



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

April 2018

Futures Taking Flight



From The Superintendent

Jeff Manthei

Leslie Public Schools

Sinking Fund Update

When the Leslie School Board asked voters to approve a Sinking Fund, the first project to tackle was the reconfiguration of the student drop-off and pick-up areas at Woodworth Elementary. As promised, this project was completed in the summer of 2017. The project separated parent and bus traffic and increased the much-needed parking area.

The School Board has approved several projects for the summer of 2018. These projects include new roofing over sections of Woodworth and Leslie Middle School and some parking lot repair and resurfacing in several sections of the district's parking lots. The roof sections that are scheduled to be replaced are more than 30 years old.

For the summer of 2019, the Board established a plan to make much-needed repairs to some of the district's athletic facilities. The Board is planning to relocate the soccer field to the north side of Leslie High School. The second project scheduled for the summer of 2019 is to finish the bleachers at the football field. Their goal is to have both of these projects completed for the fall of 2019.

Leslie "Great Grads"

We are very excited to announce a new section of the Blackhawk Bulletin entitled "Great Grads." Each issue will highlight two graduates from Leslie Public Schools. The graduate can be a recent grad or a grad from some years back. The only requirement is that they graduated from Leslie Public Schools.

The purpose of this new section will be to highlight our graduates and all the wonderful things they have been doing since graduation. This will also help our readers catch up with LPS classmates and friends. This edition's "Great Grads" can be found on page five of the bulletin.

If you would like your "great grad" included in a future edition of the Blackhawk Bulletin, please email his/her email address to greatgrads@leslie12.net

Please note that "Great Grads" is different from LPS's Distinguished Alumni Program.



SUCCESS STARTS HERE!

Kindergarten Round-Up
Is Coming To Woodworth Elementary

Wednesday, April 18 / 9:30 or 12:45
Thursday, April 19 / 9:30 or 12:45

To register, children must turn 5 by September 1, 2018. If your child turns 5 after September 1 but before December 1, and you would like him/her to enter Kindergarten, you must submit a written request during enrollment.

Registration information can be found at www.leslie12.net or 517-589-5151 ext. 320.

Leslie Public Schools also offers before and after school childcare. For more information, contact 517-589-8205.

FUTURES TAKING FLIGHT





Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

Mark your
calendars!



Woodworth
Elementary

April 18 & 19 – Kindergarten
Round-Up
April 26 – Fourth Grade Music
Program

Fourth Grade Science Lesson

Fourth grade students at Woodworth spent an afternoon implementing chain reactions as a culminating activity to an energy transfer unit. Students used a variety of materials from the classroom and brought items from home. They were encouraged to build on each chain reaction they mastered in order to create a more complicated example of energy transfer.



Readers Theater

Second grade students from Ms. Adams' class visited Mrs. Chesley's KClub class on Thursday, February 15 to read to students. The second graders had spent a lot of time together practicing their parts and were very excited to have an opportunity to read their story to the KClub students. Readers theater is one strategy teachers use to develop students' reading fluency. Students spend time reading and rereading their lines together to form the story, which in turn, develops their fluency skills.



Global Day of Play at Woodworth

Every student at Woodworth Elementary earned special time to play in their classrooms on the Global Day of Play in February, a day when children in classrooms all around the world were given time to play. During this time, students played with each other, not with electronics, computers, or phones.

Woodworth students earned this playtime by their efforts to be S.T.A.R. students in and out of the classroom. S.T.A.R. stands for Safe, Trustworthy, and Respectful. When a class earns a star from their teacher, the teacher notifies the office and the star is displayed in the hallway. When the hallway display reaches 50 stars, we have a school-wide celebration. In this case, that celebration was Global Day of Play. Students and staff were very excited to participate in this special day, and everyone had a lot of fun.





PSAT 8 Top Scores and Benchmark Achievement Students 2017-18

1000+ Club						
	Student Name	Total/Sect Scores	Total/Sect Scores	Total/Sect Scores	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
		Total Scores	ERW Score	Math Score	Met ERW	Met Math
1	Young, Katherine D.	1120	570	550	Y	Y
2	Schuen, Avery E.	1090	590	500	Y	Y
3	Boukamp, Dakota M.	1070	520	550	Y	Y
4	Stofer, Blake M.	1070	530	540	Y	Y
5	White, Lillian M.	1040	550	490	Y	Y
6	Blanford, Adriana	1030	500	530	Y	Y
7	Bushey, Jennifer	1020	500	520	Y	Y
8	Norton, Aaron L.	1020	530	490	Y	Y
9	DuBose, Connor C.	1000	480	520	Y	Y

