



THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

August 2018

Futures Taking Flight



From The Superintendent

Jeff Manthei

Leslie Public Schools

New School Year

I hope you have had a great summer so far. It seems impossible, but the start of the new school year is just around the corner. The first day for students is August 27.

In preparation for the start of school, our custodians have been working hard and the buildings are looking great. Both the middle and high school gym floors have been resurfaced. The football field and track area have a new ticket booth just inside the gate by the concession stand. The high school parking lots have been restriped, and cement work has been done at various locations.

Every summer the district has to hire new staff, and this summer was no exception. An additional counselor and six new teachers have been hired. Furthermore, though not a new hire, Andrea Roach has changed roles at the middle school, going from teacher to Dean of School Services. This position was previously held by Jay Vandercook. Mr. Vandercook accepted an assistant principal position at another district. We wish the best of luck to Mr. Vandercook and all our new staff.

We are looking forward to a great school year and hope you are too!



Summer Construction Projects

This summer, the bus garage parking lot was completely repaved. The area where the busses park has been replaced with cement. This was a much needed repair as years of LPS bus traffic and the weight of the parked busses caused deterioration and indentation of the asphalt. Now, with the busses parking on cement, the indentations should no longer occur. At the time of printing this bulletin, this project is almost complete. The only part of the project yet to be completed is the electrical hook-ups.

Starting the first week of August, five sections of roof will be replaced in the district. The middle school will receive new roofing over the band room and choir room. Three sections of roof will be replaced at Woodworth Elementary: the section over the cafeteria and the east and west sloped sections parallel to Pennsylvania Street.

The bus garage parking lot and the new sections of roof are being paid for by the Sinking Fund.





Jim Dell

Principal

Woodworth
Elementary
School

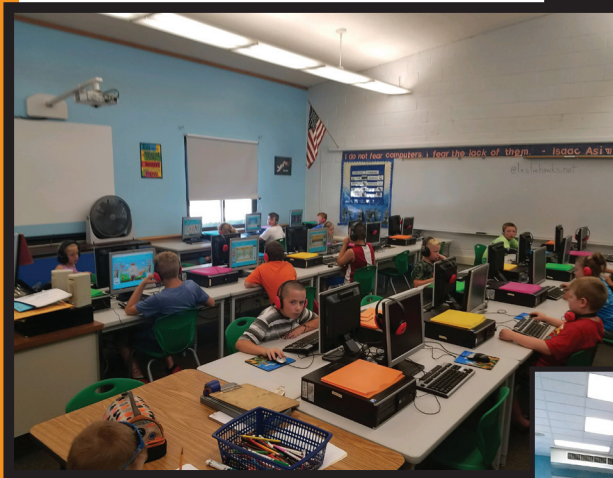
We at Woodworth are looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces on our excited students as we embark on a new adventure: the 2018-19 school year. Please be sure to attend our Woodworth Open House on August 22 from 4 pm-6 pm. It will be the perfect opportunity for students to see their classrooms, find their desks and coat hooks, and meet their new teachers for this year.

Please note that as we continue to work on our safety procedures at Woodworth, we may have some changes to our building entry process and our end of the day pick up process. Please stay tuned and look for more information on these procedures. Also, be sure to check our website often as we will be adding content addressing the start of the school year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Woodworth Summer Explorers Program

The Woodworth Summer Explorers Program provided students with not only opportunities to improve their academic skills but also opportunities to enrich their computer and art skills.



Additionally, students received free lunch and opportunities to play with other students.



Mark your calendars!



Woodworth
Elementary

August 22 – Back-To-School
Night (4-6 pm)

August 27 – First Day of School

September 26 – Picture Day

December – Parent/Teacher
Conferences



Welcome Sarah Sherman

Woodworth and 5th Grade
Music Teacher





Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are now ready to move forward with the 2018-2019 school year. This summer we have been very busy preparing for our first day of school which is Monday, August 27.



