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Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.



Class of 2024 TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



**DYLLON JAY
DENTON**
4.151 GPA



**GRANT COURTER
TAFT**
4.116 GPA



**ANDREW PAUL
TUNNICLIFF**
4.090 GPA



**KHLOE JEAN
BURBA**
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**ZACHARY JOHN
WOODZELL**
4.086 GPA



**KELSEA JOYCE
BURBA**
4.077 GPA



**JADE PEIGHTON
LAGORE**
4.062 GPA



**ETHAN LEE
WOOD**
4.059 GPA



**LAINY RENEE
PRIM**
4.035 GPA



**NOAH DOUGLAS
PIPES**
4.034 GPA



**CARSON PATRICK
MEREDITH**
4.021 GPA



**ELLA MAE
VALERIO**
4.021 GPA



**KATE ELIZABETH
BURBA**
4.017 GPA



**ALLISON ELAINE
MILLER**
4.017 GPA



**BENJAMIN KENNEDY
VALLES**
4.017 GPA



**KOLE JACKSON
ANDREWS**
4.012 GPA



**OWEN SPENCER
FOLTZ**
4.012 GPA



**EMILY NICOLE
LABOMBARD**
4.006 GPA



**BROOKLYN RAE
GOOCH**
4.004 GPA



**LAUREN ELIZABETH
POPOVITS**
4.004 GPA



**ABIGAIL GRACE
MILLER**
4.000 GPA

FROM THE DESK OF

Michelle Barrett

Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction



Have you heard of “Summer Slide”? Just like athletes, musicians, and artists, it is important to engage in learning over the summer. If not, students can lose some of their learning over the 2-month summer break, “sliding back”, which could make the transition back to school more challenging.

Staying connected to learning all summer long is easy. Setting just a little time aside each week will help prevent learning loss. We have K-6th grade resources on our

website to make it easy for families to access materials that will help keep your child engaged this summer.

Also, the GISD is sponsoring the K-12th grade Read to a Million Summer Reading Challenge again this year to encourage families to read while school is out for the summer.

Check out our website for more details- Click on the “Students” tab, then the “Summer Learning” tab to learn more information about both opportunities.



IMPORTANT DATES

May 22

Graduation Ceremony at Whiting

May 24

No School

May 27

No School - Memorial Day

June 5

Exam Day FHS & FMS

June 6

Exam Day FHS & FMS

June 6

Last Day K-6 Grades - Half Day

June 7

Exam Day FHS & FMS
Last Day 7-12 Grades

June 11

Board of Education Meeting

June 25

Board of Education Meeting

SUMMER CONCERTS

Flushing Community Schools is proud of its Music Department and the talent of our student musicians. The Flushing Area Concerts in the Park series is a fun opportunity to continue to expose students to music throughout the summer months. Concerts are held at Riverview Park on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, June 26th

Image: Hits from 70s, 80s, 90s & today

Wednesday, July 3rd

Genesee Valley Concert Band:
March, Musicals & More

Wednesday, July 10th

Rodeo Drive: Country Variety

Wednesday, July 17th

SpaceCat: Motown, funk, disco, etc

Wednesday, July 24th

Itchy Coo Park: Late 60's/ early 70's

Wednesday, July 31st

Old Days' Band: Chicago Tribute

Wednesday, August 7th

The Good Foot: R&B/ Yacht Rock

Wednesday, August 14th

Irish Night: Pub Runners & Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for a wonderful school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support of the Flushing Community School District. We are extremely grateful to our families, community groups, youth extra-curricular athletic groups, Band & Orchestra and Athletic Boosters, churches, businesses, and countless other community members for supporting the May 7th School Improvement Bond Initiative. Your overwhelming involvement and engagement made passing this bond possible, allowing the district to continue to make significant upgrades in the areas of student safety and security, instructional technology, elementary playgrounds (hard surface), auditorium updates, HVAC in our cafeterias and gymnasiums, as well as significant updates to all of our outside athletic facilities. Every aspect of this approved project represents a significant need in our district that we will now be able to meet without having to use resources designated for supports and services in our buildings and classrooms. Your overwhelming support at the polls is a wonderful representation of this strong community supporting our school system. Schools and communities are a reflection of one another. Thank you!

