiseworthy. Jon ran his businesses with the goal of improving the lives of everyone they affected, including his employees, customers, business associates, and members of the community. Jon made Southwest Michigan a better place; it is lessened by his passage.

His family asks those who wish to commemorate Jon to contribute to organizations that he whole-heartedly supported, such as the Gull Lake Community School Foundation (www.glcsf.org) or Family & Children Services (fcsources.org), or to similar organizations in their communities.

A memorial service will be planned at a time when friends and family can safely gather to honor Jon.



Drew Bordner

Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology - dbordner@gulllakecs.org

Over the past several months students, staff, families, and our school community have banded together amid uncertain times and circumstances. With the ability to show grace, compassion, and understanding we have made it through the 2019-2020 school year.

In a recent podcast shared by a fellow administrator, Zaretta Hammond gave a good reminder "that parents have always been our students' first teachers". Walking, talking, riding bikes, parents have always been on the frontlines of educating their children. This spring challenged GLCS staff and families to work together through unusual learning opportunities to educate our students.

As we continue to process the lessons learned from all corners of our school community, our district is actively working through multiple plans and delivery models for the 2020-2021 school year. These plans and scenarios include in person, hybrid/blended (in person and online), and complete virtual learning. We continue to monitor information from local, state, and national levels to provide a safe learning environment for the upcoming school year. We appreciate families taking time to provide feedback through surveys and sharing with our staff what has worked and what can be improved.

ATTENTION Incoming Kindergarten Families!

The Kalamazoo County Health Department will be conducting **FREE** Hearing and Vision Screenings for students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Screenings will take place at the Richland Area Community Center located at 9400 East CD Ave. in Richland.

SCREENING DATES AND TIMES

- July 8th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- July 13th from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- July 20th from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- July 22nd from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

To schedule a 10-minute session please contact Annette at 269-373-5031.



Summer Enrollment for 2020-2021 School Year

Students enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year, during the summer months, should contact our Administration Office at 269-548-3400 and request a student enrollment packet.

Enrolling your student during the summer will help ensure he/she has a bus assignment at the beginning of the school year. Students enrolled after the first week in August may experience a delay in a bus stop being assigned until after the first day of school.

We welcome all new families to the district and will do all that we can to make relocation transitions as easy as possible.



Graduating Leaders

Enrolling for the 2020-2021 School Year for Kindergarten & Young Fives



**Information on how to enroll
available on our district website
www.gulllakecs.org/district/enrollment**

**Enrollment Forms
Due
July 15, 2020**

State law requires that children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2020 be eligible to enroll into a kindergarten program for the 2020-2021 school year. Children whose birthdays fall between September 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020 may be eligible for our Young Fives program.

State Budget Shortfall Puts School Funding at Risk

The pandemic has had a significant impact on many aspects of our day to day lives. As we look toward the 2020-21 school year, there are many questions. One of the most significant concerns that the education community is facing is a reduction in the funds provided to school districts.

First, here are a few school funding basics:

- In Michigan, school districts receive the bulk of their funding from a base amount called a Foundation Grant to each district. In 2019-20, the state allocated approximately \$8100.00 per full time student to the Gull Lake Community Schools. This amount is paid in monthly installments from October-August from the State School Aid Fund.
- The State School Aid Fund is the source for school funding in Michigan. It is comprised primarily of dedicated sales tax revenue. Other sources, such as the lottery, do not add to the school fund, but supplant sales tax dollars allocated to the fund. While the lottery dollars go to the fund, an equal amount is then redirected out of the fund.
- By law, the school fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30, but the state fiscal year runs October 1- September 30th. School districts are required by law to have local school boards approve a balanced budget before June 30th. This year the Gull Lake Board will act on this requirement on June 29th, after the required Budget Hearing on that same day (Check the GL website for details). By constitutional mandate, the state must adopt a balanced budget by October 1.
- The State of Michigan, unlike the Federal Government, cannot run a "deficit" budget.
- The other main state fund is the general fund, which provides dollars to most other state government activities. The state also has a significant amount of federal funds which it receives and passes through for use by state agencies. These funds are earmarked, by law, for use for specific purposes.

The State of Michigan budgeting process is complicated.

- Throughout the fiscal year, the state holds revenue estimating conferences to determine if the dollars are flowing into the treasury at a rate which meets estimates. If these

projections do not meet estimates, the state can REDUCE the amount allocated to agencies, including school districts, and reduce the monthly allocations. If this occurs early in the School year, it allows for districts to make adjustments to expenditures, as districts get closer to June 30th, they have less and less ability to reduce spending to adjust for reductions in allocations.

