Superintendent’s Reflections

I am feeling sort of sad as I am working at my desk and realized it seems to be getting dark. It is only 6pm! I am going to chalk it up to the dreary, cloudy day but know that in reality, darkness will settle around us at 5pm very soon. UGH!

So I wanted to share blessings I thought of as I contemplated this rapidly approaching Daylight Savings Time:

- It will likely be cold enough that we can turn on our gas fireplace, and I won’t melt into a puddle of sweat.
- On days that I am not working late, I typically invite Marty to meet me at a variety of places to peruse stores or eat out, spending money. When it gets dark early, I feel too tired to do so (most of the time), so I will save money.
- I get lots of reading done as I am usually in the house more hours when it is dark out so early. (The problem is that I feel like going to bed really early!)
- I won’t notice unfinished yard work that I pleasantly ask Marty to take care of because I won’t be able to see it.

So you see, everything has a silver lining!!! Honestly, none of these blessings are extraordinary (except to Marty 😊), but we have to remember that there is a season for crazy busy, outdoor, long day fun and then a time to relax, perhaps sleep more, and spend less money.

I am personally challenging myself to embrace the seasonal changes, to find the blessings in each one, and look forward to the upcoming holidays and all of the fun that surrounds them.
Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL)

Center Line Public Schools is taking its high school academies to the next level! With the assistance of convening organization Macomb County Planning & Economic Development, CLPS is working to become a Ford NGL Community. On Tuesday, the Visioning Planning Committee made of area business leaders, county leaders, district administration, staff, students, and parents.

Many thanks for all of the hard work done by our partners at Ford NGL—especially Scott Palmer and Beth Grzelak—and Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, especially Vicky Rad, Maria Zardis and Janelle Arbuckle-Michael. The next planning meeting is scheduled for December 13th.

Check out the great article by Don Gardner in The Macomb Daily that highlights the work done this week and features interviews with Superintendent Kaltz, Ford NGL Coach Scott Palmer, and Wolfe teacher Joe Martin!
Our goal, set by the Strategic Planning Team, is that 100% of our students will perform at grade level and graduate with an industry-recognized certificate and/or post-secondary credit. To reach this goal, an action team created a plan that included restructuring our high school to a wall-to-wall career academy to provide a structure for career exploration and project-based learning around relevant and rigorous experiences.

Every student begins in the Freshman Academy and then chooses a program of study in either the Health and Human Services Academy or the Industry, Technology and Innovation Academy, for their sophomore to senior years. Seventy-four percent of our first class of students to graduate from our Academies of Center Line this past spring earned post-secondary credit or industry-recognized certification, and 30% of the graduates earned both! This is an accomplishment to be celebrated.

The Marshall Plan Grant that was received last year is providing us with another exciting opportunity. Ford NGL (Next Generation Learning) works with communities to transform the secondary school experience around career and interest-themed academies. Communities benefit from access to the Ford NGL network, which cultivates a spirit of innovation aimed at improving practices used across the communities. Ford NGL coaches provide continual support and guidance to the districts.

In the spring, a Ford NGL team visited the district for a review and highlighted the many accomplishments of the high school transformation and the development of the Center Line Graduate Profile. Through feedback from our community stakeholders, several key focus areas were identified to take our academies to the next level. On Tuesday, over 70 stakeholders, including area business leaders, county leaders, post-secondary leaders, district administrators, staff, students and parents began visioning and planning through a collaborative community-driven approach to be designated as a Ford NGL Community and provide our students with greater opportunities and connections to life after high school.

CLPS would like to thank the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department for joining our transformation as our convening organization and our Ford NGL partners for their guidance in this process, as well as the many community and district stakeholders that have committed their time and expertise for the students of Center Line Public Schools. #LoveCLPS
CLHS Happenings

Interact Action
This past week the Interact Community Outreach club met after school to cook casseroles for the homeless. The meals they prepared were taken by Mrs. Cook and served to 34 clients at South Oakland Shelter.

