

## Loving Acts Spread Kindness and Cheer



*By Ed Canning, Superintendent*

Hard to believe we are nearly to the halfway point of the 2019-20 school year, with the holiday season close upon us.

Every year I feel truly grateful and blessed to be part of our White Cloud Community. It's the way we face adversity and support those in need that makes me proud that White Cloud schools takes an active role to support families here.

I want to share just a few highlights of recent acts of kindness by our staff and students.

Mrs. Tuman and the Voice of Reason students collected items for our in-school food pantry and participated in the annual Jimmy's Kids Christmas program at the elementary school and at the Building Bridges Preschool.

Mrs. Curtis, along with the Rachel's Challenge students, are hard at work creating a clothes closet and food pantry within our school.

Mr. Denslow and the White Cloud Band Christmas Concert and Toys for Tots drive collects and distributes toys for so many children throughout Newaygo County.

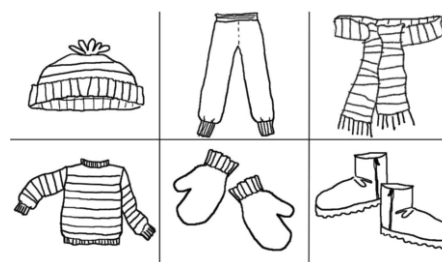
Finally, Ms. Lyon and the junior high student council collected items for community donations.

This, friends, is WC PRIDE at its finest!

### It Gets Cold Out There

As we enter the winter months, I want to remind parents of elementary students to please dress your child appropriately. Also, it is best to label all clothing items with your child's name so they can be easily identified.

It's a good idea, too, to pack an extra set of dry clothes in your student's bag, since they sometimes come in from recess a bit wet from playing in the snow.



If, for health reasons, a child must remain indoors, a doctor's note is needed for each day they are kept inside. Any questions, please contact the elementary office at 231-689-2300.

Junior high students also are allowed to go outside for lunch. Please make sure your student is prepared so that he/she is able to stay warm while running off some early afternoon energy! ■

### Dates to Post on the Fridge

- Friday, 12/20 – End of semester
- Christmas Break – 12/23-1/3. School resumes 1/6.
- Saturday, 12/21, Alumni Basketball Tournament
- Wednesday, 1/15, NHS Blood Drive (HS gym)
- Friday, 1/17 – Half day
- Wednesday, 2/12 – Band concert
- February 14 & 17 – no school, mid-winter break
- Monday, 2/24: Half day

# INSIDE

White Cloud Public Schools Newsletter

Providing you with important information about your schools.

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The Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month in the HS Collaboration Room 306. Meetings are open to the public, and begin at 7:30 pm.

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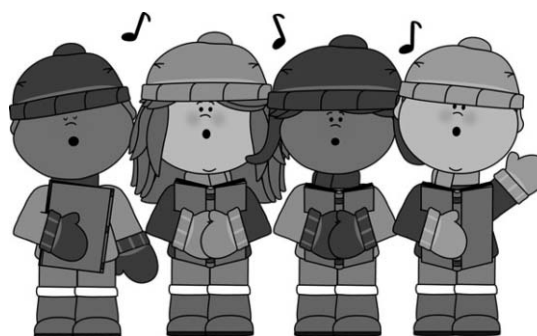
Community education offers continuous enrollment in high school completion and GED preparation. Day and evening classes are available. Childcare is available. For more details call 652-4000.



# Athletic Booster Meeting Schedule

January 27 • February 24  
March 23 • April 27 • June 22  
July 27 (organizational meeting)

Meeting times are at 6:30pm in the high school lower level collaboration room #306.



## WANTED: Substitute Bus Drivers

White Cloud Public Schools are currently seeking individuals interested in becoming substitute bus drivers. Commercial driver's license, DOT physical, and Bus Driver Continuing Education are required. If you do not already hold all of these credentials, training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this important safety-cautious position, please pick up an application at the administrative office or send a letter of interest to:

Lisa Mathews, Transportation Supervisor  
555 Wilcox Ave. • P.O. Box 1000  
White Cloud, MI 49349

# More Volunteer Mentors Wanted

*By Lorraine Manchip, Fourth Grade Teacher*

Across the United States, suicide rates among young people aged 10-17 have increased by 56 percent since 2007, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among young people aged 10-24.