As we near the end of the 2023-2024 school year, I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for everything they have done to make it a success. We are extremely grateful to the 530+ employees that work together every day to make great things happen for 4,000+ students in our district. From the time a student steps on the bus in the morning, to the time that they arrive safely back home, we are



Matt Shanafelt

thankful to each staff member that positively impacts that student's life. It is not an easy task, but whether on the bus, in the cafeteria, hallway, classroom, offices, or on the playgrounds, our staff members passionately work to support every single student, making sure their day is as relevant, meaningful, and impactful as possible. To all of those working in our schools, we are extremely thankful for your expertise, heart, and dedication to our students and families. Thank you for all that you do!

Next week, we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of nearly 300 Flushing High School graduates. Participating in and attending high school graduation is my favorite event of the year, seeing the hard work, dedication, perseverance, pursuit of passion, commitment to academics and skill building, as well as the manifestation of lifelong friendships. I celebrate the memories that are made at Senior Honors Night and Commencement. Time spent with teachers, instructors, coaches, mentors, and our supportive community has helped to shape so much of their lives. The smiles, accomplishment, and pride that these graduates feel is so well deserved, knowing the work that they have put in over the last 13 years of formal schooling and 18 years of life. Please join me in celebrating their many accomplishments and congratulate them as they move forward, ready to take on the next phase of their lives, pursuing their passion in the world. These graduates will be proud Flushing Raiders wherever they go, and we wish them all the best. If you see them around town, please give them the high five they deserve.

Go Raiders!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and community.



Salvatore Ausiello
Vice President



Terry Bate
Trustee



Eddie Dolgan
Trustee



Megan LeCureux
Treasurer



Steve Sheldon
President



Kim Strnad
Secretary



Janice Winkiel
Trustee



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE 2024-2025

APPLICATION PERIOD
June 3-27, 2024

Questions? Call: 810-591-1183

BOARD ACTION UPDATE

The following are highlights of the Flushing Board of Education meetings held on February 13, 2024, March 12, 2024, and April 9, 2024

- Recognized Elms Elementary Teacher Ann King and the 5th and 6th grade Word Buddies.
- Recognized the Springview Elementary Student Council and Safety Patrol members.
- Recognized Springview's staff members.
- Recognized the Student Study Team at Seymour Elementary.
- Recognized the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Peer Supports at Seymour Elementary.
- Approved the hiring of certified staff member Christina Franklin as Special Education Social Worker at Flushing High School, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the amendments to the following budgets: General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Sinking Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Internal Service Insurance Fund.
- Approved the submission of the Flushing Community Schools' Ballot for the MASB Board of Directors Election to vote for candidate Janice Holz.
- Approved the second reading and final adoption of the following new/revised NEOLA Board Policies: 122, 1420, 3120, 3130, 3131, 3139, 3140, 3142, 3220, 5350.
- Approved the scheduling of a board workshop on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Approved the appointment of Eddie Dolgan as Board Delegate and Terry Bate as Alternate to the GISD Budget Hearing.
- Approved the purchase of a new Bus Routing/Student Transportation Verification System.
- Approved the purchase of new Chromebooks.
- Approved the purchase of two new school buses.
- Approved the purchase of 7th grade Social Studies Curriculum.
- Approved the purchase of iReady Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction Modules.
- Heard a report on the extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Goal Reporting for K-12th grades.
- Heard a report on the district's Continuity of Learning Plan.
- Heard a report on the 2023-2024 Budget Book.
- Heard reports on the resignation of the following certified staff members: Susan Stockton, Jennifer Huff, Lynette Commet, Deana Kline, Bob Jaster, and Nathan Degner.
- Heard reports and viewed presentations on the May 7, 2024 Zero Increase School Improvement Bond, "Safeguarding our Schools."
- Heard reports from Student Board Representatives Allam and Tunnickliff on recent activities at FHS.
- Heard reports on the state of the schools.