Bio Food Web
The freshmen academy biology classes used species cards to model an environmental food web and illustrate the flow of energy. Then each group got a disaster card and predicted and argued how war, deforestation, drought, fire, and human overcrowding would affect that ecosystem.

Nutrition PBL
Mrs. Haugh’s health students played games (Monopoly Jr., Candy Land & Life) as a launch event before prior to their Nutrition PBL. Students created a nutrition-themed board game for their peers to play, including game board, pieces, questions, and rules. Everyone was engaged and had fun playing these childhood games!

Especially for Seniors
FAFSA Night and College Night are combined this year. Join us Monday, October 28th in the media Center from 6:30-8:15pm. There will be a FAFSA presentation from 6:30 to 7:00 from Oakland University, and then guardians and students will be able to begin to fill out their FAFSA (bring 2018 W2s) or speak to a representative from the military or college. Representatives from the Marines, National Guard, and Army will be in attendance as well as reps from Macomb, Oakland University, Wayne State, and Michigan State.

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**Tasty ELL PD**
During early release PD time, Mrs. Pabst shared information on how to better serve our ELL students at her “Chips and SalsAccommodations” meeting. Teachers came together to plan and snack on chips and salsa together.

**What’s Up at Wolfe**
Have you seen Wolfe’s daily announcements yet? You can find them each day on the Wolfe Facebook page and the Wolfe YouTube channel! The broadcast team takes turn being on camera, behind the camera, writing scripts, and creating the special effects. Check them out!

**Roose Roundup**

**Costume Shop Success**
Mrs. Babcock was able to secure a large donation of Halloween costumes for Roose students and families. During parent teacher conferences, Roose’s Student Council created a Halloween Costume Shop in the library and helped students shop for free costumes. The shop was a huge success. A big shout out to parent volunteer Ms. Kunath and Wolfe student Michael Hughes for also helping to run our shop!
ECC Notes

Fall Festival Fun

The ECC hosted its annual Fall Festival last week. Children brought their families and enjoyed the festivities. Games were played in the gym, and classrooms held fun crafts for the children to make independently or collaborate with a family member. We had witches and super heroes, princesses and Pokemon, and ended the evening with a parade of trick-or-treaters walking the halls. It was a fun-filled night of family festivities! Check out more photos on the ECC Facebook page!
Upcoming Events

10/25/2019  Halloween Trunk and Treat @ Peck  6:00-8:30pm
            Trunk or Treat, Popcorn & Play @ Crothers  6:00-7:00pm

10/28/2019  FAFSA & College Night @ CLHS  6:30-8:00pm
            Open Swim for Senior Citizens @ CLHS Pool  6:30-7:15pm
            Open Swim for All @ CLHS Pool  7:15-8:00pm

10/29/2019  Meet & Greet Info Night with Special
            Education Department @ CLHS  5:00-7:00pm

10/30/2019  Fall Band Concert @ CLHS  7:00pm

11/4/2019  Open Swim for Senior Citizens @ CLHS Pool  6:30-7:15pm
            Open Swim for All @ CLHS Pool  7:15-8:00pm

11/5/2019  No School - Election Day

11/6/2019  Moms’ & Dads’ Club Meeting @ CLHS  7:30pm

11/8/2019  JROTC Veterans' Day Ceremony @ CLHS  2:30pm

11/11/2019  Great Skate  5:30-8pm
            Open Swim for All @ CLHS Pool  7:15-8:00pm

11/12/2019  Peck Parent Lighthouse Team/PTC Meeting  6:30pm

11/13/2019  Crothers PTC  5:15pm

There’s still time to order your CLPS embroidered apparel! Polos, dress shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts—many items from which to choose! Orders are due to Sue Pauling by Monday, October 28th. Information is available on our website at www.clps.org/apps/pages/CLPSapparel

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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.