- Funds collected via bonding which voters approve for specific purposes cannot be used for operational expenses. Therefore these funds cannot be redirected for the purpose of supporting day to day costs to districts.
- School districts hold some limited funds in a Fund Balance, which are unallocated funds built up over time to help offset unexpected expenses. These funds are used by lenders to determine the financial stability of districts; they impact bond ratings for borrowing as well as interest rates. These funds also impact the annual borrowing districts must do to cover operational costs for the month of September when the state does not allocate any funds to the districts, yet the costs continue. The Gull Lake Board has worked to maintain a 10% Fund Balance (as a % of expenses) for many years. The Balance has fluctuated over the years, from as high as 15% to as low as 8.1% during the great recession.

What is the challenge and impact on Gull Lake Community Schools?

We are facing unprecedented fiscal challenges. The State School Aid Fund is projected to have a \$1.2 billion deficit for the current year, and deficits for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 years as well. The state general fund is facing a \$2-3 billion deficit. Since the state cannot deficit spend, there are few if any options to make these funds whole.

Based on the best sources of information coming from the educational community and the Treasury Department, our current year state aid will be reduced by \$650.00 per student. With very little time left in the school fiscal year, there is no way to reduce expenditures to meet this reduction. The district will be forced to absorb this using the Fund Balance. This then reduces the Fund Balance to approximately 6.99%, and leaves little for use in the 20-21 fiscal year or beyond.

The Board Finance Committee has recommended to the full Board that the Fund Balance floor be set at 6% for next year (a reduction of 4% below Board Policy recommended amount). This allows some flexibility for unseen issues, but leaves very few funds to help offset the expected ADDITIONAL reduction of another \$650.00 per student for the 2020-21 school year. It's also important to note that the Michigan Treasury Department maintains a "watch list" of districts with fund balances at 5% or below. If a district ends up on this list, the state can mandate budget changes, and local districts lose some local control to the state.

The district will face a deficit of nearly \$2.6 million for the 2020-21 year. This will require significant reductions in operations. Since over 81% of the district's budget is salary and benefits, this will mean a reduction in staffing, a reduction and freeze in compensation or a combination of both. The district has been engaged in ongoing discussions with employee groups and all parties are working to find the best and fairest way to make these decisions and minimize the impact on the classroom and programs that make Gull Lake Community Schools special and unique.

While the state and the district hope that Federal funds will be allocated to states to help backfill the deficits for the next 2-3 years, there currently is NOT a Bill in congress to do this. There are bi-partisan discussions going on to offer such a bill, but it will not be approved (if it is offered) before the district is required to adopt a budget (June 30th). During these difficult times, the district continues to be committed to offer the very best public education to all members of our community and to support appropriate staffing to achieve this goal. As an employer, the district is committed to working with all employee groups to find the most compassionate and collaborative manner to achieve the reductions necessary to meet the expected challenges in the next few years, while remaining nimble enough to make programs and staff whole should federal funds arrive anytime in the next few months.

Please contact Superintendent Rittenhouse with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brown
VP and Treasurer
Gull Lake Board of Education

Bond Update

RYAN INTERMEDIATE

- Trades have begun renovation work in existing building beginning of June.
- Construction in the new classroom additions continues.
- Sidewalks are completed and construction progressing for the playground areas.
- Project is still scheduled to be complete prior to school beginning this Fall, 2020.



Ryan Extended Learning Area

KELLOGG ELEMENTARY

- Demolition of the Maintenance Storage Building is completed.
- Site work prepping for the building addition areas is ongoing.
- New drain field and lift station construction is ongoing.
- Project is projected to be completed prior to school beginning in the Fall 2021.

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY

- Site work has begun with removals of topsoil and earthwork ongoing for the building addition areas.
- Project is projected to be completed prior to school beginning in the Fall 2021.

MAINTENANCE & STORAGE BLDG.

- Foundations completed, building framing is ongoing.
- Project is projected to be completed early August 2020.



Maintenance Building



HS Performing Arts Center

Covid-19 Exposure prevention, preparedness and Response Plan is in place on all construction sites. Highlights of the plan as follows:

- Everyone seeking access to the construction sites goes through daily screening.
- Social distancing is maintained between people on the sites and in areas where this distancing is unattainable PPE is necessary, which includes at a minimum, use of an appropriate face mask/covering.
- Groups are kept to less than 10 people maintaining social distancing.
- Alcohol-based wipes or an approved disinfectant is to be used for any tools and equipment that are shared.

DRIVE-IN VBS

FEARFACTOR

GRACESPRING VBS 2020

K-5TH GRADERS

JULY 20-24 / 6:30-8

MORE INFO @:

www.gracespringchurch.org/vbs

HS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- Final design and development of the construction drawings is ongoing.
- Construction drawings projected to be completed in August 2020.
- Project scheduled to be bid in September 2020
- Construction projected to begin October 2020
- Project is projected to be completed late December 2021/early January 2022

*For more on the bond updates please visit the Gull Lake District website, under Bond Updates



Eddie Keene joins the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Education

Eddie Keene and his wife Sue have lived in the district since 2010, and their three children have graduated and benefited from the diverse educational opportunities offered by Gull Lake Community Schools. Eddie is a mechanical engineer who began his career as an energy management consultant for military bases. He is now a senior director at Kellogg, and during his years with the company has worked at its manufacturing facilities in Memphis and Omaha. Eddie also has managed Kellogg's Louisville, Cincinnati, and Battle Creek manufacturing facilities. Eddie and his family enjoy many outdoor activities.

