



VIKING WEEKLY

WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 21: No School PD Day
- Apr. 22: 6th Grade Detroit Zoo Field Trip
- Apr. 24: Pep Assembly
- Apr. 24: Super Students Donut Sale

Attention Parents of 7th Grade Students

On April 27th, all 7th grade students will participate in the SOS Signs of Suicide Middle School Prevention Program. Through the program, students learn that depression is treatable, so they are encouraged to seek help if they have concerns about themselves or a friend. The program will be led by our counseling staff during Science 7 classes. Science 7 teachers will be emailing additional information to 7th grade parents regarding the program.

The Viking lost and found is full!

If your students have lost items please have them visit the lost and found cabinet located in the cafeteria. We have many water bottles, hoodies, lunch boxes and jackets.



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Important Dates

- Apr. 29-May 2: 8th Grade Washington DC trip
- May 6: Viking Experience 5-6:30pm
- May 13: PTSA Meeting 1pm
VH Media Center
- May 15: Super Students Donut Sale
- May 19: All Grade Spring Band Concert - 6:30p AHS Auditorium

Important Links

[Van Hoosen Website](#)

[Counseling Connection](#)

[VH Media Center](#)

[VH Athletics](#)

[PTSA](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[Key Information](#)



Viking POWER

Positive*Ownership*Well-Mannered*Excellence*Respect



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Van Hoosen Viking Experience

Open House May 6, 2025

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Welcome to Viking Country—come and walk through our facilities. There is lots to explore in classrooms plus information about extra-curricular activities including athletics, clubs and intramurals will be available.

Come find your Viking Community and check out the following:

- Academics – Science, World Studies, Math, Language Arts and elective offerings
- Clubs and Intramurals—Yearbook, Makerspace, Robotics, Anchors, Student Council, Green Club, E- Sports, Dance and much more!
- Band, Orchestra, and Choir
- Athletics – Football, Boys & Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country, Volleyball, Track, Sideline and Competitive Cheerleading.
- PTSA – Super Students
- Authors in April

Sensory Friendly time will be 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Available for purchase



and more!

Come join the fun!



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Viking 25-26 Yearbook

The last day to pre-order a yearbook is

April 18, 2026

Visit yearbookordercenter.com to purchase one!"



[Order forms and more details can be found here.](#)



VAN HOOSSEN M.S. INTRAMURALS



SPRING 2026—REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 6

MONDAY

Course: 4235-01 Kids STEAM Art Intramural
with Pamela Palmer, The Artist's Apprentice in Art Room
Meets: Mondays April 20, 27, May 4, 11 & 18

Let's get to it! If your child loves art and you value the ideas that S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) has to offer, sign your child up for these unique intramural art classes today! We will embark on an image from a rainbow bubble snake and try our hand at printmaking with brayers, printers' ink and rice paper. Other engagements will be to construct our own **geodesic dome** and learn about capillary action with a **soap and food dye experiment** as well as an **animal tessellation** project. We will also be putting colorful squirt paint on canvas in a **lazy-Susan project** where centrifugal force is put into motion, part of a **zentangles** art piece! This is the spring of exploration and fine art fun your child won't want to miss! **Topographical art 'foamations'** along with **silly-string negative space design project** will come into play when we try our hand at **Mange cartooning!** Sign up today and join the fun! *Please wear clothes that are not precious, as there may be art 'messes.'*

Fee: \$135/5 sessions
Material fee: included in class fee
Time: 2:30-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Course: 4214-01 Co-Ed Lacrosse
with Nick Stensen
Meets: Wednesdays April 22, 24, May 6, 13 & 20

This intramural will include introduction & basic skill development followed by games to build upon these concepts. *Please bring athletic shoes, athletic clothing and lacrosse stick. If you don't have a lacrosse stick, one can be provided during the class.*

Fee: \$25/5 sessions
Outdoors in field at AHS
Time: 2:30-3:30pm

THURSDAY

Course: 4208-01 Mandell Chess Intramural
with Mandell Chess Club, Inc. in Media Center
Meets: Thursday, April 23, 30, May 7, 14 & 21

Review of chess rules, explore various openings when playing White or Black, tactics, where to position your pieces, endgame strategies, scorekeeping, use of chess clock & class competition. *Material fee of \$25 due to instructor on first day.*

Fee: \$174/5 sessions
Material fee: \$25 due on first day
Time: 2:30-3:30pm

Register at: <http://rochesteronline.ce.eleyo.com>
For questions or registration assistance, contact us at enrichment@rochester.k12.mi.us or call 248-726-3165

Registration closes at 12:00pm two business days prior to the start of the first class, or when the class limit is reached.