Benchmark Club						
	Student Name	Total/Sect Scores	Total/Sect Scores	Total/Sect Scores	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
		Total Scores	ERW Score	Math Score	Met ERW	Met Math
1	Yager, Aubrie	980	510	470	Y	Y
2	Evans-Sperry, Ashton R.	970	490	480	Y	Y
3	Demaray, Lauryn A.	960	470	490	Y	Y
4	Hardesty, Grace M.	950	460	490	Y	Y
5	Mitchell, Tuger E.	930	440	490	Y	Y
6	Orrin, Samantha M.	930	480	450	Y	Y
7	Smieska, Emma J.	930	430	500	Y	Y
8	Klemmer, Molly K.	920	450	470	Y	Y
9	Coltrain, Dana M.	910	450	460	Y	Y
10	Borst, Aidan P.	820	390	430	Y	Y



Todd Gonser
Principal
Leslie Middle School

At the LMS Hawks reward assembly on Thursday, March 8, eighth grade students who scored the highest and met the college benchmark in reading/writing on the PSAT 8 were given awards for their efforts. Students scoring 1000 points or above on the test were given a certificate, pizza party, and a McDonald's gift certificate. Students who met both benchmark areas were given a certificate and pizza party. This assembly and the rewards are part of our initiative to promote students doing well and increasing their academic performance. Go Hawks!

Mark your calendars!

Leslie Middle School

- April 19 – Family Math Night
- May 10 – Choir Concert
- May 17 – Band Concert
- June 8 – 8th Grade Graduation

LMS Starts Weekly Attendance Incentive

Since we continue to work on ways to improve our students' attendance and learning, on January 29, 2018, LMS started their weekly attendance competition in Academic Center classes. The Academic Center class with the highest percentage of students present each day wins for the week. The winning classroom receives a special treat such as brownies, cookies, chips or a different food item on the following Monday.



Congratulations to the winning classes for the following weeks:

January 29-February 2	Mrs. Meitz	100%
February 5- February 9	Mrs. Jansen	100%
February 12-February 16	Mrs. Thompson	98%

Great job staff and students!

*Disclaimer: If you have the flu, please stay home and rest!



Scott Powers

Principal

Leslie High School

Options After HS

I always ask freshmen students a series of questions starting with, "Where were you going after elementary school?" They look at me blankly and slowly respond with "middle school." I follow up with, "What about after middle school?" Again, they respond slowly and with a questioning tone, "high school." Finally, I ask, "What about after high school?" This is the question that tends to be met with the most hesitation and sometimes even silence.

For their first 18 years, students have a clear map of where they are going, and many don't think about after high school until May of their senior year. During and even before their senior year, high school staff members talk to students about their options after high school—college, military, career, and trade school. We emphasize having students keep all doors open so in their senior year, they can make the best choice for them.

Creative Writing Club Comes to LHS

By Sarah Williams, Senior

At the start of this year, a new club came to Leslie High School: the Creative Writing Club. Students with a shared passion for writing and reading show up to the bi-weekly meetings and take part in writing games and activities. The club gives students a chance to collaborate, enhance skills, and receive feedback on works in progress. Even though this club was completely new to the school, it ended up being very popular. We have many members each meeting who enjoy the new club immensely.



High School Spirit Dress Up Days



Mark your calendars! 

Leslie High School

- April 26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- May 12 – Prom
- May 15 – Choir Concert
- May 16 – Band Concert
- May 31 – Honors Night
- June 1 – Graduation

Winter Ball 2018





HAILEY WILLET – CLASS OF 2012

What year/grade you started at LPS?

I started preschool at LPS in August 1999 with Mrs. Samulak.

Favorite teacher(s)

Whenever I reminisce about my public school experiences, I am always drawn to memories of when my teacher and I experienced a learning breakthrough together that created profound growth in my life well beyond the classroom.

For instance, I know how to tell time because Kelly Sundeen spent an hour after-school with me in first grade until I knew analog like a second language; I don't shy away from writing with humor (even in emails to my boss) today because Scott Powers never discouraged me from cracking (really lame) jokes in my 11th grade essays; I know my strengths as a "deep thinker" because Kristina Bush was attuned to the way I processed information differently than my classmates, teaching me that being quiet can actually be powerful in a loud classroom, now conference room.

Favorite subject/class

That's easy – my favorite classes were Language Arts, AP English, marching band, and Drama.

Favorite memory or memories from LPS

I will always cherish the

opportunity that I had to represent Leslie on the long jump runway at the Division III Track & Field State Finals three years in a row, and the chance to stand on the podium ranked as fourth in the State of Michigan as a junior. It was certainly an experience of a lifetime. I would have never been able to realize that achievement if it weren't for my coach, James Harrison.

Achievements during school?

While at Leslie, I was actively involved in both athletics and extracurricular organizations. I was a captain and four-time Varsity Letter winner in cross country and track & field; two-time captain and three-time Varsity Letter winner in bowling; a student council officer (varsity letter); member of the National Honor Society; recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award; solo & ensemble duet and soloist; senior class homecoming queen; and an honor roll student.

