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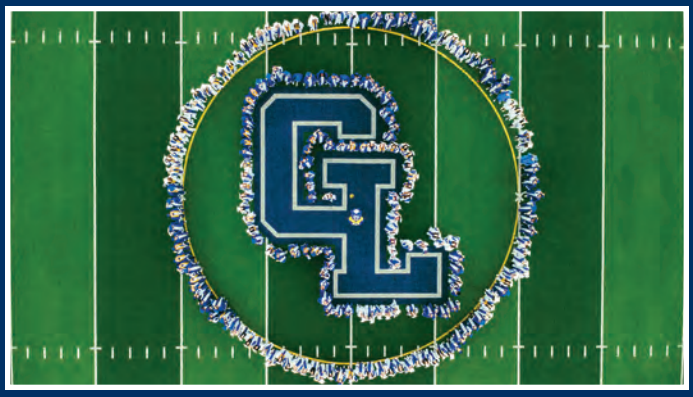

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The Mission of Gull Lake Community Schools is to educate every child to achieve his/her full potential.

Superintendent Message

Graduation Season

It is graduation season, and it is one of my favorite times of the year. We have finished up the school year and our students have graduated or are preparing to move up a grade for next year. Summer vacation is on everyone's mind!

In this, my last official communication, I want to focus on the kindness I have always observed prevalent in this school district and community. Our kids have benefitted from being encouraged, challenged, seen, heard, and loved. Those are the real metrics of a community and of a school district, and we have scored well on all accounts. I think we can all go forward and make this world a little steadier, a little kinder, and a little wiser.

Thank you all for being the good people you are, I have enjoyed working with you.

Respectfully,

Christopher L. Rundle

Superintendent

DREW BORDNER
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology
– dbordner@gulllakecs.org

Gull Lake Community Schools Awarded Statewide MiSTEM Grant

Gull Lake Community Schools is proud to announce its selection as one of only 17 public education agencies in Michigan to receive a MiSTEM Playbook Mini Grant. Through a partnership with Michigan State University (MSU) and the MiSTEM Network, this $30,000 grant will expand hands-on STEM learning opportunities for students at Gull Lake Middle School.

The grant will support Place, Project, and Problem-based (3P) learning experiences that connect classroom learning to real-world scientific investigations. Beginning with 7th and 8th-grade science, students will participate in yearlong outdoor inquiry projects focused on weather, seasons, ecology, and environmental stewardship.

The GLCS Foundation Outdoor Classroom will serve as an active learning laboratory where students can observe, collect data, develop evidence-based claims, and apply critical thinking to solve authentic problems. These experiences will help students think like scientists as they work alongside MSU graduate students and researchers. Thank you to MSU, the MiSTEM Network, the GLMS Science Department, and the GLCS Foundation for making this opportunity possible.

#GoGullLake #GoGreen

DATE CHANGE FOR THE RICHLAND ART FAIR - Saturday, July 25th

Mark your calendars for the Richland Art Fair on Saturday, July 25th. Stroll through over 100 booths featuring pottery, woodcrafts, photography, metalwork, jewelry, and much more! Admission and parking are free, and proceeds help the GLACVs provide many programs and services to those in need in the GL community!

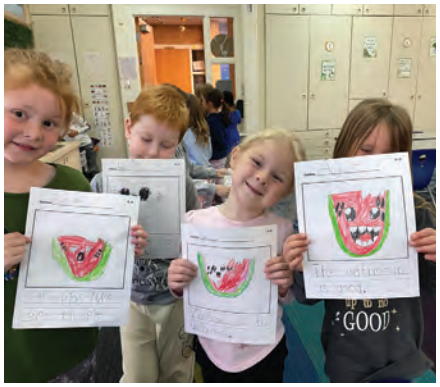
CONGRATULATIONS!

The Community Volunteers are pleased to announce our 2026 scholarship winners, **Elizabeth King, Emma Robichaux**, and **Ishana Thakur.** Congratulations to each of you as you continue your college education, and thank you for making our community a better place!

Richland Elementary

DANIELLE BUCKMASTER
Principal – dbuckmaster@gulllakecs.org

The students at both Kellogg and Richland Elementary have been working hard with reading, writing and speaking with a purpose. Students were led through a fun read aloud with discussion questions, and then a small writing lesson where they were given time to share ideas and thoughts with others before they went and wrote about their picture.



As another fantastic school year comes to a close, Richland Elementary has been filled with excitement, celebration, and fun! Students enjoyed an action packed Field Day where teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of smiles were on display. Our second graders celebrated an important milestone with their graduation ceremony, marking the end of their elementary journey and the beginning of new adventures ahead.

Classrooms wrapped up the year with special activities, including ice cream parties, games, outdoor learning, and time spent celebrating friendships and accomplishments. These end-of-year events provided wonderful opportunities for students to reflect on their growth and create lasting memories with classmates and staff.

