Disappointment is a heavy and uncomfortable feeling. The apparent “absence of justice” can be managed in many ways, some of which are negative and continue to hurt everyone, while others model hope, possibilities, and forgiveness.

My nephew, Zack Line, plays for the Saints, and we had a houseful last Sunday as the Saints and the Rams battled it out. MANY were visibly and audibly disappointed that the referees did not call pass interference when all of us thought they should have, especially when the Saints ended up losing the game. My 8-year-old grandson was visibly upset and pulled his Saints jersey off and mumbled something about the referee. I pulled him on my lap, and we talked about good plays the Saints had, the difficulty of being a referee, and how proud we were that the Saints made it so far. I kept thinking about the inappropriate treatment of refs that I have sometimes witnessed and really wanted Lane to know that people can and do make mistakes and that we have to be fair and reasonable.

Then on Monday, as I listened to Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech, I was once again moved by the power of his dream and the level of discouragement and disappointment he must have felt by the injustices he had witnessed. Dr. King acted on his feelings by painting a picture of unity and brotherhood that allowed all of us to envision such a future. His words have resonated with many throughout time and because of his proactive, bold, and visionary speech. Because of them, some people have even changed their thinking and the way they interact with others.

Life is very difficult at times. There are situations that we cannot change, so letting go of the disappointment and anger keeps us healthy. If we have the ability to positively impact a negative situation, to say we are sorry, to listen more intently truly by seeking to understand another’s perspective, or to simply to stand up for someone who is being bashed, we become stronger and models of humility and forgiveness.

I have always honored Dr. King’s message, especially his plea to measure people by the content of their characters. I am so proud of Zack. He defied the odds and works really, really hard. He loves his wife, his three little girls, and his entire family. His character is strong and true.

Those who have committed themselves to creating better situations for all children are pivotal in changing the future into what Dr. King envisioned. Educators are at the top of that list! Those who are willing to work really, really hard in spite of multiple challenges will still have disappointments, but they will know that they gave their all to make their lives and the world a better place.

I believe that all of us have opportunities to shift people’s thinking from negativity and discouragement to encouragement, optimism, and hope. Here at Center Line Schools, I see our staff making differences in the lives of our kids and families every day, helping them reframe negative circumstances and find hope, and I couldn’t be more proud.
Center Line Hosts MCSBA Event

CLPS hosted the Macomb County School Board Association dinner meeting Tuesday night at Wolfe Middle School. We had awesome music from Roose Elementary 1st & 2nd graders under the direction of Mrs. Chrzanowski and the CLHS Jazz Band under the direction of Joe Kolar. The JROTC presented the colors, Superintendent Kaltz served as the welcome wagon, and our entire Board of Education was present. MISD speakers shared about early literacy programs as well. A good night was had by all!

Community Connections

City Council/Board of Education Meeting

This Monday’s Board of Education meeting is a joint meeting with Center Line’s City Council and will be held at Center Line City Hall at 7:00pm. Representatives from PrePlan Live will be presenting an overview of the services they will be providing to Center Line Public Schools. All are welcome!

Coffee Club Community Conversations

Join us Monday, January 28th at 9:00am and 5:00pm at Hometown Heroes Coffee and More (25029 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI 48015) for our monthly Coffee Club. This month’s topic is Safety and Security Update, including information on PrePlan Live, ALICE Training, and district news including our MI Safety Grant. See you there!
In Michigan, we are 1 of only 11 state that have a lame duck session both in the House and Senate. Lame duck is the process of bringing and voting on new legislation after the elections have been held. Essentially, the House and Senate members can make bad choices with zero repercussions since many are leaving office anyways. This year’s session had a record 395 bills passed, with 55 of those getting vetoed by outgoing Governor Snyder.

Among the highlights signed into legislation were the following:
- Paid sick leave
- Minimum wage change
- Ballot initiative reform
- Line 5 Tunnel
- A-F school accountability
- Income tax distribution
- No rules stricter than Federal rules

The first bill that will affect schools specifically was the A-F accountability standards. The bill was criticized by many influential educational leaders including Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles, who said it “undermines two years of investment and stakeholder input” and could violate federal law. This law is currently being reviewed by the Attorney General to determine its legality.

The second bill that will have financial implications on schools is the income tax state aid fund (PA588), which changes the percentage of sales tax the state aid fund receives from 23.81% to 22.45%. That means $173.8 million will be diverted to roads and environmental cleanup, once again short-changing schools.

Although these bills will affect schools, there were many other bills that did not pass including diverting $500 million with income tax refunds, which would have been taken from the school aid fund. My hope going forward is that we will have a bi-partisan legislature that will listen to the school community to make up for the biggest loss in funding in education in the country.

The Effects of Lame Duck on Schools

CLHS Grad Hired by City

Owen Wasil (R), a recent graduate of the Center Line High School firefighting program, has been hired by the Center Line Public Safety Department. Also pictured are Robert Plotzke (L), an instructor at the school, and Center Line Director of Public Safety Paul Myszenski (C).

This is a great example of what our academies can accomplish for our students and how our community benefits!
Congrats to CLHS senior Syeda Jamal for being the Macomb Daily’s Student of the Week last week! [Link](http://ow.ly/vaP730nmM6O)

HOSA State Qualifiers

HOSA was very busy last weekend. Our teams scored 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their respective categories. This was complicated by the fact they were in the wrong category. They were in elevated level of Post Secondary. They did well and worked hard, showing a ton of knowledge they didn't realize they even had! They have qualified for HOSA state competition on March 21 & 22 in Grand Rapids. Well done!