As a "great grad," what advice would you give current students?

My advice to current students is to begin cultivating "soft skills" as early as possible. These are simple skills such as being an effective communicator, demonstrating emotional intelligence (self-awareness of your emotions and those of others), and understanding business etiquette.



Achievements since/after graduating

Upon graduating from LHS, I earned a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Olivet College after being named the first winner of the Global Citizens Honors Program scholarship competition. Throughout my college career, I was honored to have been named to the Dean and President's Lists each semester for outstanding academic achievements. During my senior

year, I had the opportunity to enter a five-minute entrepreneurial pitch competition called The Launching, hosted by the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), and won the first-place prize of \$1,000 for an artisan coffee shop concept.

In addition, I was humbled to have been named the 2016 Charles M. Trubac "Most Outstanding Insurance Student" – the highest award that an Insurance & Risk Management senior can receive from the Insurance & Risk Management program at Olivet College. I am also incredibly proud to have been a recipient of the Donald A. Morris award.

Following graduation from Olivet College, I joined Frankenthuth Insurance as a marketing specialist in June 2016 and have since earned my CPIA (Certified Professional Insurance Agent) designation, in addition to the University Associate Certified Risk Manager (UACRM) designation I had earned while at Olivet. Recently, I also led an effort to charter the Frankenthuth Insurance Young Professionals Affinity Network as a way to connect and foster strong relationships among up-and-coming leaders across my company. I'm pleased to share that I accepted a nomination from my peers for the position of Chairperson for this

organization, and I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

What is your current employment information?

While a senior at Olivet College, I accepted a job offer during my fall semester to join Frankenthuth Insurance as a marketing specialist after graduation. This June will mark two years that I have been a part of the Marketing Department, and I enjoy how rewarding and challenging my work is. As lead for company communications and content, such as website blogs and social media, you never see the same thing twice. This is just one of several aspects that I "specialize" in on my team.

When I was a senior at Leslie High School, I would have never dreamed that I would be studying insurance and risk management in college (I had thought I was going to be a journalist!), then starting my career working for an insurance company. In a lot of ways, being a part of the insurance industry is like growing up in Leslie because it is a tight-knit community where everyone knows one another. And if something happens to a person, there are plenty of people who are willing to roll up their sleeves to help them recover from a loss.

RYAN CLARK – CLASS OF 2007

What year/grade you started at LPS?

I started at LPS in kindergarten and stayed all 12 years.

Favorite teacher(s)

Mr. Barbour. I had him for multiple math classes throughout high school. He always made the subject engaging and enjoyable.

Mrs. Maiville. Not only was she my teacher for multiple science courses, but she is still a great friend of the family.

Mr. Ball. I had him for a few English classes. He challenged all of us to expand our literary minds and vocabularies and wasn't afraid to let us students know how bad ours could be at times.

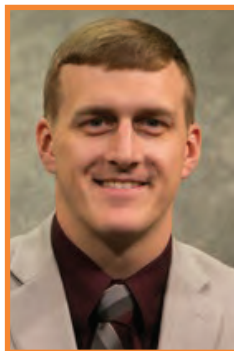
Favorite subject/class

Any of the math classes. I took, Mr. Ball's AP English, and, of

course, zero hour and gym classes.

Favorite memory or memories from LPS

There are almost too many memories to just list specific ones, but I have two most general and important ones that I still look back on. First is meeting a lot of lifelong friends and the different experiences we had together, whether it was at school, on the field or court, or at one another's houses. The other is the camaraderie that never went away from being a part of a team that achieved something special. It's something we all share because we were each an important piece of a whole. It's something we all have in common and can recollect so vividly when we see one another, no matter



As a "great grad," what advice would you give current students?

I would tell students to keep striving towards their goals, whatever they may be. Don't let insignificant and material things deter you from doing what makes you happy. Find

a passion and do it. Sometimes that involves taking a leap and not knowing where it may take you, but following your heart can put you on course to a life you'd never thought you'd lead.

Achievements since/after graduating & current employment

I attended and graduated from

Kalamazoo College with a B.A. in Business/Economics in 2011. I graduated with a M.S.A. in Administration from Central Michigan University in 2013. I have been an assistant basketball coach at Alma College for six years, where we went to the Division III Elite Eight in 2016, the best men's basketball season in school history.

Do you want to share anything about your family?

My mom, Sharon, and dad, Bob, have always been huge supporters of everything my two sisters, Keri and Jaimee, and I have done. They still show up to everything they possibly can for us, and I think I can speak for both of my sisters in saying that we wouldn't be where we are without them and their endless support.

how long it's been or where life has taken us.

