Superintendent’s Reflections

The sadness and disbelief that all of us felt yesterday when we heard about the horrible tragedy at Fitzgerald won’t leave any of us anytime soon. Situations like this one make us stop and consider the fragility of life.

Every child is precious. Every child needs and deserves love and guidance. Our staff is committed to providing just that. One of the many advantages of being a part of a small school district is the ability to get to know our families and each of our students. We know who needs our immediate attention and who we need to touch base with frequently. We speak with parents and guardians frequently and willingly assist with issues beyond academic achievement. We love our students, and we want to protect them.

Like most educators, I laid awake Wednesday night thinking about the family of the victim, the aggressor, students and staff in that classroom, the building, the district, and beyond. So many lives changed in an instant. A young, bright, talented child gone too soon. Then I lifted them in prayer and thought about what else I could do to help.

Many members of our mental health staff offered to be available to the students in Fitz and sought out our students who travel to Fitz for classes. Many staff members responded to my email informing staff of the situation with love, compassion, and profound sadness. I outlined the many steps we have taken to ensure safety of our kids. In spite of our efforts, many have stated that they feel helpless.

We can all ramp up our awareness of changes in our students’ behaviors and attitudes and get more deeply involved. We can continue to look for programs that allow students who are not achieving success to learn in a different way. We can be open and honest with each other and support colleagues who are struggling with this event or the many difficult situations in life. We can encourage kind, gentle, and honest words be spoken. We can tell those we love just that.

Humanity is fragile, and I am working to be a servant who lifts and supports others. Please keep all students, especially those in Fitzgerald, in your thoughts.

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I am thrilled to serve Center Line Schools staff and students and the entire community in my new role as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. It’s an honor to work both with and for you all, and I’m excited for this next chapter in my service of CLPS.

My sons, however, are very confused about my new role in Center Line. They understood the role of a principal – at least at a very basic level. I’ve been trying to explain to them what exactly I do in my new role every day. They ask great questions that make me think about what this role should and can be. With several action-packed weeks of summer hiring and new school year preparations, I’m now feeling like I can begin to shape and define what it is a strong HR leader should be doing every day. One thing is clear: To do it right, I will need to focus on two key aspects—improving communication and helping to build a positive culture.

Forty percent of workers in the US feel as though their jobs are "highly stressful." I’m guessing that number might be justifiably double these days for public school educators. With seemingly moving targets in terms of responsibilities, standards, assessments, state level accountability, and the increasing difficulty of engaging students, I can certainly understand when a teacher tells me that some of the joy has been taken out of teaching. That saddens me, and I hope to be part of the solution that makes teaching and learning both impactful and enjoyable for our staff and students. If kids and teachers love coming to our schools each day, the result will be high levels of learning. In my new role, I hope to help decrease the stress, restore the joy, and make engaging learning environments the norm throughout our district. To do this, I will perform my role on HR diligently to improve key aspects of my department such as the timeliness and clarity of communication.

The second focus is to continue to build the positive culture of Center Line Schools. By focusing on culture, teachers are able to transition from working together to functioning as high-performing teams. We have a long history of positive relationships between our staff and our community, and I’d like to continue to promote a culture where everyone feels valued. We work hard and with great purpose, and we should be (and feel) appreciated. And, possibly most importantly, we should all feel as though we are a part of this great team. This is tough work, but when you know you are part of a team, amazing things can be accomplished.

I look forward to working with you all in my new capacity. Please contact me with questions or concerns (or celebrations or just to say hello!) as we continue the important work we do, building futures for our students through a high quality education in Center Line Public Schools.
New to the Family

Hello, Center Line Public Schools! My name is Julie Netzky, and I am the new district School Psychologist, serving Roose, Peck, and the high school.

I attended John Carroll University in Ohio for my undergraduate degree and received my Masters of Education in School Psychology and secondary teaching certificate from Loyola University, Chicago. I worked my first 10 years as a School Psychologist in Illinois, and my family and I moved to Michigan in 2011. I am nationally certified, which allowed me to gain experience as a psychologist in Detroit Public Schools, Southfield Public Schools, and last year, I worked in the MISD with the secondary and post-secondary autistic center-based program.

My husband Ben is a contract attorney at Tacom in Warren, and we have 7-year-old twin boys, Ethan and Caleb, who will tell you they are men, not boys. We live in Grosse Pointe Woods and have two cats, Catrick Swayze and Hideaway.

I am very happy to be a part of the Center Line community, and I look forward to getting to know you and becoming a part of what makes Center Line Schools great!

In the District

You are invited to join us for monthly Challenges.

Coffee Club Community Conversations

to connect and collaborate on important district topics. Be in the know and have a voice in the district! Meetings will be hosted at Hometown Heroes Coffee and More, 25029 Van Dyke in Center Line, at 9:00am and 5:00pm on the following dates:

- September 24
- October 29
- November 26
- January 29
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22

The September topic will be School Safety. See you there!
Physics students solving challenges in groups.