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Middle School / High School
Use Auditorium Door Entrance
303 Ray St.
Montrose, MI 48457

Meal Service Dates & Times

June 17 - June 27, 2024

July 8 - July 31, 2024

August 1 - August 8, 2024

Monday - Thursday
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

*This institution in an equal
opportunity provider.*

Flushing Community Schools
Registration for the
2024-2025 School Year is Open

Please visit
<https://bit.ly/48QZj2g>

ELEMENTARY NEWS

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

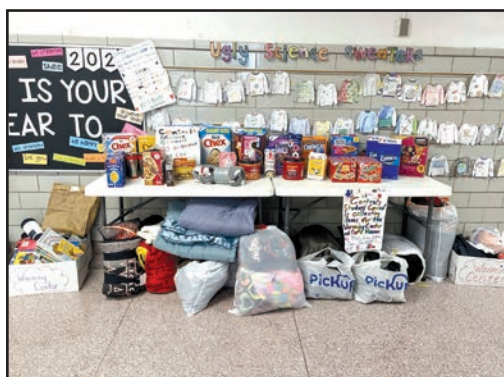
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS FOR THE DAY

The top selling student in each grade during the Pam's Pantry PTO fundraiser earned the opportunity to be Central's Assistant Principal for a half day. Students performed a variety of tasks while working with Mr. Steinhaus. This included conducting morning announcements and rounds, teacher observations, sending out an all call to parents, making a Google sheet to record the sundae creation votes, and much more. The students had a blast!



STUDENT COUNCIL

Central's Student Council conducted a drive for Catholic Charities Warming Center & Safe Haven. They collected blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves, coffee, creamer, sugar, cereal, and wrapped snacks throughout the month of March. The generosity, kindness, and support from our Central families was truly amazing! Student Council thanks all who participated.



SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY

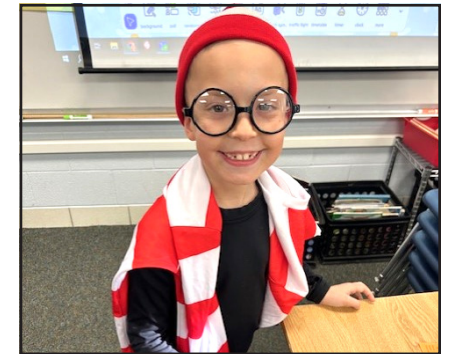
VISIT TO DOW GARDENS

Seymour's 3rd grade students went on a field trip to Dow Gardens in Midland. They explored and visited the gardens and the butterfly house, where they learned about the life cycle of butterflies. Everyone had a great time, despite the rainy weather.



MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT

Seymour families enjoyed a night of fun, exploring math and science themed activities together. A special thank you goes out to Sloan Museum and all the volunteers who made this night possible.

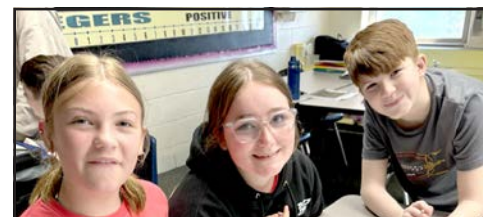


READING MONTH

March is Reading Month was a huge success at Seymour. Students and staff had a blast with their annual book bracket, dress up days, guest readers, and read-a-thon. Dress like your favorite book character was a huge hit!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR REWARDS

At Seymour, positive behavior is always being recognized and rewarded. The more students demonstrate positive behavior traits, the more Raider Tickets they earn. The more Raider Tickets they earn, the greater their chances of having their names drawn for cool prizes.



SIXTH GRADE MATH EXPLORATION

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Fisher's math classes participate in exploration activities for each lesson being taught in the EdGems math program. The activities, which are relevant, real-life scenarios, give students the opportunity to practice teamwork, cooperation, problem-solving skills, and persistence. For a recent lesson, students worked together to determine the area of a playground at a new park, calculate how many yards of bark were needed, and determined the final cost for the project.



ELEMENTARY NEWS

ELMS ELEMENTARY

Elms Elementary offered many activities for students and their families over the last couple of months. Muffins with Mom provided a before-school treat. The Daddy/ Daughter Dance was filled with great music, food, and drinks. Following that was their annual Mother/ Son event which was an afternoon of bowling and fun.



THE ELMS SHOWCASE CHOIR

performed the National Anthem at the Flint Firebirds game.



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The spirit of giving is evident at Elms. The Student Council visited the North Bank Soup Kitchen to help prepare and serve food. The Kangaroo Kids sponsored their annual Kids Heart Challenge held at the Middle School. This event raises money for the American Heart Association. This year was a near-record fundraising year, donating more than \$9,000 to this great cause. To celebrate the students' giving nature, they earned several prizes including silly stringing their favorite teacher and helping duct tape Dr. Hagens to the wall!



BOTTLE PEOPLE

After researching a person of their choosing, fourth grade students wrote about them, shared their learning with the rest of the school, and got creative by making their person out of bottles.