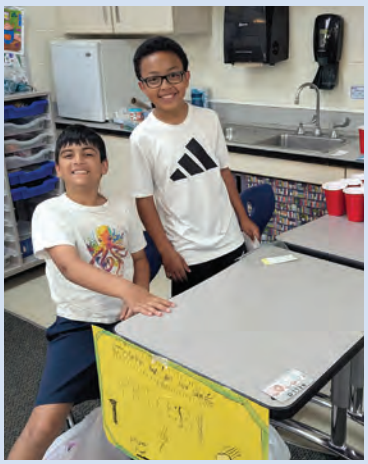
Thank you to our families, volunteers, and staff for helping make this school year such a success. We wish all of our students a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer break!

Leader In Me at Ryan Intermediate

ROB WOODROW
Principal – rwoodrow@gulllakecs.org

In May, all 3rd grade students at Ryan had the opportunity to travel to historic Charlton Park in Hastings, Michigan. While at the park, students participated in activities and experienced life in a 19th-century Michigan community.

Our 4th grade students helped facilitate a school-wide market day where they sold and marketed their homemade items. All students were provided with Ryan Bucks to purchase the items and signed up for a time to shop.



All Ryan students had the opportunity to participate in our Ryan Field Day this year. Thank you, Tim Wester, who partnered with our Ryan PTO to create a fun-filled day.

All 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in a three-day, two-night Sherman Lake Camp experience. Students participated in archery, rock climbing, swimming, canoeing, and other outdoor activities. Thank you, Sherman Lake, for a great week of camping.

RYAN INTERMEDIATE HAS EARNED TWO MAJOR NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS:

- **Leader in Me Lighthouse Recertification:**
  Ryan Intermediate has been recertified as a Lighthouse School by Franklin Covey. This elite designation is held by only about 8% of the 8,000+ participating schools globally, reflecting our community's ongoing dedication to excellence in academics, leadership, and culture.

- **PLTW Distinguished School:**
  We have also been named a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School. This national honor recognizes our commitment to providing students with broad access to transformative STEM curriculum and hands-on learning.

Congratulations to our outstanding students, staff, and families for these incredible achievements!

Ryan 5th grade students participated in a clap-out activity to recognize and congratulate them on a job well done as they leave for the summer and officially become GLMS students.

The Leader in Me™
great happens here

PARENT MEETING

Come and learn about the Seven Habits and how Ryan students engage in leadership through Leader in Me! These sessions will take place in the Ryan Library. Please select one session and RSVP using the QR code. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Tuesday, September 15th @ 2pm or 5pm**

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Kellogg News

COURTNEY BOYCE Principal – cboyce@gulllakecs.org

Kindergarteners are using "Secret Stories" when writing. We used stickers to illustrate, then wrote the story based on the illustration.

KELLOGG GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Mingerink's 1st grade class and Mrs. Myers' 2nd grade class have worked this spring to weed, turn soil, and plant our Kellogg Garden!

FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIPS

Thank you to our Kellogg Elementary PTO for providing two amazing field trips this school year. We had the opportunity to visit Mooville, learning about the process of getting milk from the source to our table. We also visited the Bird Sanctuary where students learned about many species of birds, their habitats, adaptations, and conservation.

Edward Jones > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

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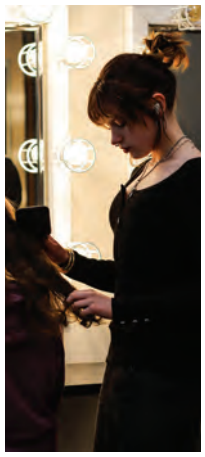
Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts

SAM SNOW Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts Manager
– ssnow@gulllakecs.org

Thank you to the community, staff, families, artists, and performers for a wonderful 2025-2026 school year! Whether a student picked up an instrument for the first time or took their final bow, your support gave them the courage to share their artistic talents. Please stay tuned and follow our social media for all upcoming and future events!

Facebook:
Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts

Instagram: gulllake.cfa



THE GLHS PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY (PAC) Is Excited To Announce Its 2026-2027 Season!

The fall will bring Kate Hamill's adaptation of the classic *Pride and Prejudice*. Hailed as being "witty," "bold," and "boisterous," this adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel is certain to delight audiences with its highly theatrical style. Shows will be November 6-8.

In the spring, audiences will not want to miss the Tony-winning musical *Into the Woods*. This popular Sondheim musical weaves together fairytales from the Brothers Grimm, humor, and heartache to show the darker side of "happily ever after." Shows will be April 30-May 2.

PAC is always looking for student artists, organizers, and leaders for all of its productions. Of course actors, singers, and dancers are needed, but all creative/artistic/hardworking students can find a home somewhere in the production process on one of our many student-led crews: media/publicity, hair/makeup, costumes, set, props, lights, sound, and stage management. For more information on joining, email Mrs. Lisa Ouellette at LOuellette@gulllakecs.org.

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
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JOIN US FOR SUMMER
EVENTS AT KBS!