C2 Pipeline is a program sponsored by Wayne State University’s College of Nursing. It is funded through the Michigan Department of Education’s 21st Century Community Learning Center funds. Sam Wolfe is our C2 Pipeline staff member, and her room is E-105.

The C2 program focuses on increasing graduation rates, improving academics and helping to ensure students are college and career ready. Programming runs 2:30 – 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. During these two and half hours, students are served dinner and also have a chance to participate in (1) General Sessions, and (2) Enrichment. The General Session is a way to work on career pathways as well as work on important skills that students will need in their adult lives. The Enrichment sessions cover topics that would not normally be covered during the school day in a fun and exciting, hands on atmosphere. These topics are hands on and involve science, technology, engineering and math. The program also runs a two week residential summer camp program housed at Wayne State. The C2 Pipeline is just another way the Academies are providing support for all students.

For more information please contact Sam from C2 Pipeline at wolfes@clps.org or (248) 842-6959.

**CLHS Happenings**

**PBLs & Project Walls**

Center Line High School is fully implementing Project Based Learning with the rollout of a Project Wall in every classroom. The Project Wall contains the calendar of instruction; the driving question, which is the overall question that the students endeavor to answer with their final project; and a need-to-know list, which includes all the questions students need answered in order to complete the project. Students will have this in every classroom, allowing them to be more aware of the purpose, scope, and sequence of their schoolwork.

Bio students design thinking on how to set up a good learning environment.
Congrats to George Talley III, who beat out the competition in a vote-off to be named Free Press Defensive Player of the Week. Additionally, Nick Hastings was named TV Warren Sports' Player of the Game for his performance at last Friday’s 37-19 victory over Clawson! The football team is now 2-1 on the season and currently sits atop the MAC Bronze.

The Panthers take on Petoskey this Saturday at Alma College. Read the great preview article in the Petoskey News at [http://ow.ly/fgAD30lOTDY](http://ow.ly/fgAD30lOTDY) and see more pictures on the CLHS Facebook page!

The soccer team started the season by taking 3rd place in the South Lake Soccer Tournament, defeating Yale 1-0 in the final match. They also got some ink when they beat Marine City, 5-1. They take on Ferndale today at home at 4:30pm.

Volleyball finished the week at 1-1 with a victory over Mott and a loss to Clintondale. Varsity’s next home game is Sept. 25th at 6:30pm against South Lake.

Six days into the school year and our FANUC Robotics students are already trying their hand at programming and maneuvering our robot!

**Sports Update**

**Panther Football - The Team to Watch!**

**Soccer Action**

**Boys’ Tennis**

The tennis team opened up the season with losses to Lamphere and Mott. The boys play Sterling Heights at home on Monday at 4pm.
Wolfe robotics is underway!

A little rain doesn’t stop the Warrior Welcome squad!

What’s Up at Wolfe

Wolfe students using community circles.

In response to the tragedy this week at Fitzgerald, Wolfe’s school social worker John Daily talked with staff about signs of trauma and how to respond.

All Day—Warrior Way!

Wolfe Meet the Teacher night was jam-packed! Mr. Roper and Mrs. Berry gave families a warm Warrior welcome and introduced Wolfe’s awesome staff.
Roose Roundup

Meet Kristin!

Kristin Henninger earned her Bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University and a master’s degree from Saginaw Valley State University while raising her two daughters, Taryn and Meghan. Kristin brings thirteen years of experience teaching first grade to Center Line and is passionate about early literacy. A few of Kristin’s summer hobbies include hummingbird and butterfly gardening, as well as reading books near her Koi fish pond. Kristin is thrilled to become a team member at Roose!

...And Donna!

Donna Zanoli is the new Social Worker for Crothers. She comes to us with five years of experience at Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital as well as previous work at Havenwick and an elementary school in Roseville. Donna has three children and one granddaughter, and lives in St. Heights. We are thrilled to have her join the Center Line team and grateful she will be working with the Crothers family.

Peck Points

Hard working Peck students enjoy some fun with friends during lunch.

A Familiar Face

My name is Tammy Kramer. I am taking over the position of teacher consultant that was previously held by Lori Sutcliffe. I have worked in the Center Line School District for four years as a Great Start Readiness Program teacher. I am excited to have this opportunity and look forward to a year of growing and learning alongside my new students. Lastly, I would like to wish Lori Sutcliffe well in her new position and thank her for helping me transition into my new role.

ECC Notes

Mrs. Malaski enjoys spending time with her kiddos.
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.

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The track is looking good! Seed is in and is being watered! The soccer field won’t be playable at all this year, but we hope to use the track portion during the spring!