



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

December 2017

Futures Taking Flight



From The Superintendent

Jeff Manthei

Leslie Public Schools

High School Leadership Class Assists In Our Early Childhood Classrooms

By Megan Kelley, LHS Senior

The Leslie High School leadership class had the privilege of walking down to Leslie Middle School every Wednesday to play and learn with Mrs. Sterle's class. We would play house, draw art and even go outside to play on the playground. Seeing those cute little smiles as we would walk in helped our high school week go by a little smoother. It was a good experience to learn how to better ourselves as adults, and we even learned things from the children as well.

I am very grateful that our leadership class has these types of opportunities. My experience was phenomenal. Not only did it make the children happy, but it made the class happy as well to be a part of something so beneficial. It warmed my heart to be able to sit down with these wonderful children, learn from their perspectives and watch them grow in those short few weeks we had together.



New Middle School Principal

By now most of the Middle School students and parents know Mr. Todd Gonser, but the rest of the Leslie community may not. Mr. Gonser is the new Leslie Middle School Principal.

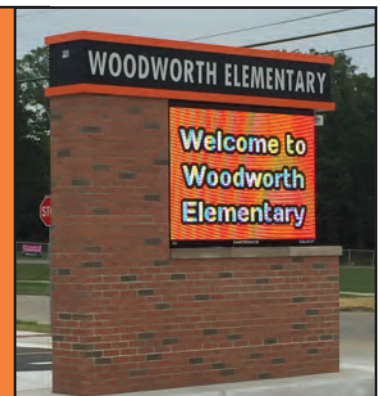
He comes to Leslie with 31 years of experience in education. Mr. Gonser has worked as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, athletic director and most recently the junior/senior high school principal at Maple Valley Schools. He has a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership K-12, a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Teaching and a certificate of completion in the Aspiring Superintendent Series.

We are excited to have Mr. Gonser on staff at Leslie Middle School. Please stop by and welcome him into the Blackhawk Community.

If you have any questions for Mr. Gonser, call him at the Middle School or email him at todd.gonser@leslie12.net.



New Sign At Woodworth Elementary Courtesy of the Sinking Fund





Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

Great Start to the School Year

What a terrific start to the school year! The work that has been completed at Woodworth has made things safer, more convenient and more efficient. Thank you to the voters who helped pass the sinking fund. Additionally, we welcome some new staff members to our family, and we also have a change in curriculum. We are now teaching students mathematics through the GoMath curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. We are looking forward to an outstanding school year.

Grants

Two Woodworth Elementary staff members, teacher Amanda Adams and counselor Danielle Ziehmer, received the "\$100.00 Back to School Grant" from the Michigan Educational Employees Mutual Insurance Company (MEEMIC). They will be purchasing books for their programs. Other grant winners include Jenn Shook and Wendy Lippe who applied for and received free 1-year online subscriptions to Reflex Math (a \$1500 value) to assist their students in practicing math facts.

Food Drive Supports Community

Woodworth Elementary students and staff are participating in a food drive for the months of November and December to support the local food pantry. Students at Woodworth recognize the importance of helping out those in need in their community and do an outstanding job of donating canned goods and non-perishable food items. For each day a student contributes a food item, the student is allowed to wear his or her favorite hat throughout the school day to recognize his or her willingness to help fellow community members.



Woodworth Elementary Halloween



Mark your calendars!



Woodworth
Elementary

February 8 – 1st Grade Music Program

March 22 – 3rd Grade Music Program

March 27 & 28 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 18 & 19 – Kindergarten Roundup

April 26 – 4th Grade Music Program



New Staff Members at Woodworth

The Woodworth family is happy to welcome (L-R) Becky Clark (K-Club), Jenna Frazzini (preschool), Carly Mossner (music), Megan Wait (2nd grade) and Megan Casper (secretary).