He is a dedicated blood donor and has lent his expertise to volunteer activities such as noise reduction within hearing-impaired classrooms, youth sports coaching, Grad Bash fund raising, Robotics, and Scouting.

We would like to welcome Eddie Keene to the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Education. He is filling a recent board vacancy.

NOTICE

GULL LAKE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION TWO SEATS OPEN FOR ELECTION



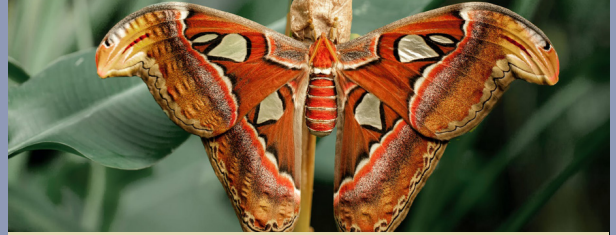
Two 6-year terms will be filled at the November 3, 2020 General Election. Interested community members seeking these positions must submit a Nominating Petition containing at least 40 supporting signatures of registered voters in Gull Lake Community Schools or a \$100 filing fee.

Petitions must be returned to the Richland Township offices by Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 19, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

NOTE: To be eligible to cast a ballot you must be a registered voter.

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JULY 15
6:30 P.M.
SPECTACULAR
SNAKES!

JULY 29
6:30 P.M.
DAZZLING
DRAGONFLIES!

ONGOING DAWN TO DUSK
SUSTAINING THE VISION
SELF-GUIDED HISTORICAL
SCAVENGER HUNT

AUG. 8 9-10 A.M.
NATURE DRAWING:
BLENDING ART AND SCIENCE
FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

JULY 8 10-10:30 A.M.
BIRDS & COFFEE CHAT
FREE AND ONLINE

AUG. 12 10-10:30 A.M.
BIRDS & COFFEE CHAT
FREE AND ONLINE

AUG. 5 6-7 P.M.
FIELD BOTANY COURSE
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THROUGH SEPT. 9

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Lori drogosh – drogoshlori@gmail.com

Like many other spring activities, our Annual Father-Daughter Dance was cancelled, much to the dismay of hundreds of young girls who were looking forward to dressing up and dancing the night away. We were so pleased to discover that several families held their own Father-Daughter Dances at home and enjoyed the evening despite the dance being canceled.



Kevin and Lyra celebrating the Annual Father-Daughter dance at home.

Our main fundraisers are the Father-Daughter Dance and the Richland Art Fair. If you would please consider making a charitable donation to the Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers, so that we can continue to provide support to Gull Lake Students in need and to their families. Please log into our website at GLACV.org. Click on Donations- How You Can Help on the top right side. Thank you for supporting the Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers!



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The proceeds from the Father-Daughter Dance, help fund the programs that we sponsor each year. We are a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization that provides new coats and snow pants for Gull Lake area children in need, through our Fall warm-up program, and clothing, educational toys, food, and personal care items for families in need with our Bright Holidays program. We help students with tutoring expenses, medical and dental needs, and assist with emergency needs for their families. We also provide two scholarships each year to Gull Lake High School seniors who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism.

