Superintendent’s Reflections

Forty years ago when I graduated from Center Line High School, we had great counselors, social workers, and school psychologists who supported us when we were sad or treated poorly by a “friend.” They performed evaluations, communicated with parents, worked directly with students, and coached us to maximize our potential.

Every one of us wanted to be liked by others and have cool clothes and cars. We wanted to be accepted and be a part of athletic teams and involved in clubs. Some things haven’t changed, but those things that are different have elevated our students’ stress, anxiety, and fear.

Social media provides opportunities to connect with friends from the past, but it also becomes a way for students’ weaknesses, mistakes, and fears to be exposed to hundreds in a very short time, elevating depression, isolation, and fear in our children. More than ever, mental health support staff is critical in our buildings.

A psychological evaluation is an intensive study of a student’s educational, social, and medical history and includes testing across numerous areas of functioning. The findings are used to help develop and meet the goals of a child’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). Our psychologists then monitor each student to make sure that each is moving forward and that their IEPs are enacted. Our school psychologists also advise staff and parents, and offer grief support.

Our social workers walk along side our students and help parents and staff identify needs that each child has that interfere with learning. They then help to address the needs either in our buildings or by contacting outside agencies. Our social workers design comprehensive behavioral plans and work with the students and staff to monitor and adjust these as needs arise. They bridge the communication and relationship between home, school, and the community. Social workers run groups and coordinate with our building leaders to make sure that everyone is aware of our children’s needs.

Our school counselors work with our children to help them maintain academic standards and to improve their social skills. A focus on organization, improved study habits, and time management allow our students to be more successful. Counselors engage our students in exploration of careers and work with our high schoolers to prepare for career and/or college. School counselors meet with many students individually to help them resolve personal or interpersonal problems. They also run groups that address struggles that multiple children have shared and they assist teachers with classroom management.

Our mental health staff is BUSY! There are so many hurting and broken children. Life is challenging for kids today, and because of social media, their mistakes documented and shared. We are so blessed to have our mental health staff, and I appreciate their dedication and compassion for each and every child.

Thank you for your love and kindness and for helping so many children in CLPS!
Welcome to the last *Tech Bytes* for 2018! This December, courtesy of a few State of Michigan grants, Center Line Public Schools (CLPS) rolled out two intervention programs for English and math. The platforms are from Imagine Learning ([www.imaginelearning.com](http://www.imaginelearning.com)). On the English side, qualifying students (based on state assessment) received Chromebooks for additional language and literacy support.

On the math side, all Wolfe students will gain access to the *Think Through Math* (TTM) program. There were a lot of complex logistics needed to make the programs available to our students. A big heartfelt “thank you” goes out to the group of CLPS educators that helped from the announcement of award right through to hardware and software deployment.

District improvements scheduled for December include two Requests for Proposals (RFP). CLPS recently finished piloting several brands of interactive large-format screens with slot-in computers. The feedback from the assessment led right into our first RFP as part of the opening phase of bond technology improvements. As a reminder, the opening phase targets secondary classroom and Center Line High School auditorium improvements. Currently nearing final draft revision, the RFP should be live very soon for these exciting technology improvements, which will include items such as the mentioned large-format Interactive screens (shown in action at Peck Elementary, below), classroom computers, and major updates to the CLHS auditorium sound, video, and control systems.

The second RFP will be our e-Rate “Internal Connections” bid for 2019, which will include a wired network refresh, a wireless expansion, and renewal of our network fiber maintenance. In short, it is a refresh to bring CLPS up to gigabyte speeds everywhere in the district whether on a wired desktop or mobile wireless device, such as a Chromebook.

The classroom and auditorium improvements will likely be scheduled for early-mid 2019. The networking improvements, if approved, will come in late 2019. We look forward to the benefits these additional tools and critical infrastructure improvements will provide to our students.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday season. We will see you all back and ready to work in 2019!

Even those who start their own businesses and run them alone have the help of business loans or use package delivery services or drive on public roads or are protected by publicly-funded police and fire departments. This is true of educating our children. Even home-schooled children do not succeed alone. This is an idea we live every day here in our academies.

One specific example is our business partners. They are part of our team. They provide what we refer to in the academy world as “time and talent.” Their expertise is integral to our success. This year we are creating a program of teacher “externships.” These are experiences where teachers visit local businesses to see how they work and learn job requirements and many other important lessons that can be integrated into classroom curriculum. Vocational teachers have been on these trips for years, but few of the “core” teachers have (math, science, English, social studies).

There are some who may ask, “Why does a social studies teacher need to visit a factory? The two subjects are not related.”