Todd Gonser
Principal
Leslie Middle School

We have several new staff members joining us for the 2018-19 school year. Please join me in welcoming the following people:

- Dean of School Services Mrs. Andrea Roach
- LMS Counselor Mrs. Jennifer Hamers
- 7th Grade Social Studies Mrs. Kelley Whaley
- 7th Grade English Mrs. Brooke Stahle
- 6th Grade English Mrs. Kristen Ambroggio
- MS/HS Band Mr. Jacob Steinberger
- Woodworth and 5th Grade Music Mrs. Sarah Sherman



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and students to attend our annual Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 22 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. This event will provide students and families the opportunity to tour the building, visit classrooms, meet briefly with teachers, and try out new lockers and combinations. Cookies and punch will be served in the cafeteria for all of our visitors.

5th Grade Orientation: To help make the transition from elementary to middle school as smooth as possible, LMS would like to extend an invitation to all 5th grade students and their parents to visit us during our Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 22 from 6:00 – 6:30 pm for a special orientation. This orientation will include a brief slide show, introductions of our 5th grade teachers and staff, a Q&A session, and an overview of 5th grade scheduling. All 5th graders are welcome to come early, tour the building, and check out lockers prior to this special orientation presentation.

Students' schedules will be sent out the week of August 6.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Go Hawks!



Mrs. Brooke Stahle



Mrs. Jennifer Hamers



Mrs. Kelley Whaley



Mrs. Kristen Ambroggio



Scott Powers

Principal

Leslie High School

Welcome back parents and students!

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful summer and is energized to start a new school year.

I know I've seen our sports teams and band students practicing relentlessly to get ready for the upcoming year. As I look ahead to this year, I think about the senior class and am amazed how fast four years has gone by. I remember this class coming in as timid freshmen--well, most were timid, not all. It has been so fulfilling to see them grow into extraordinary young women and men.

Let's make the 2018-19 school year remarkable!

Mark your calendars!



Leslie High School

August 22 – Back-To-School Night

August 27 – First Day of School

September 12 – Picture Day

September 14 – Pink Hawk Project

October 4 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 5 – Homecoming

November 1 – Picture Retake Day

I would like to introduce our new band director, Jacob Steinberger!

Mr. Steinberger graduated from Michigan State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Music Education. He also served as the Director of Bands at the University Liggett and Band Director for the Michigan Boy's State Summer Camp. Additionally, he was a proud conductor for the Northern Austrian Military Band. One of his college highlights was playing at the Rose Bowl.

Mr. Steinberger said, "I am excited to be a Blackhawk and continue the excellence that Mr. Greenwood and the Leslie students created here."

Welcome to Leslie, Mr. Steinberger!



SUMMER BAND CAMP





Derick Ward - CLASS OF 2000

What year/grade you started at LPS?
Kindergarten

What year you graduated?
2000

Favorite teacher(s)?
Mr. VanDyke (9th-12th grade), Ms. Vallillee (12th grade)

Ms. Val and Mr. VanDyke were very important in guiding me in the right direction while at LHS.

I remember struggling in Ms. Val's class as a senior and just barely getting by when she challenged me directly to improve my grade in her class. (Also threatening me with being ineligible for two weeks probably helped.)

The following week I studied my tail off for a big test we had in her history class, and to this day I do not know who was more proud of the 'A' I earned, her or me! I had the pleasure of telling Ms. Val of this just recently as I spoke with her during a 'Safe Schools Initiative' I was participating in at LHS.

Mr. VanDyke was another teacher/coach who helped shape who I am today. He, like Ms. Val, challenged me directly and was quite blunt about it on the baseball field. As a junior, I started doing a lot of extra work after practice and as the work started paying off, Mr. VanDyke would praise me for it. He praised not the results, but the effort and preparation I had put in. There is no better example of Mr. VanDyke having trust and confidence in me than after the summer leading into my senior year when I went to a hitting camp at the University of Michigan. Upon returning, Mr. VanDyke had me run hitting practices at various times throughout the season.

Favorite subject/class?