WILD WEDNESDAYS!
FOR KIDS 8 & UNDER AND THEIR FAMILIES
JULY 1, 8, 15 & 22
10 - 11:30 A.M.
AT THE KELLOGG BIRD SANCTUARY

BIRDS AND COFFEE CHATS
JULY 8, AUG. 12, SEPT. 9
10 - 11 A.M.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT
FOR PROSPECTIVE MANOR HOUSE VOLUNTEERS
JULY 14 1 - 3 P.M.

'FARMSCAPES TO FORESTS' ART EXHIBIT
WITH THE 2025 KBS ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE
JULY 17 4 - 7 P.M.

BEHIND THE SCENES: RAPTORS
JULY 18 & AUG. 15 10 - 11 A.M.

MONTHLY BIRDING HIKES
JULY 23, AUG. 27, SEPT. 24 9 - 10:30 A.M.

GRASS ID COURSE
JULY 30-31 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

LAKESIDE CONCERT
AUG. 16 3 - 5 P.M.
FREE TOURS OF THE MANOR HOUSE WILL BE OFFERED FROM NOON TO 3 P.M.

FALL MIGRATION BIRD HIKE
SEPT. 12 9 - 10:30 A.M.

FABULOUS FLOWERS CLASS
SEPT. 15 11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

EXPLORING WITH SCIENTISTS
SEPT. 19 2 - 3 P.M.

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SANCTUARY EVENING HOURS!
OPEN UNTIL 7 P.M. ON THURSDAYS BETWEEN MEMORIAL DAY AND LABOR DAY

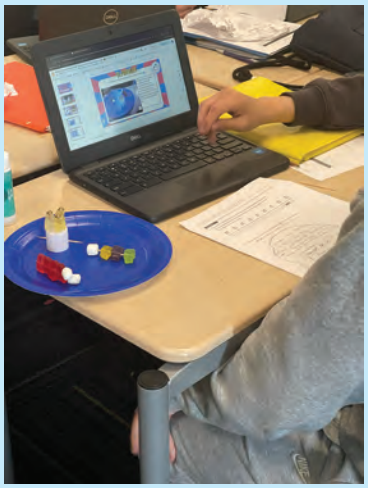
Gull Lake Middle School

DR. CARMEN MARING
GLMS Principal – cmaring@gulllakecs.org

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our 7th graders spent a day of learning about sand dune ecology and Michigan's indigenous people history in Saugatuck, MI. Students spent time in the dunes through a guided dune buggy ride and time at the beach. They also experienced learning about the Anishinaabe people through visiting replica living quarters, playing games, trying fire building techniques and tested their hunting skills through atlatl dart throwing. Thank you to the PTSO for contributing some funds towards this experience!

7TH GRADE students used gummy bears to create scenes for the 4 different forms of Greek Governments that still impact the world today. The hands-on activity led to great discussions on how each government ruled and fell during Ancient Greece.



8th Grade Legacy Project

Student Senate students coordinated a legacy project for current 8th graders to complete. In Advisory class, each eighth grader decorated a rock to represent them and to leave behind in the building courtyards with the goal of future classes being able to add on if desired. We will miss this group of students as they transition to high school.

Students in our 8th grade Jazz band visited Beacon Pointe in an annual partnership over the past four years to provide musical entertainment to residents throughout the school year.

Gateway News

LYNNETTE WALKER
Gateway Academy Supervisor – lwalker@gulllakecs.org

Gateway Academy Class of 2026!

Riley Black
Sam DeKilder
Janelle Drucker

Carter Edwards
Jane Fox
Taylor Gates

Jaelyn Gilbert
Tanner Goodrich
Bradley Harris

Lilly Johnson
Blessin McComb
Landen Morton

Summer Sackett
Fischer Shapton
Hannah Thiessen

There were numerous scholarships or grants awarded at graduation. Some are listed below, while others can be found on the GLCS Foundation page.

True2U Counseling Grant, $500: Bradley Harris

The Lambert Family Scholarship, $1000: Blessin McComb

Gull Lake Class of 1975, $1500: Taylor Gates, Bradley Harris; **$1000** Riley Black

KRESA YOU Outstanding Achievement Award, $1800: Blessin McComb

In addition, one of the most meaningful scholarships we award each year is our Gateway Godparent Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2020 through the generosity of one anonymous family whose commitment to our students has made a lasting impact. This $500 scholarship, which goes to each graduate, reflects the support, encouragement, and belief this couple has in each one of them.

In total, this graduating class was awarded $30,000 in scholarships—an extraordinary investment in their futures and a powerful testament to their hard work, resilience, and promise. This support represents not only financial assistance, but the confidence and belief of an entire community standing behind them as they take their next steps.

