Superintendent’s Reflections

Ask any leader, and each one would tell you that they are extremely dependent on their secretary, assistant, or support person. Our clerical unit provides support in classrooms, school offices, and central office where they provide individual assistance to many children and support and encouragement to our kids. The offices in each building, at Transportation and Maintenance as well as Central Office are run by efficient, patient, and extremely talented staff.

Parents and community members are greeted by warm and friendly welcomes from our office staff members, and they can easily see that Center Line Public Schools is the place to be. Our paychecks are deposited on time, and calculations for payment are accurate. Bills are paid and debts collected as staff work hard to keep departments running efficiently.

Secretaries screen calls collecting as much information as possible so that administrators can gather the rest of the information quickly and speak with parents with all of the information necessary to make solid decisions. They work with upset parents to defuse situations and offer support that parents need.

Many of our support staff manage calendars, schedule activities, and make sure that things continue to run smoothly.

We are lucky to have the many wonderful secretaries, clerks, media techs, aides, and para-pros, and we appreciate their dedication to the children of Center Line Public Schools.
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.

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)

Teachers and administrators have a responsibility to anticipate potential dangers and to take precautions to protect their students from those dangers. Every school’s Emergency Operating Procedure (EOP) include courses of action that will describe how students and staff can most effectively respond to an active shooter situation to minimize the loss of life, and teach and train on these practices. No single response fits all active shooter situations; however, making sure each individual knows his or her options for response and can react decisively will save valuable time.

We believe safety is the number one priority when it comes to our students and staff. Our district wants to use the most up-to-date methods and current research to keep our students and staff safe in all situations. Over the next several months our district will all be trained in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Several administrators followed the train the trainer model to become certified ALICE instructors. Therefore, our ALICE training will take place “in house” by our own staff members.

Each staff member will be required to take the 45-minute eLearning component online prior to the face-to-face training. Then, each staff member will be trained by our administrators: January 9th at Wolfe, January 11th at the ECC, January 23rd at Roose and Crothers, February 6th at Peck, February 20th at Academy 21, and May 8th at CLHS. Once our staff is trained, the next step will be to roll this out to our students. While it is sad that we must prepare ourselves for such dangerous situations, we are pleased to use the most current precautionary measures to ensure safety for everyone.

Ms. Megan Patra, CLHS English teacher, and representative students shared a presentation with the Board of Education on a creative unit completed by the AP Literature class.
Christmas Kicked Off in Center Line

Last Saturday, the city of Center Line held its 66th annual Tree Lighting & Cookie Walk. The Center Line High School choir entertained the crowds with holiday numbers while everyone eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa Clause. After Mayor Binson gave Santa the key to the city, Peck student Kobe Kyler-Lee Jordan did the honors of lighting up the Christmas tree to signify the official start of the holiday season in Center Line.

Liberty, justice, and tax credits for all!

Do you really know what you credits you are entitled to?
Are you getting the most money out of your tax return?

Join us for a great presentation by Block Advisors that will help you understand how credits truly work, especially if you are a noncustodial parent, have split/joint custody, or earned income credits!

Co-sponsored by the City of Center Line and Center Line Public Schools

Thursday, January 17th, 2019
6:00pm - Center Line Public Library
7345 Weingartz Street

Free childcare provided!
St. John Hospital Field Experience

With the help of our new academy van, three groups of students enjoyed a tour of St. John’s Hospital this week. Students visited the cardiac cath. lab, the ER, the ICU, radiology, nuclear medicine, and surgical services. The big hit for many were the babies we saw in the obstetrics nursery. These little ones were so cute and sound asleep—as my mother used to say, “It’s exhausting being born.” Seniors will be able to use what they saw to determine the location of a job shadow next semester.

The trip was preceded by all traveling students receiving instruction/review of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) law. Essentially, HIPAA requires that all healthcare workers keep patient information private. All healthcare employees are required to know, understand, and sign a HIPAA agreement each year. Every student was required to submit a signed form to be on the trip—no exceptions. As they were told, “No HIPAA, no trip-a!”