These numbers are scary to me, as they should be for any of you who are reading this.

I have been a teacher in White Cloud for more than 32 years, and I have slowly seen changes in the students. It is much more difficult for them to focus, and behaviors have gotten worse.

I felt the strong need to help do something about our struggling students beyond my classroom. So, in the 2018-2019 school year, I started a mentor program at our elementary school.

Nine volunteers made the choice to help make a positive difference in the life of a child. Some of them are Pastor J.R. Schick, Herman Becker, Amy Stockwell, Dawn Geigle, and Adam Chiles.

They came to the elementary school one day a week for 20-30 minutes and played a game with a student. Just this little amount of time made amazing differences.

Our students are in desperate need of more mentor volunteers. Can you spare 20-30 minutes a week, or do you know someone who can?

If so, you can stop at the elementary school office to pick up the necessary paperwork to be filled out, or call the school at 231-689-2300 and ask to have it sent to you.

Thank you. I look forward to seeing our mentor program grow! ■



*A few of our mentors:*

*Amy Stockwell, Keith Schick Jr.,  
and Herman Becker*



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amazing differences in  
the life of a child."*

*—Lorraine Manchip, 4th grade teacher*



# Running Program Introduced for Elementary Boys

Total Trek Quest is a new running program for boys in grades 3-5.

Seven boys from White Cloud participated in the inaugural season. In addition to improving their long-distance running skills, the program also incorporated lessons on teamwork, the dangers of alcohol and cigarette usage, and learning how to make positive choices.

The season concluded with the boys running a 5K in Muskegon with participants from both Newaygo and Muskegon County.

The boys who participated in the program this fall were Codie Nelson, Mick Penland, Cameron Ragon, Jaxon Ruether, Sean Smith, Brady Strait, and Steven Zook. The coaches were Royce Zook and Jessalyn Penland.

Trek Quest will be offered again in the spring for any boy who was unable to participate this fall. ■



## TOTAL TREK QUEST



## Parents Learn About Title I Programs at Family Night

The elementary school hosted a Title 1 Family Night on October 29.

Nearly 200 people attended to learn more about Title programs and what makes the elementary a Title 1 school.

Title I is a federal act that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families.

Money, in the form of grants, is used to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curricula and meet state standards in core academic subjects.

For example, funds support extra instruction in reading and mathematics, as well as special preschool, after-school, and summer programs to extend and reinforce the regular school curriculum.

During Family Night, students worked with their parents at a variety of stations devoted to STEAM – Science, Technology,



## STEAM

Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics

Engineering, Art, and Math – and Language Arts activities. They were able to make projects and later take them home.

Dinner was provided, along with several different raffle prizes. Many thanks to all of the staff who volunteered to help make the night run smoothly! ■

# Virtual Program Going Viral!

White Cloud Virtual Academy has begun the year in a big way.

More than 70 students are enrolled in online courses, studying everything from culinary arts to marine biology.

Students receive assistance and support from the academic lab open to them each afternoon.

WCVA students have been working hard and building a strong community of learners. Students accepted to the academy take a full load of classes and are involved in many community events.

They began the year by attending Rachel's Challenge leadership training, later creating a Friends of Rachel club.

Friends of Rachel is designed to help young people change the climate of their community by starting a chain reaction of kindness.

The first F.O.R. club project is an outreach center that will be housed in the junior/senior high school for students and will help supply clothing, food, school supplies, and other comfort items.

Students are working to secure volunteers to offer such services as haircuts, senior photo shoots, and others still in the works.

If you have donations or would like to offer a service for our young people in our community, please contact Delores Curtis at [curtisd@whitecloud.net](mailto:curtisd@whitecloud.net).



This is an amazing outpouring of care for our community offered by a great group of young people – please support as you are able.

WCVA students are learning many ways to become a community. They had a wonderful time creating a float for the homecoming parade, and have held movie and fun nights at the school.

The students saved Mrs. Curtis from zombies during a recent escape room challenge, and held their second annual Hocus Pocus Party and carved 30 pumpkins.