Gull Lake Athletics

KARYN FURLONG Athletic Director – kfurlong@gulllakecs.org

2026 Senior Athletic Award Winners

Each year at our Senior Honors Program we recognize three male and three female athletes with prestigious awards. This year we presented the following awards:

Sue Foster Leadership Award Recipients

Peyton Orley

Kennedy Jones

Scholar Athlete of the Year Award Recipients

Aaron Adams

Bella Carr

Athlete of the Year Award Recipients

Gavin Markucki

Ali Bates

Get Prepared for the 2026-2027 School Year!

The 2026-27 school year will be here before we know it! Make sure you have your student ready to participate in athletics. All students entering grades 6-12 next school year are required to have a valid sports physical, one that is done on or after April 15, 2026, on file with our athletic office.

Not able to get to the doctor to get your sports physical for next year? No worries! **Bronson Primary Care of Richland will have a team on hand here at GLHS on Tuesday, August 4, 3-6pm to conduct sports physicals for all our students.** The cost is $35, and if you do not have a parent present then you must have all consent forms previously signed. You may find the sports physical form on our website www.GLBlueDevils.com.

GLHS SPORTS

All High School sports begin Monday, August 10! Please contact the coach listed for specific tryout/ practice times and summer training, or refer to our website.

Football: *Jalon Simpson,* jsimpson@gulllakecs.org

Cross Country: *Robin Blackburn*, rrblackburn7@gmail.com and *Brandon Raleigh*, braleigh@gulllakecs.org

Boys Soccer: *John Byrket*, jbyrket@gulllakecs.org

Boys Tennis: *Roger Cornelius*, rogerlcornelius@aol.com

Girls Volleyball: *Eric Belz*, ebelz@gulllakecs.org

Girls Golf: *T.R. Walters,* twalters@gulllakecs.org

Sideline Cheer: *Kristen Tucker*, ktucker@gulllakecs.org

GLMS SPORTS

Girls Volleyball
Coaches: 7th - *Laurie Klok*, lklok@gulllakecs.org and 8th - *Katie Dolfman*, katie@mei.net

Boys/Girls Cross Country
Coaches: *Brendan Howard*, bhoward@gulllakecs.org and *Lauryn King*, lking@gulllakecs.org

Football - 7th and 8th grade
Coaches: *Brad Hall*, bhall@gulllakecs.org or *James Romyak,* jfootball230@gmail.com

Sideline Cheerleading - 6th-8th grade
Coach: *Savanna Bridges,* savannabridges94@gmail.com

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR FINAL FORMS ACCOUNT!

All students wishing to participate in athletics in grades 6-12 must have a **Final Forms account (https://gulllakecs-mi.finalforms.com/).** If you participated on a school team last year, you just need to go in and select your sports for the new school year. If you are new to school sports, then you will need to set up an account. Please select ALL the sports you are interested in participating in next school year. Once signed up, you will begin to receive information regarding each sport along with other important athletic information.

FINALFORMS SPORTS REGISTRATION

Congratulations To Our Spring Sport State Qualifiers!

Boys Golf
Charlie Wilke finished 15th individually in the Division 2 Golf State Finals.

Lane Isom
is a State Champion in the Division 1 800 m run.

Jaden Jones
qualified in the high jump for the Division 1 State Finals.

Track/Field
Annie Isom finished 6th overall in the Division 1 State Finals in the 400 m run.

Girls Tennis
finished 8th overall in the Division 2 Tennis State Finals.

4x400 relay team
of Annie Isom, Lane Isom, Sammi Hui-wee, Elsie Markillie
qualified for the Division 1 State Finals.

Gull Lake Virtual Partnership News

MICHELLE JAROS Principal of Early College and Innovative Programs - mjaros@gulllakecs.org

GLVP students celebrate in the GLHS 2026 Commencement!

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GLVP GRADUATES!

Joshua Adamczyk
Ellory Albrecht
Autumn Alfaro
Anais Amaro
Christina Anderson
Airyanna Antolovich
Kenji Banasky
McKenzie Barnes
Jianna Bielby
Catelyn Bogedain
Felicity Born
Paul Borobia
Charlotte Boudeman
Nealy Brown
Savannah Carr
Jaxon Chapdelaine
Makenna Cole
Hope Collins
Shannon Cripps
Reagan Culp
Gavin Dewey
Ian Ellinger
Kaya Esman
Abigail Finnis
Adam Franck
Ebed Fulton
Caleb Fytczyk
Gabriella Garland
Caleb Gilsdorf
Josie Greene
Cassandra Hartsel
Molly Hayes
Chase Herbert
Ash Hewitt
Khloe Hinten
Noah Hu
Orehn Hutchinson
Parker Jacobs
Gabrielle Jerzyk
Shayla Jones
Matthew Joslyn
Mason Keagle
Ava Kesson
Nolan Kirkland
Mackenzie Kline
Isaiah Koster
Kaylee Kourakis
Skylar Kourakis
Elijah Kurti
Ahnalyn Lambert
Preston Lawson
Ava Liceaga
Reece Lloyd
Justin Lombardi-Tyler
Aleksander Lueck
Atticus Maas
Copelin Martinovich
Robin McCarthy
Simon McCarthy
Owen Meersma
Carter Merriott
Braylen Middleton
Astrid Molina
James Morgan
Harper Newman
Samuel Noora
Brian North
Analina O'Dell
Dalton O'Dell
Sarah Olson
Jaden Paige
Haylee Pike
Layla Pillars
Cody Rapin
Huck Richardson
Madeline Riker
Noah Roelant
Brooks Rogowski
Elizabeth Salvador-Castelan
Chloe Sansom
Brody Schlabach
Lauren Schnoebelen
Abigail Scott
Grace Scott
Serenity Scott
Katriela Serpico
Natalie Shank
John Shultz
Bryan Sivi
Sawyer Smith
Chloe Sorrentino
Aurelia Staub
Clara Szabo
Abigail Thompson
Aidyn Tobias
Asher Toman
Jaslyn Townes
Ethan Truax
Kristina Truax
Ella Twichell
Adrianna Urbina
Mattias Van Dyk
Maxwell VanderMolen
Cole VanTatenhove
Eden Voltattorni
Rasler Warner
Evan Wendt
Logan Wilson
Jack Yeary

