Superintendent’s Reflections

Yesterday I heard a presentation from the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) regarding the Novel Coronavirus. I know that many people are really concerned about what is to come, so I wanted to share a few things I learned and reiterate the best way we can work to avoid infection.

First, one of the doctors from the MCHD said that less than 1% of those developing severe symptoms are children between birth and 12. We have seen a nursing home being hard hit by the virus, so we want to be very careful around our geriatric population. Our health departments are receiving information from those affected in Italy, China, etc. to see what age groups and their general health prior to getting the virus are so that we have a better understanding of what to expect.

My oldest daughter was critically ill when she was five months old with bacterial meningitis. She was in ICU isolation for 31 days. I will never forget her pediatrician telling me that a significant number of viruses and bacteria are transmitted by people touching their eyes. I always remember this when my eye itches, and I wash my hands or use hand sanitizer before I touch one of my eyes. I also notice many people touching/rubbing their eyes and worry about that.

To help prevent the spread of respiratory disease like influenza and the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) make sure to do the following:

- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick except to seek medical care.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For additional information, contact the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/COVID19. Stay safe and healthy because spring is almost here!
**Board Member Spotlight**

**Henry Newnan**

Henry “Hal” Newnan as first elected in May 2010; his current term ends on December 31, 2024. He currently serves as Board Treasurer.

Henry is a taxpayer and single man who has worked or lived in Warren for more than twenty years. Born in Detroit, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1980 and received three Summa Cum Laude Associate degrees from Macomb Community College in Communication Arts. Henry has worked in several media capacities in Michigan including graphic design, website design, newsletter publishing, and video production.

Providing top-flight educational opportunities for our kids at every level is Henry's top priority. In the end, he feels that each of us is responsible for what we make of our lives. Since fortune favors the prepared, he encourages students to be diligent and develop brave hearts. Having a career and college focus from an early age is key to a child’s later success in our competitive world.

Henry is self-employed as a graphic designer and as an estate trustee. He brings his environmental and business perspectives to his role as a Center Line Public Schools Trustee. Henry has earned the Master Board Member Award through the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). Henry’s goals are to build the health of our community by supporting student achievement and our district, and he feels CLPS is an exceptionally good place for students to be.

**New CLHS Clinic Sponsors**

We’d like to give a huge shout out to our first two Bronze Sponsors:
- Craig & Ellen Livingston
- Sue Gripton

Thank you for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students!

Find more information on the clinic on our website at [https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/clinic](https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/clinic)

**Superintendent Search—Input Sessions**

Don’t forget to join us next week to share your input on the qualities, experiences, and skills needed in the new superintendent. Meetings will be held at the administration building’s Board Room at 26400 Arsenal:

- **Monday, March 9**
  - 2:00-3:00pm: Administrative team
  - 3:15-4:15pm: Secondary teachers
  - 4:15-5:15pm: Elementary teachers
  - 6:00-7:00pm: Parents/community

- **Tuesday, March 10**
  - 2:00-3:00pm: Parents/community
  - 3:15-4:15pm: Union leaders
  - 4:15-5:15pm: Support staff

Can’t make the stakeholder input meeting? Share your feedback through the online survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/centerlinesearch](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/centerlinesearch)

The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be leaders of tomorrow.
**Spring Cleaning**

It is March, and with spring fast approaching I thought I would offer some quick reflections on spring cleaning and maximizing hardware lifecycles. Exciting stuff, right?

This past month, we cleaned out our technology graveyard, and part of the piles included the early laptops in our first virtual/hybrid program, Academy 21. These early laptops featured 4G connectivity, allowed for mobile learning, and were generally reliable. When I did the math, I realized that thorough care and maintenance gave us an incredible 8-9 years of service with these devices.

The typical service life for computer equipment is 3-5 years. Many school districts, including Center Line, do not have the luxury of refreshing that often. Instead we repair, reimage, and reuse until a device can no longer function. After a device finally reaches a point at which it cannot be repaired, we part out anything usable and responsibly recycle the rest.

