



Flushing Community Schools

Students had so much fun dressing like the Seymour staff and the staff enjoyed dressing like their students!

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Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.



HOMECOMING 2025

Thank you to all who made this year's homecoming a success! From Spirit Week, to the parade, and the football game, all the hard work did not go unnoticed! Your efforts brought the community together and created unforgettable memories!

RAIDER PRIDE



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Flushing Raider Families

I hope the first two months of the 2025-2026 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 303 kindergarten students that are just getting started on their educational journey, to our 311 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 are happening everyday for our students.



Matt Shanafelt

I hope your children were able to participate in our homecoming festivities. 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 Holly, it was a great week filled with wonderful events and memories. The Flushing community 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 your family were able to enjoy it.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a bond project update as well. We are thankful that our contractors were able to finish our elementary playground asphalt projects, complete with new basketball hoops right before school started. It took until late September to

finish our new tennis courts, but they are beautiful. It is our intention to line the far west courts for pickleball this Spring, knowing that it continues to grow in popularity. At our October

board meeting, the Board of Education approved Phase 2 work, which includes walk-in coolers and generators, new secondary doors and framing at all of our elementary buildings, and an expansive HVAC project that will cool our elementary

cafeterias/ gymnasiums and the old high school gymnasium. Now that the design work has been completed, Phase 3 is out for bid. This includes all aspects of our outdoor athletic complex, including the new Raider Stadium. We look forward to approving bids for these projects at our November board meeting. We expect to break ground on this project as soon as the snow clears, and anticipate it being done by the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

We are excited to introduce our support dogs to our buildings over the next couple of months. They have been in training for nearly a year and are currently finishing up with their intensive preparation. We look forward to the difference these dogs will make in each of our school buildings.

A lot of exciting things are happening in Raider Nation, and I am thankful for the ongoing positive relationship that we have with our students, families, and community. It is people, like you, that make it special. Thank you for being such great partners as we seek to do great things for our students every day. It is a great time to be a Flushing Raider!

GO RAIDERS!



Salvatore Ausiello
Vice President



Terry Bate
Trustee



Eddie Dolgan
Trustee



Megan LeCureux
Treasurer



Steve Sheldon
President



Kim Strnad
Secretary



Janice Winkiel
Trustee

BOARD ACTION UPDATE

The following are highlights of the Flushing Board of Education meetings held on August 12, 2025 and September 9, 2025:

- Approved the hiring of the following certified staff members for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Arianna Boese – Art Teacher at Springview Elementary
 - Tina Cracium – Speech and Language Pathologist at Elms Elementary
 - Michelle Householder – 3rd Grade Teacher at Springview Elementary
 - Haley Burnett – Kindergarten Teacher at the Early Childhood Center
 - Deborah Isham – Special Education Teacher at Flushing High School
 - Morgan Waier – Physical Education Teacher at Central Elementary
- Approved the designation of board members Winkiel, Strnad, and Sheldon to represent the district as voting delegates to the 2025 MASB Delegate Assembly on Thursday, October 23, 2025.
- Approved the Tentative Agreements with the following employee groups:
 - Custodians, Food Service, Maintenance, Transportation - MEA
 - Paraprofessionals - MEA
 - Secretaries – FOP/MEA
- Approved the following Schools of Choice Resolutions:
 - Opting Into the State Schools of Choice Program (Section 105): Early Childhood Center, Grade Kindergarten
 - Opting Into the Section 105c Schools of Choice Program: Early Childhood Center, Grade Kindergarten
- Approved the updated FCS Student/Athlete Handbook.
- Approved the purchase of custodial equipment.
- Approved the request for a leave of absence for the 2025-2026 school year from Colin Coulter.
- Approved the FHS Course of Studies and FCS Online Course/ Providers for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved the 2025-2026 Student Growth Measures.
- Approved the Resolution Addressing 2025-2026 School Aid Budget Delays.
- Approved the scheduling of a board workshop on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Recognized FHS Teacher Crystal Wier, for her work on MTSS, PPSC, Skills for Success, 504s, and academic interventions.
- Recognized the FHS Drama Department, under the direction of Hope Mims and Casie Horton.
- Heard a report from student board representatives Burba and Coleman on recent activities at FHS.
- Heard a report on the start of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Heard an update on the bond project.
- Heard reports on the state of the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MARCHING BAND

In September, the Raider Marching Band took the field for their first competition of the year! After many hours of rehearsals, time, and dedication, the band performed and earned a total of 74.3 points! Great job to the FHS Raider Marching Band.