GLVP NOW ENROLLING 2026-2027!

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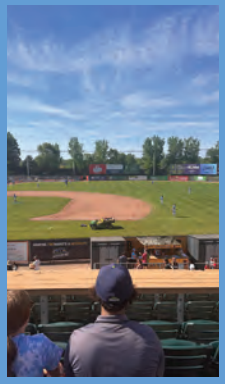
GLVP Engage at the Growlers!



Gull Lake Early College News

LISA ADDY Dean of Early College - laddy@gulllakecs.org

Gull Lake celebrates the Early College Students at Kellogg and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The GLEC program is a great way for students to earn college credits during high school while under the advisory and guidance of our Early College counselor and teachers.

KVCC GRADE 13 CELEBRATION

Isaac Adams	Sebastian Ellis	Mariana Kidder	Yoselin Moreno- Salvador	Bryce Sherman
Jacob Boyle	Allison Goodrich	Joseph Konenkamp	Liam Nanninga	Kendrick Sok
Seth Brenner	Jacob Harback	Elisha Kyhn	Jocelyn Newberry	Heidi Straub
Lindsay Coronado-Zacarias	Kylie Heflin	Jakob Leversee	Hannah Noteboom	Kyle Swinehart
Megan Crawford	Hesling. Justin	Isaac Leyden	Jessica O'Leary	Samantha Wann
Jillian Deneau	Jacob Hess	Gabriel MacPherson	Charlotte Osburn	Avery Ware
Alyssa DeVoll	Blaise Himelrick	Andrew McCloud	Sydney Osburn	Dakota Watson
Korbin Diehl	Sophia Hughes	Claire Meadows	Javier Padilla	Wren Watson
Taylan Diehl	Rachael Joseph	Christopher Melbow	Delia Perez	Caleb Woytal
John Doan	William Julian	Steven Mollison	Abigail Roach	Charlotte Zuidema

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KCC GRADE 13 CELEBRATION

Lydia Bannister	Alicyn Gleesing	Miriam Rowles
Michael Bannister	William Howard	Broderick (Brody) Smith
Bella Dunn	Mariana Kidder	Emily Thurtle
Apple Esman	Spencer Kohler	Amelia Watson
Tyler Gary	Nora Lippard	John (Trey) Willavize
Liam Gault	Hailey Miller	Natalie Wright
Jordan Gibbs	Emily Postmus	Brent Zurface