LMS would like to recognize the following students for their outstanding performance on their M-Step tests:

5 th Grade (4 th Grade Test)				
	Reece DeRose	ELA	1454	<i>Perfect Score!</i>
	Michael Moulton	ELA	1441	
●	Murphy Stiitt	Math	1455	
	Michael Moulton	Math	1455	
	Joseph Domecq	Science	1422	
	Colin Every	Science	1416	
6 th Grade (5 th Grade Test)				
	Kayla Creisher	Math	1536	
	Bailey Schuen	Math	1530	
	Katherine Foreman	ELA	1559	
	Brooke Nowicki	ELA	1553	
	Myah Fletcher	SS	1532	
	Katherine Foreman	SS	1528	
7 th Grade (6 th Grade Test)				
●	Madelyn Beller	Math	1626	
	Kassy Cole	Math	1623	
	Iris Robinson	ELA	1655	<i>Perfect Score!</i>
	Kassy Cole	ELA	1638	
8 th Grade (7 th Grade Test)				
	Avery Schuen	Math	1732	
	Adriana Blanford	Math	1733	
	Aubrie Yager	ELA	1752	
	Avery Schuen	ELA	1733	
	Katherine Young	Science	1741	
	Avery Schuen	Science	1724	

Students Recognized for Top M-Step Scores

M-Step scores have finally been released to the public and some of our middle school students did very well on their tests. The following test scores are from the 2017 testing session when students would have been in their previous grade for testing. Top students will receive a McDonald's gift certificate for their outstanding performance!

Mark your calendars!

Leslie Middle School

March 1 – Family Language Arts Night

March 14 & 15 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 22 – Talent Show

April 19 – Family Math Night





Scott Powers

Principal

Leslie High School

Acts of Kindness

When people bring up today's generation of children, they often shake their heads, grimace and say, "kids nowadays." They think kids are missing the values that we believe are important. While things are different— especially with Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and other social media platforms that I'm not even aware of— I have witnessed some pretty great examples of kindness by our high school students. For example, one student noticed a classmate always had on the same old shoes. He went out and purchased this student new shoes with his own money and gave them to the student. Another example is the J.V. football player who noticed a middle school cross country runner from another school way behind during a meet. That player ran with the student for a while, giving the runner encouragement. Neither of these students did what they did as a way of saying "look at what I did." They simply did something nice. What a great example for us all to follow.



LESLIE HIGH SCHOOL
presents
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Charles Hart
Additional Lyrics by Richard Stilgoe
Book by Richard Stilgoe & Andrew Lloyd Webber
Based on the novel "Le Fantôme de l'Opéra" by Gaston Leroux.

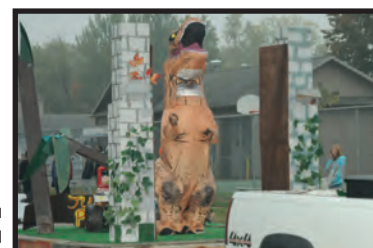
Thur. Nov. 9 7pm
Fri. Nov. 10 7pm
Sat. Nov. 11 7pm
Sun. Nov. 12 3pm

Tickets \$10
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Originally directed by Harold Prince
Orchestrations by David Collins & Andrew Lloyd Webber
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Homecoming



Mark your calendars!



Leslie High School

January 18 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 10 – Winter Ball

March 16-18 – High School Play

April 26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

■ Congratulations to Brooke Leinbaugh, Dalton Harrison, and Zach Hanson-Chesney for making the State Honors Choir.



Leslie Pink Hawk Project: Spreading Hope in our Community

By Toby Teague

What is the Leslie Pink Hawk Project? Is it a bunch of pink t-shirts? Is it a game with pink uniforms? Is it just a one-night event where we remember and honor those who are fighting or who have fought a battle with cancer? Can a \$15 t-shirt really make that big of a difference in someone's life? Well, let's take a minute and talk about those things.

The Pink Hawk Project was founded to financially help and emotionally encourage those in our community who are fighting a battle with cancer. When we see athletes honor those who are battling or who have battled cancer, it is a reminder that we are still in a struggle against an unrelenting killer. It can be a tiring and discouraging fight that many times leaves a family or person feeling all alone and not sure if anyone understands or cares about their struggle.

That is what Pink Hawk does best. We cannot erase the pain a family feels, nor can we make all their struggles go away, but what Pink Hawk can do is to stand beside a family and say, "We are here, we see your pain and we want to help." It means we can let them know they are not alone in their struggle, that their community is standing with them.

