



# Flushing Community Schools

Homecoming celebration at Central Elementary with our PTO Tailgate.

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Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.



## HOMECOMING 2024

Thank you to all who made Homecoming 2024 a huge success. The hard work of those who prepared for Spirit Week, the parade and football game did not go unnoticed!

### RAIDER PRIDE



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Flushing Raider Families

I hope the first two months of the 2024-2025 school year have been good for you and your family. It has been a very busy and positive start for our students and staff members, as you can see throughout the rest of this Raider Nation News insert. Our students are having fun, staying engaged in meaningful learning and making the most of the opportunities that they have everyday. From our 322 kindergarteners that are just getting started on their educational journey, to our 291 Seniors that are living in the moment and making the most of their last year of high school, there is a positive energy in our buildings and wonderful things happening everyday for our students.

I am extremely grateful for the work of our highly dedicated staff that is committed to providing a top notch experience for our students, and want you to know that we are still looking for a few people with a heart for kids to provide crucial support to the students in our buildings. We are incredibly grateful to our 23 incredible bus drivers that provide a safe journey to and from school for over 2000 of our students everyday, however, we are still looking to add great drivers to our team. If you have your CDL, or would like to work on getting it, and are willing to get the necessary specialized endorsements in order to safely drive a school bus, we are willing to pay you to train and become a certified bus driver. If you are interested, please call our Transportation Supervisor, Chris Atkinson at 810-591-2786 to get started. While we have been able to add additional support staff throughout the district, we are still very interested in hiring an additional certified speech pathologist, bus drivers and guest teachers. Please check out the “Job Opportunities” link on our website ([www.FlushingSchools.org](http://www.FlushingSchools.org)) for more information. We currently have about 540 staff members doing incredible things for kids, and we would love for you to be part of it.

I hope your children were able



Matt Shanafelt

to participate in our Homecoming festivities during mid September. From the special spirit days in all of our buildings, powderpuff and powderbuff games and pep assemblies, to our cross county teams running the game ball in from

Linden, it was a great week filled with wonderful events and memories. Flushing Raider faithfuls lined the parade route, filled with Raider pride and spirit, before heading into the Homecoming game on Friday night. Homecoming week is just one of the events that make school memorable for all the right reasons,

and we hope that you and the family were able to enjoy it. As I have shared in the past, I again want to reiterate just how important the ongoing positive partnership and relationship is between our schools and your children. If there are specific needs that your child has, we want to be aware of them. It is our ongoing hope that if there is something that is not quite right, something that you have concerns about, or something that would help us support your child, we want to be in the loop, and part of a positive solution. I urge you to continue to have regular and ongoing contact with your child’s teachers, principal, counselor, coach, school/home coordinator, MTSS support person, social worker, academic interventionist, and/or secretary. Our incredible educational and support staff members want to help. Their doors, as well as their e-mails and phone lines are open, and they want to be aware of anything that will help us meet your child’s needs. We want to continue to do whatever we can to have “connected” students, knowing that they have a number of caring adults that want to help make their school experience be as fulfilling as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school system as we work together to make sure the experiences our students have are exactly what they were meant to be.

GO RAIDERS!

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 31**  
Half Day -- Grades K-6 ONLY
- November 4 & 12**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Grades 7-12
- November 7 & 13**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Grades K-6
- November 8**  
Half Day -- Grades K-12
- November 20**  
Early Dismissal
- November 27,28,29**  
NO SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Conferences

- 7-12 Grade: 3:30-7:15 pm**  
Monday, November 4  
Tuesday, November 12
- K-6 Grade: 4:15-8:00 pm**  
Thursday, November 7  
Wednesday, November 13

SCHOOL DAY					
School	Start Time	Full Day Dismissal	Half day Dismissal	Early Dismissal	
High School	8:00 am	2:48 pm	11:14 am	1:04 pm	
Middle School	8:00 am	2:43 pm	11:10 am	1:00 pm	
Elementary	9:00 am	3:51 pm	12:15 pm	2:05 pm	
Early Childhood Center	8:45 am	3:36 pm	12:00 pm	1:50 pm	

