Superintendent’s Reflections

Food, music, tents, chairs, tables, plates, silverware, and on and on and on.....

I have spoken to parents who are excited about their graduating senior but also overwhelmed with all that is happening around the celebration of their graduate. We have talked about grad parties and all of the planning and stress that goes into the planning of this memorable event. I could see exhaustion in their faces and hear it in their voices as we chatted, and I worry about them.

So often I hear people say that they are just happy when the party, wedding, and other celebrations are over. That makes me sad and I wonder why it is more important for some to make sure something is perfect and stress for days before and during the entire event. It seems that making the event good but focusing on the people in attendance is so much more fun and relaxing.

Don’t put too much pressure on yourself. Let your grad help you prepare. Invite people you are comfortable with so if the party isn’t picture perfect, you won’t feel so stressed out, and just have fun! Once the day and the time of the party arrives, you might as well relax and focus on the friends and family that have come because your child and your family are important, and they want to celebrate this big event with you.

Our graduates are amazing and have gotten to this point with support and encouragement from family, friends, and the school family. Celebrate your success as well as your graduate’s success, and enjoy this season of life.

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates AND their families!
The Center Line Independence Festival & Cruisin’ 53 are upon us!!! Clear your weekend and get ready for a jam packed, fun filled three days of cars, music, food, and family fun. See previews of the free concerts and other activities on the Center Line Festival Foundation Facebook page!

Friday is **Flashback Friday** with musical entertainment by Blue Spectrum, the Jay Daniel Band, American Ages and the always amazing headliners, Laughing Madmen.

Saturday starts early with the 1st annual **Cruisin’ 53** Center Line/Warren Car Show and Cruise. Music, food, fun and cars will be situated at the Cruise Headquarters at 10 Mile and Van Dyke in the City Center Plaza. Need a free eye exam? Look for the Project Eyesight trailer in the plaza parking lot, sponsored by the Center Lion Lions Club. Hang out for the parade that starts at noon and travels from 10 Mile to Warren City Hall. Then head back to Memorial Park for **Saddle Up Saturday** festival events, including a DIA Drop-In Workshop. Be sure to stick around for the best fireworks in Macomb County at dusk!

Then end your weekend at Memorial Park in Center Line for **Sunday Funday**. Bring the whole family and enjoy music, food, a Lego station, bounce houses, a climbing wall, an obstacle course and more family fun, and be sure to stop by the CLHS emergency vehicles and the Center Line Public Schools’ info table to say hello!
With the summer almost upon us, improvements, updates, and refreshes are ramping up. Here is a quick report of a few activities happening over the warmer months.

**Phase 1 Bond CLHS, Wolfe, and Peck Technology Updates**
Phase 1 of the bond improvements provided funding for classroom audio-visual improvements at Center Line High School, Wolfe Middle School, and Peck Elementary School. Due to lack of space for staging, the equipment is arriving in a piecemeal fashion, but we expect everything to be in and fully ready to go for next fall. In May, updates to the classroom presentation equipment were added to these buildings and included:

- Large format displays (*replacing older projectors*) with interactive features in some rooms (*touchscreens*)
- Slot-in or mini Windows computers for the displays (*replacing laptops attached to projectors*)
- Updated document cameras (*can serve dual purpose as document reader and distance learning webcam*)
- Mobile cart with shelves and storage (*the entire setup can be moved within a classroom for greater flexibility*)
- Classroom audio (*in the form a directional soundbar and dual microphone system*).

In June and July, we will receive the remaining items for Phase 1, which will include:

- Wireless keyboard and mouse combo units for the new mobile panel computers
- 900 Chromebooks for secondary ELA and elementary classrooms
- 75 Teacher laptops (*replacing teacher desktops in most cases*)
- External DVD drives (*to use both with the panels and the new laptops*).

**Roose and Crothers Technology Refresh and Updates**
Not to be left out, we will look to enhance and update equipment in our other elementary schools while they wait for their turn in the bond funding phases. Some of these enhancements include:

- System updates from Windows 7 to the latest build of Windows 10
- Additional student Chromebooks
- Reallocation of usable equipment from other locations (*exact items TBD*)
- Faster wireless (*only if funded; still waiting on the grant*)

**District System Updates**
With general funding always in flux (in part to due a delayed budget from Lansing), we will also be concentrating on several system changes to lower costs and increase efficiency. Here’s a few of the projects in the queue:

- **Migration to a New Help Desk:** after 14 years on SchoolDude, we will be moving to a more modern, easier to use, less expensive help desk platform for technology, maintenance, and facilities management. This new system uses Google single sign-on, so no more dual passwords for sign-on and request submission. Anyone with a clps.org account can easily submit a ticket. Rollover to the new system happens after July 1.

- **Review of District Copiers and Printers:** The business and technology offices have been working all year to demo new equipment and look for refresh and saving options for our rapidly aging copier fleet. We are close to having a game plan for a refresh and savings, or at least a partial refresh depending on the pricing.

- **Review of Transportation Options:** The challenges of busing management require more advanced software than the district’s current solution. We have sat through many demos for systems this year and have narrowed down to a few solutions. Updates should improve bus tracking, management, and parent notification. Demo hardware and software is currently in place, and we hope to have a solution ready to go for fall.

- **Staff Training on New Systems:** Finally, in August, with all the new classroom technology coming in, we have three open dates for training on the new panels and the SMART software suite that goes along with them. Teachers, please check your email for a message from curriculum about training dates. Sign-up is required, and credits will be provided.