AED FROM THOMAS SMITH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The district applied for and was approved to receive an AED from the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation. This AED will be used by Boys and Girls Golf as well as Boys and Girls Bowling. These programs compete in locations that may not have an accessible AED. Thank you to all who made this possible!



FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP

Flushing High School offered a FAFSA Completion Workshop for Seniors and their parents. This was a successful night for all.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY

Middle school students showed their school pride by decking out in orange and black and cheering on their classmates in the annual Raider Games. All fall sports teams were featured, and the band played the fight song to kick off the assembly. Students and teachers participated in musical chairs, lightning (basketball), egg toss, biggest bubble (gum), and tug of war. This year the teachers were victorious!



RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

The Middle School is working to bring Restorative Practices to all students. One part of this is building community. Pictured here is Mr. Decker's advisory class using a football as a talking piece to discuss Homecoming Week.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

MILLION WORDS READ CHALLENGE

Fifth and sixth grade students kicked off their "Million Words Reading Challenge" in September with some silent reading outside. Students will receive a certificate and a prize when they hit 250,000 words, 500,000 words, 750,000 words, and then 1,000,000 words. Thank you to Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Duquette for organizing this for the students.



DJ AT RECESS

The PTO brought in a DJ as a reward for reaching the fundraiser goal! The students and staff had a blast dancing, laughing, and soaking up the fresh air. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped the students reach this goal and made that day so special.



ELMS ELEMENTARY

PROMOTING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

The 2025-2026 school year has been off to a great start! The first week was exciting with new friends, new classrooms, and for some, a new school! To make the school year successful, students and staff revisited expectations and rewards through PPSC (Promoting Positive School Climate) rotations.



CONSTITUTION DAY

To honor the Constitution and to celebrate Constitution Day, 1st-6th grade students participated in a variety of educational lessons in the classroom. Students and staff joined together around the flag on the front lawn to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Elms PTA held an ice cream social for students and their families. This was a great way to celebrate the beginning of the school year and to welcome new families to Elms!



ELEMENTARY NEWS

SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY



HOMECOMING FRIDAY

Seymour Elementary celebrated a fantastic Homecoming Friday! During the day, students had the opportunity to get their faces painted in Raider orange and black. The day ended with a lively pep assembly at the soccer stadium, featuring music and fun activities. Students and teachers competed in a variety of fun games. The assembly concluded with a school-wide dance party!



DRESS LIKE A STAFF MEMBER

Dress like a staff member was a huge success. The students had so much fun dressing like Seymour staff and staff enjoyed dressing like their students.

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY

SPRINGVIEW VALUES

This year at Springview, students and staff are focusing on school-wide values. Each classroom has developed its own unique set of values that align with building-wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. To support this, staff are incorporating community-building circles across all classrooms. These circles provide a space for students to connect, share, and support one another—promoting acceptance and a strong sense of community. It's been inspiring to see and hear the ways classrooms are working together to build positive relationships and foster a caring, inclusive environment.



SHARK SHUFFLE

Springview kicked off the first Shark Shuffle of the year in September. As always, it was a huge success! Students danced the night away, enjoyed snacks, and had a blast spending time with friends. The turnout was fantastic, and students and staff are already looking forward to the next one! A big thank you to Springview's amazing PTO for organizing multiple Shark Shuffles throughout the year. Your support helps create fun and memorable experiences for students!



HOMECOMING FUN!

Homecoming Week was a blast at Springview! Students and staff had a great time celebrating our Flushing Raiders with a week full of school spirit and fun. Each day brought a new theme for Spirit Week, including Team Jersey Day, Pajama Day, Western Day, Workout/Hat Day, and of course, Orange and Black Day to show off Raider pride! A big thank you to the PTO for selling spirit items each morning to help everyone gear up for the festivities. The week wrapped up with a special Raider Rewards Assembly, recognizing and celebrating the incredible effort and positive behavior students have shown since the beginning of the school year. Go Raiders!



CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING CUSTODIANS!

This month, students created heartfelt posters to celebrate and show their appreciation to Ms. Barb & Mr. Mike. Springview is so fortunate to have such dedicated and hardworking individuals who truly make a difference in the school community. Thank you Ms. Barb and Mr. Mike!



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

The ECC is hustling and bustling with fun fall activities. Apples, Apples, and more Apples has been the theme in many of the Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten classrooms. Students enjoyed painting with apples, making applesauce, reading apple stories, graphing apples, crafts, and so much more.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

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



CUSTODIAL APPRECIATION DAY

In honor of Custodial Appreciation Day, ECC students celebrated Mr. Noah, Mr. Josh, and Mr. Brent and made them cards to show how much they are appreciated!

HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS

Mixed in with all the fall excitement was our homecoming celebrations, complete with a pep rally, spirit days, and parade journey!



We at the Early Childhood Center wish you 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!"**



TOUCH A TRUCK AND FIRE SAFETY

Touch a Truck and Fire Safety were a huge success at the ECC! Thank you to Patriot Ambulance, Mr. Holland and the Saginaw County Road Commission, Flushing Police Department and Officer Marshall, the Flushing DPW, and the Flushing Fire Department.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Preschool students are enjoying many activities to get them started on their first school adventure. Preschool classes explored apples to celebrate the fall season. The Preschool team works hard to provide a fun and exciting learning environment for the youngest Raiders. They provide opportunities for students to grow their letter and number knowledge, develop fine motor skills by using playdoh, enhance their imagination while playing dress up, and build friendships by engaging with peers on the playground. Preschool is a great way to begin your journey with the Raider Family! If you are interested in joining one of the Preschool classrooms, please visit the Flushing Schools website at www.flushingschools.org to register.



IMPORTANT DATES

October 31st:
Half Day K-6th ONLY

October 27th & 29th
Parent Teacher Conferences
K-6th

November 12th & 13th
Parent Teacher Conferences
7-12th

November 14th
Half Day K-12th

November 19th
Early Dismissal

November 26th - 28th
NO SCHOOL

PARENT
TEACHER
CONFERENCES:

**ELEMENTARY
K-6th**
4:15-8:00 pm
October 27th & 29th

**SECONDARY
7th-12th**
3:30-7:15 pm
November 12th & 13th

NEW Start & End Times

FLUSHING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
2025-2026 School Year

ECC	8:40 A.M. - 3:33 P.M. HALF DAY: 8:40 A.M. - 11:55 A.M. EARLY DISMISSAL: 8:40 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
ELEM	8:55 A.M. - 3:48 P.M. HALF DAY: 8:55 A.M. - 12:10 P.M. EARLY DISMISSAL: 8:55 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.
FMS	7:55 A.M. - 2:40 P.M. HALF DAY: 7:55 A.M. - 11:05 A.M. EARLY DISMISSAL: 7:55 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.
FHS	7:55 A.M. - 2:46 P.M. HALF DAY: 7:55 A.M. - 11:10 A.M. EARLY DISMISSAL: 7:55 A.M. - 12:50 P.M.

DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Superintendent	Matt Shanafelt	591-1180
Deputy Superintendent	Jason Melynchek	591-1184
Exec. Dir. Curriculum	Michelle Barrett	591-1187
Director of Finance	Jackie Read	591-1193
Director of Special Services	Alex Keesling	591-2321

High School	Kevin Foltz	591-3770
Middle School	Elizabeth Endicott	591-2800
Central Elementary	Rob Steinhaus	591-1901
Early Childhood Center	Heidi Donaldson	591-2326
Elms Elementary	John Hagens Jr	591-7350
Seymour Elementary	Steve Groulx	591-5150
Springview Elementary	Stacey Mesarosh	591-8550