DISTRICT CONTACTS



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Superintendent	<b>Matt Shanafelt</b>	591-1180
Deputy Superintendent	<b>Jason Melynchek</b>	591-1184
Exec. Dir. Curriculum	<b>Michelle Barrett</b>	591-1187
Director of Finance	<b>Jackie Read</b>	591-1193
Director of Special Services	<b>Alex Keesling</b>	591-2321
High School	<b>Kevin Foltz</b>	591-3770
Middle School	<b>Elizabeth Endicott</b>	591-2800
Central Elementary	<b>Rob Steinhaus</b>	591-1901
Early Childhood Center	<b>Heidi Donaldson</b>	591-2326
Elms Elementary	<b>John Hagens Jr</b>	591-7350
Seymour Elementary	<b>Steve Groulx</b>	591-5150
Springview Elementary	<b>Stacey Mesarosh</b>	591-8550

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



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Trustee



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Trustee

The following are highlights of the Flushing Board of Education meetings held on August 13, 2024 and September 10, 2024:

- Recognized Dean of Students Nate Williams, Teacher Dori DeVuyst, and the yearbook staff for all their hard work and dedication to the students, parents, and staff of Flushing Community Schools.
- Approved the second reading and final adoption of revised/new NEOLA Board Policies 2264 and 2266.
- Approved the hiring of the following certified staff members for the 2024-2025 school year:
  - Rebecca Adrianse – Guidance Counselor at FMS
  - Leslie Parker – Special Education Teacher at Springview Elementary
  - Skylar Craft – 6th Grade Teacher at Elms Elementary
  - Kerry Gilmore – 4th Grade Teacher at Springview Elementary
- Approved the request for a leave of absence for the 2024-2025 school year for Todd Hartley.
- Approved the purchase of child nutrition signage for the cafeterias at the ECC, Central, Elms, Seymour, Springview, FMS, and FHS.
- Approved the district’s updated Emergency Operations Plan.
- Approved the tentative agreements between Flushing Community Schools and the following employee groups with the MEA, effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025:

- Custodians, Food Service, Maintenance, and Transportation
- Paraprofessionals
- Approved the designation of Salvatore Ausiello to represent the district as the voting delegate to the 2024 MASB Delegate Assembly on Thursday, October 24, 2024.
- Approved the purchase of furniture for the Media Center at Springview Elementary.
- Approved the change in dates for the FHS Band/Orchestra overnight/out-of-state field trip request to now take place March 20-23, 2025 in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Approved the FHS Course of Studies and FCS Online Course/Providers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved the 2024-2025 Student Growth Measures.
- Approved the updated 2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbooks for elementary, middle school, and high school.
- Approved the scheduling of a board workshop on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the administration building.
- Heard a report on the start to the 2024-2025 school year.
- Heard an update on the bond project.
- Heard a report from Student Board Representatives Allam and Burba on recent activities at FHS.
- Heard a report on the resignation of certified staff member Larry Tippet.
- Heard a report on the state of the schools.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS



## ELMS ELEMENTARY

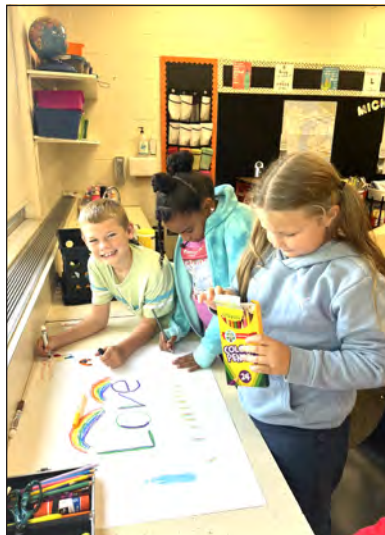
### WELCOME BACK!

Elms is off to a great start this school year! Students have been learning and continuing to build a positive school climate. Staff took the time to walk students through how to be responsible, respectful, and safe during a schoolwide rotation and assembly. Students were taken to various areas around the building to see first-hand how they can be successful this year.

Elms PTA sponsored a “Welcome Back Night” for students and families. It was a successful evening with lots of fun and ice cream! To honor Constitution Day on September 17, Dr. Hagens led the entire school in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance around the flagpole on the front lawn. Students were also taught about our Constitution and the importance it represents. Elms Student Council also had elections that included speeches for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. After a week of school spirit, students celebrated Homecoming by walking in the parade.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY



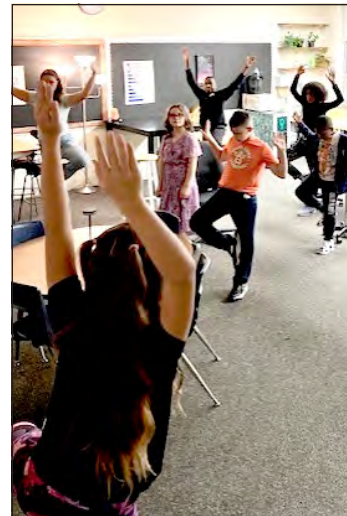
#### CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

Seymour would not survive without Mr. Fred and Mrs. Jenny. They make Seymour such a great place to work and learn! Mrs. Potzmann's 3rd grade students enjoyed working together in small groups to brainstorm ideas and create colorful posters for them. Students also made them songs to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated.



