I am really frustrated! National Heritage Academies (NHA) is bringing a school into the building that used to be St. Clements School. National Heritage Academies is a FOR PROFIT organization. Center Line Public Schools is a nonprofit system.

Over the past nine years we have worked really hard to transform our high school into wall-to-wall career academies. We have widely publicized our academies and shared many pictures to bring you along on our journey of transformation of the way our high school operates. We are in the process of becoming a Ford Next General Learning Community and also a SME PRIME school with sponsorships by Fiat’s Foundation and Kar’s Nuts.

We also recognized a need for a specialized program that would offer flexibility in programming for students who could not attend school from 7:30am until 2:30pm each day for a variety of reasons. We traveled the state, visiting labs and speaking with students in non-traditional programs. We took the best of what we saw and created Academy 21. We intentionally chose the name to represent our advanced thinking in the 21st Century.

I noticed on Facebook that NHA is advertising their school as the “Center Line Academy.” This has led to tremendous confusion from many in our community. There is an assumption that this is related to the Career Academies of Center Line High School or Academy 21. NHA is sending eblasts to the families in our community and emailing families.

Center Line Public Schools has a rich heritage dating back to 1875. The founding families worked hard to retain our autonomy. Years of serving our community and really knowing our families has led to vital and monumental changes in the way we work with our kids. We love our students, appreciate their families, and strive to be better every day.

Just a few of the many accomplishments in Center Line Public Schools include the following:

- We have provided training for all staff in ALICE, PrePlanLive, and TacPac/Stop the Bleed to ensure safety of students and staff.
- We have a well-developed graduate profile that was created with input from staff, parents, business/industry representatives and students.
- Rubrics have been designed so that teachers can assess progress toward mastery of the skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and leadership.
- We created a Freshman Academy allowing us to better understand and address the unique needs of our freshmen, as well as two well-developed career academies: the Academy of Industry, Technology, and Innovation and the Academy of Health and Human Services.
- Each academy has multiple pathways allowing our students to learn about and experience jobs within the pathway. Many of the pathway courses lead to an industry recognized certification and/or college credit.
- We developed Academy 21, hybrid program that offers flexibility in learning. This program is technology driven, and student centered offering virtual courses with in-person support from certified and highly qualified teachers in a comfortable lab setting.

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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.

Due to the impending retirement of Superintendent Kaltz, the Board of Education with the assistance of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) is beginning the process of hiring a new superintendent. In these preliminary stages, staff and the community are invited to share input on what they feel are the qualities, experiences, and skills needed in the new superintendent. In later stages, the Board will review applicants and interview qualified candidates during open Board meetings. A timeline will be shared as it is developed along with other pertinent information. The new superintendent is expected to be in place by July 1, 2020.

Greg Sieszputowski, Director of Leadership Development and Executive Search Services at MASB, will be facilitating conversations in the district to give the community opportunity for input. CLPS stakeholder groups and interested parties are invited to share their perspectives. Meetings will be held at the administration building's Board Room at 26400 Arsenal at the following times:

**Monday, March 9**
- 2:00-3:00pm: Administrative team
- 3:15-4:15pm: Secondary teachers
- 4:15-5:15pm: Elementary teachers
- 6:00-7:00pm: Parents/community

**Tuesday, March 10**
- 2:00-3:00pm: Parents/community
- 3:15-4:15pm: Union leaders
- 4:15-5:15pm: Support staff

Can’t make the stakeholder input meeting? Share your feedback through the online survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/centerlinesearch

Superintendent Search

Losing children to NHA or any other system is devastating on many fronts. We love our kids and want to serve them. We also want to see more students entering all of our buildings and know that we have dedicated, experienced, and caring staff ready to work with them.

Please help us to make sure that everyone knows that the staff of Center Line Public Schools works hard each day to improve and make sure that we serve every child by offering a place and a program where they find their fit and experience their personal best.
Please consider utilizing our Employee Assistance Program - CARE. You can access assistance or help or advice at:

**Website:** [www.caresworklifesolutions.com](http://www.caresworklifesolutions.com)
**Password:** centerlineschools-wls

Care Work - Life Solutions offers guidance in many areas. Such areas include stress reduction, financial worries, parenting concerns, grief, anxiety, preoccupation with alcohol or drugs, etc. The service includes you and your family members. And, the services can come in many forms such as short term counseling sessions, web based services, and telephone resources, and referrals.

Center Line Public Schools truly does not know who utilizes this service. We only get a report of how many people use the service – never who uses it. This service is completely confidential.

All services are free to you and your immediate family members. And, there is 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week accessibility.

There is no downside to seeing what they offer – it is a free service. If you are dealing with something that feels out of your control or you’d simply like another perspective on an issue you are facing, please consider utilizing this free service that we provide.

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**Board Member Spotlight**

**Gary Gasowski**

Board President Gary Gasowski was first elected to the Board of Education in **May of 1985**! His current term ends December 31, 2022.

Gary and his wife, Jill, have lived in the Center Line Public School District for over 35 years. They have six children - Nathan, Heather, Nicole, Sarah, Emily, and McKenzie.

Gary has served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, President, and Trustee of the Center Line Board of Education. Gary has also taken numerous classes to become more knowledgeable in Board related matters and has accumulated over 2,200 educational credits earning the President's Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards (only seven other Board members in the state have earned this honor).

