



### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*Dem M. Fulton*

This year marks the end of the 2022-2023 school year and what a year it has been!

Academically, we are proud of our continued excellence K-12. Between our elementary reading scores and our strong standardized assessment scores, we rank as one of the best schools in the state.

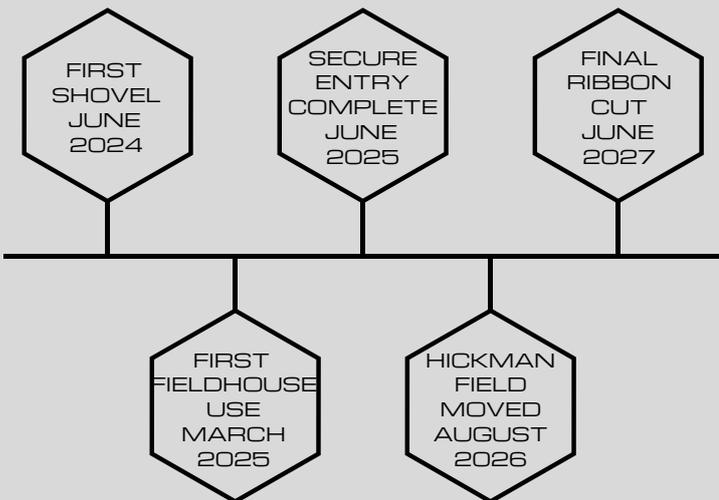
Our arts department continues their skilled work. Strong band competitions, stellar theatrical performances, magical choir concerts around the holidays, and numerous visual arts field trips make our programs second to none.

In athletics, our track teams ended ranked highly in the state, and, as I type this, both our baseball and soccer teams prepare for their regional matchups this week.



### BOND UPDATE

We cannot thank your community enough for supporting our work at Spring Lake Public Schools by supporting the May 2023 bond!



# ELITE TRACK PERFORMANCE

To say the Boys & Girls Varsity Track Team had a stellar season would be an understatement.

The boys finished 13th in the MHSAA Finals with Jaxson Tober leading the way by finishing 2nd in the state in the 300m hurdles. The 4x200m relay of Jackson Gee, Jaxson Tober, Tanner Guzcwa, and Caden Kyser finished 3rd in the state and broke their own school record. Jackson Gee finished 7th in the state in the 200m sprint. Throughout the season, the boys broke five school records.

The girls finished their season 2nd at Regionals and 32nd in the MHSAA Finals. Lily Parker broke her own school record in the 3200m run by finishing 7th in the state finals. The girls 4x800m relay of Meghan Guzcwa, Sophie Van Ittersum, Kyla Meyers, and Lily Parker finished 3rd in the state meet and broke the school record.

## Athletic Highlights 2022-2023

- Girls cross country finishes 6th at MHSAA State Finals
- Girls golf captures regional championship; finishes 8th at MHSAA State Finals
- Johnny Wachter finishes 4th in 50-yard freestyle & 5th in 100-yard butterfly at MHSAA State Finals
- Braelyn Flemming earns 7th place in MHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championships
- Girls soccer achieves #1 ranking in MHSAA Division 2

Congratulations!

Spring Lake Athletics Department was recognized as an "Exemplary Athletic Program" by the MHSAA & Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association





## School Building Highlights 2022-2023

### High School

- Seniors earned over \$3,000,000 in scholarship money

### Alternative Education

- Graduated over 95% of eligible attendees

### Middle School

- Added new exploratory options for students, including Esports, junior dance team, themed student sections, and a People Matter service club

### Intermediate School

- Added and updated playground equipment and outdoor learning space

### Holmes Elementary

- Welcomed US Congresswoman, Hillary Scholten, in to see the great work happening with students and staff

### Jeffers Elementary

- Successfully implemented a Positive Behavior Intervention Support System that strengthened relationships among students and staff

## FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

As a district, we take great pride in our arts department as curricular, not just extracurricular--allowing students to follow their passions and enhance their school day.

There was a heavy focus on Armed Force veterans as the 3rd & 4th students created a slideshow of family veterans for their concert. Additionally, the high school's spring musical, *White Christmas*, was able to raise \$1,000 in donations for the Veterans Home of Grand Rapids.

Over 300 choir students from 3rd - 12th grade sang together at Hope College for a Vocal Arts Festival focused on the theme of *Hope for the Future*.

The bands recorded high-level rankings in their fall and spring performances, and the visual arts continues to impress throughout the region.