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY



FAMILY STEM AND LITERACY NIGHT

Sloan Museum came to Springview for our Family STEM and Literacy Night. Sloan brought in STEM activities that were connected to the stories *How to Catch a Star*, *A Bad Case of Stripes*, *Sheep in a Jeep*, and *Diary of a Worm*. A raffle was held, and books were given away to students. It was a great event that was enjoyed by Springview families.

KANGAROO KIDS

The Kangaroo Kids visited Springview in February to kick off Jump Rope for Heart. They put on an excellent show while teaching the students why it is so important to be heart healthy.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Candyland Daddy/ Daughter dance was a huge success. Thank you to the amazing PTO for putting together this special night. Students enjoyed dancing, taking pictures, going to the photo booth, and taking home a special treat.



COLT SQUAD

The Colt Squad visited Springview's March Raider Rewards assembly. They shared positive messages about being safe, respectful, and responsible students. The students loved learning about the Colt Squad and were excited to meet Colt!



QUEEN OF SHARKS

This year was our first ever Queen of Sharks Day at Springview. Students made a craft, played games, had a dance party, and enjoyed a special treat. It was a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day together.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

April showers bring May flowers! Our Junior Raiders have been involved in many fun activities including the Jr. Raider Jackpot, Big Orange Ticket Contest, Foam Block Party, Guest Readers, and Family Fun Night. The ECC staff and students enjoyed every exciting event.



FOAM BLOCK PARTY AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The PTO graciously hosted two big events for students. The Foam Block Party encouraged future architects, engineers, scientists, and more to use their imaginations. Family Fun Night was a huge success for everyone involved. It was a fun night with face painting, dancing, learning games, robotics, and much more. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible for the district's youngest Raiders.

KINDERGARTEN, DK, AND TUITION BASED PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
www.flushingschools.org



BIG ORANGE TICKET CONTEST

During the Big Orange Ticket Contest students worked as a team to earn awards from ECC staff for positive behavior as a whole class. The classroom with the most tickets received the opportunity to duct tape Principal Donaldson to the wall during an assembly to see if they could make her stick. They were successful.

FROM OUR ECC FAMILY TO YOURS, WE WISH YOU THE BEST END TO A MAGNIFICENT SCHOOL YEAR.

Please enjoy every moment and capture every memory of your child's earliest school experiences.

"IT'S A GOOD DAY, TO HAVE A GOOD DAY!"



BEING SAFE, RESPECTFUL, AND RESPONSIBLE

The Jr. Raider Jackpot allowed students to earn special golden Raider Tickets for being safe, respectful, and responsible in a big way. They had the chance to win spectacular prizes.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

April's kindergarten round up was a success. The next kindergarten round up will be June 11th, 2024. We look forward to meeting the newest Jr. Raiders in the fall.

READING MONTH

During March is Reading Month, there were several guest readers from the community who volunteered to read to ECC students. Guest readers brought their favorite books which covered a variety of genres. They also enjoyed theme days like "Fox in Socks" Day!

PRESCHOOL



EXPLORATION, IMAGINATION, READING, AND ADVENTURE

Preschool staff and students have enjoyed many activities in the last month to encourage exploration, imagination, reading, and adventure. Students had the opportunity to be scientists and learn about the eclipse, be authors and illustrators while they learned during reading month, be adventure seekers while they visited For-Mar Nature Center, use their imagination while building with giant foam blocks, and explore the value of money while they collected coins to win the school-wide contest for the most donations. The open house was a success and the ECC preschool staff is excited to welcome the 2024-2025 preschool families. Registration is open for all classes for the fall at www.flushingschools.org. Enjoy the sunshine, spring is here!



SUMMER LATCHKEY

**SUMMER LATCHKEY BEGINS ON
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

Registration for the Flushing Summer Latchkey Program is now open. Registration forms are available on the district website. Visit www.flushingschools.org and click on the "Departments" tab. The Summer Latchkey Program is a "drop-in" program and provides childcare for children ages 3-12, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am - 5:30 pm. The program is located at the Early Childhood Center.

Children are grouped by age and offered activities that are age appropriate. Weekly activities include optional field trips and a large variety of on-site events and organized activities. Students can stay in touch with friends while participating in fun activities all summer!