Students have attended college and career fairs, and have begun touring colleges. Recently they served cookies and cocoa to elementary students as they decorated the library Christmas Tree, and are planning fun activities for junior high students for the days leading up to the holiday break.

WCVA has offered students an opportunity to learn in an alternative way via an alternative setting. Students are experiencing success both academically and socially.

The community is very fortunate to have such a forward-thinking program and such amazing young people! As they grow and learn to work together, the future of the White Cloud community becomes brighter! ■



# Students Break into *The Crucible*



*They broke the code: Courtney LaClair, Taylor Pasch, Valerie Saville, and Kobe Canning.*

Mrs. Peacock's English Language Arts 11 class has been studying the colonial era in American literature.

The classes recently finished reading *The Crucible*, a play by American playwright Arthur Miller.

As a review of the book, Mrs. Peacock put together an escape room. Students gathered in groups to answer questions about the play, working to unravel a code word to open the escape room lock.

The group of Courtney LaClair, Taylor Pasch, Valerie Saville, and Kobe Canning broke the code and escaped the classroom first. They were rewarded with German chocolate and bragging rights. ■

# Police Dog Visits Students

Mr. Lambright's high school students recently welcomed Officer Phil Green and Remi of the Newaygo County Sheriff's Canine Unit. They all enjoyed the demonstration on how law enforcement is utilizing canines in the field. Everyone enjoyed getting to know Remi! ■



# Greece, Italy on Students' Travel Plans

Four White Cloud students and three chaperones will travel to Europe in June 2020 as part of the students' desires to gain new perspectives and build skills for the future through experiential learning.

Students are responsible for raising the money to finance their trips.

White Cloud High School teacher Mrs. Barb Peacock is leading this student adventure. Mrs. Peacock recently traveled to Germany to meet with educational tour leaders to help her prepare for her responsibilities.

She was with 34 other Michigan and Ohio educators who will be traveling with students.

As luck would have it, Mrs. Peacock says she was at Germany's Brandenburg Gate on the 30th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.



*Mrs. Barb Peacock, second from left, was in Berlin recently for training for White Cloud students' 2020 trip to Italy and Greece.*

EF Educational Tours is hosting the tour. The company was founded in 1965.

As an accredited institution, EF Tours partners with educators across the world to create global education programs that blend classroom, digital, and experiential learning for students.

EF tour organizers say they help prepare students for the future by teaching them more about the world, themselves, and their place in the world. Students expand their knowledge of the world around them, understand new people, places and cultures, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident and independent. ■



# National Honor Society Welcomes New Members

CHARACTER  
SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE

High school principal Mr. Kirk Wyers welcomed 13 new members to the National Honor Society at the White Cloud chapter's 52nd induction ceremony on November 5.

The honor society recognizes students who exemplify the four pillars that are the foundation of the organization: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.

New members are Avery Acosta, Kyleah Baker, Kobe Canning, Rachel Elder, Emily Feldpausch, Carly Hedlund, Parker Karnes, Sophie Kehr, Myah Mench, Cecilia Miller-Rodriguez, Taylor Pasch, Carsyn Scarlavai, and Amber Thompson.

Guest speaker Breanna Manchip was introduced by Mrs. Barb Peacock, honor society adviser.

Ms. Manchip, the Class of 2012 valedictorian, was inducted into the honor society in 2009.

In her remarks, Breanna challenged the students to remember the four pillars in their everyday walks of life and encouraged members to especially strive for excellence in service.

Honor society officers and senior members read about the pillars and being well-rounded individuals.

Inductees then recited the honor society pledge, signed the membership roll, and received a membership card and certificate.