Maintaining longer hardware lifecycles helps us control costs and helps prevent unnecessary e-waste. The other method of controlling costs is with Chromebooks. These devices are half the price of typical computing device. They also are designed for a maximum of 6.5 years of service. The Chromebook model requires a newer device more often at around the same pricing structure of running a traditional laptop or desktop when you factor in a 9-10 year cycle (the current district average). I believe this might be one of the reasons Chromebooks are so popular. In the Chromebook model you seemingly get a new computer more often, and everyone likes new things.

These Academy 21 laptops gave one last round of service in Fall 2019 after an impressive 8-year run.

In a world were some folks update their phone yearly or swap out computers after a 2-3 year lease, Center Line takes a more environmentally responsible approach to equipment refreshes. Our older computers run the same operating system and software versions as a new device. A 5-year-old Chromebook runs the same ChromeOS as new Chromebook.

I am constantly told that we need new equipment, that Center Line needs the latest and greatest equipment. The primary gain with new equipment is better cosmetics. Properly maintained and updated equipment should last for years. It is a credit to the technology staff here that we have been able to maintain, repair, reimage, update, reuse, and redeploy for longer usage cycles. We will continue this mode of operation with the new equipment the bond has allowed us to acquire.

Thank you for letting me ramble this month about hardware lifecycles. I will responsibly recycle this article in 6.5-10 years.
Frank Franz's smile says it all: HE DID IT!

Frank completed his last class on March 2nd. He started the school year with 5 1/2 credits remaining to earn his diploma. By committing himself to come into Academy 21 regularly, putting in extra time at home, and with the support of his teachers and parents, he accomplished his goal much quicker than he expected! Frank said, "I can't believe I'm done!"

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**CLHS Happenings**

**The Return of Link Crew**

Thank you to the CLPS Educational Foundation for awarding the high school a grant to bring Link Crew to the building! Mrs. Mifsud and Ms. Bywalec were able to spend three days being trained as coordinators and are excited to work with our current and future students as they transition from Wolfe to CLHS next year! #CLHSpride

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**Learning to Save Lives**

Our lifeguarding course provides students the opportunity to gain certification and training during the day. Students get the real-life experiences needed to put their skills to the test!

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**MAD Club Scholarship**

Seniors—don’t forget to apply for the Moms’ & Dads’ Club Continuing Education Scholarship by April 1st! Download an application at [http://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/scholarship](http://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/scholarship)

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**CLPS Ed Foundation Scholarship**

Attention, high school seniors! Do you plan to attend a post-secondary program such as college or trade school? If so, this scholarship opportunity is for you! The CLPS Educational Foundation would like to know your personal story: past, present, and future. Up to four seniors will receive a $1,000 award for post-secondary school costs. Complete the application form at [http://www.clps.org/apps/pages/CLPSEFScholarships](http://www.clps.org/apps/pages/CLPSEFScholarships) and submit your entry by the deadline: April 14, 2020.
Congratulations to Christian Sabornido who qualified for the state tournament in Bowling last weekend! Great job; we are proud of you!

Congratulations to Dylan Matthews and Gabe Ohngren who placed at the MAC Gold Division meet! Dylan placed 3rd in the 200 freestyle, and 2nd in the 500 freestyle and Gabe placed 5th in the 10 backstroke.

2019 grad George Tally III was honored at halftime of the basketball game on Monday. He was added to the Wall of Fame for receiving All State Award. Center Line is so proud of you, Geo!

MSBOA Success

Congratulations to the Wolfe 8th grade band! They performed at the MSBOA band festival this past Saturday at Roseville Middle School, and earned an overall Division II rating, with a Division I in Sight Reading. Check out the great videos one of our awesome parents posted to the Wolfe Facebook Page!