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Author's in April Visit-Book Signing-Neal Shusterman

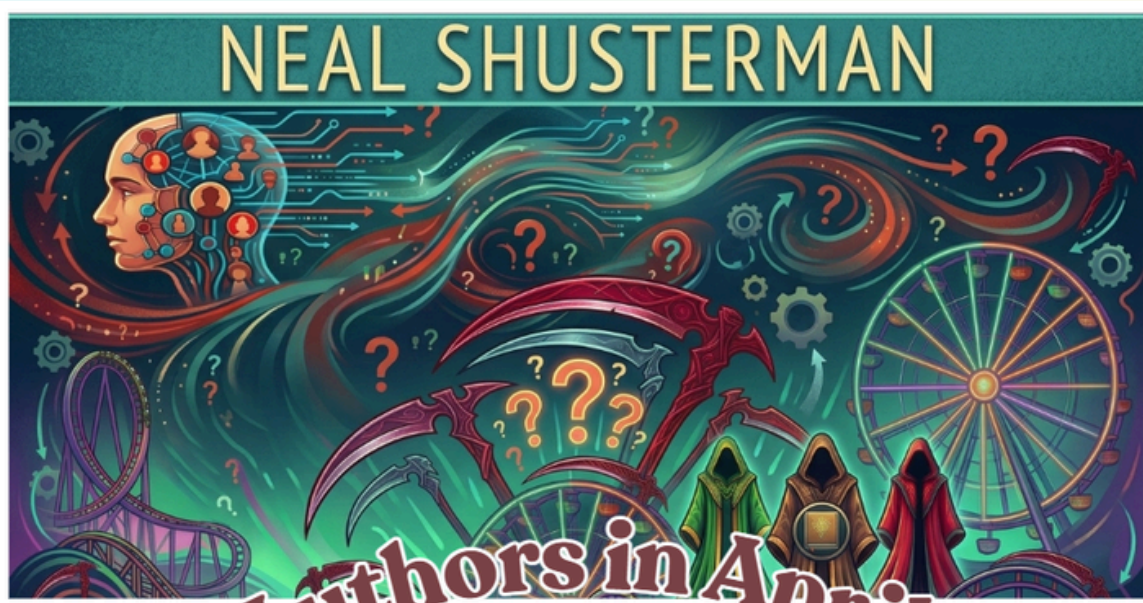
6th & 7th Graders

If you have books that you would like signed by this year's middle school author Neal Shusterman please fill out a autograph slip (with first name only) and turn your book into the collection box in your language arts class next week (Monday, April 20th thru Friday, April 24th).

8th Graders

If you have books that you would like signed by this year's middle school author, please BRING your book to school as you will have a personal book signing at the end of the day on Tuesday, April 28th with Neal Shusterman. Please fill out an autograph slip with first name only.

[Autograph slips](#) will be in all language arts classrooms.



Authors in April

Lunch & Writer's Workshop

Application Due Tuesday, April 21

Apply using the QR code or the link in the Media Center Google Classroom



<https://forms.gle/DMHWygsTaQEp9qYCA>



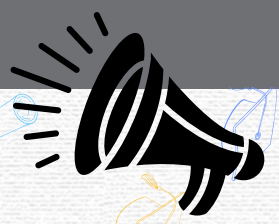
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8TH GRADE NEWS



PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

Baby Photos Needed

Baby photos of all 8th graders will be displayed in the hallways of Van Hoosen Middle School. Please submit a digital photo by scanning the QR code. Please complete this form **ONLY ONCE** per student.

Due March 31, 2026



8TH GRADE FAREWELL PARTY
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
AFTER GRADUATION - 10AM TO 1:30PM

LEVEL UP

8TH GRADERS, YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO CELEBRATE "LEVELING UP" TO HIGH SCHOOL!