Congratulations to the new members, and welcome to the White Cloud chapter of the National Honor Society! ■



*New inductees to the National Honor Society are, from front left, Myah Mench, Carly Hedlund, Rachel Elder, Cecilia Miller-Rodriguez, Taylor Pasch, and Kyleah Baker; in the back, Parker Karnes, Avery Acosta, Kobe Canning, Sophie Kehr, Amber Thompson, Carsyn Scarlavai, and Emily Feldpausch.*



*The White Cloud National Honor Society: front, Myah Mench, Carly Hedlund, Rachel Elder, Cecilia Miller-Rodriguez, Taylor Pasch, and Kyleah Baker; second row, Parker Karnes, Avery Acosta, Kobe Canning, Sophie Kehr, Amber Thompson, Carsyn Scarlavai, and Emily Feldpausch; back row, Layna Yeiter, Kylie Juergensen, Cassie Watson, Naomi Thompson, Mrs. Peacock, Janessa Shepard, Alex Clark, Olivia Bowman, and Jasmine Higgs.*



*Mrs. Barb Peacock, left, National Honor Society adviser, and guest speaker Breanna Manchip.*



*Senior members: Emily Feldpausch, Rachel Elder, Layna Yeiter, Kylie Juergensen, Alex Clark, Olivia Bowman, and Jasmine Higgs.*

# White Cloud Shines at Jan Rademacher Quiz Bowl Tournament

Four and one-half months of assiduous preparation, from June to the middle of October, enabled White Cloud's young but talented 20-person quiz bowl team to perform well on October 12 at the nationally sanctioned Jan Rademacher Memorial Quiz Bowl Invitational, hosted by White Cloud High School.



Shepard won a tie-breaker to finish as camp champion in her division.

Solis-Victoria placed third overall in that ACE individual camp championship race, giving White Cloud players a one-two-three sweep.

This prestigious tournament honors the memories of White Cloud's Jan Rademacher, former volunteer quiz bowl coach, and Army Specialist Brian Derks, former quiz bowl captain and leading scorer).

The tournament attracted 27 entries from 14 quiz bowl powerhouses, 13 of which were state finalists last year: Berrien Springs, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy, DeWitt, East Grand Rapids, Holland, Interlochen, Ionia, Kalamazoo Christian, Kent City, Mt. Pleasant, Muskegon Orchard View, Roscommon, Traverse City Central, and White Cloud.

White Cloud's varsity A squad won Tier C of the 12th grade division with three underclassmen: juniors Parker Karnes and Janessa Shepard, sophomore Anthony Solis-Victoria, and senior Brendan Lodden.

As a result, the team qualified to the 2020 Class C-D state meet and to the 2020 NAQT National Championship, both of which are held in April.

White Cloud has qualified to the Michigan High School state finals for 31 seasons, which continues to be a state record in Class C-D and is bested only by Class A Detroit Catholic Central and Class B Detroit Country Day, with 33 state finals qualifications each.

This also marks the 23rd year that an Indian squad has qualified to the quiz bowl Nationals.

White Cloud has 12 top nine finishes in the United States in the small-school division (Class B, C, and D schools combined) since 2004, placing as high as 2nd in the country.

## Karnes, Shepard Lead the Way

At the conclusion of the tournament, Karnes was awarded the coveted Brian Derks Trophy as White Cloud's leading varsity scorer.

Karnes and Shepard are the only two players in White Cloud's quiz bowl program to earn first team all-conference honors as freshmen.

Both are returning state and national qualifiers, and both tied for top honors at last summer's ACE Quiz bowl camp.

## Other WC Teams Perform Well

White Cloud's varsity B quintet placed 4th in the final standings of Tier C in the 12th grade division. Junior Ian Pierce, with 80 points, senior Jasmine Higgs, junior Heather Grveles, sophomore Breana Lodden, and sophomore Savannah Sanford comprised this squad.

White Cloud's 9th grade A" quintet won in the freshman division. Gaby Reeve paced the Indians' attack, and was joined by Wyatt Karnes, Charlotte Karnes, Sierra Thompson, and Chloe Higgs.

The 9th grade B team placed 3rd, led by freshman Zane Keith, Malachi Graves, Austin Hancock, Connor Bragg, Bethany Lodden, and Alyssa Michaelis.

The coaching staff wishes to congratulate White Cloud's 20 players and thanks all of the officials and helpers for making the invitational another major success.

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*Parker Karnes receives the Brian Derks Trophy from Keith Derks and Ryan Rademacher.*

## Quiz, cont.



The varsity 12th grade Tier C championship team: Brendan Lodden, Anthony Solis-Victoria, co-captain Parker Karnes with the Brian Derks Trophy, co-captain Janessa Shepard with the team championship trophy, and coach Tony McHattie.