Achievements during school

Being a part of National Honor Society, graduating with Honors, being a part of the regional finals basketball team my junior year, and winning the league our senior year, the first time it had been done in a long time up to that point.



5th Grade Kaelyn Adair*, Daniel Adams*, Dale Arnett*, Kathryn Bacon, Jaiden Baird*, Ava Beller*, Catelyn Bliven*, Jersey Bodell, Nicholas Boertman*, Maycie Boyer*, Kaiden Bradford, Autumn Brewbaker, Nevaeh Brewer, Humberto Brown*, Reese Burch*, Rylie Burley*, Adrien Carr*, Esmae Chamberlain*, Jayden Colby*, Sophia Cowing*, Tanner Craft*, Thomas Crawford*, Lillian Demaray, Reece DeRose*, Carlee Dodson*, Joseph Domecq, Logan Douglas*, Colin Every*, Andrew Fehrenbach, Gavin Finch, Evan Flynn, Piper Frye, Shania Gellner*, Cameryn Hanney*, Blake Hawkins, Justin Hofbauer, Kyan Isham*, Johnnie Johnson*, Cody Jones, Danica Jones*, Linkoln Karn*, Jenna Kent*, Allison Kobus*, Sarah Krupa*, Sydney Kukuk*, Jessica LaFeve, Harlie Lake*, Trinity Latoski*, Cheyanne Lewis*, Kalab Limoges, Nathaniel Lockwood, Emily Lubahn*, Erin Lubahn*, Conner Marciniak, Logan Marion, Drake Mays*, Brooke Mishler, Jocalyn Moore*, Michael Moulton*, Rebekah O'Byrne, Sophie Oxbrough*, Jacob Phillips*, Holly Poe*, Austin Przygocki, Paige Quinn, Cooper Rivest*, Anthony James Scutt, Mia Severino*, Lily Smieska*, Emma Smith*, Jaidyn Smith*, Nevaeh Smith*, Zoe Stepp, Rachel Sterle*, Murphy Stitt*, Mark Stone, Jaden Suarez*, Jacob Thayer, Talon Thornsberry, Kate Tomlinson*, Elyse Weck*, Thomas Willard, Sean Wyrick II, Aralynn Yager*, Ava Ziegenhagen

6th Grade Allison Armstrong, Dana Barnett, Marysa Bolin*, Ada Bradford*, Alayna Brown, Sahara Burley, Abbigale Clark*, Alexis Clark*, Kaiden Craft, Lily Crawford, Kayla Creisher*, Lily DeBruler*, Logan Demaray, Donavan Diviziis, Brogan Dodge, Myah Fletcher*, Katherine Foreman*, Jalen Fossitt*, Kiley Friese, Aliviah Gresh, Kaylie Hayner*, Riley Henman*, Logan Hile*, Jacob Hodor*, Ian Hultberg, Dillon Husted, Heaven Karn, Hunter Knight, Savannah Leach, Cameron Lewis, Anna Mangles, Brody Mays*, Alaina McHaney, Cheryl Morgan, Jerzey Muzzin, Brooke Nowicki*, Olivia Omer, Georgia Palmer, Claire Peek*, Isabella Procopio*, Christian Reed, Jalynn Schmelter, Bailey Schuen*, Jocelyn Shuster*, Joshua Smith, Serenity St. John, Kirsten Stone, Miranda Swaenepoel, Malia Tello*, Gabrielle Waldofsky*, Victoria Warren, Emily Willard*

7th Grade Audrey Allard, Reese Armstrong, Jayde Arnett*, Grace Barnett, Madelyn Beller*, Savanna Bliven*, Rebecca Boukamp*, Payton Boyer*, Ava Bruce*, Ella Bugbee*, Tyler Burley*, Benjamin Casper, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Bronson Clayton, Jaelynn Colby, Kassy Cole*, Kaleb Cox, Siouxandra Cruz*, Maddox D'Lamater, Erik Dexter*, Annabelle Dieter*, Bailey Douse*, Sara Fedewa*, Kailyn Friese, Shelby Frye*, Kelsey Garner*, Aidan Hills, Angelina Holmback, Jayden Jensen, Ethan Kaimon, Mallory Kintigh*, Jordyn LaGoe, Harmony Latoski, Kyra Lee, Jazmin Loveless, Ethan Lubahn*, Naomi Mangles*, Megan Maynard*, Chandler Morrison, JT Morrison, Payden Mossolle, Arriana Murray, Myah Muscott, William Niblock, Noah Oxbrough, Jared Peck*, Alexa Plenda*, Riley Poulisse*, Iris Robinson*, Josie Sheathelm, Domyunik Skaggs, Samantha Smith, Emma Snelson*, Samantha Snider*, Jayden Soles*, Rory Spencer, Sarah Sterle, Mason Tow, Malory Valdez, Zachary Vickers*, Maleena Wright*, Sage Wymer*, Ginger Yang