47th Annual

Richland Art Fair

Saturday, July 18, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

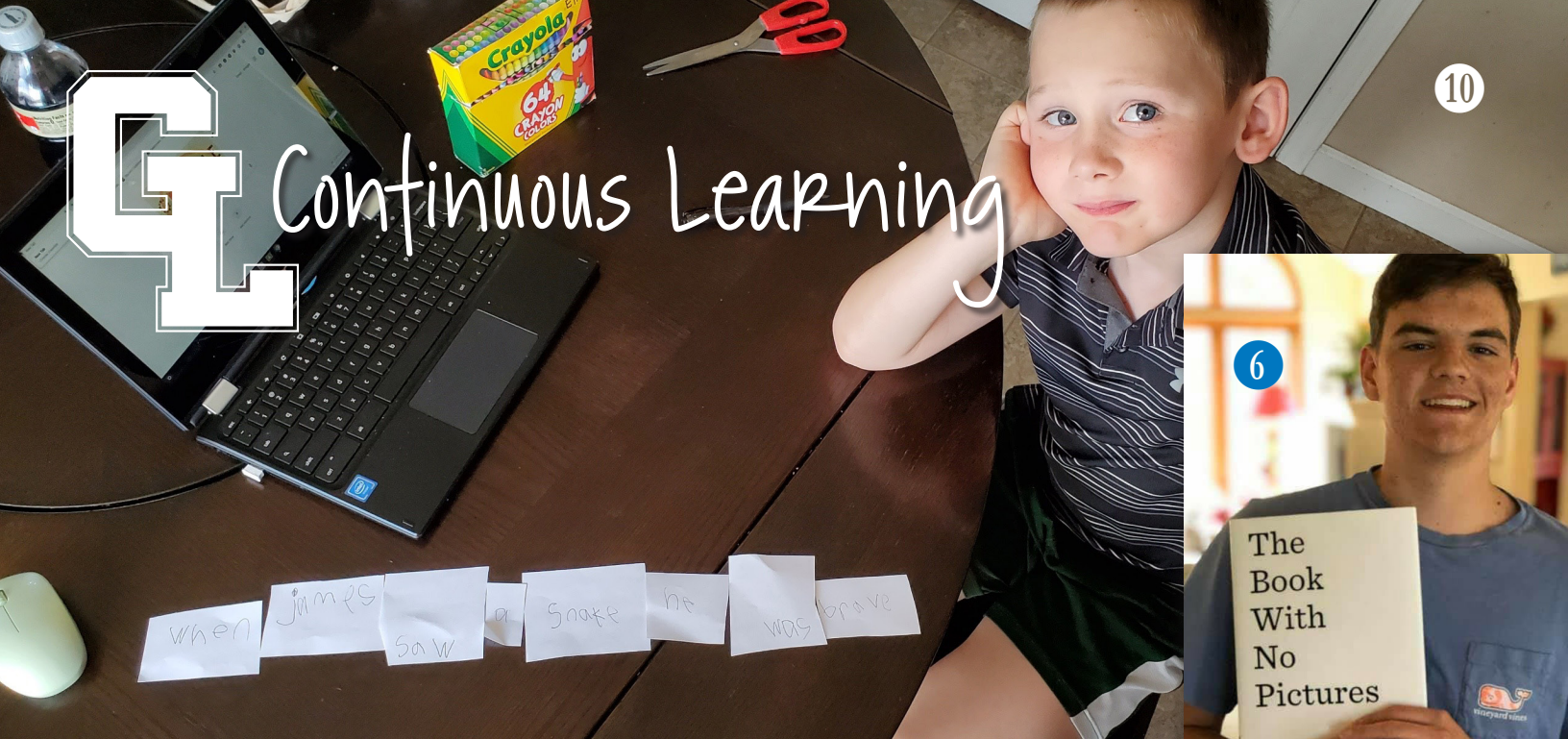
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For more information go to www.GLACV.org

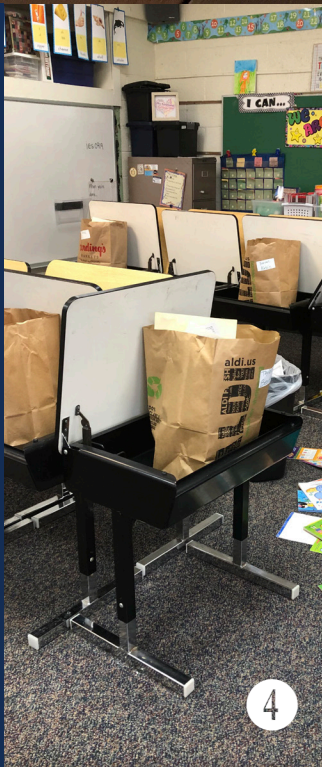




Continuous Learning



- 1 GL Continuous Learning
- 2 8th grade ELA reacting Romeo and Juliet
- 3 First graders at Richland and Kellogg virtually learn about life cycles through painted ladies and monarch butterflies.
- 4 Cleaning out desks and lockers.
- 5 Business+ Department Virtual Meeting: Mr. Lange, Ms. Hudson, Mrs. Stislicki, Mrs. Goebel, Mrs. Tarnas and Mr. Mullins
- 6 & 7 Jack Lockerbie and Zach Collard and other members of the GL Varsity Basketball team took turns reading to third and fourth graders over zoom.
- 8 5th grade Star Wars themed class meeting for May 4th.
- 9 MS Student Belongings Pick-Up.
- 10 Reading at home.
- 11 Learning map skills.
- 12 First grade students enjoy learning at home with Mrs. Kendrick.
- 13 Successful day of at home learning.
- 14 Writing at home.
- 15 Learning at home with a chromebook.







Early College and Gull Lake Virtual Partnership News

Bobbi Jo Stoner - Principal of Early College and Innovative Programs - bstoner@gulllakecs.org

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 Early College Graduates... our 6th group of Gull Lake Early College students! We are so proud of these 42 students as they recently completed their final (grade 13) year with Gull Lake. Each student's plan and success is unique depending on their pathway; many have earned associate degrees, occupational certificates, or up to two years of transferable college credit to their next university destination.