The 9th grade A championship team: Coach Stephen Smith, Wyatt Karnes, Gaby Reeve, Charlotte Karnes with the team trophy, Sierra Thompson, Chloe Higgs, and Coach Tod Reeve.



The 9th grade B squad: Coach Stephen Smith, Malachi Graves, Bethany Lodden, Austin Hancock, Connor Bragg, Alyssa Michaelis, and Zane Keith.



Student scorers, from left: Rachel Elder, Kobe Canning, Cecelia E. Miller-Rodriguez, Carly Hedlund, and Amber Thompson.



Moderators, from front left: Denise Alleman, Cathy Johnson, Kathy Broome, Joe May, and Ron Phillips; in back: Chelsea Webb, Karen D'Lamater, Chad Fetterley, Mike Feldpausch, Dave Feldpausch, Ryan Rademacher, and Bill Schmidt.



Classroom scorers, from front left: Laurie Clary, Annette Christenson, and Laurie Deater; in the middle: Vicki Burke, Terri Dowling, Margaret Willson, Ashley Robinson, and Keith Derks; in back: Cordell Talbott.



Judges, from front left: Sariena Maka, Randy Willson, and Daniel Kuiper; in back: Buck Geno, Ed Canning, Herm Becker, Barb Peacock, Mike Larson, Chuck Christenson, and Delton Dowling.

## Quiz, cont.

### Many Thanks

Greeter: Pat Ebenstein; Registrar: Helen Reid; Financial Supporters: Rosie Alger and family, Chuck and Annette Christenson, Pat and Orrie Ebenstein, Bill Mills, Shepard and Shepard Accounting



Custodians: Liz Reminga and staff;  
Food Service: Abagayle Anton, Carolyn Bachan, Jamie Denslow, Pat Ebenstein, Sue Goyings, Catherine Insley and White Cloud Student Council, Gene Reid, Ashley Robinson, John Rosenberg and White Cloud Food Service, James Shepard, Jennifer Shepard, Ed Shepard, Melinda Shepard

Judges: Herm Becker, Ed Canning, Chuck Christenson, Keith Derks, Delton Dowling, Buck Geno, Daniel Kuiper, Mike Larson, Sariena Maka, Mark Robinson, Barb Peacock, Randy Willson

Moderators: Denise Alleman, Kathy Broome, Karen D'Lamater, Dave Feldpausch, Mike Feldpausch, Chad Fetterley, Karen Howe (backup), Cathy Johnson, Joe May, Randy Mead, Ron Phillips, Ryan Rademacher, Bill Schmidt, Chelsea Webb

Name Tags: Karen D'Lamater and Terri Willson; Presenters of Awards: Keith Derks and Ryan Rademacher; Publicity: Ralph Herwig, Dave Hewitt and Inside newsletter, and Rich Wheeler and Times Indicator; Scoreboards: Stephanie Karnes

Classroom Scorers: Vicki Burke, Erin Canning, Annette Christenson, Laurie Clary, Sandy Cruzan, Laurie Deater, Keith Derks, Peggy Derks, Terri Dowling, Sara Gorman, Aaron Parrish, Ashley Robinson, Cordell Talbott, and Margaret Willson

National Honor Society Scorers: Kyleah Baker, Kobe Canning, Rachel Elder, Carly Hedlund, Barb Peacock, Cecelia E. Miller-Rodriguez, Amber Thompson; NAQT Scorers: Andrea Atwood and Holly Bowman

Secretaries: Jolene Alger, Tracy Foster, and Terri Willson; Teachers' Scrimmage Team: Jamie Denslow, Dallas Dowling, Chad Fetterley, Sara Gorman, Sariena Maka, Tod Reeve, Stephen Smith, Cordell Talbott, Chelsea Webb, Caleb Wilk, Asa Wyers, Kirk Wyers

Times Indicator Scrimmage Team: Dean Wheeler, Patti Wheeler, Richard Wheeler, Jr., and Richard Wheeler, Sr.; Tournament Statisticians: Brent Foondle and Becki Kukal; Photographers: Melinda Shepard and Stephanie Karnes ■

## Strait Earns Second All-State Volleyball Honor



Alexis Strait made it two years running when she was named third team all-state by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

Alexis also earned all-state volleyball honors in 2018.