However, that does not happen without those \$15 t-shirts. Those shirts mean our community is able to help each family with a financial gift. Pink Hawk has helped families with rent, utility bills, insurance payments, gift cards, gas cards, groceries and other expenses families may need help covering. It may not take care of everything for a family, but it can take care of something.

I am the one who is blessed and burdened with the job of working with families as they receive their gifts. I can tell you it is a humbling experience to help a family in the midst of their struggles. Over and over again I have heard these families talk about not believing a community could care for them so much and in such a way. That \$15 t-shirt translates into a gift that helps someone keep fighting. It is the gift of maybe taking off their mind an expense that has them worried. It is a simple gift that can touch their hearts.

Blackhawks become Pinkhawks and encourage a family to not give up, to keep fighting and to believe in the love of their community. That is what your \$15 T-shirt can give a family in our community. It is not everything, but it is certainly something.





5th Grade Kaelyn Adair*, Daniel Adams*, Dale Arnett, Kathryn Bacon, Jaiden Baird*, Ava Beller*, Catelyn Bliven*, Jersey Bodell, Nicholas Boertman, Maycie Boyer*, Autumn Brewbaker, Nevaeh Brewer, Humberto Brown, Reese Burch*, Rylie Burley*, Adrien Carr, Esmee Chamberlain*, Jayden Colby*, Sophia Cowing*, Tanner Craft*, Thomas Crawford, Lillian Demaray*, Reece DeRose*, Carlee Dodson*, Joseph Domecq*, Logan Douglas, Colin Every, Andrew Fehrenbach, Jaymon Field Jr., 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*, Carson Lee*, Cheyanne Lewis*, Kalab Limoges, 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*, Brayden Rogers, Hayley Ruiz*, Anthony James Scutt, Mia Severino*, Michael Shepherd, Lily Smieska, Emma Smith*, Jaidyn Smith, Nevaeh Smith*, Zoe Stepp, Rachel Sterle*, Murphy Stitt*, Mark Stone, Jaden Suarez, Jacob Thayer, Kate Tomlinson*, Elyse Weck, Thomas Willard, Sean Wyrick II, Aralynn Yager, Ava Ziegenhagen*

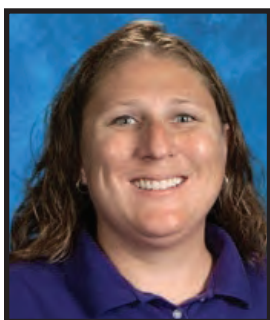
6th Grade Allison Armstrong, Dana Barnett, Harley Bliss*, Marysa Bolin*, Ada Bradford*, Alayna Brown, Sahara Burley, Abbigale Clark*, Alexis Clark, Hunter Coltrain, Kaiden Craft*, Lily Crawford, Kayla Creisher*, Lily DeBruler, Logan Demaray, Donavan Diviziis, Brogan Dodge, Myah Fletcher*, Katherine Foreman*, Jalen Fossitt*, Brooklyn Friese, Kiley Friese, Aliviah Gresh, Kaylie Hayner, Riley Henman, Logan Hile*, Jacob Hodor*, Ian Hultberg, Heaven Karn, Cameron Lewis, Anna Mangles, Kimberly Mathews, Brody Mays*, Alaina McHaney, Layna Moore*, Cheryl Morgan, Brooke Nowicki, Olivia Omer, Georgia Palmer, Claire Peek*, Isabella Procopio*, Alexandra Ream, Christian Reed, Bailey Schuen*, Jocelyn Shuster, Kirsten Stone*, Miranda Swaenepoel, Malia Tello, Gabrielle Waldofsky*, Victoria Warren, Emily Willard*