Nothing really comes to mind from high school. Once I went off to college and started taking some of the upper level courses for my major, Exercise and Sport Science, I became quite engaged in the areas of physical therapy and cardiology.



Favorite memory or memories from LPS?

Most of my favorite memories are from the athletic fields. Being able to play basketball for my dad (Don Ward, Class of '72) my senior year was special. Then to be able to set all the school records for assists that year with him on the sidelines is something I'll never forget and I think about often. I have so many team memories: Saturday morning breakfast, pre-game team meals, summer camps, and constantly horsing around.

One other memory I think about quite often because I drive by the baseball field almost every day on my way to and from work is my last at-bat as a senior on the baseball team, which was my second homerun of the day. It landed on Hull Rd. I can still see Mr. VanDyke's huge smile when I rounded third. At the time, I didn't really comprehend or appreciate that moment, but I think Mr. VanDyke knew how special it was.

Achievements during school?

Simply graduating was an achievement. Admittedly, I was not a good student at all in high school.

What advice as a great grad would you give to the current students?

Set goals for yourself—no matter if they are short, mid, or long-term goals—and start working towards them.

Achievements since/after graduating?

I attended Spring Arbor University where I played on the men's basketball team for two years before suffering a career ending foot injury. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sport Science in 2004.

I am quite proud of my time at SAU. After a lackluster freshman year in the classroom, I started doing some maturing. I spent 6-8 hours per day over the summer working on my basketball game, and once school started back up, I spent countless hours studying. Just

after the end of my sophomore year, I knew my playing days were over as I had broken the same bone in my foot four times in a calendar year.

For my last two years of college, I worked roughly 2000 hours in our injury rehabilitation center where I assisted other athletes in their rehabilitation from their sports injuries. I had set a goal of not only graduating from college but also being above a 3.0 GPA. I accomplished both of those and I am humbly proud of them.

What is your current employment information?

I have been working in law enforcement for just over 13 years, with the last 11 at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office. While at ICSO, I have worked in the Delhi Division substation seven years, been a field training officer for six years, worked undercover narcotics for three years, and was recently promoted to detective in February of 2018.

Do you want to share anything about your family?

I have been with my wife, Kimey, for 10 years and we have a daughter, Charleigh, who is four years old.

If you would like your "great grad" included in a future edition of the Blackhawk Bulletin, please email his/her email address to greatgrads@lesliek12.net.