What’s Up at Wolfe

Congratulations to the Wolfe Students of the Month for January! Way to go, Warriors!

Hear about the Teachers of the Month on the video of the Wolfe Morning Announcements: https://youtu.be/2GMSw9Ci0yQ
Peck kicked off March Is Reading Month last Friday. Our theme this year is Lego of Your Imagination...Reading Is AWESOME! The kickoff assembly included a song and dance routine by the teachers, an appearance by Batman and friends, and a Lego building challenge that required students to synergize!

“Everything is awesome when you’re part of a team!” -Lego Man

Theory K. is in the Hall of Fame! Theory is a kindergarten student who wrote a wonderful paragraph about why she likes cupcakes more than cookies. Even after the timer went off, Theory says, "I kept writing!" We hope you ALWAYS keep writing, Theory! Keep up the good work!

At this week’s Habit Huddle, Peck Leaders merged Reading Month with Leader In Me. We used our theme Lego of Your Imagination...Reading Is Awesome with Habit #6: Synergize! Students worked in small groups to synergize to build a way to get from here to there with Legos. Then, at the assembly, each huddle had to synergize to get a hula hoop around a human circle. It was a great day to be a Peck Leader!
Mystery Readers

The Peck staff is always looking for fun ways to celebrate March Is Reading Month, so this year we are doing Nightly Mystery Readers. Every night throughout the month of March, a Peck staff member will read a book and it will be posted on the Peck PTC Facebook page. BUT...viewers will not be able to see their face, just the book! Students watching at home will have to listen carefully and guess who the mystery reader is! The identity of the Mystery Reader will be revealed the next day on morning announcements. The Mystery Readers we so far have been Mrs. Wemyss, Ms. Blackstone, Mr. Brandon, Mrs. Szymanski, and Mrs. Evoy. Check out the Peck PTC Facebook Page every night around 6pm to find out who's next!

From the Peck archives: It still takes many hands to make the front office run smoothly!
Crothers’ Corner

Music Class
Crothers students make beautiful music. Fifth graders are learning to play the recorder while third graders are acting out movements to a song as they sing.

Math Pentathlon
Math Pentathlon students meet Wednesday mornings to develop their mathematical and critical thinking skills through fun and engaging games. Family Math Pentathlon Night will be March 19th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Cats in Hats
Kindergartners in Mrs. Snyder’s class celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday on Monday. They read books, created "Cat in the Hats," made Lorax puppets out of 2-D shapes, and graphed goldfish. They had a blast celebrating all of the fun of "Seuss."
Reading Rockets
Reading Rockets is our Additional Instructional Grant program at Roose. Groups of Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students participate in different interactive read aloud and literacy activities each Monday.

This week first graders read *Mother Bruce* and then wrote about it and made a craft.

CLPS Sends Books to Ghana
Carol Hofer, a friend of retired CLHS principal Lynda Bonucchi, served in the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa and has been back on three additional trips to visit her village, the school, and students. The school, St. Ann’s Girls’ Secondary School, was started in 2003 to educate girls. The region is poor and books are hard to get, so textbooks and reading books are always needed. Last week, thanks to donations from our Center Line family, Carol picked up multiple boxes of books that will make their way to Ghana. On the behalf of the girls from St. Anne Girl’s, thank you for your support!
Opportunities

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

WHEN
March 21st
12pm - ?

WHERE
Sandbagger’s Sports Bar & Grill
25910 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI 48010

FEATURES - Cash Prizes for the Y and last place
20ers - 50/50 raffle - Baskets - Live raffle - Cash bar

BENEFITING
CLHS Class of 2020 Senior All Night Party

RSVP
By email: clhs2020@gmail.com
By Phone: Shannon Chappell (586)205-4054

Center Line Moms’ & Dads’ Club
invites you to the
47th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
“All You Can Eat”
gluten free & meatless options available

Sunday
March 8, 2020
12:00pm to 6:00pm
Center Line High School Cafeteria
26300 Arsenal Avenue
5 & Under = Free
6-11 & Senior Citizens = $6.00
12 & over = $8.00

Plus bake sale featuring treats made by students & parents, 50/50 raffle, Instant Lottery Board Raffle, music from our Jazz Band, and great food!