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BEHIND YOU CLASS OF 2030, AND IT'S TIME TO TAKE THOSE EXCITING STEPS TO HIGH SCHOOL.



ADMISSION TICKET: \$35
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY **APRIL 3RD**

PURCHASE TICKET, GIVE T-SHIRT SIZES, AND SIGN WAIVER **HERE:**



- INCLUDED:**
- LUNCH/DRINKS/TREATS
 - DJ, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT
 - STUDENT BAG W/ T-SHIRT
 - CLASS GIFT TO VHMS
- *OPTIONAL \$30 ADAMS FLANNEL PANTS PURCHASE AVAILABLE!*

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A TICKET AND WAIVER SIGNED TO ATTEND THE EVENT

ANY QUESTIONS: SLFINNERTY@YAHOO.COM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: RMOONEY@ROCHESTER.K12.MI.US

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8TH GRADE NEWS



ADAMS THEATRE
Karaoke
Night

8th Grade Only!

APRIL 17TH

6:30-8:30 PM

ADAMS AUDITORIUM
FREE ENTRY FOR
THEATRE CLUB
MEMBERS AND 8TH
GRADERS

SEE YOU THERE!!

Attention all current 8th graders planning to attend Adams High School next year

Please mark your calendars for a Football Player/Parent Information Night!



Date: Tuesday, May 5th
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM
Location: Adams High School Gym
 We look forward to seeing you there!



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VH NEWS

Congratulations!

to our

Van Hoosen Sparkle Award Nominees

- Laura Coleman, Teacher
- Cacey Hack, Behavior Technician
- Olivia Hopkins, Student
- Susie Kautz, Teacher
- Emmett Krentler, Student
- Kendall Kreuger, Student
- Anna Mansilla, Student
- Ann Marie Rea, Teacher Consultant
- Michelle Rupp, Counselor
- Amanda Stapelton, Teacher
- Eleni Thomas, Student
- Jennifer Wordell, ASD Teacher



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Rochester Community School District Updates



Please click on the links below

- [Strategic Plan](#)
- [Visitor Management System](#)

POWER Person Program

We are also asking parents to consider donating a \$5 gift card to a fun restaurant, store, iTunes, Amazon, Subway, etc. that you think a middle school student would appreciate receiving. We will be using these for our Positive POWER Person Program. Positive POWER Person program recognizes students who are displaying the attributes that exemplify our POWER motto. Students are entered into a weekly/monthly drawing and receive the gift cards and other prizes.

Please bring these gift cards to the main office!
Thank you so much for considering this generous donation.

Volunteer Forms

Anyone with plans to volunteer in any building during the school year needs to have an electronic I-Chat form submitted each year. See below for link and instructions.

- [I-CHAT FORM LINK](#)

New forms will need to be filled out each school year and are valid from July 1-June 30.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is the district's primary communication tool. To enhance the user experience, download the ParentSquare mobile app. by scanning the QR code below, or visit the [RCS website](#) for additional tips.



Attendance Reporting Procedure

Please notify the school of any student absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals before 12:00pm on the day of the event.

How to Report Attendance

You have two simple options for reporting a full-day absence or requesting a partial-day change:

Option 1: Online via [ParentVue](#)

1. log into your [ParentVue](#) Account.
2. Click "**Report Absence**" next to your student's name.
3. **Select the correct date(s)**. The system defaults to the current day. You may report for the current day or schedule absences up to one week in advance.
4. In the "**Select a reason**" drop-down, choose "**absent**" for all requests (full-day absence, early dismissal, or late arrival).
5. **For early dismissal or late arrival**, use the "**Note**" section to clearly state the specific time of dismissal or arrival.
6. Remember to press **SAVE** when finished!

Option 2: Telephone

Call the **VH Attendance Line** at **248-726-4910** and follow the prompts to report either an all-day or part-day absence.

Early Dismissal Procedure

If your student is leaving school early:

- The student will be sent a pass from the office to notify them of the scheduled dismissal.
- They should come to the main office at the designated time.
- The student will wait in the office until the parent/guardian arrives in the lobby and signs them out.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the Main Office at **248-726-4900**.