8th Grade Adriana Blanford, Dakota Boukamp*, Benjamin Burgess, Jennifer Bushey*, Dana Coltrain, Lauryn Demaray, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose, Carlee Evans, Ashton Evans-Sperry, Aubrey Gilman, Kadence Halsted, Grace Hardesty*, Tyler Hile*, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb, Peyton Malady*, Cecilia Morrison, Conner Napier, Aaron Norton, Samantha Orrin, Garret Penix-Bedell*, Avery Schuen*, Richard Schultz, Steed Scutt, Emma Smieska*, Blake Stofer*, Brittney Williams, Logan Yang*

**Denotes all A's*

2018 LPS Make a Difference Dessert

Leslie Public School's Make a Difference Event took place on Monday, March 19 in the Leslie High School commons for the third year in a row.

This year's event honored more than 35 adults who have made a difference in the lives of Leslie Middle and High School students. Highlights of the evening included a delicious ice cream sundae bar and, of course, seeing students present their nominees with certificates. Honorees did not know who had nominated them until they arrived at the event.

The Make a Difference Committee would like to thank Homestead Bank and Leslie First Baptist Church for their generous financial donations to the event. The committee would also like to thank Posy Designs for contributing flowers and centerpieces to the event, LPS food service for their help with the food, and Jim Hanson for presiding over the event.



Homestead Savings Bank Presenting Their Donation to the MADD Committee



9th Grade Diego Alaniz, Haidyn Allard, Abigail Ball, Emily Bohr, Sarah Burgess*, Delaney Cardwell, Nicholas Carey, Jarrett Chappell, Jahayza Choat*, Mariah Clark*, Adriana Clayton, John Cranmore, Nathan Davis, Kalex Dodge*, Haley Ellis, Tommi Fedewa*, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice, Nathan Foltz*, Nolan Frohriep, Kalab Gauthier, Jaiden Gresh, Brianna Hanes, Shania Holmback, Alexander Hultberg, Ashlee Isaac, Hali Kailing*, Keegan Kalbarczyk, Mason Krabel, Alexis Kujala, Logen Large, Skyler Lee, Chase Lewis*, Emma Lyons*, Joshua Malotky, Mitchell Manchester, Garrett Mays*, Brandon McCrum*, Lucas McDaniel, Kyle Medcoff, Carson Middaugh, Lucas Mooney*, Kenzeck Oxbrough, Weston Pangle, Paige Phelan, Andrea Piper*, Jacob Powers*, Nicole Reynolds, Chantel Ries, Cannon Risner, Lily Robinson*, Ayden Rutan*, Ayron Rutan*, Daniel Schmelter Jr., Hunter Schmelter, Benjamin Smieska*, Emma Stokes, Rayne Thornsberry, Gabe Weber*, Gavin Weber*, Grant Weber*, Sarah Wilkinson*, Taylor Wils, Breanna Wucker

10th Grade Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett*, Savanna Baughan, Nathan Beachey, Audree Bell, Lorelei Berry, Lauren Boylan, Jarrett Brown*, Jaylen Burlison, Caroline Bushey*, Lukas Carlson*, Kayliana Case, Jackson Casper*, Brayden Cook, Jacob Cornwell, Nathaniel Courtney*, Sydney Cowing, Alanna Cox, John DeBruler, Sarah-Renee DeToy, Alexis Doherty*, Austin Douse, Savannah Ellison, Nicolas Estrada, Ethan Fehrenbach*, Ashley Fitts, Sydnee Fletcher, Riley Fogg*, William Fulmerhouser, Delanie Harkness, Karlie Harrell*, Haylie Holley, Rielly Johnson, Mitchell Kintigh, Joshua Kobus, Ashley LaFeve, Shyre Lantrip, Michael Maynard*, MacGyver Nichols, Marissa Orrin*, Connor Owen, Emily Rector, Hunter Ryan, Ashley Scott*, Nicole Scott*, Parker Secord-Cripe*, Katelynn Serrels, Elizabeth Sherfinski*, Camille Shuster*, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Jakob Sime*, Gabrielle Sixberry, Mackenzie Stevens*, Tessa Stevens, Kiarra Theodorou, Kaelyn Torz, Wyatt Wiljanen*, Chelsey Wiltse*