CLHS is hosting a free community Open Swim on Sunday, March 8, 2020 from noon – 4 pm. Bring your family out for some fun in the high school pool and stop by the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to enjoy a meal with your family and friends.

Carryouts also available!

QUARTER MANIA
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Quartermania begins at 6:30 p.m.
Center Line High School Cafeteria

Help support Center Line Band! Purchase paddles for baskets
PADDLE PRICES - $3 FOR 1 • $5 FOR 2

Community contributions from
Ace Hardware
Crest Ford
Dairy Freezz
EagleTheaters
Filho Meat Market
Firenze Restaurant
Hunan Clinton Metroparks
Mark Ridley’s Comedy Castle
Marvelous Marvin’s Mechanical Museum
Resolution Laser Tag
United Shore Professional Baseball League
Splash Universe
Warren Community Center
Warren Symphony Orchestra
Wesley’s Tacos
AND MORE!

Band section baskets
Band families
Purchase 50/50 tickets
Special Raffles
$100 Meijer gift card

Music provided by the Jazz Band
Come hungry!

Will your child be 5 by September 1, 2020?

Center Line Public Schools
is NOW enrolling students for
2020-21 Kindergarten
Walk-in early registration events will be held on
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Center Line Administration Building
26400 Arsenal
Center Line, MI 48015
3:00pm to 7:30pm

Developmental Kindergarten is also offered as an option!
If these days don’t work for you, register online at www.clps.org beginning February 10th.

Each registered child will receive a prize and an invitation to our “Explore the World of Kindergarten” night in May! To complete the registration process, you will need to bring in the following documents: a copy of your mortgage/lease, current bill, driver’s license, the child’s original birth certificate, hearing and vision tests, and the shot record.

Please call Sarah Ogden at 586.510.2043 or Jan Fix at 586.510.2040 with any questions. Kindergarten SCHOOL OF CHOICE applications for Macomb County residents will be available starting February 10th!
Upcoming Events

3/6/2020  Glowcoming @ CLHS  6:00-9:00pm
3/8/2020  Moms' & Dads' Club Spaghetti Dinner @ CLHS Cafeteria  12-6pm
3/9/2020  Superintendent Search: Parent/Community Stakeholder  
Input Session @ Admin  6:00-7:00pm
Open Swim @ CLHS Pool  7:00-8:30pm
3/10/2020  Superintendent Search: Parent/Community Stakeholder  
Input Session @ Admin  2:00-3:00pm
3/10/2020  Peck Parent Lighthouse Team/PTC Meetings  6:30pm
3/11/2020  Kindergarten Registration at the ECC  7:00am-4:00pm
Kindergarten Registration at Admin  3:00-7:30pm
Crothers PTC  5:15pm
3/12/2020  Panther Football Parent Meeting @ CLHS Media Center  6:30pm
3/13/2020  Senior Citizens' Prom @ CLHS Cafeteria  4-7pm
3/14/2020  Quartermania @ CLHS Cafeteria  6-9pm
3/16/2020  Roose PTC  
Board of Education Meeting  6:30pm
Open Swim @ CLHS Pool  7:00-8:30pm
3/17/2020  Band Boosters @ CLHS  7:00pm
3/18/2020  Parent-Teacher Conferences @ CLHS - K Hall Gym  4:00-7:00pm
3/19/2020  Wolfe After School Dance  
Math Pentathlon Family Night @ Crothers  3:00-4:15pm
6:00pm
3/20-21/2020  First Robotics Competition @ CLHS  all day
3/21/2020  SANP Euchre Tournament @ Sandbaggers  Noon—?