Superintendent’s Reflections

Every change made to ensure the success of our students takes an extraordinary amount of courage.

Change is difficult; it requires moving from the known to the unknown. There is a risk of failure, tension, and fear.

In Center Line Public Schools, we have defined success as the preparedness of our students, through extensive exposure and exploration of their strengths and talents via MI Bright Futures, Career Cruising, and other strength and interest inventories, coupled with extensive exposure to a day in the life of people working in career fields that are of interest to each student. This is a recipe for students to make informed decisions about the direction of their post high school choices and narrows the focus of our counselors as they guide students into the pathway to achieve their dream careers. This may be an apprenticeship or an introduction to someone who can open doors in a particular industry or college. We vow to facilitate the process so that our students graduate with a specific and data informed vision.

Change is critical in any business/industry, but in education it is imperative. Our students today are different than students were even five years ago. Social media, the technology explosion, and many other factors create a need to shift our way of operating. We have worked really hard to do so.

Last year, two seniors came over to my office, and I asked them what they thought of the career academy model. One student said, “Ms. Kaltz, I didn’t know that high schools were supposed to set you up in a career!” I asked her what she thought the purpose of high school is and she said, “To keep kids out of trouble as long as someone will pay for it.” UGH!

I can’t wait until every one of our seniors proudly and confidently parade the hallways of the middle school and the elementary schools in their caps and gowns, holding signs that tell us where they are headed. I envision signs stating, “I am starting the Electrical Apprenticeship Program in June,” “I am starting at Wayne State to study Engineering in September,” and so on.

Our students depend on our pre-K, elementary, and middle school programs to allow them to master critical standards and develop life skills necessary to actively engage in their learning, interact with those in business and industry in an articulate and confident way, and leave Center Line Public Schools focused and equipped for the next stage of life.

This week I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers without a signature. This came when I was discouraged and overwhelmed by all that we are called to do. The card reads as follows: **Your good work makes a BIG difference for all of us. Thank you! Do not grow weary in doing good!**

This applies to all of you. We can’t slow down! Our students need us to take the leap and embrace the change that they need to reach success. Together, we can!
Peck Elementary School hosted another VEX IQ Robotics Competition last Saturday, and what a success it was! Teams from around Michigan attended to compete in this year’s NEXT LEVEL Challenge. To play, two robots team up in an alliance to score as many points as they can in 60 second matches by scoring and stacking colored hubs in building zones, removing bonus hubs from the hanging structure, and by parking or hanging on the hanging bar.

But first, they need to build and program the robot! Teams also compete in robot skills challenges – both driver-controlled and autonomous programmed. In addition to performing well during the matches, the team members present their engineering notebooks to the judges and answer questions about their design and programming decisions. This is project based learning at its best, and our students rose to the challenge.

The amount of time, organization, and effort that is needed to host a competition is remarkable, especially when one coaches multiple teams and teaches full time. Many thanks to Yvonne Beauchaine, Margie Wemyss, and Jamie Watterson for dedicating their time to the Peck leaders and to the MANY staff members, former students, and school community members who attended Saturday to volunteer at the competition or cheer on the teams. This was an experience the students will never forget!
**CLHS Happenings**

**Bowling Fundraiser - Huge Success!**

The Moms’ & Dads’ Club Bowling Fundraiser last Saturday was a great event. There was an awesome turnout, and a lot of funds were raised for future projects. Thanks to the committee members for all of their hard work and to everyone who came out to participate!

**Swim Meet Success**

The boys’ varsity swim team finished in second place on Friday, 1/25. 1st place finishers included Dylan Matthews in the 500 Freestyle and Cole Mockbee in the 100 Fly; Gabe Ohngren finished 3rd in the 500 Freestyle.

**Sikora Qualifies!**

Chris Sikora, CLHS Senior, placed 11th in the qualifying round out of 153 bowlers at the Macomb County Boy’s Singles Tournament on January 18th at Sterling Lanes. Chris’s total pinfall was 882. His average was 221. Chris then placed 22nd out of 32 in the elimination round. Chris is our first boy’s bowler to qualify in ten years. GREAT JOB, Chris!!!!

**2019 CTE Awards**

The Macomb Career Technical Education Administrators Association recognized 42 students and 21 local business partners at its annual awards celebration last Friday. Students are honored for their distinction in their chosen career pathways, and business partners are acknowledged for their continuous support of CTE efforts in public schools.

This year, CLHS had two students recognized. Senior Laura McBride was nominated in the Teacher Cadet program by her teacher Jennifer Haugh, and Syeda Jamal was nominated in the JROTC program by Sgt. Horace Pruitt. Congratulations, ladies! CLHS also honored its Business/Industry Partner, Medstar Ambulance, and Education Manager Allison Biliti, for its investment in our community and students. Thank you for supporting our students and programming!
Congratulations to these CLHS band students! They performed at the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble festival held last Saturday at Rochester High School. Even though they weren't in school very much the preceding week, they continued to prepare for their performances. CLPS along with their band director, Joe Kolar, are very proud of these students for their efforts! Students who earned a Division I rating are eligible for the State Solo and Ensemble festival held on March 16.