Dakota Barnes
Lindsey Bennett
Joel Blackburn
Bryce Brooks
Robert Carlton
Tony Clark
Andrew Curtis
Isaac Dudash
Tyler Ford

Jade Gowan
Kayla Gowan
Ava Green
Emily Grimes
Mitchell Johnson
Nicholas Johnson
Vanessa Kamsickas
Emma Kellam

Madeline Koneska
Nathan Krawczyk
Gabriel Kwekel
Chloe Leitch
Andrew Lueck
Hunter Macomber
Tyler Mahoney
Jessica McMillan

Kaci Metcalf
DeNaya Mosley
Zoey Michalak
Jennie Mueller
John Porter
Rachel Randall
Andrew Reid
Gabriel Scott

Jesse Sellers
Jacob Shoup
Micheal Shumaker
Riley Smith
Mackenzie Sternburgh
Trianna Thurston
Daniel Tucker
Carley Wyman
Nicholas Yonker

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 11TH GRADE

- High school students can earn up to an Associate Degree, 60 transferable college credits, or an Occupational Certificate while in high school!
- Early College is a planned program which includes academic, personal, and social support for students.
- Over 70 students from the Class of 2022 have registered!

Questions? Visit the Early College webpage or contact your school counselor.



Congratulations Class of 2020

from the Gull Lake Virtual Partnership

Dakota Barnes
Aleya Brandon
Alyssa Bringham
Priscilla Craddock
Miles Cramer
Mattison Daniels
Noah Grady
Nolan Graves
Gabriel Greiling
John Howe
Christopher Krell
Mann Patel
Nathan Rodriguez
Hunter Ruble
Ethan Sandum
Alexandra Schwartz
Saartje Smit
Autumn Stanley
Trystan VanBruggen
Tanner West
Amber Worden



Innovative Programs Open House

COME FIND OUT ABOUT:

- Virtual Partnership Classes
- Community Partners
- Dual Enrollment / Early College
- Enrollment Options

To pre-register please contact Kristi Carlton at kcarlton@gulllakecs.org

Thursday August 6th 3:00 pm

Please Join Us Online!

Current and new families are welcome to learn about the educational options available at Gull Lake Community Schools

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Congratulations Gateway Class of 2020



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Hali Newcomb

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Memorial Scholarship – \$1000

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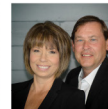
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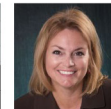
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Emily
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Rachel
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Kathy
Fosmoe



Jami
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Brody Ball
Dakota Barnes
Ethan Barnes
Lexie Beeke
Cole Belanger
Donovan Below
Makenna Benedict
Gabriana Bennecke
Nicholas Bianchetti
Jesse Bigley
Jack Blesch
Kobe Boucher
Josey Bouhanna
Aleya Brandon
Alyssa Brigham
Justin Brown
Daniel Buckholz
Kaia Burkhardt
Evan Burkle
Anahi Chavez Garcia
Mason Clancy
Isaac Cochran
Rowan Colosky
Kyle Colwell
Alayna Cornelius

Alyssa Cornell
Madelyn Corstange
Brayden Coyer
Priscilla Craddock
Miles Cramer
Mattison Daniels
Alexandria Dauten
Nicholas Dawson
Colton Dingman
Alexander Dorrance
Hannah Edgerly
Kayla Eklund
Nyah Eldred
Riley Embury
Bryanna Ergang
Noah Ezbenko
Giovana Faria
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Grant Feraco
Jayne Flynn
Grace Foster
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Dylan Gage
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Juan Galvez Gafo
Taidan Garland
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Nicholas Thrasher
Nicholas Tracy
Keith Tracy II
David Turmo
Trystan VanBruggen
Macen Vanlerberghe
Jake Varner
Molly Veenkant
Lillian Walker
Thomas Walker
Bryanna Wenzel
Tanner West
Lance Wheeler
Allison Widener
Jacob Wiley
Nathan Willard
Ashlyn Wisser
Grace Wolverton
Amber Worden
Grace Wright
Shelby Wurtsbaugh
Ashley Zettelmaier
Nicholas Zomer

Valedictorian



KENDRA HAGEY

PARENTS: A. T. and Becky Hagey

ATTENDING: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

MAJOR: Chemical Engineering

Salutatorian



ALAINA HIEMSTRA

PARENTS: Deb Buchholtz & Jeff Hiemstra

ATTENDING: Michigan State University

MAJOR: Human Biology

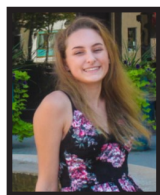
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Introducing the 2019-2020 GLHS 40 Distinguished Academic Scholars!

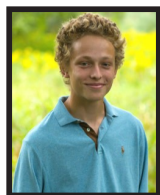
The GLCS Foundation is delighted to share with you the 2019-2020 GLHS Distinguished Academic Scholars! This program celebrates Gull Lake seniors who have earned a 3.9 grade point average or higher during their high school career. Take a look below at this year's high academic achievers (in bold) and their most influential educator (in italics) whom they selected to honor.