Names of potential all-state players are submitted by coaches to the MIVCA prior to and during the volleyball season.

Region representatives evaluate as many players as possible around the state as the season progresses.

All MIVCA varsity coaches and the representatives in each region meet to select their respective region teams.

A varsity coach must be a MIVCA member, nominate their player for all-region, and the player must be selected to their region team to be considered at the state level.

Once a player has been selected to the region by the varsity coaches, regions nominate players to move on to the state level. At this level, representatives are looking for impact players throughout the state, not just at their region level.

Each class selects three teams at the state level plus honorable mention. Senior all-state players who are selected to first, second or third teams are invited to the MIVCA/Adidas All-Star Match, while all players receive a certificate for their accomplishment.

More than 210 players are recognized at this level every year.

Congratulations on another amazing year, Alexis! WC Proud! ■



# Congrats!

# Fall Athletes Earn Post-Season Honors



Naomi Thompson and Reginald J. Richmond were all-region and state qualifiers in cross country. Richmond also was named academic all-state.



Earning CSAA cross country honors were, in front, Alexis Richmond, honorable mention; Nathan Ciolk, all-conference; Tristan McHaney, honorable mention; in back, Terry Trendel, honorable mention; Kobe Canning, honorable mention; Reginald J. Richmond, all-conference; and Naomi Thompson, honorable mention.



Olivia Bowman, left, earned honorable mention and Alexis Strait was named CSAA all-conference in volleyball.

## Winter Sports Schedule

Date	Day	Team	Site/Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Day	Team	Site/Opponent	Site	Time
11/06/19	Wednesday	JH Boys Basketball	Holton	Away	4:00	02/05/20	Wednesday	JH Girls Basketball	Fremont	Home	4:00
				Early Dismissal - 3:00		02/06/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Hesperia	Away	5:30
11/09/19	Saturday	JH Boys Basketball	Newaygo/Big Rapids	Away	9:00am	02/07/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Hesperia	Home	5:30
11/16/19	Saturday	JH Boys Basketball	Chippewa Hills/Kent City	Home	9:00am	02/08/20	Saturday	JH Girls Basketball	Tri-County/Morley Stanwood	Home	9:00am
11/20/19	Wednesday	JH Boys Basketball	Fremont	Home	4:00	02/10/20	Monday	Varsity & JV Girls	Reed City	Away	5:30
11/23/19	Saturday	JH Boys Basketball	Morley Stanwood/Tri-County	Away	9:00am	02/11/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Wyoming Lee	Home	5:30
12/03/19	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Grant	Home	5:30	02/12/20	Wednesday	JH Girls Basketball	Tri-County	Away	4:00
12/04/19	Wednesday	JH Boys Basketball	Tri-County	Away	4:00					Early Dismissal - 3:00	
				Early Dismissal - 3:00		02/13/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Holton	Home	5:30
12/06/19	Friday	Varsity & JV Girls	Central Montcalm	Away	5:30	02/14/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Holton	Away	5:30
12/07/19	Saturday	JH Boys Basketball	Lakeview/Grant	Away	9:00am	02/15/20	Saturday	JH Girls Basketball	Lakeview/Grant	Home	9:00am
12/09/19	Monday	Varsity & JV Girls	Mason Co. Eastern	Home	5:30	02/19/20	Wednesday	JH Girls Basketball	Newaygo	Home	4:00
12/10/19	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Mason Co. Eastern	Away	5:30	02/20/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Morley Stanwood	Away	5:30
12/11/19	Wednesday	JH Boys Basketball	Newaygo	Home	4:00	02/21/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Morley Stanwood	Home	5:30
12/12/19	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Kent City	Away	5:30	02/22/20	Saturday	JH Girls Basketball	Central Montcalm/Reed City	Away	9:00am
12/13/19	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Kent City	Home	5:30	02/26/20	Wednesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Ravenna	Home	5:30
12/14/19	Saturday	JH Boys Basketball	Central Montcalm/Reed City	Away	9:00am	02/26/20	Wednesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Ravenna	Away	5:30
12/16/19	Monday	Varsity & JV Boys	Mason Co. Central	Home	5:30	02/27/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Lakeview	Home	5:30
12/17/19	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Newaygo	Away	5:30	02/28/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Lakeview	Away	5:30
12/19/19	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Hesperia	Home	5:30	03/02/20	Monday	Girls District Tourn.	TBA	Away	TBA
12/20/19	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Hesperia	Away	5:30	03/03/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Tri-County	Away	5:30
01/07/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Shelby	Away	6:00	03/04/20	Wednesday	Girls District Tourn.	TBA	Away	TBA
01/09/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Holton	Away	5:30	03/05/20	Thursday	Varsity & JV Boys	Central Montcalm	Home	5:30
01/10/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Holton	Home	5:30	03/06/20	Friday	Girls District Final	TBA	Away	TBA
01/13/20	Monday	Varsity & JV Boys	Hart	Away	6:00	03/09/20	Monday	Boys District Tourn	TBA	Away	TBA
01/16/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Morley Stanwood	Home	5:30	03/10/20	Tuesday	Girls Regional	TBA	Away	TBA
01/17/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Morley Stanwood	Away	5:30	03/11/20	Wednesday	Boys District Tourn	TBA	Away	TBA
01/20/20	Monday	Varsity & JV Boys	Vestaburg	Home	5:30	03/12/20	Thursday	Girls Regional	TBA	Away	TBA
01/21/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Hart	Home	5:30	03/13/20	Friday	Boys District Final	TBA	Away	TBA
01/22/20	Wednesday	JH Girls Basketball	Holton	Away	4:00	03/16/20	Monday	Boys Regional	TBA	Away	TBA
				Early Dismissal - 3:00		03/18/20	Wednesday	Boys Regional	TBA	Away	TBA
01/23/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Lakeview	Away	5:30	Times & dates may be subject to change.					
01/24/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Lakeview	Home	5:30						
01/25/20	Saturday	JH Girls Basketball	Big Rapids/Newaygo	Away	9:00am						
01/28/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Girls	Chippewa Hills	Away	5:30						
01/28/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Chippewa Hills	Home	5:30						
01/30/20	Thursday	JV Girls & Boys	Kent City	Home	5:30						
01/31/20	Friday	Varsity Girls & Boys	Kent City	Away	5:30						
02/01/20	Saturday	JH Girls Basketball	Kent City/Chippewa Hills	Away	9:00am						
02/03/20	Monday	Varsity & JV Girls	Mason Co. Central	Home	5:30						
02/04/20	Tuesday	Varsity & JV Boys	Walkerville	Away	6:00						