I have one more note before I go. Here is a link to [9 Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide](#) with good advice for having fun while learning over the summer months.

That’s the update for this month. I wish everyone a happy and safe summer. We will see you all back here after a very busy summer. Enjoy your time off, and when you come back, please bring oxygen. The technology department is going to need it! :-D
CLHS Happenings

Athlete Signs with SCCC
Congrats to Janae Smith, who will continue her basketball career at St. Clair Community College next year! Read the whole scoop in the Warren Weekly: https://www.candgnr.com/sports/center-line-high-girls-basketball-standout-signs-to-play-at-next-level-113580

Camp Fun!
Sixth grade students spent two days at Camp Tamarack. Students challenged themselves to step out of their comfort zones on the high ropes, worked together as a team, learned about colonial days, sang songs around the campfire, and so much more!

What’s Up at Wolfe
Wolfe Awards 2019 6th & 7th Grade Awards were during the day, and 8th Grade Awards & Promotion were in the evening. Way to go, Warriors!
Peck Points

Leadership Night

The fantastic leaders of Peck Elementary hosted their annual Leadership Night last Friday. Over 500 people enjoyed a pizza dinner, presentation of the flag by the CLHS JROTC cadets, tunes by the CLHS band, a WONDERFUL concert of leadership-themed songs by the Peck Sing Team and all Peck students, face painting, a petting zoo, a bounce house, a photo booth and Michigan-themed make-and-take crafts.
The rain cleared to celebrate the end of the year with the Roose Spring Blast. It was a beautiful evening of fun with friends, animals, food, games, bounce house races, and horse & pony rides. Special thanks the volunteers who made this event possible!

Mr. Haney’s and Ms. Bopp’s 4th/5th grade classes held a wax museum this week. What a creative way to learn about historical Americans! See more pictures on the Roose Elementary PTC Facebook page!
Panda Pride Night

Last Thursday, Crothers held its annual Panda Pride Night. The staff put together displays and activities for the families, who traveled to different stations to earn stamps on a passport that could be traded for a yummy ice cream treat.

Field Day & Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social

Crothers students enjoyed a day of fun. The theme for the volunteers was "We need S'More volunteers like you." Volunteers enjoyed ice cream sundaes, campfire decorations, and thank you cards and placemats made by the students.

Incoming principal Matt Provost attended the event to meet & greet Crothers’ families. Retiring principal Janis Byrn happily passes on the baton. Welcome to the CLPS family, Principal Provost!
To celebrate the close of another wonderful year, the ECC hosted Farm Day for students and their families. The weather was questionable in the morning so we had to improvise, but it turned out to be a great day! Children jumped and frolicked in the two bounce houses in the gym. Their senses of sight, smell, touch, and hearing were tantalized as they interacted with the bunnies, calves, sheep, ducks, and even a llama in the petting zoo set up out back. A pony and a horse were brought in for children to pet and ride, a memorable first for most of our students. To add to the fun, two face painters created their magic and transformed the expressions of our little ones and some adults, too. It was a remarkable way for our children to end their preschool year at the ECC!
Summer Program/Summer Bridge

This summer, we will once again be offering free summer school opportunities for our students through Title I federal funding and a grant from the Macomb Intermediate School District. Summer classes in math, literacy and science will begin July 8th and conclude on August 8th. Students can choose am or pm sessions that will run Monday through Thursday. Free transportation and meals are included.

The program for students entering kindergarten through fifth grades will be housed at Roose, and this year the program for sixth through eighth grades will also be at Roose. Invitations were mailed to select students earlier this month; however, these summer school opportunities are now open to all students to help prevent summer loss and provide a summer school family!

For more information, contact Summer School Director Mary Binge at bingem@clps.org or visit clps.org under Resources/Summer Programs.

MEET UP and EAT UP

Center Line Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. 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. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

**June 17, 2019 – August 16, 2019** (Closed July 1, 2019 thru July 5, 2019)
- **Center Line High School**
  - Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am
  - Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Monday – Thursday
  - Monday – Friday
- **Peck Elementary**
  - Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30 am
  - Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Monday – Friday
  - Monday – Friday

**July 8, 2019 – August 8, 2019**
- **Roose Elementary**
  - Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30 am
  - Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Monday – Thursday
  - Monday – Thursday

Join us for field trips, free breakfast & lunch, crafts, fun activities and more! Summer Daze is proudly run by Center Line Public Schools and the Center Line Recreation Center.

**Summer Daze**

June 17 - August 23, 2019
at Peck Elementary School

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Registration is now open for kids ages 5-12 years. To sign up or for more information, call the Rec Center at 586-757-1610 or visit centerline.gov/214/Summer-Daze-Camp.

Attention Incoming 8th & 9th Graders

JROTC Summer Camp (JSC)

Join JROTC for fun activities listed for FREE!
- Leadership Reaction
- Health Class
- Sports Activities
- Introduction to Drill
- Earn your first rank
- Team building skills
- Leadership Lessons
- Awards Ceremony

Aug 12-16th
Times: 7:00am - 1:00pm

No JROTC enrollment obligation!

If you are enrolled in the program you'll be promoted to Private and be ahead of the other 9th grade cadets!

Breakfast and lunch will be provided!

Sign up to stay connected to receive more information!

If you have questions contact:
Training & Operation Office Colt: Sports Hussain; shtahausen.22@gmail.com

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The Week in Review is published every Friday during the school year.

Submissions are welcome and encouraged; email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org by Thursday noon to guarantee inclusion in that week's edition.