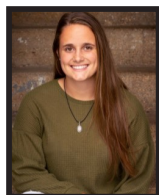
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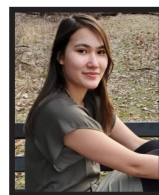
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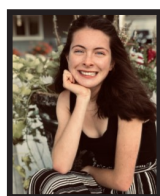
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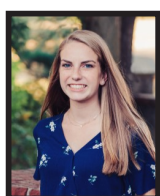
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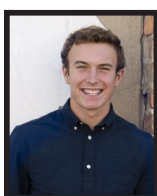
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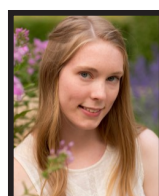
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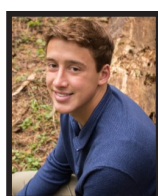
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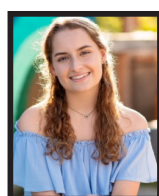
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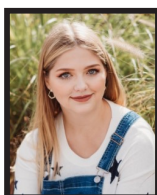
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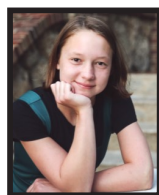
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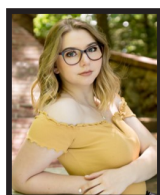
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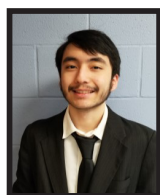
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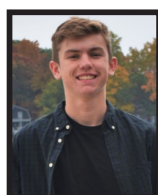
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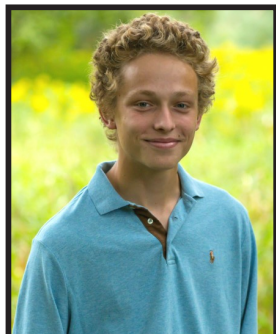
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Kathy Boyer

GLCS Foundation Awards 44 College Scholarships totaling \$60,000!*

**Due to the pandemic, the following scholarships will be awarded later in 2020: Ladies of the Lake Scholarships (\$2,000, up to three awarded); Blair Holden Memorial Gateway Scholarships (amount and number vary); and the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship (\$40,000, one awarded).*



Donovan Below

*Uggen Family
Scholarship \$1,000*



Aaron Bohn

*Beth Palmatier Gateway Scholarship
\$1,000, Richland/GL Lions Club-Kay
Maxson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000*



Kobe Boucher

*Uggen Family
Scholarship \$1,000*



Carli Brooks

*Michael Bailey Memorial
Scholarship \$4,000*



Alyssa Cornell

*Gull Lake Education
Association
Scholarship \$500
Olin Family
Scholarship \$2,000*



Bryanna Ergang

*James W. and Thelma
Garside Scholarship \$1,000*



Jayne Flynn

*Gull Lake Area Community
Volunteers-Women's Group
Scholarship \$1,000
Kellogg Elementary School
Scholarship \$1,000*



Grace Foster

*Gull Lake Area Community
Volunteers-Men's Group
Scholarship \$1,000, Gull Lake Area
Rotary Club Scholarship \$1,000,
Mitchell J. Rossen Memorial
Scholarship \$4,000, Uggen Family
Scholarship \$1,000*



Nolan Fraaza

*Lee Kermit
Scholarship \$1,000*



Sydney Free

*Gull Lake Area Rotary Club
Scholarship \$1,000
Parker Hannifin Engineering
Scholarship \$2,000*



Mitchell Geik

*Tom Collins Memorial
Scholarship \$1,000*



Trenton Grant

*Friends of the Gull Lake
Community Schools
Foundation \$1,000*



Kendra Hagey

Jason Morse Memorial Scholarship \$2,000, Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000



Molly Harma

Coca-Cola Healthy Living Scholarship \$1,000



Kaitlyn Lemon

*Tom Collins Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Darl Scott Golf Industry Scholarship \$4,000*



Jack Lockerbie

*Fry Family Scholarship \$1,500
Jack Weber Memorial Scholarship \$500*



Connor McCormick

Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000



Avery McQueen

Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000



Nicholas Martens

*Marv Hope Memorial-Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship \$1,000
Pelletier Scholarship \$1,000
Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000*



Leonardo Martins

Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000



Grace Monroe

Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000



Alexandra Moulds

*Gull Lake Education Association Pathway Scholarship \$500
James W. and Thelma Garside Scholarship \$1,000*



Madeline Owens

Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Skilled Trades Scholarship \$1,000



Brayden Rytlewski

Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Skilled Trades Scholarship \$1,000, Robert W. Smith Vocational/Engineering/Trades Scholarship \$1,000



Nicole Schmitt

*Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Women's Group Scholarship \$1,000
Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial Scholarship \$3,000*