7th Grade Audrey Allard, Reese Armstrong, Jayde Arnett*, Madelyn Beller*, Savanna Bliven*, Rebecca Boukamp*, Payton Boyer*, Ella Bugbee*, Tyler Burley*, Benjamin Casper, Madelyn Chamberlain*, Kassy Cole*, Kaleb Cox, Maddox D'Lamater*, Erik Dexter, Annabelle Dieter*, Bailey Douse*, Sara Fedewa*, Kailyn Friese, Shelby Frye, Kelsey Garner*, Ashton Gauthier, Angelina Holmback, Jayden Jensen, Ethan Kaimon, Mallory Kintigh*, Kathryn LaFeve, Jordyn LaGoe, Harmony Latoski, Kyra Lee*, Rylee Lennemann, Ethan Lubahn*, Naomi Mangles*, Megan Maynard*, Myah Muscott, Lilyanne Nash, Noah Oxbrough, Jared Peck*, Cameron Pierce, Alexa Plenda*, Riley Poulisse*, Iris Robinson*, Josie Sheathelm, Domyunik Skaggs, Samantha Smith, Emma Snelson*, Samantha Snider*, Jayden Soles*, Sarah Sterle, Mason Tow, Zachary Vickers, Maleena Wright*, Sage Wymer*, Ginger Yang

8th Grade Adriana Blanford, Jennifer Bushey*, Dana Coltrain, Lauryn Demaray, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose, Ashton Evans-Sperry, Jonathan Garfield-Gray, Aubrey Gilman, Grace Hardesty, Tyler Hile, Molly Klemmer, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb, Peyton Malady*, Aaron Norton, Samantha Orrin, Garret Penix-Bedell, Avery Schuen*, Richard Schultz, Emma Smieska, Blake Stofer

**Denotes all A's*

New Middle School Teachers



Leslie Middle School's new physical education and computer class teacher is Mrs. Andrea Smolinski. Mrs. Smolinski comes to Leslie after teaching for 13 years at North Saginaw Charter Academy. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University where she played collegiate basketball. She is married to Brandon and has three

children: Madelynn, Kaitlynn and Lillian. She enjoys spending time with her family, camping, fishing, traveling and visiting Lake Michigan beaches. She is excited about the new adventure of teaching art for primetime.



Mrs. Samantha Jean is Leslie Middle School's new resource teacher. Prior to becoming a teacher at LMS, Mrs. Jean did her student teaching for general education at Woodworth in Mrs. Shook's third grade class and then continued on to do her special education student teaching with Mr. Manson at Leslie High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University

with an endorsement in Special Education and a focus on cognitive impairments. She is married and has two children named Jaxson and Presleigh. She is excited to be working back in Leslie Schools and for what the future holds.



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

10th Grade Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett*, Savanna Baughan, Nathan Beachey*, Jordan Beers, 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, Tiffany Davis, John DeBruler*, Sarah-Renee DeToy, Alexis Doherty, Austin Douse, Savannah Ellison, Ethan Fehrenbach*, Sydnee Fletcher*, Riley Fogg, Karlie Harrell, Jane Holcomb, Haylie Holley, Trevor Huttenlocker, Cassandra Keesler, Mitchell Kintigh*, Joshua Kobus, Ashley LaFave, Shyre Lantrip, Katlynn Maier, Kayla Mathews, Michael Maynard*, MacGyver Nichols, Marissa Orrin*, Connor Owen, Madalynn Quinn, Emily Rector, Abigale Rodriguez, Ashley Scott*, Nicole Scott*, Parker Secord-Cripe*, Katelynn Serrels, Elizabeth Sherfinski, Camille Shuster*, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Jakob Sime*, Gabrielle Sixberry, Katelyn Smith, Mackenzie Stevens, Tessa Stevens, Kiarra Theodorou, Kaelyn Torz, Brayden VanDyke, Kyle Weinstein, Wyatt Wiljanen*, Chelsey Wiltse*

11th Grade Hayden Adee, Shaun Burgan, Elizabeth Burgess, Luke Calvert, Emmaleigh Centeno, Shaylee Connelly*, Ellen Coppennoll, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler*, Mason DeBruler*, Robert Ellis, Kaily Feilert, Amaya Fox, Tyler Garner*, Christina Ghere, Josie Heintz*, Felicite Holley, Taylor Hubbard, Toria Jones, Gunner Kandell, Scott Kanik, Jacob Kenny, Grace Klemmer, Alexandra LaLone, Luke Lasky, Bri'Anna Lowry, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla, Garrett McGuirt, Britney Medcoff, Madison Montgomery*, Hunter Montroy, Zoey Moore, Cole Oliver, Cheyenne Pier, Jacob Rector, Nicole Roback,olan Robinson*, Solina Robles, Justice Rosier, Anthony Smieska, Amiah Vickers*, Grant Walker, Katlyn Wandel, Trevor Willard, Hailey Wilson