GLEN OAKS GRADE 13

Cody Schlabach

WMU GRADE 13

Maia Estrella-Felix	Jeffrey Simpson
Javier Padilla	Samantha Wann

GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026

Sullivan E. Abegg
Aaron J.Adams
Ellory J. Albrecht
Autumn V. Alfaro
Ranen M.S. Allishaw
Truitt T. Anderson
Airyanna L. Antolovich
Zachary S. Apotheker
Aaron Arce
Lilly R. M. Armstead
Abigail R. Augustine
Jadie R. Bagley
McKenzie J. Barnes
AliciaM. Bates
Elizabeth M. Beardsley
Kallie E. Beausoleil
Dylan M. Bellinger
Casey J. Bennecke
Luke S. Bernard
Christian S.P. Binolo
Collin M. Bland
Aaliyah N. Boards
Catelyn M. Bogedain
Owen J. Boone
Charlotte C. Boudeman
Chloe M. Brasseaux
Nolen E. Burke
Molly B. Burkle
Owen A. Busick
Gavin M. Butcher
Rayne M. Butler-Weststrate
Rylee P.J. Carlton
Isabella G. Carr
Andrew J. Caruso
Trenton J. Case
Charles M. Chalut
Jaxon D. Chapdelaine
Aiden P. Clark
Roman D. Cleary
Hayden K. Coates
Jeffrey A. Code
Lucas H. Coffinger
Makenna G. Cole
Henry B. Colling
Anastasia K. Cook
Grace C. Corstange
Mason A. Cox
Isabella R. Crossley
Reagan E. Culp
Ja'Mare L. Davis
Jenielle M.A. DeBoer
Justin L. Demott
Madeline G, Dendinger
Gavin C. Dewey
Zachary K. Dorrance
Mackenzie L. Dotson
Zachary D. Doule
Jackson T. Duffie
John C. Dykstra
Logan M. Dziewicki
Kiera L. Eaton
Zachery N. Eckelbecker
Ian E. Ellinger
Hunter M. Emerson
Kaya C . Esman
Ellory P. Estes
Gavin S. Frank
Maeve R. Gaudet
Aren C. Gay
Lily A. Gillett-Skinner
Caleb D. Gilsdorf
Emma C. Gobble
Taytum R. Goerbig
Jacob D. Goff
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Kaius A. Juusela
Jack I. Karalash
Jenna C. Karrer
Tate D. Keck
Noah M. Keller
Ava C. Kesson
Bevin A. Kibler
Carrie R. King
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Brennen A. Koernke
Michael K. Kohler
Kaylee J. Kourakis
Skylar S. Kourakis
Tristan A. Kovach
Kamryn E. Kruger
Johanna H. Kujacznski
Ahnalyn N.M. Lambert
Bryson A. LaMew
Makayla R. Land
Sallie M. Latham
Geneva E. Launius
Preston A. Lawson
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Attending: U of M majoring in Nursing

Salutatorian AARON ADAMS

Parents: Jay and Holly Adams
Attending: U of M majoring in Engineering

GLCS FOUNDATION

53 Distinguished Academic Scholars Celebrated

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, the GLCS Foundation celebrated 53 Distinguished Academic Scholars and their selected honored staff members with a reception at the Gilmore Car Museum, Summer House. Distinguished Academic Scholars are Gull Lake Seniors who have earned a 3.9 grade point average or higher during their high school career.

Front Row: *Ybinh Ho, Emma Robicheaux, Gwendolyn Schmitz, Bella Carr, Samantha Weber, Layla Nelson, Ava Greene, Jawairia Malik, Kamryn Kruger, Makenna Stoneburner, Karis Wintz, Ishana Thakur, Lily Zeigler, Thia Rhodes.* ***Second Row:*** *Leah Opdyke, Ruthie Howes, Elizabeth King, Ali Bates, Makayla Land, Ellory Estes, Violet Holmes, Sophie Opdyke, Sezin Sigirtmac, Allison Ramer, Emma Gobble, Summer Lucero, Alora Wright, Kennedy Jones, Josephine Shanley, Sydney Hribar.* ***Third Row:*** *Brayden Scheffers, Spencer Nuss, Finnegan Tauren, Parker Wertz, Blake Thomas, Alex Thornton, Charles Wilke, Evan McCann, Aedan Speedy, Ranen Allishaw, Max Uppal.* ***Back Row:*** *Luke Bernard, Owen Boone, Sullivan Abegg, Aaron Adams, Kyle Rocco, Gavin Markucki, Jackson Duffie, Peyton Orley, Dylan Piwko, Nolen Burke, Ethan Vanlandegent, Dan Maes.* ***Photo credit:*** *Mark Yancey*