Now these students have an even better understanding of their future careers.

Vacation Raffle

Did you hear? Roose’s Mary Binge won the Caribbean Cruise last month! Have you gotten your 2019 Vacation Raffle ticket yet? You can’t win if you don’t buy a ticket!

$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! Tickets make a GREAT Christmas gift!
Historical Event in CLHS Sports

This past Saturday, first year wrestler, Rachael Coolahan became the first female student in Center Line Wrestling’s 53-year history to wrestle and win a varsity wrestling match. Not only that, but Rachael went on to win all 3 of her matches by pin fall and won her bracket.

Charity Begins...in the School!

For the First Annual Center Line High School Staff Charity Week, CLHS staff showed their big hearts. On Monday for our food drive, we collected over 5 boxes of food for Gleaners. Tuesday we collected 7 pairs of socks, 21 pairs of gloves, 8 scarves, and 25 hats for our hat and mitten tree to help keep our needy students warm. On Wednesday staff each wrote multiple positive notes to students for over a hundred nice surprises in the holiday mail. Finally staff donated to the Adopt-a-Family program on Thursday and Friday. As one staff member put it, "It blows me away that everyone is so generous! Makes me proud to be part of such a great school community!"

Gifts That Give Back, Helping Those In Need

Jazz Band Visits Father Murray

The CLHS Jazz Band visited Father Murray’s Nursing Home yesterday to spread a little holiday cheer! Listen to some of their songs on the CLPS (or CLHS) Facebook pages!

Center Line High School Girls’ Basketball Fundraiser

Thursday, Dec. 27th, 2018
4:00 – 9:00 pm
at
Firenze Restaurant & Pizzeria
11028 E. 10 Mile, Warren, MI 48089
(586)757-5400

During this event, Firenze’s will donate 10% of the sales to the CLHS girls’ basketball team.
**Warrior Spirit Week**

Spirit Week is next week! Thank you to everyone who voted. The results are as follows:

- **Monday is Pajama Day:** Wear your pajamas to school! Pajamas must be school-appropriate. No slippers are allowed. Everyone must wear shoes.
- **Tuesday is Twin Day!** Find a friend (or a few) and wear matching outfits.
- **Wednesday, show your support for your favorite team by dressing up for Team Day!**
- **Thursday is Pop Culture Day.** Show off your favorite band, TV show, superhero, or movie character.
- **Friday is Green and White Day.** Wear green and white or Wolfe gear to show off your Warrior pride!

Which class has the most spirit? Or will the staff defend their Spirit Week championship title for another year? Classes will be assigned points for each student dressed in the day’s spirit wear, with the Pep Assembly at the end of the week to crown this year’s winner.

**Tessellation Contest**

Mrs. Houle’s 8th grade math students finished up their unit on rigid transformations and congruence by making tessellations. A tessellation is when you cover a surface with a pattern of flat shapes so that there are no overlaps or gaps. We usually see tessellations in tile work around the house. Students started with a square and used rigid transformations to turn the square into another shape. Then, they repeatedly traced the shape like interlocking puzzle pieces to make a design of their own. Shown are the classroom winners, as well as a few close-ups of some of the tessellations.

Great band performances this past Wednesday by our 7th & 8th grade Warriors!
**Crothers Corner**

**Pet Project**

Mr. Nielsen’s class read a news story about people sending gifts to animals for Christmas. We adopted the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan. We wrote letters to people asking for donations then wrote letters to the AWS with a lot of great toys and treats for the animals!

**Mobile Dentist**

Dentist-R-Us visited Crothers Elementary for teeth cleaning, flossing, x-rays, and sealants. Brandon and Bella won a tablet for having their teeth cleaned, compliments of Dentist-R-Us!