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ROCHESTER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Non-credit Courses for College Preparation!
College Entrance Writing
SAT Prep/Tutoring

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18

2026 SECONDARY SUMMER LEARNING

In-District \$275 In-person or online course
\$175 for non-credit courses
\$75 for free or reduced lunch

Students are to discuss summer courses with their counselors before registration; reach out to counselors before summer break, as they have the summer off.

The RCS Summer Learning Program offers two pathways for students:

<p>IN PERSON COURSES ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL 3200 W. TIENKEN ROAD</p> <p>SESSION 1: June 16-26 (no class June 19) SESSION 2: June 29th -July 9th (no class July 3)</p> <p>CLASSES MEET FROM 7:25 AM - 2:05 PM</p>	<p>ONLINE COURSES LAST DAY (9 AM) STUDENTS WILL TAKE FINAL EXAM IN PERSON</p> <p>*ONLINE COURSE EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE*</p> <p>SESSION 1: June 16-26 (no class June 19) SESSION 2: June 29th -July 9th (no class Jul.4) SESSION 3: July 10th-July 21st</p>
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ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
2025 SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

MORE INFORMATION :

- [CLICK HERE FOR SUMMER LEARNING WEBSITE](#)
- [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION PAGE](#)
- [CONTACT EMAIL: SLP-SMT@ROCHESTER.K12.MI.US](mailto:SLP-SMT@ROCHESTER.K12.MI.US)

SESSION 1 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18
SESSION 2 AND 3 REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15

STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DATES



Summer Learning Program

The Rochester Community Schools Summer Learning Programs are designed to provide students the opportunity to strengthen their academic skills.

LINKS

[Summer Learning Brochure](#)

[Summer learning program website](#)

[Registration Page](#)





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Congratulations!

Discovery
KITCHEN
COOKOFF



ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS!

RCS and Chartwells were very proud to host our Discovery Kitchen Cookoff student cooking competition on Tuesday April 7, 2025. Here are the winners!

**First Place : The Italian Hands
(Van Hoosen)**
Pesto Pasta, Lemon Arugula Salad,
Cannoli Dip

**Second Place : Indian Gordon Ramsey Brothers
(Reuther)**
Paneer Veg Manchurian,
Royal Falooda

**Third Place : The Taste Twisters
(Reuther)**
Paneer Chapati Rollups,
Mango Lassi, Strawberry Milk Balls

All of the teams who participated put forth an amazing effort and the judges had a difficult time choosing the winning teams. Kudos to all the students and their families for participating in this incredible event!

SUPER STUDENTS
FOOD DRIVE

Donations will be made to
Neighborhood House Food Pantry

4/13/26 - 4/25/26
SEE SUPER STUDENT REMIND FOR INFORMATION

THINGS YOU CAN DONATE:

- RICE
- CANNED FOOD
- CHICKEN BROTH
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- APPLESAUCE



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VH PTSA NEWS

Brewster Elementary Celebration of Our World

Friday, May 8th, 2026 6-8pm



Sign up to run a table

Rochester Community, we are still looking for families to represent countries around the world. Sign up to share your culture through food, attire, music, art and crafts.

We are also seeking students needing volunteer hours. Follow the link to the Sign Up Genius!



Sign up to volunteer

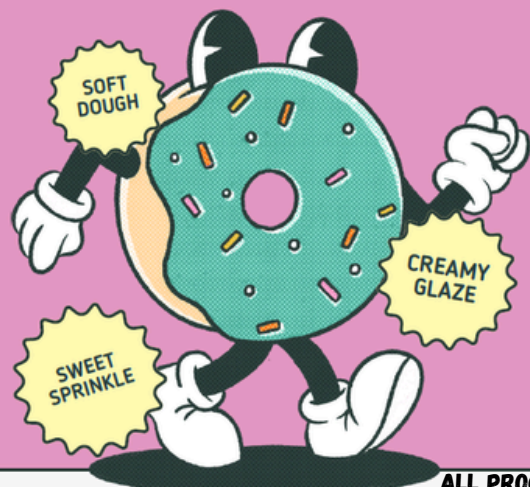


Reach out to Stephanie Marcincavage with questions. srbuchal@gmail.com or 586-707-5111

SUPER STUDENT DONUT

\$2

FOR A DELICIOUS KNAPP'S DONUT



April 24 May 15

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE VAN HOUSEN PTSA



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VH PTSA NEWS



GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE **SOCK RECYCLING**

PLEASE PLACE CLEAN, USED, INDIVIDUAL SOCKS INTO THE BIN IN THE OFFICE VESTIBULE BY FRIDAY, 4/24.