The cost for the program is \$22.00/day per student, or \$16.00/day for a half day (under 5 ½ hours of attendance). Pre-registration is required. Contact Kathy McMahan for additional information. kathy.mcmahan@flushingschools.org



MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MERT

This February and March, the Flushing Community Schools nurses, Flushing EMS, and the building Medical Emergency Response Teams participated in emergency drills to help keep their knowledge and skills up-to-date.

FCS is part of the MI HEARTSafe School Award Program, and each building has staff trained to administer life saving measures for everything from allergic reactions to cardiac arrest. These teams are vital in increasing the chance of recovery and can minimize the severity of an injury.

This year, the district collaborated with the Flushing EMS team. They participated in the school drills at Central, Springview, and the Early Childhood Center. Their team was able to give great feedback on techniques and communication utilized by our district staff.

Flushing EMS will be a great benefit for student safety in the buildings, as well as for the community at large.

We want to give a great big THANK YOU to James Michael, Flushing Fire Chief, Paramedics Dave Mojica, Chuck McGlinchey and Richard Balance, as well as EMT Dale Link, for their participation.

DISTRICT SOLAR ECLIPSE

Students and staff throughout the district were able to experience the solar eclipse. Every student and staff member were provided with special glasses to allow them to participate safely. It was exciting and fun to watch the moon pass between Earth and the sun.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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BREA EATON

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AP Testing; last names I-S

KELLEN LISTER

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Students with IEP's, ELL, GCI

SCHEDULING FOR 2024-2025

Counselors will be working over the summer to get students scheduled for the 2024-2025 school year. Students should check their email periodically throughout the summer and respond to their counselor. As courses fill up, counselors will be contacting students to determine what alternate courses they want to take.



Congratulations to Flushing High School Senior, Zachary Woodzell, who was chosen as a Genesee County Association of School Board Members Scholarship winner. Congratulations on all of your hard work!

SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

FHS 2024 Summer School offers students the opportunity to make up lost credits needed for graduation, or to strengthen the understanding of skills in a course taken previously.

OPTION I provides students with in-person instruction. Classes will meet in-person beginning July 9th until August 1st, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Students are required to attend all of the classes in person.

There is no cost for the in-person Summer School as it is a grant-funded program, however, spots are limited, and when the class is full there will be no additional seats or classes available. Students will be provided with a Chromebook to use during Summer School. The classes will be taught by Flushing High School teachers.

Additional details will be provided in the upcoming weeks as to what classes will be available and how to register your child. If you are unsure of what classes your child needs to take, please contact their counselor.

OPTION II will provide students the opportunity to make up lost credits or to strengthen their level of understanding in a course taken previously. This is offered through our Raider Virtual Academy (RVA). RVA classes provide students with the opportunity to move at their own pace through the required coursework, and are online so they can be completed from home or in the lab. RVA uses the Edgenuity online curriculum. The cost for an RVA class is \$100 per class and students may register for a maximum of two classes. RVA Summer School classes will be held on June 18th - July 25th. A lab will be open at Flushing High School three days a week for students to receive support or to work in a classroom atmosphere. The final exam for each of these classes must be taken in the lab at Flushing High School on or before July 25th.

FAFSA UPDATE

Due to continued issues with the newly modified FAFSA form, colleges and universities are experiencing a delay in receiving FAFSA information. The deadline to complete a FAFSA has been extended to July 1, 2024. If your child is interested in attending a college, university or trade school, please complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Keep up with all of the latest updates and resources related to the 2024-25 FAFSA at michigan.gov/fafsainfo. The information available includes:

- How to create a FSA ID
- Contributor information
- Determining dependency status
- Guidance for parents with no SSN
- Documents needed while completing the FAFSA
- What to expect next
- Helpful videos and tutorials
- FAFSA Help resources
- And more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

PSAT

The PSAT allows 8th grade students to practice a nationally standardized test as well as start to qualify for National Merit Scholarships. FMS 8th grade students took the PSAT on April 10th. Over 95% attended the day of the test. Students were on time and testing by 8:30am. Thank you for making this day a priority for your student.

SPRING FLING

FMS 7th & 8th grade students had the opportunity to attend the Spring Fling: Light it Up Blue! The Tuxes and Tennessees theme allowed for students to dress their best while being comfortable and use their dancing feet!



SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Elementary Spelling Bees

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

1ST PLACE:

4th Grade Rowan Bird-Pfeuffer
 5th Grade Madelyn Harrington
 6th Grade Jackson Mancuso

2ND PLACE:

4th Grade Evan Rucker
 5th Grade Lucian Hazzard
 6th Grade Tyler McInerney

3RD PLACE:

4th Grade Rider Dougherty
 5th Grade Caleb Beals
 6th Grade Kason Williams

ELMS ELEMENTARY

1ST PLACE:

4th Grade Shelby Spencer
 5th Grade Brody Stone
 6th Grade Alex Kim

2ND PLACE:

4th Grade Evelyn Hornus
 5th Grade Charlotte Payne
 6th Grade Connor Beaudoin

3RD PLACE:

4th Grade Caelyn Ashley
 5th Grade Levi Shelton
 6th Grade Lyndsey Kim

SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY

1ST PLACE:

4th Grade Alexander Fondren
 5th Grade Briella Phegley
 6th Grade Amari Aguilar

2ND PLACE:

4th Grade Cadence Anderson
 5th Grade Cohen Gasperosky
 6th Grade Hudson Yuille

3RD PLACE:

4th Grade Tyler Maki
 5th Grade Cameron Carroll
 6th Grade Myles Kirkwood

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY

1ST PLACE:

4th Grade Daniela Ponce
 5th Grade Caiden Bush
 6th Grade Matthew Hayek

2ND PLACE:

4th Grade Charlotte Bueche
 5th Grade Ella Beck
 6th Grade Sophia Christopher

3RD PLACE:

4th Grade Kellen Salem
 5th Grade Roman Dombrowski
 6th Grade Suriya Ready

District Spelling Bee

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1ST PLACE:

4th Grade Evan Rucker (Central Elementary)
 5th Grade Madelyn Harrington (Central Elementary)
 6th Grade Jackson Mancuso (Central Elementary)

2ND PLACE:

4th Grade Alexander Fondren (Seymour Elementary)
 5th Grade Cohen Gasperosky (Seymour Elementary)
 6th Grade Matthew Hayek (Springview Elementary)

3RD PLACE:

4th Grade Shelby Spencer (Elms Elementary)
 5th Grade Briella Phegley (Seymour Elementary)
 6th Grade Alex Kim (Elms Elementary)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1ST PLACE:

7th Grade Makayla White
 8th Grade Olivia Fondren

2ND PLACE:

7th Grade Callen Derrick
 8th Grade Melanie Bey-Woodson

3RD PLACE:

7th Grade Benjamin Popovits
 8th Grade Ira Avila-Walton

HIGH SCHOOL

1ST PLACE:

9th Grade Leah Rivard
 10th Grade Austin Cater
 11th Grade Molly McNamara
 12th Grade Kate Burba

2ND PLACE:

9th Grade Seth Zubke
 10th Grade Keira Dumas-Knieper
 11th Grade Hana Allam
 12th Grade Noah Pipes

3RD PLACE:

9th Grade Hope Kriesch
 10th Grade Xander Randall
 11th Grade James Latstetter
 12th Grade Christian Burns

County Spelling Bee

The following students attended the County Spelling Bee at the GISD. All students placed in the top 8 in their grade level.

9th Grade Leah Rivard
 9th Grade Seth Zubke
 10th Grade Austin Cater
 10th Grade Keira Dumas-Knieper
 11th Grade Molly McNamara
 11th Grade Hana Allam
 12th Grade Noah Pipes



Special congratulations to Seth Zubke who placed 1st in 9th grade and Keira Dumas-Knieper who placed 1st in 10th grade. They went on to the final 9th-12th grade championship where Keira placed 2nd and Seth 4th.



Class of

2024


Dyllon Jay Denton:
4.151

Dyllon Jay Denton is graduating as valedictorian of his class with a 4.151 GPA. He is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, and National Honor Society. Dyllon received first place in the Flint Metro League for Trigonometry in 2023 and was selected for the Flint Metro League for Chemistry in 2022. He obtained the AP Scholar with Distinction Award and was the high scoring student for the Michigan Math League in 2023. Dyllon is the son of Ross and Jodi Denton and plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is interested in studying Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, or Biblical Studies.


Grant Courter Taft:
4.116

Grant Courter Taft is graduating as salutatorian of his class with a 4.116 GPA. He is the son of Steven Taft and Nancy Taft.. He is

a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. Grant plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Mathematics.