Dylan Stanton

*Gull Lake Education Association Pekkarinen Scholarship \$500
Uggen Family Scholarship \$1,000*



Allie Widener

*Jill Adamski Memorial Scholarship \$5,000
Mathew Paulose Memorial Scholarship \$500*

Rotary Outstanding Leadership & Service Awards



Alyssa Cornell is the daughter of Diane Smith and Jeff Cornell. Alyssa plans to attend Trine University in the fall and studying Special Education. Alyssa has done amazing work for our student senate and our peer to peer program. Alyssa, along with Nicole Schmitt, was chosen to present their fundraising idea of the super magical bash at the MASC/MAHS leadership conference where over 2,000 Michigan high school students attended! Alyssa also did amazing work with our Peer-to-Peer program! She was a great support companion and a true advocate for those students with special needs. She was a great asset to Gull Lake High School and will be greatly missed! Good luck in all your future endeavors Alyssa!



Nicole Schmitt is the daughter of Kurt and Jennifer Schmitt. Nicole is attending Calvin University in the fall and plans on studying Psychology. Nicole did an amazing job for our student senate where she was the student council president. She helped break in a new student senate advisor and helped lead the way for an extremely successful year. Nicole, along with Alyssa, Cornell, was chosen to present her fundraising idea of the super magical bash at the MASC/MAHS leadership conference where over 2,000 Michigan high school students attended. She has volunteered countless hours for the school and is always doing so with a smile on her face! Nicole is a real go getter and is amazingly organized. She will be missed at GLHS! Congratulations Nicole and we wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors!



Bailey Mougalian is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Mougalian. Bailey is attending the University of Wisconsin in the fall where she plans on studying Business. Bailey participated in Student Senate and National Honor Society where she has volunteered countless hours helping the community. From the bread lifts to blood drives Bailey helped wherever she could. Bailey really stepped up at the end of the year and helped with student applications for next year students applying to be in student senate. She is highly dependable and a hard worker. Bailey is a leader and one who will stand up to help when others have not. She set an amazing example with her leadership skills being a National Honor Society officer this year. Congratulations Bailey and good luck with all your future endeavors!



Nolan Fraaza is the son of Kurtis and Nicole Fraaza. Nolan plans on attending Elmhurst University in the fall where he will study to exercise science to become a physical therapist. Along with studying to be a physical therapist Nolan will be playing football for the Bluejays! Nolan was the DAR good citizen recipient for Gull Lake High School. He also is a KRESA outstanding senior award winner. Everyday Nolan comes to school with a smile on his face and is ready to help where he can. His hard work in academics and sports is unlike any student we have ever seen. Nolan is always willing to lend a hand, even filling in on short notice! Nolan spends a great deal of time not only on his academics and sports but also volunteers through his church and helping the less fortunate. Gull Lake is proud of Nolan and all his accomplishments! Good Luck in all your future endeavors Nolan!



Senior Performing Arts Awards!

Lisa Oulette – PAC Director
Loulette@gulllakecs.org



Haley Archambault

*Performing Arts Dept. Award
PAC MVP Award
Director's Choice Award*



Trenten Hargrove

PAC MVP Award



John Redder

*PAC - Director's Choice Award
Band - Harmony Award*



Senior Band and Choir Awards!

Brandon Burris – Band Director – Bburris@gulllakecs.org



JaeKi Park

*United States Marine Corps
Semper Fidelis Award for
Musical Excellence*



Jacob Allen

Arion Award



Kendra Hagey

Arion Award



John Marchand

John Phillip Sousa Award



Alyssa Jenner

John Phillip Sousa Award



Parker Koernke

Maestro Award



Alexis Keeslar

Maestro Award



Nicole Schmitt

Harmony Award



I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. Our Gull Lake Athletic Department is committed to the health and well-being of our student-athletes and the safety of our coaching staff. While athletics for the 2020-2021 season will no doubt look different than in years past, we are, now more than ever, dedicated to maintaining a safe environment for all. We are carefully following guidelines provided by health officials - federal, state and local as well as the Centers for Disease Control. We will continue to put the safety of our student-athletes and coaches first as we move into the fall season. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you this fall!

2020 Senior Student-Athlete Awards



Male Athlete of the Year:
Jacob Loudon

The athletic department would like to recognize our 2020 Gull Lake Senior Athlete Award winners. Our athlete of the year award is given to the top male and female athlete based on athletic performance criteria. Our scholar-athlete of the year award is given to the top male and female athlete based on athletic and academic performance criteria. The Sue Foster Leadership Award is based on a combination of athletic, academic and community service criteria.



Female Athlete of the Year:
Kayla Eklund

Congratulations to our 2020 recipients!