# CLASS NOTES

## 1980s

- **NICOLE CHITTENDEN '87** is at Spring Lake Public Schools in the transportation and foods departments; lives in the house she grew up in; two children (Hanna and Maddy)
- **CURT THEUNE '87** is a safety specialist at Oakridge Public Schools
- **RENEE HARGRAVE (BALZER) '89** works as a Plans Specialist for the City of Kentwood
- **KELLY VANDERHOEK (SECORY) '89** works at Sweet Temptations after a career in public education; married for 25 years; two children (Jake, 24 and Elly, 20)

## 1990s

- **MIKE ERCOLE '90** has retired from a career in police/fire
- **ANGIE HONDORP (GRABINSKI) '91** is a teacher at Greenville Public Schools for 28 years; two children (Caleb, 20 and Brock, 18)
- **SARAH CHRISTENSEN '94** is a Talent Manager at Robert Half; moved back home after living 17 years in Hawai'i; married in 1999; one cat (Mabel)
- **ANGIE WILBUR (NEITRING) '94** is a Construction Project Coordinator and Buyer at National Heritage Academies for 22 years; lives in Grand Rapids; married 20 years; one child (Olivia, 13)
- **JOHN GRISWOLD '95** is a Verplank truck driver; lives in Nunica; one child (Katrina, 24)
- **KRISTIN KOSTAMO '95** has relocated to West Michigan after 15 years in San Diego; married to Patrick McNeil from South Bend, IN; two children (Oliver, 6 and Bennett, 3)
- **KATIE MCBETH '95** is a psychotherapist in a private practice; lives in Syracuse, New York; married since 2002
- **KIRSTIE SCHUBERT-MOSER '95** is a Dental Auditor at Delta Dental of Michigan; lives in Hastings after several years in California; married to Paul Moser from California; no children, just dogs
- **DAVID THEUNE '95** is the Director of Communications for Spring Lake Public Schools
- **JESSE TRYON '95** is retiring from Walt Disney World after 15 years there and 8 years in the aerospace business; lives in Orlando
- **DANITA COLE (REED) '96** is Assistant General Manager at Panera; married to Christopher since 1999; resides in Michigan; seven children (Joshua, Tyler, Natalie, William, Alexis, Korbin & Christopher)
- **AUTUMN QUIGG (BOTBYL) '96** has been the Digital Marketing Specialist at ODL for 3 years and has worked for them for 21 years; married to Mike Quigg and they have been living in Norton Shores; daughter (Jocelyn, 17), stepdaughter (Jessica, 17) & stepson (Jonathan, 14)
- **KRISTEN STORY (ERIKSON) '96** is the Director of Risk, Control and Management for Northpoint Bank; married to Stephen since 2001; lives in Rockford, MI; one daughter (Alayna, 18)
- **AMANDA CHASSEE (PETERS) '97** works as a counselor at The Fertility Center in GR; married; two boys
- **JULIE MURRAY-DULL (MURRAY) '97** works as a Physician Assistant at Lakeshore Dermatology; married to Andrew Dull since 2003; two children (Zoe & Alex)
- **JOSHUA ELING '98** has worked at Guild Mortgage since 2014; married to Yvonne since 2020; lives in Littleton, MI
- **LINDSAY HAASE '99** married since 1998 to **CHRISTIAN DEAL '98**

- **AMY JOHNSEN (HYDE) '99** owns Amy's Hair Hydeway
- **MIBELLE (MIA) LAMORE (MCNERGNEY) '99** works as a Specialist for Corewell Health; married to John for 20 years; lives in Lowell; three kids (Ethan, 19; Noah, 16; Francesca, 13)
- **JAY NEITRING '99** is currently working as an estate manager; one child (Vivian)
- **RACHAEL SCHWAB (BOTTEMA) '99** is working as an accounting supervisor with Auto-Owners Insurance Co; two boys (Noah and Jonah)