- Baley Ryniak, baritone sax solo, Division II
- Miles Penucevski, snare drum solo, Division II
- Sammy White, trumpet solo, Division II
- Allison Rolfe, trumpet solo, Division I
- Cameron Boyd, snare drum solo, Division II
- Kathy Pahal, flute solo, Division I
- Alexander Penucevski, alto sax solo, Division I
- Rebecca Hester, flute solo, Division II
- Megan Rolfe, snare drum solo, Division II
- Jordan Miyamoto, baritone solo, Division II
- Gavin Watters, trumpet solo, Division I
- Samantha Bozaan, flute solo, Division I
- Alex Connelley, clarinet solo, Division I
- Baley Ryniak, Alexander Penucevski, alto sax duet, Division I
- Sara Bone, Gabe Ohngren, alto sax duet, Division II
- Ayden Martin, Brittany Kortright, french horn duet, Division I
- Alexis Blair, Lynn Dang, Alex Connelley, clarinet trio, Division II
- Logan DiSabatino, Michelle Szewczuk, Abbi Boyd, Gordon Armstrong, Allison Rolfe, brass quintet, Division II
- Lyric Pingilley, Chylee Boyd, alto sax duet, Division II
- Jasmine Ibrahim, snare drum solo, Division II

Senior members of Dollars for Scholars had their etiquette banquet this week. They got professional headshots taken, wore their Dollars for Scholars shirts, took an etiquette course, learned about social media management and proper ways to eat and dress and behave in networking situations, and got to listen to Mrs. Jacqueline Baker, entrepreneur and owner of Scarlet Communications.

Teams of students from MMSTC (the Butcher Center) presented their research to professionals in their respective fields. Scientific expertise, presentation skills, and innovation were key ingredients in their success. Sam Andrzejewki (Cousino HS) and Mahbub Jahid (Center Line HS) won the Biology division and then the overall Grand Prize for their project, “Don’t Be Fuelish.” Congratulations, Mahbub!
Weekend Drama

*Lights Burning at Daylight*, written by CLHS senior Vivienne Labadie, is now playing at the CLHS auditorium February 8 and 9 at 7:00pm and February 10 at 3:00pm. Tickets are $4/adults and $2/students, available at the door.

Our firefighting students in action, learning their trade!
Peck Points

MI Fur Trade

Peck’s 4th grade students were visited by Charlie Shelton, nature interpreter with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, for an exciting presentation on the fur trade.

Peck Vex Success

Thanks to the VEXellent students, parents, coaches, staff and visitors who made the 2nd Annual Peck VexRobotics tournament a fun, educational, and friendly time for all!

Reading and Learning History

Ms. Mcintosh’s and Ms. Pelczarski’s reading buddies get together to start our celebration of Black history month.
Stacey Cronin, retired Center Line educator, presented her findings on the impact yoga has on student self regulation at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital last weekend. Stacey currently teaches yoga to four classes at Roose Elementary School. She is studying how being self aware (mindfulness, poses, and breathing) impacts student behavior when needing to self regulate (in times of conflict with self or others). Even in retirement, Stacey continues to positively impact our school family.

Roose students created Valentine’s placemats for local senior citizen centers.

Our elementary students love ST Math!

Yoga Mindset

Roose Roundup

Opportunities

Center Line Moms’ & Dads’ Club

invites you to the

46th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

All You Can Eat

Sunday
March 3, 2019
12:00 noon to 6:00pm
Center Line High School Cafeteria
26300 Arsenal Avenue
6 & under = Free
6-11 & Senior Citizens = $6.00
12 & over = $8.00

Plus Bake Sale featuring treats made by students & parents, theme cake contest, 50/50 raffle, Instant Lottery Board Raffle, music from our Jazz Band and great food.

Center Line High School Band presents: Spring Concert

Friday, March 22

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Quartermania begins at 6:30
Center Line High School Cafeteria

Help support Center Line Band!

Purchase paddles for baskets
• Band sections
• Band families
• Community contributions from Homeowns, Heroes, Massage Envy, Whirlpool, Resolution Laser Tag, National Coney Island, FireFlies, Juan Miguel’s, Olive Garden and Dave’s Barber Shop, Splash Universe, Skate World of Troy and Henry Ford Museum/ Greenfield Village.

Purchase 50/50 tickets

Purchase tickets for Special Raffles

Music provided by the Jazz Band

PADDLES
$2 for 1
$5 for 3
Upcoming Events

2/8, 2/9  Lights Burning at Daylight @ CLHS Auditorium  7:00pm
2/10   Lights Burning at Daylight @ CLHS Auditorium  3:00pm
2/12   Band Boosters
        Peck PTC  6:30pm
2/13   CLPSEF @ Wolfe Makerspace  5:30pm
2/15   Peck PTC Movie Night  6:00pm
2/18-19  No School
2/20   Roose PTC  6:30pm
2/21   Band Concert @ CLHS  7:00pm
2/25   Coffee Club Community Conversations @ Hometown Heroes  9am, 5pm
2/27   Wolfe PTC  6:00pm
2/28   Roose Skate Night @ Great Skate  5:30-8pm
3/3    Moms’ & Dads’ Club Spaghetti Dinner @ CLHS  12-6pm

Some of our dedicated Board of Education
trustees spent their Saturday learning about school
law and finance.

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