12th Grade Carter Arnett, Hunter Arnett*, Camrin Baker, Desiree Balkon, Nathan Barden, Breydan Beaman, Julia Benavides, Jade Brown-Santana, 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*, Devin Gibbs, Zachary Hanson-Chesney, Dalton Harrison, Haeden Heibel, Nicklaus Henman, Chase Hensley, Keely Herrick*, Taylor Hetherington*, Rosalie Hoppe*, Brooke James*, Jennifer Johnson, Haily Kamradt, Megan Kelley, Cristin Kimbrell, Elaina Kimbrell*, Lindsey Kincaid, Friederike Krahe*, Jeffery Lamb, Brooke Leinbaugh*, Ethan Loch*, Hailee Loch*, Cheyenne Maier, Danielle McMullen*, Jacob Mohr, Justin Monroe, Daniel Moulton, Ryan Nagel, Cassey Place, Aurora Rangler, Francis Ratliff, Joshua Ries, Trevor Rodriguez, Nicole Rugg*, Parker Schiller, Mitchell Seavolt, Hannah Sheathelm*, Britney Sibson, Jack Smith, Shauna Smith, Madison Snow, Devrik Sonnenberg, Cassandra Upton, Azlynn Warner, Sarah Williams*, Rachel Wiltse*

*Denotes all A's

New High School Teachers



Our new English 12 teacher at the high school is Brian O'Connell. Dr. O'Connell—or as he likes to go by Mr. O'Connell—graduated from Wayne State University and eventually received his Doctorate in Education from the University of West Florida. Mr. O'Connell said, “Every day is fun because the students are so

respectful and the staff so collegial.” Mr. Powers stated, “Every student loves Mr. O'Connell” and he added, “He is doing a tremendous job with the English 12 curriculum and getting the students ready for college material.”



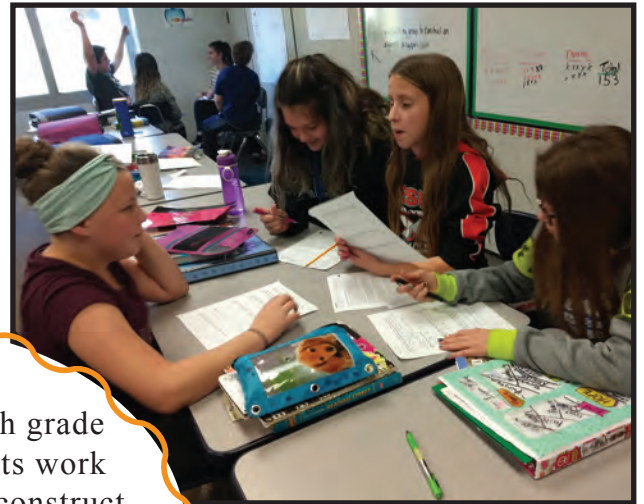
Patricia David is our new art teacher at the high school. Mrs. David graduated from Kendall College of Art and Design and then got her first teaching job at Edwardsburg High School. We are happy to have her here in Leslie. Mrs. David's favorite part about Leslie so far has been the “friendly, welcoming parents, students and staff.” Mr.

Powers said, “Mrs. David has hit the ground running, having already creating an art club for our students to participate in.”