**The 3 Fires**

The Huron Clinton Mobile Learning gave the 4th graders a presentation on the Michigan Native tribes called the 3 Fires.
**VEX Action**

Peck’s six VEX teams competed with 46 other robotics teams from Michigan at the Nissan VEX IQ Next Level Tournament on December 8. They were tasked with building robots that could pick up and stack objects, and the teams have been working at building, driving and testing modifications since September. The students showcased their true “Lighthouse Leadership” skills throughout the day.

Their patience, good attitude and teamwork is an inspiration! Parents, family, friends, staff, and student-engineers created a successful day. Special thanks their dedicated coaches Mrs. Beauchaine, Mrs. Watterson, and Mrs. Wemyss.

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**Peck Points**

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**Roose Roundup**

**Try - Try Again!**

Students practiced this month’s character trait of perseverance. The goal was to toss marshmallows into a cup. It sounds easy, but as our students found out--it isn’t.

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**4th graders investigate the earth’s composition.**
**ECC Notes**

Students in Mrs. Keel and Miss Tina’s GSRP classroom continue their study of trees. Children went outside and looked at the parts of a tree and did rubbings of the tree bark. Measuring the tree trunk was also part of the study. They used measuring tapes, rulers, blocks, markers, and even wallets. Preschoolers recognized numbers on the rulers and measuring tapes, and counted the number of items it would take to wrap around the tree. Upon finding a hole in a tree trunk, students were excited for Miss Tina to help them peer in to see if any animals were living there. To their disappointment, they did not find any live critters inhabiting the tree. Learning about trees was so much fun!!

**Story Library**

Amelia Keel, a GSRP teacher at the Early Childhood Center, created a Social Story Library. She is working towards a Master’s Degree in Inclusive Education through the University of Michigan Flint, and as part of one of her classes this semester, she had to complete a Leadership Activity that would help make her community or school building more inclusive. She chose to make a Social Story Library because all students can benefit from learning about behaviors and routines through the use of stories, especially our littlest learners and those with special needs. The Social Story Library consists of 35 stories, such as what to do during fire drills, what to do when there is a new student, how to care for a class pet, how to care for books, how to calm down when you are upset, and many, many more. The Social Story Library is located in the ECC’s Calming Corner, a room where we can support students who need to calm down away from their peers. Staff can use the stories in the Calming Corner or check them out to use in their classrooms.

Mrs. Keel would like to thank everyone from the district who donated binders to help make this library possible. She would also like to thank the Staff at the ECC for all of their support and encouragement throughout this project. She is so excited to see the Social Story Library implemented as part of the daily learning at the ECC, and hopefully, expand to

**Gingerbread Night**

Tuesday evening, the ECC celebrated the holidays with Gingerbread Night, chaired by Beth Baird. This event allows families to work together to create their own unique gingerbread house which they can take home to display for the holidays or nibble on as they choose. Our preschoolers and their families used brick (graham crackers) and mortar (frosting) to create their houses and then enjoyed adorning them with decorations of gum drops, skittles, marshmallows, M & Ms, licorice, starburst mints, and more (which they had to sample, of course). A visit with Santa Claus topped off the evening as they smiled for a photo! See more pictures on the [ECC Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/ECCFacebook)!
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### HOLIDAY BREAK PAINT PARTIES

**Saturday, December 22\(^{nd}\) 1:00PM**
The Dovetail Café, 29200 Hoover, Warren

**Thursday, January 3\(^{rd}\) 1:00 PM**
Center Line Parks & Rec Building, Center Line

Looking for something fun to do while the kids are out of school? These are Instructional art class events open to kids, teens and adults! Come together or let the kids paint while you get some shopping or errands done. Prices include instruction & all supplies to complete a painting on your choice of size canvas.

- 8x10 canvas: $15
- 16x20 canvas: $25

*Registration needed to secure your spot. Limited spots may be available day of event.*

Contact us to register! Phone: (586) 209-1779 * email: mypaintpartymichigan@gmail.com * Facebook: My Paint Party Michigan

*My Paint Party hosts customized paint events in your home or at a venue. Add a splash of creative fun to birthday parties, ladies’ nights, office parties or fundraisers.*

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