He was employed by Oakland County where he counseled young people and developed community-based programs for families. He has been on the part-time faculty of Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College.

Thank you, President Gasowski, for your many years of service and leadership!
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Welcome our Future Panthers Class of 2033!

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This week at bowling divisions, CLHS had three varsity bowlers earn medals. Christian Sabornido took 6th place for the boys, while Baley Ryniak placed 7th and Madilyn Smiglewski took 9th place. Great job, Panthers!

The yearbook team has been busy taking lots of pictures of our winter sports teams! Here are just a few of the shots now posted on the CLHS Facebook page!
Scholarship Opportunity

Attention, high school seniors! Do you plan to attend a post-secondary program such as college or trade school? If so, this scholarship opportunity is for you! The CLPS Educational Foundation would like to know your personal story: past, present, and future. Up to four seniors will receive a $1,000 award for post-secondary school costs.


Extra CU Shares the Wealth

Last week, students in Mrs. Bailey's 6th grade math lab classes had a visit with Ashley Fordyce from Extra Credit Union! Ashley led the students through the Banzai online program, which teaches the students about borrowing, budgeting, spending, and setting financial goals in a virtual world of decision making. Upon completion of the program, students were awarded a $25 certificate that can be deposited into a new or existing Student Extra Credit Union account. That's FREE money! Way to go Wolfe Warriors,; we are proud of you for completing your banking adventure!

Incoming 9th Grade Scheduling

Scheduling for incoming 9th grade students began on Monday, February 10th. Students were given a scheduling form at the presentation to be completed and signed by a parent/guardian. All forms must be returned to the Wolfe front office no later than Wednesday, February 19th. Questions? Contact the Freshman Academy Counselor Mrs. Mifsud at (586)510-2205 or mifsuda@clps.org.

Game Night

Wolfe Middle School welcomes all students, families, and community members to play "Games from around the World." A bounce house will be set up in the gym, along with family board games in several classrooms. You can also play student-made Black history board games thanks to Mr. Martin's 8th grade students. Light refreshments will be served. Come join the fun!
Peck Points

Early Bookworms
For the next 9 weeks, 25 Peck students will get up at the crack of dawn so they can attend the Early Bird Book Club! Students will work in small groups led by Mrs. Miller, Ms. Good, Mrs. McIntosh, and Mr. Brandon. They will receive valuable instruction in essential reading and writing skills while immersing themselves in informational text.

Hall of Fame
Charlie and True, 1st graders at Peck, are now in the Hall of Fame for their excellent map projects. True says, "We were learning about maps and ourselves and the earth; we also drew our house on earth!" Charlie says, "Map keys are coming up next." Why are maps so important? True says, "[Maps] help you go where you want to go." Charlie adds, "A map could lead you to a treat, like candy!"

Our Amazing Journey
In 1976-77, Peck still went up to the 6th grade. That year's 6th grade class included many distinguished scholars who went on to serve CLPS as teachers, support staff, and community leaders. Can you find the following people in the pictures?
- Stacey Cronin, retired CLPS teacher
- Rosemarie (Weigand) Parker "Ms. Rosie, "school secretary at Peck
- Annette (Schnur) Pearcy, human resources assistant and former school secretary at Roose
- Sam Haynes, general sales manager at Crest Ford and legendary supporter of the Center Line Foundation

Answers:
In Mr. Ritchey's class, Sam Haynes is in Row 3, on the far left and Ms. Rosie is in Row 1, fifth from left and Stacey Cronin is in Row 4, on the far left. In Mr. Koenigbauer's class, Annette Pearcy is in Row 3 on the far left.
Crothers recently received a CLPS Educational Foundation grant for two sensory trails. These brain-based exercises help students calm their bodies and focus. Classrooms and students can use them any time of day or even on the way to specials.

Crothers’ Corner

Color Coding
Mrs. Templin's 2nd grade students were exploring robotics. They were able to "code" by using colored markers. Each sequence of colors gave directions such as go forward, turn, and stop.

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100 Days
Kindergarten student celebrated an important school year milestone, the 100th day of school. They celebrated with 100th day hats and learning activities that explore that number.
**Good Citizenship**

Mrs. Karam and Mr. Flynn's TBPS students are learning to be responsible citizens. They start each day with a morning message, make a commitment to keep each other safe by following procedures and expectations, and have classroom jobs.

Chase is the Safety Keeper this week. His job is to help each child make their commitment and promise to follow classroom expectations. This is a very important job in Room 123.

Students enjoy filling in the missing letters in the morning message.

**Fun (and Learning) with Pizza**

The classroom dramatic play area in Room 123 has been transformed into a pizzeria. Students use sequencing words and their fine motor skills to cut and paste the steps involved in making a pizza. They were then able to use this knowledge to make their own pizzas, and even deliver some to staff. What a tasty way to learn!

Niko takes orders at the Pizzeria.

**Going Green**

Students in Ms. Johnson's TBPS classroom are doing a study on Recycling. They even found a way to recycle toilet paper rolls to create beautiful candy boxes for Valentine's Day. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle—and give a gift of chocolate!
### Upcoming Events

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**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

~ 6 - 10pm ~

**Eve’s Retirement Party**

at DeCarlo’s Banquet Center

*Stay tuned for more info!*