11th Grade Shaun Burgan*, Elizabeth Burgess*, Emmaleigh Centeno, Ashley Ciucci, Thomas Coltrain, Shaylee Connelly, Ellen Coppennoll, Graci Dack*, Drew DeBruler*, Mason DeBruler*, Robert Ellis, Kaily Feilert, Amaya Fox, Tyler Garner*, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Toria Jones*, Gunner Kandell, Scott Kanik, Grace Klemmer*, Alexandra LaLone, Luke Lasky, Bri'Anna Lowry*, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla*, Garrett McGuirt*, Britney Medcoff*, Madison Montgomery, Hunter Montroy, Cole Oliver, Cheyenne Pier*, Jacob Rector, Nicole Roback*,olan Robinson*, Solina Robles, Amiah Vickers*, Grant Walker, Emilee Whitehead, Trevor Willard, Hailey Wilson, Logan Zebarah

12th Grade Kevin Ackerson, Carter Arnett, Hunter Arnett*, Desiree Balkon, Breydan Beaman, Julia Benavides*, Jade Brown-Santana, Carmen Cadahia-Veira*, Stefan Carlson, Jaycee Chappell*, Jacob Chmiel, Zachary Coltrain, Shane Connelly, Emily Corts, Brian Cox*, Brandon Cripe, Brandon Curtis, Rome Dornbush, Jessica Dunsmore, Michael Eaton, Gunner Fogg, Lyza Foltz*, Kellen Frohriep, Alexander Garman*, Noah Gessner, Devin Gibbs, Zachary Hanson-Chesney, Dalton Harrison, Daniel Haight, Haeden Heibel, Nicklaus Henman, Chase Hensley, Keely Herrick*, Taylor Hetherington*, Rosalie Hoppe, Jeremiah Inman, Brooke James*, Haily Kamradt, Megan Kelley*, Cristin Kimbrell, Elaina Kimbrell, Lindsey Kincaid, Friederike Krah*, Brooke Leinbaugh*, Ethan Loch*, Hailee Loch*, Cheyenne Maier*, Elizabeth Maiville, Danielle McMullen*, Jacob Mohr, Justin Monroe, Daniel Moulton, Ryan Nagel, Annousack Phraxayavong, Cassey Place, Aurora Rangler, Francis Ratliff*, Joshua Ries, Nicole Rugg, Parker Schiller, Ethan Schuen, Mitchell Seavolt, Hannah Sheathelm*, Clay Shroufe, Britney Sibson, Shauna Smith, Devrik Sonnenberg, Azlynn Warner, Sarah Williams*, Rachel Wiltse*

*Denotes all A's

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



ALADDIN
Leslie High School
March 16, 17, 18 2018





Tom Shafer

Athletic Director

Leslie Middle School

This winter Leslie Middle School sponsored three separate sports: seventh and eighth grade boys basketball, seventh and eighth grade girls basketball, and competitive cheer which overlapped both winter seasons.

The eighth grade boys basketball team, coached by Toby Teague, improved throughout the season. Though they only won three out of 11 games, the success of the season was in the growth of each team member as a player. The team showed off their improvement at their final game against Olivet. After losing to Olivet earlier in the season, the Hawks defeated their rival by 11 points at Olivet's own home gym. It was a game where everything came together and each team member contributed. Coach Teague said, "These eighth grade players may not have had many wins, but they worked as hard as any team to improve and make themselves better players to prepare for high school."

The seventh grade boys basketball team, coached by Trevor Rutan, finished at 7-4, with losses to Olivet and Lakewood (twice each).



The players improved a great deal both individually and as a team over the season. This was evident by the team's two contests with Lakewood. Earlier in the season, they fell to Lakewood by 14 points. In their second matchup, the team displayed their improvement by playing well and nearly grabbed the win, losing by a mere two points. Coach Rutan said, "These boys have a lot of potential if they continue to work hard, play as a team, and build their skills in the off-season."



The seventh and eighth grade competitive cheer team, coached by Kelsie Fifield, had a very successful season this year. They battled a hard fight for the GLAC title, but ended up taking second place in the conference by ten points. Each and every girl played a contributing role to the team's success.

The highlight of the season was scoring a record 308 points at Northwest. Coach Fifield said, "This was a special team. A special shout out to our eighth grade cheerleaders: Cecilia Morrison, Kadence Halsted, and Lilly White. Congratulations on your success in LMS cheer, and good luck next year!"

This year's eighth grade girls basketball team was also coached by Toby Teague and had a year of learning and growth. A couple of the girls joined the team and played at the school for the first time. Though the team's record was 3-6, four of the losses were closely contested and could have gone as wins very easily. The girls improved their skills and work ethics throughout the season. Coach Teague said, "I look forward to watching their growth during the next four years of basketball."



The seventh grade girls basketball team, coached by Taylor Masters, had a fun season learning the fundamentals of basketball. The girls were extremely dedicated to the game; they had no-quit attitudes and made great improvement throughout the season. Their attitude and work ethic never wavered as they finished the season strong with a victory over the Lansing Christian Pilgrims in the last game of the year. Coach Masters said, "I really enjoyed working with these young ladies; their enthusiasm and effort were commendable, which made the whole season fun."