Our wrestling team hosted a tournament last weekend and got in a lot of great moves!
Drama Club to Perform Original Work by Student

*Lights Burning at Daylight* is coming to the CLHS auditorium February 7, 8, and 9 with a curtain time of 7:00pm and also on February 10 for a 3:00pm matinee.

This play is written by CLHS senior Vivienne Labadie who also serves as student director of this program, assisting CLHS director Jeremy Adams. The cast is led by Miles Penuevski and Ellie Ohngren, who play best friends who are desperately trying to save their school’s performing arts program. They recruit the cheerleaders, football team, marching band, and the AV club to help them put on a show. Want to know the outcome? Attend the show and find out for yourself! Tickets are $4/adults and $2/students, available at the door.

The show’s main cast is as follows:
- Skye Lancaster (Kimberly) - Ellie O.
- Alec Pembrooke (Robert) - Miles P.
- Landon Jeffries (Robert) - Alexander P.
- Carrie Yorkshire (Susana) - Hannah H.
- Chrissy Tina - Christina P.
- Clive Rudolph (Scott) - Logan D.
- Kevin Michaelson (Jeffery)- Gavin W.
- Kyle Meijer - Caden I.
- Mr. Fuller - Sean R
- Chuck Hanson - Brandon H.
- Serena Bradley - Megan R.
- Hall monitor - Michael B.

Senior Prom

CLHS’s Community Outreach Interact Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council students are putting on a Senior (Citizens) Prom on Friday, February 8th, from 4-6pm in the high school cafeteria, located at 26300 Arsenal in Center Line. The event will include music, dancing, food, and fun!

Event sponsors include Center Line Parks and Recreation Department, Warren Rotary, Binsons Hospital Supplies, DeCarlos Banquet Center (who will be providing the pasta) and Olive Garden (who is donating salad and breadsticks).

For questions or to RSVP, contact Sue Pauling at 586-510-2004 or paulings@clps.org.
Congratulations to the Wolfe Band members who participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival this past Saturday at Rochester High School. All of the students who participated did very well and received many good comments from the judges. Here are their results:

- Lillian Padilla, Amna Batool, Lauren Valencia, trumpet trio, Division I
- Chase Foster, Jacob Williams, trombone duet, Division II
- Abby Bone, Alyvia Lashbrook, Willow Krider, percussion trio, Division II
- Alissa Maizy, Samantha Santos, clarinet duet, Division I
- Samantha Santos, clarinet solo, Division I

Mr. Gauthier’s 7th grade math class utilized the knowledge of scale factors to adjust recipe sizes and proportions. Math in real life!

Ms. Bailey Wins Grant

Wolfe teacher Tracey Bailey was awarded an Extra Credit Union Classroom Grant in the amount of $601.45 to purchase portable CD players for each of her students to use her classroom.

The goal is to enable and encourage students to improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills and engage students in literacy activities that are both diverse and fun by using portable CD players to listen to audio books. Listening to audio books can help students see how the words on the page can come alive in an expressive way and gives students a chance to read for pleasure rather than skill, so they are eager to read more frequently.
Ms. Robine takes the opportunity to eat lunch with 1st graders. Creating relationships is the key to creating a strong school family!

Counselor Babcock Earns Award

Counselor Dori Babcock received the Mel Miller Rise Beyond the Horizon Award at a recognition ceremony held on MLK Jr. Day at Dakota High School. She delivered a passionate speech about learning, equity, and the importance of celebrating diversity. We so are proud of her!

Mr. Newman assists a student during physical education.

Roose students building and programming LEGO-based robots.

Academy 21

Community Outreach

Academy 21 is accepting clothing and hygiene item donations as part of a service learning project. Please consider giving your new/gently used items to their cause, now through February 14th. Donations will be delivered to Genesis House III in Detroit. Contact Mrs. Koch or Mr. Ratkowski in Academy 21 with questions (510-2062).
Love that Library!

The ECSE and TBPS students attended a field trip to the Center Line Public Library. Our children listened attentively to three stories, *The Children’s World of Joy*, *Lucky Pennies and Hot Chocolate*, and *Hot and Cold*. We sang some songs and completed a craft of a cup of hot cocoa to go along with the stories we heard. Students were able to sign up for their very own library card and check out books to take home. What a great reading experience! In addition, visiting the library gave us more insight into our study of buildings.

They Danced the Night Away!

ECC hosted its 3rd Annual Preschool Family Dance at Center Line High School last Friday. This event had a huge turnout with over 300 in attendance. Families commented on how much they loved the DJ, photo booth, yummy treats, and drinks. Children and adults alike were on the dance floor the entire night, and the photo booth, with its silly props, was put to good use all evening as well! It was awesome to see our students, their families, teachers, staff, and community come together for a night of fun!
# Upcoming Events

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**Saturday, March 23rd, 2019**

8:00am - 3:30pm

at Macomb ISD
4401 Garfield, Clinton Twp. 48038

CARE's parenting conference includes a keynote presentation, workshops, and resources and opportunities for parents and caregivers to increase their skills and knowledge about parenting children and teens. See the specifics at [https://www.careofsem.com/events/parenting-conference/](https://www.careofsem.com/events/parenting-conference/)

Thanks to the generosity of a couple of our Board of Education members, CLPS has parent scholarships available to cover the cost of this workshop! Contact Sue Pauling (paulings@clps.org or 586-510-2004) to reserve your space by January 30!

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