## 2000s

- **JENNIFER ERICKSON '00** is a Doctorate Student of Psychology; married; two children
- **ERIN CRAIG (WHIPKEY) '01** has written her third book, *HOUSE OF ROOTS AND RUIN*, coming out in July with a book launch at Schuler Books in GR on July 25 @ 6:30PM
- **KIMBERLY EXTON (CONNOR) '02** is a Manufacturing Technician at Shape Corporation
- **MEGAN FREED (MACLACHLAN) '02** started her own private practice at Maternal Hope Counseling Center; married to Jacob; living in Portage, MI; three boys (Jacob, 11; Ethan, 8; Noah, 3)
- **SUSAN PETE (BERO) '02** is a Business Manager at Med Tech Support Services; married to Pete for 17 years; lives in Walker, MI; two boys (Ethan, 16 & Brennan, 14)
- **BROOKE BERNBECK (LINDERT) '05** is teaching Physical Education to K-4th grade students; coaches volleyball at the University School of Milwaukee; married since 2017 to Brice; lives in Oak Creek, WI; two children (Oliver & Riley)
- **MITCHEL TENNYSON '05** lives at Gracious Grounds, an independent living facility for people with unique abilities in Grand Haven
- **EMILY BERNSTEIN (KEIZER) '07** started her own company called Naviate Health to help people through the healthcare industry
- **RUTH DEVRIES (BOERSMA) '07** works as an intake coordinator for Winning at Home; married to Joshua DeVries; lives in Zeeland, MI; two children (Esther & Abigail)
- **BEN LOSETH '07** is a Physicist with US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; married to Vanessa Wolf; lives in Bellbrook, OH
- **KARA PAINTER '07** is a Coordinated Entry Supervisor for Housing and Homelessness System in Washtenaw County; lives in Ann Arbor, MI
- **MARY SCHUITEMA (WOLTERS) '07** works at Jeffers Elementary in Spring Lake teaching 1st grade; married to **CALEB SCHUITEMA '07**; one son (Henry)
- **ELLYSE BIRCH '08** is a Client Partner Manager for Pacific Floorcare; married to Jake Lazarock; two children (Elliot & Reed)
- **ERIC FOSTER '08** works for NBC Sports, Sales, and GolfNow
- **JULIA MELVIN (KROLL) '08** owns The Blissful Bird, LLC; married to Bobby Melvin; lives in Twin Lakes, MI; two children (Davyon & Lorraine) with number three due in September
- **KARLI NIENHOUSE '08** is a Marine Corps Officer; married to Joshua; lives in Georgia; two daughters (Hadley, 9 & Charlie, 2)
- **STEPHANIE PICKFORD (PELLEGROM) '08** is a high school counselor at Adrian High School; coaches men's volleyball at Adrian College; one son (Colton)
- **RYENN DIXON (BOYCHUK) '09** is working as a Digital Marketing Specialist with Applied Adhesives; married to Matt Dixon; lives in Mason, OH; one daughter (Jane)

## 2010s

- **KAYLEE KETCHUM (TUIN) '10** works as a Senior Accountant for RDV Corp; married to Grayson; lives in Middleville, MI; one child (Grayson)

- **JAIME ROSEMA '10** has been teaching for 3 years with Spring Lake Public Schools as a 1st grade teacher at Jeffers Elementary; married; two daughters
- **ALEXANDRA ASHCRAFT (SPINNER) '11** is currently working at Stan's Bar and is the new owner of Mia Mia's Pizza in Spring Lake...soon to be Mia's Village Eats
- **JENNA DOUGHERTY (LADD) '11** has a degree in Secondary English Ed from Ferris State; taught 8th grade English for 3 years and is now a nanny for three kids; married to Joe; lives in northern Kentucky
- **HANNAH KOOPMAN '11** works as a Purchasing Coordinator at Klingel Homes in Grand Haven; married to Darin; lives in Grand Haven, MI; twins (Noah & Finn)
- **NICOLE MURPHY (MILLER) '11** works as a Middle School Social Studies Teacher in Plainwell, MI; married to Michael
- **MEGHAN OSTERMANN '11** is a fusion research engineer with Helion; married to Nils; lives in Bothwell, WA; one child (Ira) with another one on the way
- **ANGELINA SEITZ (PERSING-MAZZOLE) '12** works as a custodian at Grand Haven Area Public Schools and the Aquatic Center; married to **LARRY SEITZ '10**; lives in Spring Lake, MI; two children (Lilliana & Elena)
- **ELIZABETH REEG '13** is a Covid-19 Epidemiologist with MDHHS; lives with her two dogs in Lansing, MI
- **MADISON ELDRED (NOVAKOSKI) '15** is a PA-C at Lakeshore Dermatology; married to **DEVON ELDRED '15**
- **SKYLER GILCHRIST '17** works as a sales rep at Cadela Medical Field; lives in Newport Beach, CA
- **SARAH KORNOELJE '17** works as a lead daycare teacher

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