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

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

Christine Albert	Auditorium Event Staff	Flushing High School
Janet Anderson	Paraprofessional	Elms Elementary
Lee Ann Cornelison	Bus Driver	Transportation
Marjorie Badge	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Ron'Neika Barnes	Bus Driver	Transportation
Jamie Beck	Child Nutrition	Flushing High School
Tamara Bennett	Event Ticketing	Flushing High School
Jamie Bentley	Athletic Events Support	District
Kristen Berry	Child Nutrition	Flushing High School
Connor Bilkos	Teacher- Math	Flushing High School
Arianna Boese	Teacher- Art	Springview/Elms
Mckenzie Brashaw	General Cleaner	Flushing Middle School
Kelly Buning	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Central Elementary
Laura Burnash	Paraprofessional	Flushing High School
Haley Burnett	Teacher- Kindergarten	Early Childhood Center
Kelly Clapp	Lunchroom Monitor	Flushing High School
Casey Clay	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary
Hannah Costa	Teacher- Band	Flushing High School
Tina Craciun	Speech/Language Pathologist	Elms Elementary
LaShantal Deloney	Bus Driver	Transportation
Cody DeLorenzo	Athletic Facility & Grounds Specialist	District
Anna Dilworth	Teacher- Special Education	Flushing High School
Kim Duley	Teacher- 4th Grade	Central Elementary
Sandra Dunn	General Cleaner	Flushing High School
Janis Edwards	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Springview Elementary
Stacy Emmendorfer	Paraprofessional	Elms Elementary
Alina Freed	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Central Elementary
Emma Giacumbo	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Springview Elementary
Brittany Hellinger	Paraprofessional	Central Elementary
Anna Helmreich	Teacher- Resource Room	Elms Elementary
Mary Holfield	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Michelle Householder	Teacher - 3rd Grade	Springview Elementary
Jordan Howe	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Seymour Elementary
Donna Howse	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Debbie Isham	Teacher- Special Education	Flushing High School
Penny Jurvelin	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Elms Elementary
Merna Kheir	Paraprofessional	Central Elementary
Peggy Klock	Lunchroom Monitor	Flushing Middle School
Rosemary Light	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Joelle Mahoney	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary
Jacob Mayhew	Teacher- PE	Springview Elementary
Madelyn McDonald	Teacher- 6th Grade	Elms Elementary
Paige Mesarosh	Teacher- 1st Grade	Seymour Elementary
Stephanie Mills	Teacher- 5th/6th Grade	Springview Elementary
Jennifer Mulqueen	Paraprofessional	Early Childhood Center
Sean Mulqueen	General Cleaner	Springview/ Central Ele.
Toney Nasser	Bus Driver	Transportation
Debra Olayinka	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary

Felicia Oliver	General Cleaner	Flushing Middle School
Alesia Overby	Child Nutrition	Flushing High School
LeAnn Parks	Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Darlene Pierce	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Amanda Rancour	Paraprofessional	Springview Elementary
Melinda Rice	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Nycole Rich	Playground/Lunchroom Monitor	Early Childhood Center
Ruthie Sager	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Maria Shafer	Accounting Specialist	Administration Building
Brian Sheeran	Assistant Principal	Flushing High School
Michele Shields	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Brandon Smith	Teacher- Special Education	Flushing High School
Brittany Smith	Paraprofessional	Elms Elementary
Morgan Snell	Child Nutrition	Flushing High School
Brent Standerfer	General Cleaner	Early Childhood Center
Amanda Stevens	Child Nutrition	Springview Elementary
Meghan Studer	Teacher- 3rd Grade	Central Elementary
Sophia Thompson	Paraprofessional	Flushing Middle School
Amanda Van Hove	Computer Lab Manager	Seymour Elementary
Morgan Waier	Teacher- P.E.	Central Elementary
Sarah White	Latchkey	Early Childhood Center
Teresa Wood	Bus Driver	Transportation
Jackie Wyman	Bus Driver	Transportation

YEARS OF SERVICE

10 YEARS

Matt Shanafelt

20 YEARS

*Bri Byrski
Justin Decker
Yvonne Fil
Jay Johnson
Staci Laurencelle
Amy McInerney
Paula Ross
Adam Smith
Frances Smith
Alyssa Staley
Nancy Walden
Crystal Wier*

30 YEARS

*Greg Hummel
Sonia Shortz
Kelly Twohig*