High School News

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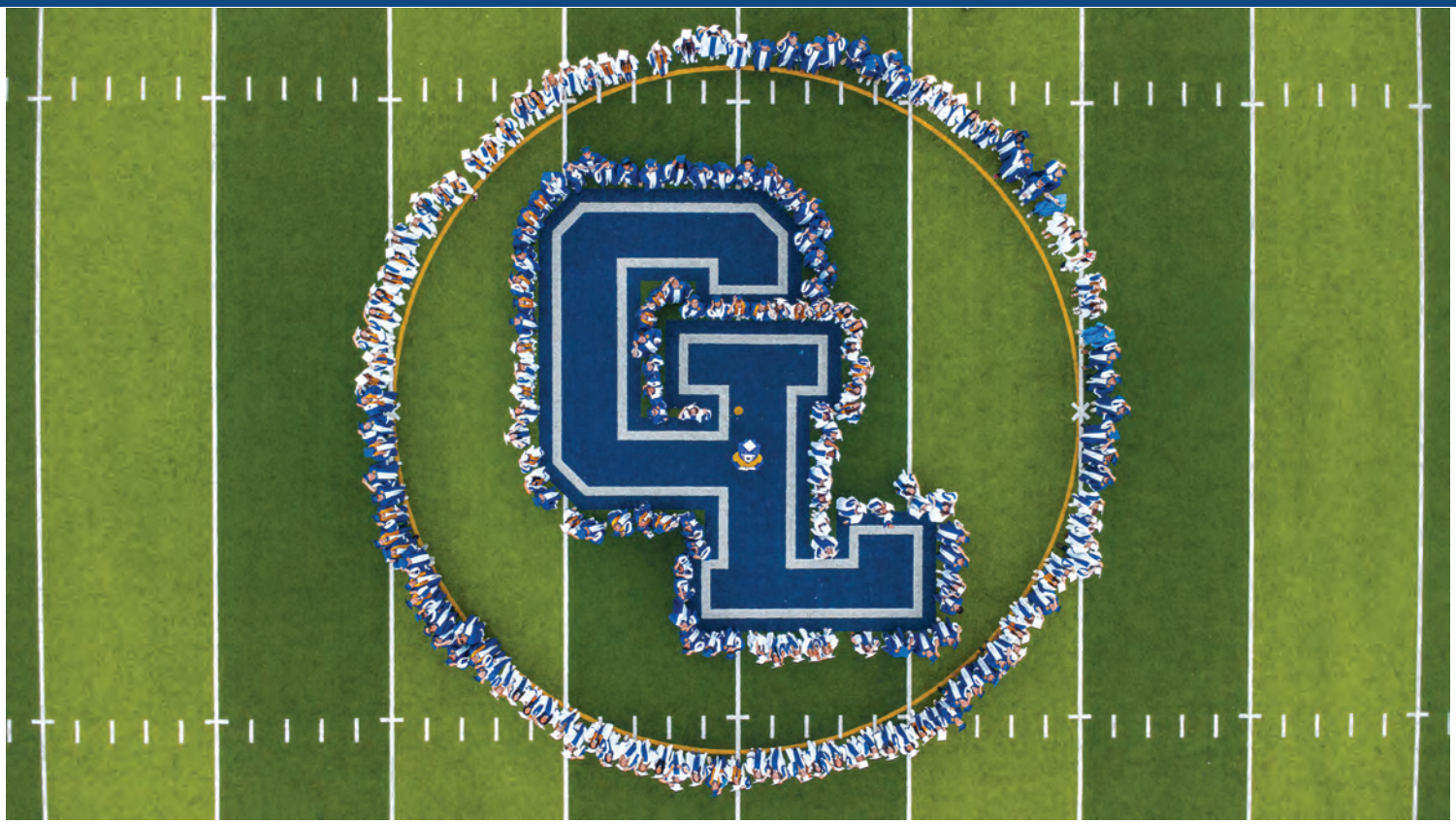
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

GLCS proudly celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026 as 250 students received their diplomas this spring. The class included graduates from GLHS, GLVP, the Homeschool Partnership, and six foreign exchange students representing five countries. Together, they reflect the many different paths students can take to reach this milestone. We congratulate the Class of 2026 and wish them all the best as they begin the next chapter of their journeys.

BLUE DEVIL PRIDE, FULL CIRCLE!



PROM 2026
Takes Flight at the Air Zoo

Prom 2026 was a memorable evening for GLHS students, who enjoyed a "First Class Night" at the Air Zoo. Special thanks to the Student Senate for their outstanding work in planning such a successful night.

Behind the Lens

Thank you to the GLHS Yearbook staff and Yearbook Advisor Mr. Law for helping preserve the memories of graduation. Special recognition goes to student photographers Melina Rozewicz, Jackson Sanders, Landon Strain, Abby Pederson, and Kenadie Schorer, whose talent and dedication captured many of the moments featured here.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The 2026 NHS Induction ceremony occurred on May 20th in the GLCFA. We welcomed the 2026/2027 inductees and honored the graduating seniors. Thank you to the seniors for their service and hard work! And a very special thank you to our officers: Aaron Adams (President), Kenadie Schuemann (Vice President), Sullivan Abegg (Secretary), Emma Robicheaux (Treasurer), and Annie Isom (Historian).

GLCS FOUNDATION

2026 Scholarships
48 Totaling
$95,000!

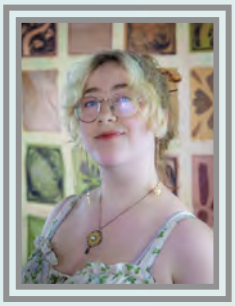
Alicia Bates
Ladies of the Lake, $2,500
Jack Weber Memorial, $500

Nolen Burke
Gull Lake Area Rotary Club, $1,000

Isabella Carr
Kathy Kollig Nursing, $3,000

Sam Dekilder
Gull Lake Education Association Pathway Gateway, $500
Jason Morse Memorial Gateway, $1,000

Taylor Gates
Beth Palmatier Gateway, $1,000
Blair Holden Memorial Gateway, $2,000
Richland/GLA Lions Club-Kay Maxson Memorial, $1,000



Emma Gobble
Garside Family, $3,000
Gull Lake Education Association Pekkarinen, $500

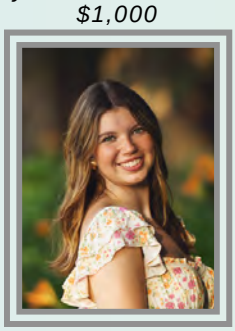
Ava Greene
Jill Adamski Memorial, $2,500
Kellogg Elementary, $1,000
Ladies of the Lake, $2,500
Saylor Scott Memorial, $1,000