#### THE POWER OF PEER TO PEER

Under Ms. Hamman's guidance and leadership, Peer to Peer has become a powerful part of Seymour Elementary. Peers learn how to lead sensory exercises for 2nd grade students and work with students in the academic setting to have a more inclusive learning environment. Academics, social-emotional learning, peer relationships, and leadership skills continue to grow at Seymour as a result of this program. Thank you, Ms. Hamman, for all your hard work!



#### VARSITY WELCOME

Students and staff were excited to meet and greet Seymour Alumni on Homecoming Game Day! In a sea of orange and black, Varsity football players and cheerleaders welcomed Seymour students to school with their smiles and positive energy.



ELEMENTARY NEWS

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY



RAIDER REWARDS ASSEMBLY

Springview celebrated their Sharks during the Raider Rewards Assembly on October 4th. Students who received positive office referrals and perfect

attendance were selected for “Shark of the Month” and were announced at the assembly. Also recognized, were the class that had the most classroom Raider tickets and the students that won the individual Raider Ticket drawing. It was great to come together as a school community to celebrate so many successes!

SHARK STORE

The Shark Store is open! Three days out of the week, fourth through sixth grade students are able to come down to the school store after eating lunch. They earn Raider Tickets by being safe, respectful, and responsible and use them to purchase items such as nail polish, pens, pencils, markers, Springview merchandise, stickers, Play-Doh, and snacks. We also have students running the store. Their job is to collect tickets, distribute items, monitor the students in line, create open and closed signs, and decorate the store. They also take inventory and keep track of favorite items to be repurchased. It has been a huge hit at Springview and a great way to encourage positive behavior.



TEACHER CADETS

Teacher Cadets began this month at Springview. Upper elementary students were selected to come down and work with some of the lower elementary students. The cadets work with them on high frequency words and they read stories together. It is a great program and we are very thankful to Mr. Christner for putting it together for our students!



STAFF SHARK OF THE MONTH

This year “Staff Shark of the Month” families and staff are able to nominate someone that goes above and beyond in support of our school. The October Staff Shark of the Month is Mrs. Cannon! Mrs. Cannon always finds a way to have time for everyone! Some of her many responsibilities are juggling phone calls, following protocol on who enters the school building, handling duties from Mrs. Mesarosh, helping teachers and other staff with their needs and questions, helping to get new students enrolled and handling all of the files and paperwork, and the list goes on and on. Mrs. Cannon is the heart of the office and keeps it running smoothly. She is always kind and pleasant to all who come into the office throughout the day! We couldn’t do it without Mrs. Cannon!

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY



HOMECOMING TAILGATE

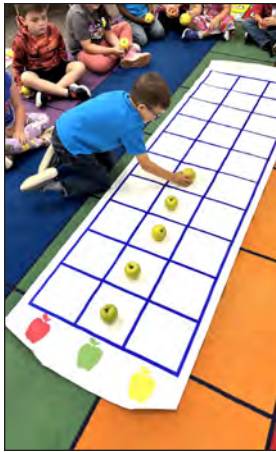
Central’s PTO put together a Homecoming tailgate for our students. They enjoyed a drink, popcorn, some face painting, and other activities as they prepared for the big game! Thank you to all the amazing volunteers for making this happen! A special shout out to NCG Cinema for donating the popcorn. Go Raiders!



FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

The Flushing Fire Department visited Central to talk to students in grades 1-3 about fire safety. Students learned very valuable information and how to respond in the event of a fire. Students also had an opportunity to explore a fire truck. Thank you to the Flushing Fire Department for taking the time to talk about this very important topic to our students.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



### KINDERGARTEN AND DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

The ECC is hustling and bustling with fun fall activities. Apples, apples, and more apples is the theme in many of our Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten classrooms these past weeks. They enjoyed painting with apples, making applesauce, reading apples stories, graphing apples crafts, and so much more.

### SCARECROW

To continue the fall adventure, the ECC was represented at the Harvest Festival with a scarecrow. Mrs. Hoover's class did a great job stuffing the scarecrow as a community building event.