Except that our teachers who visited the GM transmission plant in October can now talk with some credibility about how important that plant is to the local economy and how tariffs may or may not have detrimentally affected the factory and how our governmental leaders may have played a role in saving or dooming the factory. Understanding like this makes people better citizens who have more understanding of the world around them and more knowledgeable as to what they can do to make it better.

Those teachers can also say, I met many of those workers, and they are going to face some hard times ahead.

That’s understanding one cannot get from a book. It comes from meeting people face to face. Our business partners are helping to make those connections and create that understanding so our teachers and our students learn.

Together.

Which is far better than learning alone.

Have you gotten your 2018 Vacation Raffle ticket yet?

$100 gets you 48 chances to win! Four winners each month! Employees, you can pay through payroll deduction - fill out the form (click the form to download a copy) and return to Sue Pauling @ admin!

Makes a GREAT Christmas gift!
The Graphic Communications II class worked on a Cause Change Prevention Poster Project, creating posters that answer the question, “How can we use visual design to keep ourselves and our peers safe?”

Center Line High School’s JROTC Drill Team competed last weekend in the DPSCD JROTC Drill Competition at Cass Technical High School and earned several awards including 5th Place - Overall, 2nd place - Armed Platoon, 3rd place - Unarmed LET 1 Squad, and 4th place - C/CSM Ryan Miner in the game of "Knockout."
Scientific Math

Mrs. Cook’s biology classes were measuring areas and then using sampling techniques to count “elephants” and then collected all class data to create a census count. What a great way to use math in science class!

Rotary

Club Receives Official Recognition

The Interact Community Outreach Club has been officially recognized by Rotary International. Congrats on your service, CLHS students. Pictured: Club sponsor Mrs. Cook receiving the certification from Warren Rotary sponsor Karen Joyce.

Check out our handsome football players at the Macomb County Sports Banquet. Way to represent, gentlemen!

Help the Band Get New Uniforms!

The Band Boosters are looking for sponsors (individual or corporate) to help with the purchasing of new marching band uniforms. Each new uniform costs $400, so the goal is $40,000 by March 1st! Here are some incentives:

- $100 - Recognition in each concert and event program in the 2019-20 school year
- $250 - Above + a sign to display at your home/business
- $500 - Above + logo displayed at all marching band events
- $1,000 - Above + a plaque with a picture of the band in their new uniforms
- $5,000 - Above + a Jazz band performance at a company event

Send checks payable to Center Line High School to the Band Boosters, c/o CLHS, 26300 Arsenal, Center Line, MI 48015. You can also use PayPal - Choose to send to “Friends and Family” to BandBoosters@clps.org.

For more information, contact Rachel Harris at 586-489-4843 or BandBoosters@clps.org.
Bowling for Students

On Saturday, January 26th, the Moms’ & Dads’ Club is hosting its annual Bowling Fundraiser at Regal Lanes (27663 Mound Road, just south of Martin.) Check in starts at 8:30pm; bowling begins approximately 9:45pm (after league play).

Cost is $20 person to bowl three games (includes shoes, pizza/salad/pop) or $10 to eat/observe/enjoy the raffles and fun. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! For more information, see the CLHS website Bowling Fundraiser page under Parents/Moms’ & Dads’ Club!

Beat the rush - sign up now!

What’s Up at Wolfe

Stop the Bleed training at Wolfe was a success!

Crothers Corner

Holiday Fun

Crothers PTC held its annual Cookies with Santa, filled with cookies & milk, crafts, visits with Santa, and a lot of fun.
Roose students were creating galaxy formation and the early origins of the universe using glitter and pastels. Some took their art projects quite seriously!

As part of our career introduction lunch-and-learn program, Dr. Linden visited Roose to speak about her experience as an allergy, asthma, and immunology doctor with a practice in Warren, MI. Roose students were prepared with many questions for Dr. Linden and loved hearing about her years in school, how she researches difficult diagnoses and that she continues to learn new things every day just like our students!

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Lunching-and-Learning

Roose Rockets

Winter Blast

Thursday, December 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Events
1st, 3rd & 3/4 Holiday Concert
Free Cookies
Holiday Crafts
DJ with Dance & Glow Room
Rocket Holiday Shoppe
(Awesome gifts to purchase for your family!)
Game Room
Holiday Stories
Mrs. L.’s AMAZING Book Fair
Meet with Santa
Concessions available for purchase
(All proceeds go to Fifth Grade Grad Committee).

Please bring a donation of socks, kids underwear, hats, or gloves for the Rockets’ Giving Tree.
### Upcoming Events

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