Summer
Cheerleading
Practice



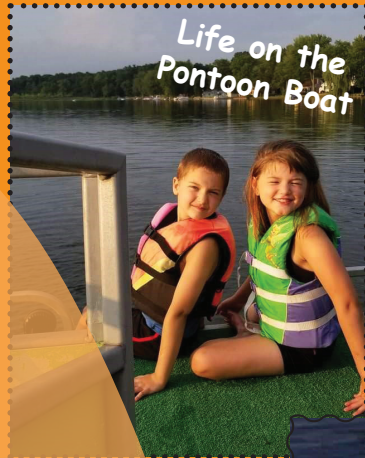


SUMMER ACTIVITIES

August 2018



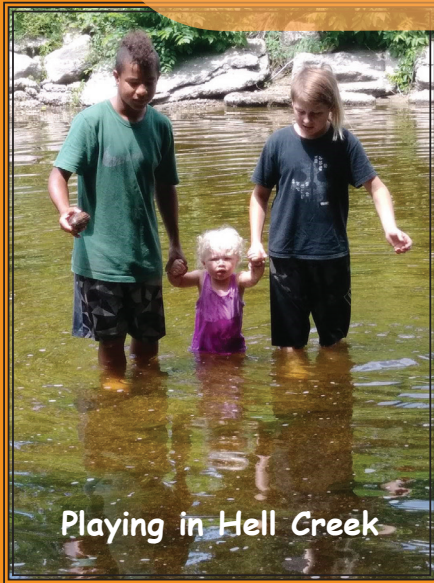
Sailing in Charlevoix



Life on the Pontoon Boat



Visiting Tahquamenon Falls



Playing in Hell Creek



Golf League at Hankerd Hills



Tubing the Chippewa River



Pleasant Lake

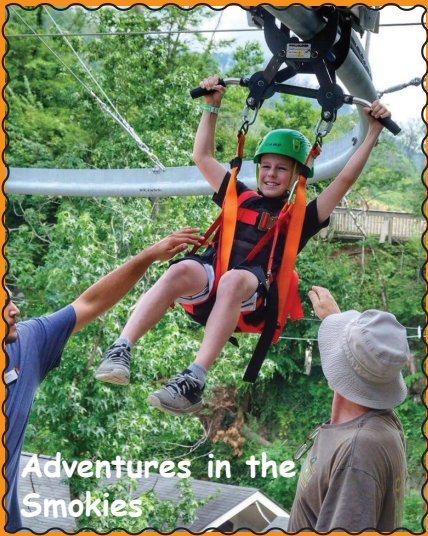


Sunset in Traverse City

Popsicle after T-ball



Paddle Boarding in the UK's North Sea

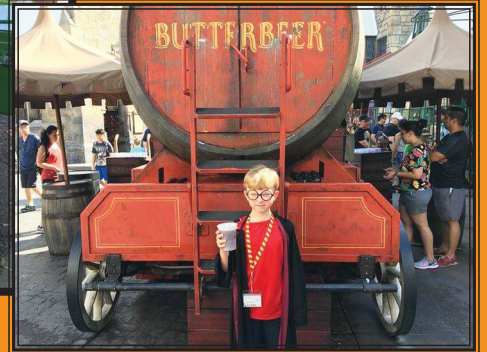


Adventures in the Smokies



Summer Car Show

Diagon Alley for Butter Beer



Mining for arrowheads in South Haven



Horse'n Around



Gus Macker Tournament



Troop 779 Boy Scout Camp

Gus Macker Tournament



HOBY Camp



Blackhawks Soar Across Costa Rica

By Michael Compton, LHS English Teacher

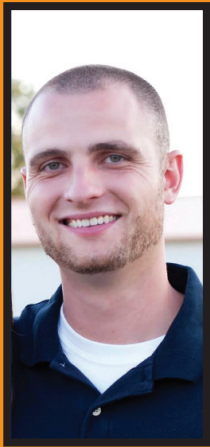
Barely a week after school released for the summer, eleven Leslie High School students boarded a flight to explore Costa Rica from coast to coast. After landing in San Jose, the students started their voyage by riverboat to Tortuguero National Park on the Caribbean coastline where they discovered sea turtle conservation, donated school supplies to local children, and learned to dance like a Costa Rican. From Tortuguero, our Blackhawks headed west toward the Pacific coast.

Over ten days, students experienced countless amazing adventures. They hiked through a tropical rain forest to a majestic waterfall in Volcan Tenorio National Park. They rode horses up and down mountains to a remote hot spring in Buena Vista. They ziplined through the forest canopy, ate the best chocolate in the world, rafted over a ten foot waterfall, kayaked through the jungle, and finally swam in the Pacific Ocean. The trip was a life-changing cultural experience packed with adventure that had our Blackhawks saying “Pura Vida” the entire time.





Meet Leslie High School's New Coaches



Leslie Public Schools is proud to introduce Mr. Justin Houghton as the girls varsity basketball coach for the 2018-19 season. Justin is a 2004 Leslie High School graduate. He was the captain of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 teams, leading the Blackhawks to a league and district title in 2003. He was voted all-conference and all-area twice and was also chosen honorable mention all-state his senior year. He has six years of basketball coaching background, most recently being the freshmen boys coach in 2016-17. He has also served as an assistant for our varsity boys program. Justin graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in 2008 and has served with the Portland and Williamston Police Departments. He currently works for the State of Michigan as an inspector for the Department of Agriculture, with emphasis on monitoring gas stations and their gas pumps. He is married, has three young children, and is fired up for the upcoming season. Join me in welcoming Coach Houghton and wishing him good luck!