Male Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Dylan Stanton



Female Scholar Athlete of the Year:
Grace Foster



Male Sue Foster Leadership Award:
Nolan Fraaza



Female Sue Foster Leadership Award:
Gabby Bennecke

Coach Retirements

We would like to congratulate **COACH BALCOM** on his recent retirement as our varsity girls' coach.

Coach Balcom became our varsity coach in 1999 and built a strong program rich with tradition and excellence. After twenty years at the helm he will now focus on spending more time with his family. Congratulations Coach Balcom on an outstanding coaching career and thank you for all the years of service you have given to our student-athletes.



Coach Balcom and his final Varsity Girls Team 2019-2020



Coach Balcom and his first Varsity Girls Team 1999-2000

We would also like to congratulate varsity wrestling coach Tony DeRyder on his retirement!



COACH DERYDER came to us in 2013 inheriting a team of less than 14 wrestlers, not even enough to fill every weight class. This year the team was comprised of almost 40 wrestlers! Thank you, Coach DeRyder for your commitment to rebuilding our program as well as your service to all of our student-athletes over the years!

Fall 2020 Athletic Info

NEW NON-CONTACT REGISTRATION KICKS OFF IN THE FALL!

Starting in August all athletic information, consent forms and documentation will be done electronically through BigTeams Student Central. We are in the process of building our platform and will have it ready to launch this fall. Look for more information near the end of July on how to register your student for the 20-21 school year!

2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Typically, every athlete needs a new sports physical to participate in the new school year. Due to COVID-19, the MHSAA is waiving this requirement for those that had a valid physical in the 2019-2020 school year. ALL students/parents will need to complete a medical history questionnaire. If your student did NOT have a physical on file with us for the 19-20 school year, they will need to submit one for the 20-21 school year. These forms will be available on our new Student Central Registration platform in August. If you do need to get an athletic physical you can find the physical form on our athletics website, www.GoGLBlueDevils.com.

NEW FOR 2020! GULL LAKE BLUE DEVIL 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL!

Starting this fall Gull Lake Middle School will have a school-sponsored 8th grade football team! This team will compete in our local middle school athletic league just like our other middle school sports. Games will be on Wednesdays and all practices will take place after school on Gull Lake school grounds. The team is open to any Gull Lake Middle School 8th grader. To sign up to receive more information please fill out the sign up form here. Additional information will also be posted on our athletics website. Official practice will begin August 24.

GULL LAKE 2020 YOUTH SUMMER TENNIS

- Hosted by Gull Lake Community Education/ Gull Lake Athletic Department
- Tennis Classes: Grades Pre – K through 8th – 2 sessions
- Inner City Tennis: Grades 6th – 12th – July 6th – August 7th
- Directed by Roger Cornelius, long time GL Varsity Tennis Coach and teaching pro.

For more information and to register for Summer Tennis, visit the Gull Lake Website, under Quick Links.

<https://www.gulllakecs.org/quick-links/2020-youth-summer-sport-camps>

HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORT START DATES AND COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

We are currently planning as if all athletic programs will be running for the 20-21 school year. Practice for the fall high school sports season will begin on August 10 (Football only) and August 12 (cross country, boys' tennis, boys' soccer, girls golf, volleyball). Please check out the athletic website for all tryout times/locations.

Football

- Coach Don Eastman
deastman@gulllakecs.org

Volleyball

- Coach Eric Belz
ebelz@gulllakecs.org

Boys Tennis

- Coach Warner Offord
wotennspro20@gmail.com

Boys Soccer

- Coach Matt Streitel
mstreitel@gulllakecs.org

Cross Country

- Coach Robin Blackburn
email to: rrblackburn7@gmail.com or
- Coach Randy Hunt
rhunt@gulllakecs.org

Girls Golf

- Coach Randy Grubius
glrgolf@yahoo.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORT START DATES AND COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

Gull Lake Middle School fall sports begin on August 24. Below are the fall sports offered for middle school along with what grades may participate:

Cross Country: 6th, 7th and 8th grade

- Coach Brendan Howard
bhoward@gulllakecs.org

Girls Volleyball: 7th and 8th grade

- 8th Grade Volleyball:
Coach Katie Dolfman
katie@mei.net
- 7th Grade Volleyball: Coach Laurie Klok
lklok@gulllakecs.org

Football: 8th grade only

- Coach Josh Cunningham
jcunningham@gulllakecs.org

NEW for 2020

Please check the athletic website for exact tryout dates/times for each sport.



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The Team Behind The Teams

Join the Sports Boosters Today!

<https://gulllakesportsboosters.org/join-us>

32nd Annual Golf Outing SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, August 3rd, 2020

Gull Lake View Golf Club, Augusta MI
12:00pm Registration • 1:00pm Start

COVID COMPLIANCE WILL BE IN EFFECT
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— Bo Schembechler



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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.gulllakecs.org.

MEETING DATES
August 17, 2020
September 21, 2020
October 19, 2020
November 16, 2020
December 21, 2020

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