### OUTDOOR FUN

The ECC students are enjoying the new pavillion. A special thank you to Westside Church, Serve Tour Flint, Donaldson & Sons Inc., SRE Enterprises, and R & R Ready Mix for making this pavillion possible. Students also love playing on the playground, especially when Officer Good joins us.



### FALL EXCITEMENT

Mixed in with all the fall excitement was homecoming, complete with a pep rally and parade journey! We have loved meeting our new therapy dog, Oliver. He comes to us from Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs. Thank you to Oliver and his owner Shelly for volunteering their time to support the ECC students and staff. We at the Early Childhood Center wish you all a wonderful fall season, enjoying family time, fresh cider, crisp autumn air, and the beautiful colors of nature's leaves.

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

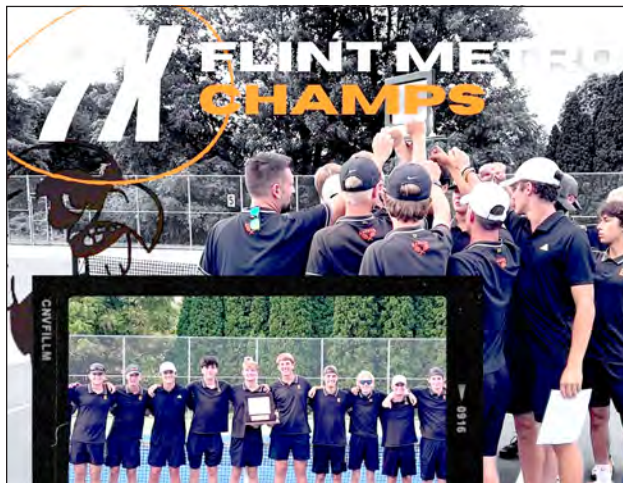
## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### OUR YOUNGEST RAIDERS

Preschool students are enjoying many activities to get them started on their first school adventure. The preschool team works hard to provide a fun and exciting learning environment for our youngest Raiders. They provide opportunities for students to grow their letter and number knowledge, develop fine motor and gross motor skills during circle time, promote independence through answering questions, and build friendships by engaging with peers. Preschool is a great way to begin your journey with the Raider education family! If you are interested in joining one of the preschool classrooms, please visit the Flushing Schools website at [www.flushingschools.org](http://www.flushingschools.org) to register.



## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



### BOYS TENNIS PROGRAM

The Boys Tennis Program, coached by Ian Thomas, earned a 7th consecutive Flint Metro League Championship. These students demonstrate success both on and off the court in the classroom.



### RAIDER MARCHING BAND SUPPORTING ALUMNI AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Students from the Flushing Raider Marching Band went to Michigan State University to watch the MSU marching band practice. Flushing alumni Keri McClain is in the marching band. They also went to the University of Michigan for the open stadium marching band rehearsal. There were 10,000 people in attendance! Alumni Zach Woodzell is in the marching band! What an amazing experience for our students.



### CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team helped celebrate homecoming by running the game ball from Linden High School to Flushing High School! The team returned to Linden on Saturday to compete in the Linden Classic. The boys team took 2nd with five runners placing in the top 25. James Latstetter won the event with Griffin Good and Jaylen Wildman finishing in 6th and 7th place! CJ Schilling and John Wilson also medaled for the boys. Lily Polega finished first for the Raiders in 11th place and Eleanor Olivio and Eve Sheldon also medaled.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### HOMEcoming PEP ASSEMBLY

Middle School students had tons of fun at the Homecoming Pep Assembly! Students from 7th and 8th grade competed against each other as well as a team of our teaching and support staff. The 7th grade class had the most spirit and came away with the victory.



### HOMEWORK HELP

After-school Homework Help starts on October 15th. Homework Help allows students to complete homework with supervision from certified teachers. It is every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:50-3:50pm. There is no need to sign up, students just come to the library after school with their homework.

### HALLOWEEN DANCE AND OPEN GYM

Our first big event of the year is coming up on Friday, November 1st from 6:30-8:30pm the Parents Who Care group is hosting a Halloween Dance and Open Gym. Costumes are welcome! Advance tickets will go on sale at lunch on October 24th. Advance tickets are \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. Concessions will also be available for sale.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

The following staff  
have joined our  
**RAIDER FAMILY**  
since last fall.