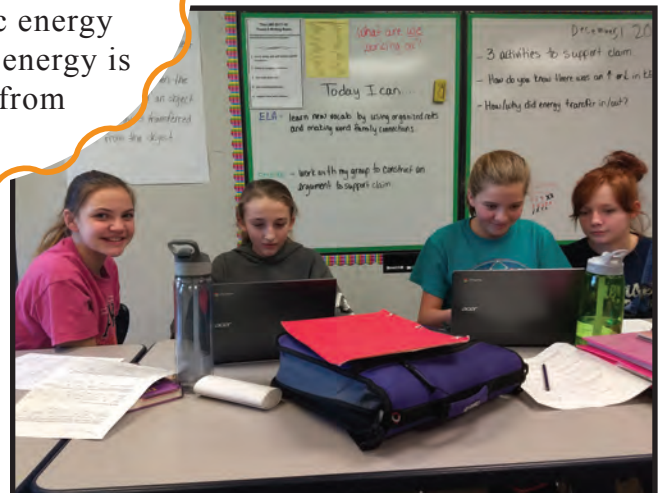


LHS Quiz Bowl Team

Quiz Bowl, coached by LHS math teacher Cori Henry, had another successful season. While they finished with a 4-5 record during the regular season competition, they did make it to the second round of WKAR's QuizBusters. In that tournament, the Blackhawks defeated the Laingsburg Wolfpack. Senior Ethan Loch said, "Getting that win at QuizBusters was my highlight of the season." Daniel Moulton, also a senior, said his favorite part of Quiz Bowl was "getting difficult questions correct." Great job Blackhawks!



In Mrs. Doane's sixth grade science class, students work together in groups to construct arguments to support the claim that when the kinetic energy of an object changes, energy is transferred to or from the object.



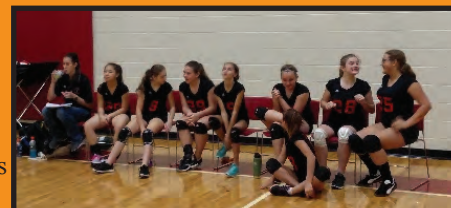




Tom Shafer
Athletic Director
Leslie Middle School

Leslie Middle School athletes had a very successful fall in 2017. We sponsored teams in football (combined 7th and 8th), boys and girls cross country (combined 6th, 7th and 8th grades) and girls volleyball (separate teams for 7th and 8th graders). There were many wins and even league championships, but more importantly, our student athletes continued to grow in their sports as well as academics.

The 7th grade volleyball team coached by Tammie Doane played a 10 game regular season along with two tournaments, one at Vandercook Lake and the season ending GLAC tournament at Perry. For most team members, this year was their first year of competitive volleyball. They improved tremendously throughout the season and competed well at the GLAC tournament. Coach Doane commented that “The 7th grade volleyball team consisted of 16 hardworking ladies who spent their season learning how to track and move to the ball, how to get serves over, how to pass with a purpose and how to work together as a team. By the end of the season, they were able to set up the ball to attack at the net.”



7th graders cheering on their teammates at a home match played at Leslie HS.

The 8th grade volleyball team was coached by Erica Willard. The girls ended up with a winning regular season record of 5 wins and 4 losses. The girls worked hard and improved their skills, especially their overhand serves. They also had fun and learned to play together as a team. The players enjoyed learning to spike the ball, playing “Queen of the Court” during practices and having the varsity team come to their practice to help prepare them for playing in high school next year.



Our MS cross country teams were coached by Grady Doane. The boys team led by 7th graders Cameron Pierce, Erik Dexter and Ethan Lubahn and 8th graders led by Connor DuBose and Tyler Hile finished first at the East Jackson Invitational on September 9 and second at three other meets this season. Cameron Pierce ran an 11:34.7 at the Stockbridge Invitational, tying him for seventh place on the all-time LMS record board. The boys finished in second place behind Olivet Middle School in two league jamborees this season, but both races were very close. The boys finally did top the Eagles at the GLAC League Meet on October 19 at Lakewood High School to earn a league co-championship.

The girls team also finished in second place in both GLAC League Jamborees this season, just behind Stockbridge.

Coach Doane said, “I am very proud of all my runners. They worked hard and improved as the year went on.”

The girls team was young this year and was led by 6th graders Kayla Creisher and Alex Ream. Also scoring for the Lady Hawks this year were 7th graders Audrey Allard, Marilyn Driksna, Maleena Wright and Sage Wymer, as well as 5th grader Erin Lubahn. A host of other girls improved greatly.