Bradley Harris
Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Skilled Trades Gateway, $1,000

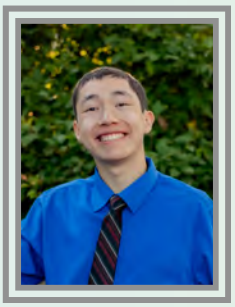
Ybinh Ho
Marsha S. Tucker, $1,000

Lilly Johnson
Beth Palmatier Gateway, $1,000
Blair Holden Memorial Gateway, $2,000

Kennedy Jones
Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial, $3,000

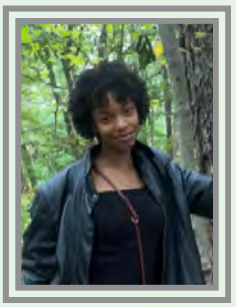


Elizabeth King
Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers, $1,000

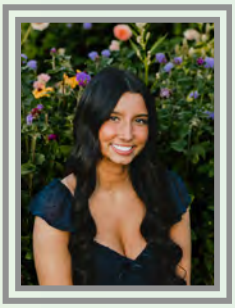


Brennen Koernke
The First Responders: Sergeant Collin J. Rose Memorial, $1,500

Evan McCann
Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial, $3,000



Blessin McComb
Beth Palmatier Gateway, $1,000
Blair Holden Memorial Gateway, $500



Isabelle McElroy

Gull Lake Education Association, $500
Olin Family, $2,000

Dylan Piwko

Parker Hannifin Engineering, $2,000

Conner Rackley

Zachary Wisniewski Memorial, $1,000

Emma Robicheaux

Jill Adamski Memorial, $2,500
GLA Community Volunteers, $1,000
GLA Rotary Club, $1,000
Pelletier, $1,000

Nicolle Rojas Castrillon

Garside Family, $3,000

Serenity Scott

Cross Family, $15,000

Josephine Shanley

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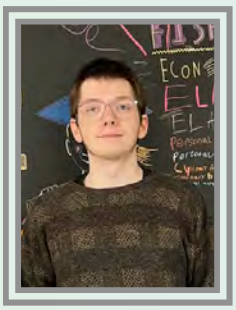
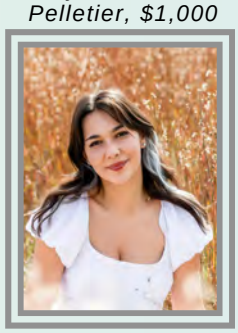
Marsha S. Tucker, $1,000



Fischer Shapton

Bogema Family, $1,000
Robert W. Smith Trades, $1,000



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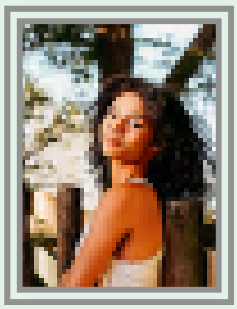

Hannah Thiessen

Blair Holden Memorial Gateway, $2,000

Samantha Weber

Marsha S. Tucker, $1,000

Charles Wilke

Darl Scott Golf Industry, $4,000

Corwin Williams

Michael Bailey Memorial, $4,000

Addison Woodrow

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

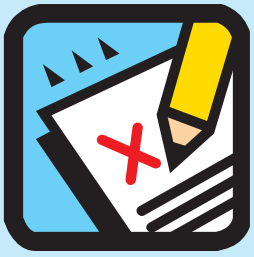
Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakecs.org.

MEETING DATES
July 20, 2026
August 17, 2026
September 21, 2026

NOTICE

GULL LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

TWO SEATS OPEN FOR ELECTION



Two 6-year terms will be filled at the November 3, 2026 General Election. Interested community members seeking these positions must submit a Nominating Petition containing at least 40 supporting signatures of registered voters in the Gull Lake Community Schools District or a $100 filing fee.

Petitions must be returned to the Kalamazoo County Clerk's office by Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 4 pm. For more information about running for School Board, please visit https://www.kalcounty.gov/726/Running-for-Office

NOTE: To be eligible to cast a ballot you must be a registered voter.

MEET UP and EAT UP™

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH THIS SUMMER!

WHERE
Kellogg Elementary
9594 N. 40th Street
Richland, MI 49083

WHEN
June 15, 2026 – Aug. 14, 2026
Monday through Friday

TIME
Breakfast:
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Lunch:
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

The FREE meals served at Meet Up and Eat Up follow USDA nutrition guidelines, and the benefits are endless! The nutritious meals served at the sites can provide a balanced diet to children and help fuel them over the summer to start the next school year off strong. We encourage fun, physical activity, games, and reading books. Meet Up and Eat Up is a great way to make friends, eat nutritious meals, prepare for the school year, and of course, HAVE FUN!

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Adult meals will also be available for purchase -
$3.50 for breakfast and $6.50 for lunch using cash only.

Call (269) 548-3850 for more information.