Andrew Paul Tunnicliff:
4.090

Andrew Paul Tunnicliff is the son of Steven and Melissa Tunnicliff and is graduating with a 4.09 GPA. Andrew is a mem-

ber of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. He has been a Scholar Athlete all four years of high school for each of the three sport seasons. He has been part of the Varsity Cross Country for three years. He was the Captain his junior year and voted the Most Inspirational in the 10th and 11th grade. Andrew was on the Cross Country third Team All-Metro League in 10th grade. He was on the Varsity Basketball team for two years, Captain his senior year and received the Coaches Award. Andrew was on the Varsity Track and Field for four years, Captain for his 11th and 12th grade years. In 9th and 10th grade for Track and Field, he was two times First Team All-Metro League for the 4x800m Relay. He participated in Varsity Football for one year and was a member of the Academic All-State Team. He was a two time Participant in the Metro League Math and Science Competition and held High Honors for all four years of high school. He is unsure where he wants to attend college to study Physical Therapy.


Khloe Jean Burba:
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Khloe Jean Burba is the daughter of Mark and Kari Burba. She is graduating with a 4.086 GPA. Khloe is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta,

Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. She is a Scholar Athlete and the Cross Country Team Captain. Khloe plans to attend Lipscomb University in Tennessee to study Nutrition.


Zachary John Woodzell:
4.086

Zachary John Woodzell is the son of Scott and Carolyn Woodzell and is graduating with a 4.086

GPA. Zachary is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. For the FHS Marching Band, Zachary received the Most Outstanding Marching Band Member Award twice, Most Outstanding Brass, and the Barbra J. Yott Memorial Award. He was also voted Most Outstanding Sophomore, Junior and Senior. He was the Section Leader in High Brass, a Soloist, and selected to be the first trumpet in Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Pep Band. Zachary was a Scholar Athlete for Varsity Track. He has participated in the Flint Metro League for Math and Science Competition. In 2022 Zachary earned 1st place in Algebra II and in 2023 earned 3rd place in Physics. He was also the Vice President of Mu Alpha Theta, an AP Scholar with Honors, and has been picked twice for Student of the Month. He is receiving the U of M Regents Merit Scholarship and the Genesee County Association of School Board Members Scholarship. Zachary plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Industrial and Operations Engineering.


Kelsea Joyce Burba:
4.077

Kelsea Joyce Burba is the daughter of Mark and Kari Burba. She is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society,

National Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. Kelsea is graduating with a 4.077 GPA and is a Scholar Athlete for Track and Field and Cross Country. Kelsea has been awarded the President's Scholarship from Biola University. She plans to study Elementary Education at Biola University in California.


Jade Peighton LaGore:
4.062

Jade Peighton LaGore is the daughter of Joel and Sonya LaGore and is graduating with a 4.062 GPA. She is a member of the Na-

tional Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and has been on the Varsity Tennis team for three years. Jade held the title of Flushing High School Orchestra Concertmaster and also served as an interchangeable concertmaster for the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has been awarded the Academic Merit Scholarship and Talent-Based Violin Scholarship and served as the First Violinist in the Dort Honors String Quartet. Jade plans to attend Belmont University in Tennessee to study Violin Performance.


Ethan Lee Wood:
4.059

Ethan Lee Wood is graduating with a 4.059 GPA. Ethan plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Mechanical

Engineering. He is the son of Don Wood and Sarah Wood.


Lainey Renee Prim:
4.035

Lainey Renee Prim is the daughter of Justin and Rachel Prim. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is graduating with a 4.035 GPA. Lainey

is a Flushing Raider Early College student and cohort leader. She held several roles in plays and musicals with the International Thespian Society. Lainey was part of the A Capella Choir, Marching Band, Beta, and Madrigals. Lainey plans to attend Mott Community College to study Secondary Education.



TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



Noah Douglas Pipes:
4.034

Noah Douglas Pipes is a member of the National Honor Society and Rho Kappa Honor Society. He is the son of Kenny Pipes and Debra Pipes and is graduating with a 4.034 GPA. Noah took second place in the 12th grade Spelling Bee. He plans to study History at the University of Michigan-Flint.



Carson Patrick Meredith:
4.021

Carson Patrick Meredith is the son of Kevin and Wendy Meredith. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. Carson joined the Robotics Team in 8th grade and remained on the team for five years. He is graduating with a 4.021 GPA. Carson plans to attend Oakland University or the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Computer Science.



