



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

Building Beat

December 6, 2013

Upcoming ...

Saturday, Dec. 7:

Hahn Spotlight Choir sings
1 p.m. downtown Davison

Monday, Dec. 9:

Cardinal Shop Annual
Holiday Open House,
5-8 p.m. DHS

Last day to drop off items
for Cool to Care

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

Kiwanis A+B=C Award
Ceremony, 12:15 p.m. St.
John Family Center

Cardinal Shop Annual
Holiday Open House,
5-8 p.m. DHS

Central Elementary
Second Grade Concert,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

Cool to Care pickup and
delivery to Outreach East

Cardinal Shop Annual
Holiday Open House,
5-8 p.m. DHS

Thursday, Dec. 12:

SKIP Playgroup, 9:30 a.m.
Location TBD

Friday, Dec. 13:

Polar Express Day for
first graders at Central

Lance Harper named Region 10 MEMPSA Principal of Year

Congratulations to Central Elementary Principal **Lance Harper** who has been selected as Region 10 Principal of the Year by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMPSA). Harper was recognized at an awards ceremony at the MEMPSA conference last night in Traverse City.

"I am humbled by the honor," Harper said. "It's a great honor and privilege to be recognized and to be able to be successful because I am surrounded by great people who believe in kids. Together, we make fantastic things happen for our kids."

Harper's career in education began as a student teacher at Siple Elementary in 1979. Later that year, he took on two long-term guest teaching assignments at Central. Unfortunately, that was the same year that many educators—including 16-year veterans, were laid off due to budget cuts.

Harper sought a job in the parochial school system and was hired immediately as a seventh/eighth grade teacher at St. Pius. He worked there until 1985 when he was selected to be the principal for Holy Redeemer.

Harper returned to Davison in 1990 when he was hired as the principal at Hill Elementary. He served there for 23 years until this year when he was named principal at Central.

"When I look back on things, there's been a big part of me that has always been interested in understanding people and helping people," Harper said. "I have a plaque in my office that reads: 'Children are not things to be molded but people waiting to be unfolded.' Basically, that saying drives what I do. I have been fortunate to have been involved in a profession where I can help children find their gifts ... it's an opportunity and a privilege to help them see they have a specialness and that success is not measured only in academics but in relationships and working with other people to make the world a better place for everybody."



Lance Harper with his award from MEMPSA. To watch the video about Lance that was produced by DTV and shown at the conference, click on this link: <http://www.davisonschools.org/videos.cfm?VID=13511>

Where futures begin

A Fully Accredited District

Harper, who has a master's in K-12 administration from Michigan State University, is currently completing his doctorate in curriculum and instruction, at Wayne State University. He has been instrumental in the implementation of the balanced-year calendar at Hill Elementary and also serves as lead elementary principal and administrative contact for health and physical education curriculum for the district.

Harper has been married for 38 years to wife, Andrea, who retired last year after a 33-year elementary teaching career. They have a daughter, Katie, 31.

DHS Talent Show winners

Congratulations to the 2013 Davison High School Talent Show winners:

1st place – **Madison Bisbee** singing "A Little Bit Stronger" by Sara Evans

2nd place – **Emily Parker** singing "Falling Slowly" by Glen Hansard

3rd place – **Josh Shirah** performing a piano medley while singing

The judges were Janey McGlashen, English/LA and Social Studies Coordinator; Jim Shuster, DHS Instrumental Music Director; and former talent show winner, 12th grader Allyson Jackson.

The Talent Show was held Thursday, Dec. 5. Proceeds from the show will benefit the DHS Guitar Club.

Alumni News: 2005 Grad named Chief of Staff for Wayne State Athletic Dept.

Davison High School Class of 2005 graduate **Lisa Seymour** has been promoted to Chief of Staff for Wayne State University's Athletic Department. Seymour has been serving as assistant athletic director for the university since 2012.

"Lisa has benefited by experiencing all facets of the department beginning as a WSU student-athlete," stated Wayne State University Director of Athletics Rob Fournier. "Her work ethic has earned the respect of coaches and administrators who appreciate her attention to detail and perspective. Her personal style is determined, effective and result-oriented ... and has built trust among colleagues. As a resident of the City she understands the shared perspective of the University and Metro Detroit."

"I'm incredibly humbled and honored by this new appointment," commented Seymour. "After being here for nearly nine years, Wayne State and Detroit have become a second home to me and I am excited to be a part of the bright future ahead of this Department and this University."

Seymour graduated summa cum laude from WSU with a bachelor's degree in business marketing in May 2009 following a four-year career on the Warrior softball team (2006-09) in which she served as team captain as a senior.



Lisa Seymour, 2005 DHS graduate, has been named Chief of Staff for Wayne State University's Athletic Department.

The Davison native earned a master's degree in business administration from WSU in December 2010, while simultaneously serving as a graduate assistant then assistant to the Director of Athletics. Seymour was promoted to Assistant Athletic Director in September 2012 and has served in that capacity prior to assuming her new role.

In her previous position, she served as the sport coordinator for men's and women's basketball, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's fencing, volleyball, men's golf, and women's indoor and outdoor track teams.

Seymour coordinates the annual "W" Week activities in support of women's athletics each April for the WSU Department of Athletics. She also handles the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame committee as well as oversee merchandise sales. She is a member of five (5) different athletic subcommittees and chairs the "championship experience" committee whose objective is to create a rewarding and engaging environment for student-athletes, coaches and staff. She has been involved in numerous development initiatives over the years.

In addition, she serves as the sideline reporter during every football broadcast along with the "Get to Know Her" segment on the "Winters on Wednesdays" radio coaches show. Seymour has also worked on numerous athletics building projects including both phases of the softball locker room expansion and the Multipurpose Indoor Facility. She is also working on the basketball coaching offices expansion as well as construction of areas for field events for the women's outdoor track squad.

During her playing career for the Green and Gold, she was named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (term gpa 3.5+) all eight semesters. In addition, she represented the softball squad on the student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC).

Seymour was a three-time GLIAC All-Academic team selection, and earned Honorable Mention All-GLIAC accolades twice.

Cardinal Shop annual holiday open house is next Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

The Cardinal Shop will hold its annual holiday shopping open house from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, (December 9, 10, & 11). Shoppers who spend \$100 get a free Cardinal ornament while supplies last. Use your Cardinal Card and receive a 10% discount!

Shoppers may enter at the cafeteria at the rear of Davison High School through the doors between the High School and the Alternative Education Building. This event is open to the entire Davison community.



Wheelie fun experiment

Students in Blake Smith's and Tricia Orr's team-taught physical science class at Davison High School recently learned about potential energy by constructing race cars and then racing them in the hallway to see whose would travel the furthest distance. Students were very creative and used balloons, rubber bands and weights in an attempt to make their cars the fastest.