We would also like to welcome Mr. Trevor Rutan to our athletic staff. Trevor has been hired as the new girls JV basketball coach for this season. Coach Rutan graduated from Columbia Central and then went on to earn his Business Management Degree from Spring Arbor University in 2005. He has seven years of basketball coaching background, including the last two years when he coached our eighth grade girls and seventh grade boys teams. He also has been the president of the Leslie Youth Basketball program. Trevor worked with Dart Container Corporation and currently is an assistant controller for the Quality Dairy Company in Lansing. He is married and has two high school boys who are both very active in our athletic programs. Coach Rutan will be a great addition to our program, and we wish him and his team the best this upcoming year.

All high school and middle school athletes must have a physical, completed after April 15, 2018, on file at the school before they can try out for an athletic team. Additionally, high school and middle school athletes must pay an athletic participation fee before they are allowed to play in a regular season athletic event. The fee allows the athlete to compete in all athletic seasons. Athletic fees, which need to be turned in to the school offices, are listed below.

High School Athletic Participation Fees

Individual fee - \$125
 Reduced lunch student - \$30
 Free lunch student - \$15

Middle School Athletic Participation Fees

Individual fee - \$65
 Reduced lunch student - \$20
 Free lunch student - \$10

Family fee (2 or more) - \$200





SCHOOL MEALS 2018-2019



FREE & REDUCED MEALS INFORMATION

- Free and reduced meal applications will be mailed home prior to school starting.
- Applications can also be found in the school offices or filled out online at www.lunchapp.com.
- **IMPORTANT:** A NEW application needs to be filled out every year! Please return the application as soon as possible.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH Prices for the 2018-19 School Year:

• Woodworth:	Breakfast...\$1.25	Lunch...\$2.50	Milk...\$0.45
• Middle School:	Breakfast...\$1.25	Lunch...\$2.75	Milk...\$0.45
• High School:	Breakfast...\$1.75	Lunch...\$3.00	Milk...\$0.45
• Reduced Price Meals:	Breakfast...\$0.30	Lunch...\$0.40	

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Kristen Hawkins, the Leslie Food Service Director, at (517)589-9616 or kristen.hawkins@lesliek12.net.

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Pesticide/Herbicide Use Notification

Leslie Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

Parents will receive advanced notice of the application at their child's school of any pesticide other than a bait or gel formulation. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to provide notification by using two methods. The second method we are going to use is posting a notice in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Facility Department at 517-589-8413. Leave your name, mailing address, and which school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but parents will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records by calling the Facility Director at 517-589-8413 or by emailing troy.james@lesliek12.net. This number or email may also be used when school is not in regular session.



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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IMPORTANT DATES!

- August 31 - September 3
No School/Labor Day
- November 21, 22, 23
Thanksgiving Break
- December 24 - January 4
Holiday Break
- January 21
No School
- February 15, 18
No School
- April 1-5
Spring Break
- April 19
No School/Good Friday
- May 27
Memorial Day
- June 7
Last Day of School

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.leslie12.net/ Cancellation of extracurricular events is based on a case-by-case decision.

Rights, Protection and Benefits for Homeless Children

Your children may be eligible for certain rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act. Homeless children and youth are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Does your family live in a homeless shelter, motel, campground, car, abandoned building, or doubled up with other people due to loss of housing? If so, your children may have the right to homeless benefits. If you believe your children may be eligible for these benefits, contact the homeless liaison (Marcy Best 517-589-8200 ext. 101) or a school counselor for more information. The Leslie Outreach, a food bank, can provide low income families living in Leslie Public School District with one week's worth of groceries per month. It is open on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions or need information, please call the Leslie Outreach at 517-589-5814 or contact them at leslie_outreach@att.net.



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Contact Information

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Woodworth Elementary	517.589.5151
Leslie Middle School.....	517.589.8218
Leslie High School.....	517.589.9500
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