In the spring, Leslie Middle School will sponsor track for both boys and girls. If you have a sixth, seventh, or eighth grade student who would like to participate, please contact Coach Tammie Doane at Leslie Middle School.



We have had many successful teams during the winter season, but none was more successful than girls bowling. This veteran team has been the dominant team in our league for the past two years. For the third straight year, they were GLAC champions, with Ashley Hoskins, Cassie Upton, and Megan Kelley all earning first team all-conference honors. Kayla Mathews was a second team choice. The girls also brought home Leslie's first Regional Team Bowling Championship, qualifying them for the state meet.



The boys bowling team also did quite well, finishing second in the GLAC, with Andrew Richard garnering first team honors, Kyle Weinstein second team, and Alex Hultberg honorable mention. At regionals, Andrew Richard finished tenth overall and qualified for the state individual championship where he finished 46th. Congratulations to coaches Brett and Susan Hills and Dave and Amanda Richard on a very successful winter on the lanes.



Scott Cousineau

Athletic Director

Leslie High School

The girls competitive cheer program, led by Jean Maiville and Katie Wixson, had a successful campaign. The varsity girls finished third in a very strong GLAC this season. All-league selections for the Hawks were Cheyenne Maier and Brooke Leinbaugh (first team), Felicite Holley (second team), and Graci Dack (honorable mention). At districts in Ovid-Elsie, the girls placed fourth and became the first cheer team since 2000 to qualify for regionals. The girls then scored their highest points total at regionals. These girls earned academic all-state honors as well. Our JV cheerleaders were also very consistent this winter, placing second behind perennial state power Lakewood. The JV girls showed that next year's varsity team will remain strong as some members move up to take over for our graduating seniors.



This year's wrestling team finished second in the GLAC. Many of our wrestlers were all-league this winter including GLAC champions Grant Weber, Devin Gibbs, Mitch Seavolt, Zach Hanson-Chesney, and Parker Schiller. Second place wrestlers were Cannon Risner, Lucas Mooney, and Rome Dornbush. Third place at league and honorable mention were Gabe Weber and Ethan Fehrenbach. At team districts, the grapplers defeated Lansing Sexton and then Williamston to bring home the district trophy. At team regionals, the Hawks defeated Byron in the semi-finals, before narrowly dropping a tough match to Alma in the regional final. At

regionals, Devin Gibbs and Zach Hanson-Chesney moved on to the state individual finals at Ford Field. Both wrestlers just missed placing at the state meet. It was an extremely successful season for coach Tucker Surbrook and his team. The team was selected as an academic all-state team as well!

Both boys and girls basketball programs went through their ups and downs this winter. Matt Johns and his varsity boys ended with a 7-14 campaign, finishing fourth in the GLAC. All-league performers were Shane Connelly (first team) and Clay Shroufe, Kellen Frohriep, and Ayden Rutan who all earned honorable mention status. The highlight of the team's season was defeating Stockbridge in districts and making it to the district final against Parma Western. Our JV boys basketball team, led by Chris Bondsteel, had an outstanding

season. They finished 16-3 overall and won the GLAC title. The freshmen boys team, under the guidance of first year coach Ryan Masters, showed a lot of promise as well, finishing the season at with a record of 7-9.

The girls basketball team, coached by Collin Smith, finished with a 9-12 record. The team did well outside of league play and eventually finished sixth in the GLAC. All-league performers for the girls were Madison Montgomery (first team) and Lorelei Berry

(honorable mention). The JV girls team, led by Dan Langeland, finished with an overall 4-15 record and showed a lot of improvement from their first game to their last game.

It was a very successful winter season for Leslie High School athletics, and we would like to congratulate all of our athletes and coaches for all their efforts this season. Also, thank you to all the Leslie students, staff, parents, and community members who came out and supported our Blackhawks this winter.



TAKING PRIDE IN BUS MAINTENANCE

Leslie Public Schools takes pride in the safety of the students who ride our busses. For this reason, our busses are all routinely cared for and maintained by our fulltime mechanic Mike Bennett.

The State of Michigan inspects our busses once every year to ensure they are safe for transporting students. When the state comes in to inspect the busses, they usually give us one day or less notice for their three-day inspection. The inspection consists of one state bus mechanic working with the school mechanic for the three-day period. The state mechanic has the option to inspect hundreds of parts on each bus. After the inspection, each bus is tagged in one of three ways. A green tag means all the parts on the bus meet the safety criteria, so the district can use the bus until the next year's inspection. A yellow tag means a part was discovered needing some work, but the bus can still be driven safely. The part, however, must be fixed and inspected again within the next few weeks. A red tag means some part on

the bus was found that needs immediate repair, so the bus must be removed from use until repaired and re-inspected.