ALL BRANDS, SIZES AND MATERIALS ACCEPTED. PLEASE NO ROLLED OR PAIRED SOCKS, RUBBER BANDED, OR PAPER CLIPPED (JUST SINGLE SOCKS)

SMARTWOOL COLLECTS USED SOCKS TO DECONSTRUCT AND TURN INTO NEW GOODS.

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL SKYE.THIIETTEN@GMAIL.COM



VIKINGS
Van Buren PTSA

SPRING SALE & SHOP

APRIL 30, 2026
6 PM - 8 PM

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the VHPTSA

BE SCENE boutique
404 S Main St, Rochester, MI



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PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR THIS YEARS BOOK

Authors in April 2026

Van Hoosen Middle School is pleased to host (alongside local non-profit, Authors in April) bestselling author, Neal Shusterman, during the week of April 26, 2026. During his visit, students will have the opportunity to hear a presentation, engage in discussion, and have copies of his books autographed.

www.authorsinapril.org ✉ amysmithdesign@gmail.com

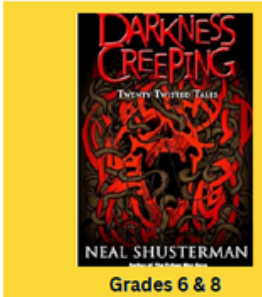


Language Arts Curriculum

In preparation for the visit, your student will read one of his books as part of their Language Arts (LA) curriculum.

Teachers strongly recommend that each student have their own copy of the book. If students still need a copy:

- (a) Purchase their own copy of the book (either paperback or hardcover) here at the [PTSA store](#) (see bottom of flyer)
- (b) Request a donation book through the Authors in April PAL program by contacting the building principal



[HTTPS://VHMSPTSA.MEMBERSHIPTOOLKIT.COM/STORE](https://vhmsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/store)



Our PAC supports RCS families of children with IEPs or 504s

Monthly Meetings

Open to the public in person and online. Join us to meet families, hear directly from our Special Education Administrators, and get updates on our partnered open initiatives! Next meeting is

May 12th- Stoney Creek High School at 7pm

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www.RCSPAC.com

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Open Swim

Join Us for an Interactive Inclusive Swim Experience with our High School Lifeguards!



May 2, 2026 Stoney Creek High School
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
6755 Sheldon Road

Ideal for RCS students in the ASD, CI, SXI, and ATPS programs and their families; although all are welcome!

No Cost!

**Open Swim
Fun for All!**

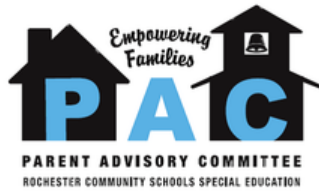


AT THE
pool
Empowering Families
PAC
PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION

Register for the fun now!
(Parents / Guardians must stay on site)



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LIDS FOR KIDS

Have your child fitted for a FREE bicycle helmet

Henry Ford Rochester
invites you to join us at
Rochester Farmers Market
Saturday, May 2, 2026

starting at 8:00 am until helmet's are gone



Helmets will be available while supplies last and children must be present for a proper fitting. For any questions please contact: nbutty1@hfhs.org

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



FREE!

**Saturday, May 2
10 AM - 1 PM**

**All Ages
Welcome!**

Rochester High School*

*Use the Livernois Rd. entrance

Local Health & Wellness Vendors | Free Food Samples
Sports Physicals | Blood Drive | Vaccines | Kid Zone
Free 30-minute Fitness Classes (limited spots - must sign up!)

Sign up for fitness classes here:



tinyurl.com/rochhealthfair



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