Ella Mae Valerio:
4.021

Ella Mae Valerio is graduating with a 4.021 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. She is a Scholar Athlete and received the Leadership Award for Dance. Ella is the daughter of Christopher and Kimberly Valerio and plans to attend Western Michigan University to study Accounting and Dance.



Kate Elizabeth Burba:
4.017

Kate Elizabeth Burba is graduating with a 4.017 GPA. She is the daughter of Mark and Kari Burba. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. Kate plans to attend Point Loma Nazarene University in California to obtain a degree in Education. Kate was a Scholar Athlete for Track and Cross Country in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. In her senior year, she won the 2024 Genesee County DAR Good Citizens Award and Essay, was named Rotary Student of the Month, and was a high score participant in the 2024 District Orchestra Solo and Ensemble. Kate received the AP Scholar with Honors Award her junior year. In 2023-2024 Kate was the FHS Rotary Club Co-President, Class of 2024 Officer, and the National Honor Society Officer. She has been awarded the President's Green Merit Scholarship from PLNU.



Allison Elaine Miller:
4.017

The daughter of Stewart and Martiel Miller, Allison Elaine Miller is graduating with a 4.017 GPA. Allison is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Scholar Athlete for Cross Country and Track and Field. She plans to study Nursing at the University of South Florida.



Benjamin Kennedy Valles:
4.017

Benjamin Kennedy Valles is the son of Lauro Valles and Maryscott Valles. He is graduating with a 4.017 GPA. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Mechanical Engineering.



Kole Jackson Andrews:
4.012

Kole Jackson Andrews is the son of Troy and Shawn Andrews. Kole is graduating with a 4.012 GPA and is interested in studying Nursing at Oakland University. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. Kole has been the Football Team Captain, All Region Offensive Line, and on the first and second team All Metro League Offensive Line. He has also received the Academic All State Football and Academic All State Baseball Awards.



Owen Spencer Foltz:
4.012

Owen Spencer Foltz is the son of Kevin and Wendy Foltz. Owen is graduating with a 4.012 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a Scholar Athlete. Owen received the All Metro Team Placement in Track and Cross Country. He is a Rotary and Varsity Club Member, along with being a four year Varsity Athlete. Owen plans to attend Michigan State University to study Finance.



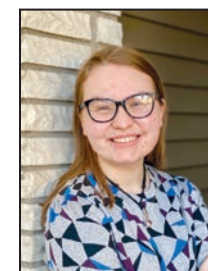
Emily Nicole LaBombard:
4.006

Emily Nicole LaBombard is the daughter of Gary and Carla LaBombard. She is graduating with a 4.006 GPA. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society and is the Vice President of the Student Leadership Organization. Emily plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to study Visual Arts Education and has been awarded the SVSU Founder's Scholarship.



Brooklyn Rae Gooch:
4.004

Brooklyn Rae Gooch is the daughter of Robb and Midge Gooch. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. Brooklyn is a scholar athlete and the Varsity Lacrosse Captain. She is graduating with a 4.004 GPA and has been awarded the Faculty Scholarship from GVSU. Brooklyn plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study Biology.



Lauren Elizabeth Popovits:
4.004

Lauren Elizabeth Popovits is the daughter of John and Chrissy Popovits and is graduating with a 4.004 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. She has been awarded the Trustee (Merit) Scholarship, Women in Engineering Scholarship, and the Robotics Scholarship, all from Kettering University. Lauren was the Game Captain of the Raider Robotics Team in 2023 and 2024. She was named the Rotary Student of the Month for December 2023 and was a L.I.T.E.S. Participant at Kettering University. She received the Certificate of Merit from the Society of Women's Engineers and held the Mu Alpha Theta Gatekeeper status for 2023 and 2024. Lauren participated in 'Adopt-a-Class' for a second grade class at Springview. She plans to attend Kettering University to study Electrical and Computer Engineering.



Abigail Grace Miller:
4.000

Abigail Grace Miller is the daughter of Stewart and Martiel Miller and is graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was a Track and Field Scholar Athlete her freshman and sophomore years. She plans to study Advertising at the University of South Florida.



ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS SHOW

Thank you

Thank you to all who made the 2024 Annual Visual Arts Show a success. The detail, quality and imagination of work that was on display was fantastic. You can see the value our district places on the Fine Arts programs when you view the progression of talent from Kindergarten all the way through the Art Honor Society in High School.