Our Leslie bus drivers also have a big hand in making sure the busses are safe for all the students in the district. Before drivers can take their busses out of the lot, they must do a 75-point pre-trip inspection. Some points of the bus inspection include the engine area, the underside of the bus, the sides, the back, wheels, tires, fluids, all lights, driver area, gauges, breaks and seats. The drivers must also document all of their pre-trip inspections and save them for the year. When a driver discovers something that does not seem right or they find a broken part on the bus, they fill out a repair form and give it to the mechanic. Usually, a bus is inspected twice a day, as most drivers have a minimum of two routes.

Not only do the drivers inspect the busses, but so does Mr. Bennett who takes a lot of pride in the care and maintenance of the bus fleet. In between the repair of the busses and during non-driving times, Mr. Bennett

inspects the busses for normal wear and tear and checks the brakes and all other areas not seen by drivers.

Mr. Bennett has worked for Leslie Public Schools since 2001, and has been the mechanic since 2009. Over the years, Mr. Bennett has managed to maintain an aging bus fleet. He has also received many perfect state inspections. In 2017, Mr. Bennett was one of only two school mechanics in the area to receive a perfect score on the state bus inspection. With the average age and mileage of busses in school fleets rising, Leslie Public Schools has some of the safest busses for students to be riding to and from school.



MEET UP and EAT UP™

Healthy food to fuel your summer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers **FREE** summer meals to kids across Michigan, a program that is similar to school lunch and breakfast programs. Leslie Public Schools is a registered site; this summer, meals will be served at **Woodworth Elementary at 212 Pennsylvania.**

Summer Meals Programs Details:

- **Meals are FREE to children and teens ages 18 and younger who come to a summer meals site.**
- **FREE summer meals will help families save money and stretch their already tight food budgets.**
- **Food served at summer meal sites follows USDA nutrition guidelines and is paid for by the USDA.**
- **Summer meal sites are safe places for kids and teens to go, such as schools, churches, and community centers.**
- **Parents don't need to apply to the program to get a FREE summer meal for their kids. They can simply bring their child to a summer meals site in their community, and their kids can enjoy it without the hassle of having to fill out an application.**

All food must be consumed on site! We are not permitted to do a takeout service. If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Kristen Hawkins**, the Leslie Food Service Director, at **(517)-589-9616** or email her at **kristen.hawkins@lesliek12.net**.

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Lunch will be available Tuesday thru Thursday from 11:15 a.m-12:15 p.m.
Dates of service are June 12 – July 26 (NO service July 3-5)



Leslie Public Schools

2018-2019 School Calendar

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- School Closed/Holidays
- Half Day for students
- First Day of School

- Teacher In-service Day (no school for Students)
- Late Start 2 hour Teacher PD

11/19/18 3 hour PD for teachers
 3/7/19 3 hour PD for teachers
 6/6/19 2 hour PD for teachers

Trimester 1 Ends November 20, 2018
 Trimester 2 Ends March 8, 2019
 Trimester 3 Ends June 7, 2019

*If changes to the calendar are necessary, parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

Full Day 8:00 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.
 Half Day 8:00 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.
 2-hour late start 10:00 a.m. - 3:01 p.m.

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Cancellation of School

Occasionally school may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The school district will notify parents of school closings or delays through the telephone and email notification system. Television stations 6 and 10 also provide closing information. School cancellations can also be found on the Leslie Public Schools website at www.lesliek12.net. Cancellation of extracurricular events is based on a case-by-case decision.

IMPORTANT DATES!

April 2-6 – Spring Break
May 28 – Memorial Day
June 1 – High School Graduation
June 8 – Last Day of School
August 27 – First Day of School
September 3 – No School/Labor Day

Contact Information

Central Administration	517.589.8200
Woodworth Elementary School	517.589.5151
Leslie Middle School	517.589.8218
Leslie High School	517.589.9500
Family Learning Center	517.589.8205
Bus Garage	517.589.8413
Food Service	517.589.9616

2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

By Tom Davis, LPSF President

We are delighted to announce the 2018 Leslie Blackhawk Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. This prestigious program is associated with the Richard Frohriep Memorial Fund through the Leslie Public Schools Foundation. Considering the elite history of Leslie athletics and the numerous superior athletes Leslie Public Schools has produced over the years, it is appropriate that we formally recognize our inductees' achievements.

Please join us at this year's dinner celebration, induction ceremony, and silent auction which will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leslie High School Commons. All proceeds from this memorable evening will go to the Richard Frohriep Fund to assist in

funding programs that enhance student opportunities. This year's inductees are as follows:

- Heather Beegle
- Scott Farley
- Jamie Ries (Hanson)
- Collin Smith
- Charlie Snow
- Sam Snow

The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. If you would like to make a reservation, please email Tom Davis at tom@davisagency.us.