The MS football team was coached by our superintendent Jeff Manthei. The team consisted of 30 7th and 8th graders. They started out the season beating Perry 20 – 0. Unfortunately, the team lost its next

four games. To their credit, the players continued to work hard and stayed focused. The highlight of the season was winning their last two games. They beat Saranac 14 – 8 and Whitmore Lake 29 – 0 to finish

the year at 3 - 4. According to Coach Manthei, “Winning the last two games was a real tribute to the players’ hard work and dedication. It was a real pleasure working with this year’s team.”



The fall sports season had its high points this fall, but none was higher than the performance of both cross country teams. For the first time since 2003, both the boys and girls teams were league champions! Even more impressive, for the first time since 1990, both teams qualified for the state meet! All together, the teams brought home a total of 18 different trophies this fall. The girls finished 13th at the state meet, while the boys placed 23rd. Some late season injuries kept both teams from finishing higher at states, but senior Devin Gibbs did finish



27th individually to garner all-state honors. Earning 1st team all-conference honors this fall for the Hawks were seniors Devin Gibbs, Rachel Wiltse and Hailee Loch. Also receiving 1st team honors was freshmen Haley Ellis who finished 35th, a girls team best, at the state meet. Second team all-conference honors went to senior boys Stefan Carlson,



Justin Monroe and Andrew Richard. For the girls, sophomore Shaylee Connelly and freshmen Lily Robinson were also 2nd team. Sophomore Jack Casper earned honorable mention status. It was a terrific season for coaches Ron Beegle and Danielle Gibbs, and they are looking forward to even more success in the future.



Scott Cousineau

Athletic Director

Leslie High School

The Blackhawk volleyball team, led by new varsity coach Danielle Gibbs, struggled throughout the season but showed a lot of improvement by the end of the year. Junior Ellen Coppernoll was the GLAC all-conference selection, being chosen to

the second team this season. The JV team won nine matches this fall, showed a lot of promise throughout the season and improved dramatically from their first game. With many players returning next year, the future is bright for both of our volleyball teams.



Tom Johns took the reins of the Blackhawk football program this fall, and the Hawks responded with a very competitive 3-6 overall record. The team was 2-3 in the GLAC which was a tie for 3rd place. The Blackhawks did receive three 1st team all-conference selections in seniors Cullen Cox and Haeden Heibel and junior Thomas Coltrain. Being selected to the 2nd team all-GLAC team were seniors Parker Schiller and Josh Ries and junior Anthony Smieska. Senior Kellen Frohriep was selected as an honorable mention choice. Coach Johns is looking for next year's team to take another step forward as some of our JV players move up. The JV team finished their campaign with a 6-3 overall mark. They were 3-2 in GLAC play.

We had two freshmen who played on the boys co-op tennis team with Lansing Christian. Kyle Medcoff and Nate Foltz gained a lot of valuable experience this fall. Playing under the tutelage of first year coach Ashish Gollapalli, the boys won their share of matches for a team of only six boys that still finished fifth at regionals. These young men will only get better and hope to have more teammates next year.

With our share of success stories both on the fields and courts as well as off, it has been a great fall sports season for Leslie High School. The athletic department would like to thank the community for supporting the coaches and young athletes. We hope to see you indoors for the winter season!

The boys varsity soccer team, led by first year head coach Michael Compton, made a nice run through its league schedule, defeating Lansing Christian in the last regular season game for the first time ever. That put the Hawks in a three-way tie with Christian and Lakewood going into the league tournament. Unfortunately, that tournament didn't go the way of the Hawks, and they settled for a third place GLAC finish. Overall, the Hawks finished with a 10-14 record, playing a tough non-league schedule, but they did finish 6-2 in GLAC play. Earning GLAC 1st team all-conference honors were senior Nick Henman, junior Justice Rosier and sophomore Jarrett Brown. Second team selections were sophomore Jordan Beers and freshmen Garrett Mays. Junior Cole Oliver was an honorable mention selection. Henman, Brown, Beers and junior Marcus Losey were also selected to the all-district team.

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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!

December 25 - January 5 – Holiday Break
January 8 – School Resumes
January 15 – No School
February 16, 19 – No School
March 30 – No School
April 2-5 – Spring Break
May 28 – Memorial Day
June 8 – Last day of School

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Blackhawk's Bowling Team