## Adult Fans: High School Sports' Biggest Challenge

Posted Tuesday, August 27, 2019

By Karissa Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director and Mark Uyl,  
MHSAA Executive Director

Inappropriate adult behavior at high school athletic events in Michigan has reached epidemic proportion.

When more than 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a recent national survey what they like least about their job, 62.3 percent said it was "dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans".

And the men and women who wear the black and white stripes agree. In fact, almost 80 percent of officials quit after the first two years on the job, and unruly parents are cited as the reason why. As a result, there is a growing shortage of high school officials here in Michigan, and in some sports like wrestling, swimming & diving and track & field, the shortage is severe. No officials means no more games.

If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this fall, you can help by following these six guidelines:

1. **Act your age.** You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud.
2. **Don't live your life vicariously through your kids.** High school sports are for them, not you. Your family's reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.

3. **Let your kid talk to the coach rather than you doing it for them.** High school athletes can become more confident, independent and capable – but only when their parents don't jump in and solve their problems for them.
4. **Stay in your lane.** No coaching or officiating from the sidelines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent, not a coach or official.
5. **Remember, participating in a high school sport is not about getting a college scholarship.** According to the NCAA, only about two percent of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the total value of the scholarship is only about \$18,000.
6. **Make sure your kids know you love watching them play.** Do not critique your child's performance on the ride home. Participating in sports is about character development, learning and having fun – not winning and losing.

Purchasing a ticket to an athletic event does not give you the right to be rude, disrespectful or verbally abusive. Cheer loud and be proud, but be responsible and respectful. The future of high school sports in Michigan is dependent on you.



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