Aaron Woodward	Psychologist	Early Childhood Center
Alexis Sharpe	Communication & Events	District
Amanda Rancour	Lunchroom/Playground Monitor	Springview
Anette McNeil	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary
Anna Anders	Teacher- 5th Grade	Elms Elementary
Anne Emmert	Teacher- 1st grade	Central Elementary
Aubrey Routowicz	Teacher- Spanish	High School
Breanna Inman	Bus Driver	Transportation
Brianna Prescott	Lunchroom / Playground Monitor	Elms Elementary
Casie Horton	Secretary- Guidance Office	High School
Chandler Ford	Teacher- Math	High School
Christina Franklin	Social Worker	High School
Christine Pasha	Child Nutrition	Early Childhood Center
Cynthia Scheuer	Paraprofessional	Early Childhood Center
Dae'Lyn Horton	Paraprofessional	High School
Elisabeth Boaz	Teacher- Choir	Middle School/High School
Emily Brewington	Paraprofessional	Central Elementary
Emily StCin	Paraprofessional	Elms Elementary
Heather Davis	Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Hope Mims	Teacher- Spanish	High School
Jackie Wyman	Bus Driver	Transportation
Jada Eiermann	ASL Interpreter	Early Childhood Center
Jami Fisher	Paraprofessional	Early Childhood Center
Janice Payne	Lunchroom Monitor	Middle School
Jason Morse	Bus Driver	Transportation
Jean Launstein	Paraprofessional	Middle School
Jeffrey Ragland	Teacher- Spanish	Middle School
Jennifer Brossart	Secretary	Central Elementary
Jennifer Mulqueen	Playground/Lunchroom	Early Childhood Center
Jennifer Scott	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Jennifer Simer	General Cleaner	Flushing Middle School
Jillian Arceo	Academic Interventionist	Middle School
Joseph Ayala	Paraprofessional	Elms Elementary
Julia Sepanak	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Kali McQueen	Teacher- 2nd grade	Springview
Kassi Cook	Playground/Lunchroom	Central Elementary
Katelyn Lanning	Playground / Lunchroom	Early Childhood Center
Kayla Douglas	Teacher- Special Education	Central Elementary
Kayla Greninger	Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Kelly Fain	Playground Monitor	Seymour Elementary
Kerri Gilmore	Teacher- 4th grade	Springview Elementary
Kimberly Colton	Bus Driver	Transportation
Kristen Popielarz	Teacher- Special Education	Middle School
Larry Burns	Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Leslie Parker	Teacher- Special Education	Springview
Lindsay Nohta	Lunchroom/Playground	Springview
Lisa Caras-Garcia	Paraprofessional	Central Elementary

Logan Salomon	Teacher- 1st grade	Central Elementary
Maddison Kranz	Teacher- 3rd grade	Seymour Elementary
Mary Emmendorfer	Bus Driver	Transportation
Meghan Polmatier	Paraprofessional	Early Childhood Center
Melissa Fitch	Teacher- Life Skills	Middle School
Merry Castle	Paraprofessional	Flushing High School
Nathan Williams	Dean of Students	High School
Patrice Harris- Flanders	Paraprofessional	Middle School
Rachelle Wilson	Teacher- Science	Springview Elementary
Rebecca Adrianse	Guidance Counselor	Middle School
Renee Gagnon	Social Worker	Elementary
Robin Collins	Bus Driver	Transportation
Ryan Czymbor	Teacher- Math	High School
Shelley Lindsey	Teacher	Elms Elementary
Shona Powell	Preschool Aide	Early Childhood Center
Skylar Craft	Teacher- 6th grade	Elms Elementary
So'Mona Neither	Breakfast Supervisor	Early Childhood Center
Stacey Willyerd	Teacher- Special Education	Springview Elementary
Stephanie Mills	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary
Susie Jaster	Teacher- French	High School
Thea Swift	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center

Years of Service		
10 YEARS	20 YEARS	30 YEARS
Jodie Barclay	Chad Cook	Sandy Keefer
Trisha Biggs	Felicia Cook	Barb Oskey
Donna Cox	Gina Hodgins	Karen Sleno
Angela Dubois	Keri Jagers	Stacy Stead
Annastacia Limron	Julie Smeja	
Samantha Lowe	Shelly Stringer	
Lori Marshall	Ian Thomas	
Virgina Rodriguez	Kevyn Welter	
Tina Ruff	Robert Wiedyk	
Hannah Schwanz	Angela Wills	
Kristi Thuma	Lori Wurtz	
Melissa Tunnicliff		
Dana Ward		
Brenda Whitcomb		
Kris Yancho		