



Gibraltar School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

October and November are parent-teacher conference time. Communication between home and school is important and we encourage all parents to be as involved as they can be in their child's education. Please make sure to check your child's grades and to meet with your child's teacher to hear about all they are doing in school to be successful. There are many opportunities for your child to get involved in school. Please read below to see all the great things our students and staff are doing to make Gibraltar Schools a great place to be!

Amy Conway
Superintendent

Carlson Varsity Soccer 2016 Division 2 District Champions!

Carlson boys soccer team captured its first district title since the 1990s! The boys made our school very proud and represented us with a tremendous effort on the pitch. Jared Posliako and Justin Meyers scored goals in the district final for the Marauders, but it was a team effort to get the big win.



"This feels good for the boys. It's a fantastic group to coach," said Carlson Coach Mario Parody. "The chemistry is there this year, we're not lopsided on the field, it's a nice yin-yang dynamic. We even have the luxury of having a bench, that when you put them in, they can deliver, as well, so they had the hunger and that's why they're here".

Meet Carlson High Schools new M-CAN Adviser



Carlson High School is continuing its partnership with the Michigan College Access Network (M-CAN) this year in working towards its goal of increasing the number of Michigan residents who have degrees or post-secondary certificates to 60% by 2025. We are thrilled to have our new adviser, Alton White, who joins us as we work to ensure that every student who graduates from Carlson has a post-secondary plan. Mr. White graduated from Eastern Michigan University and has experience as a coach at the high school level as well as with the Parks and Rec. department with the City of Livonia. He has jumped in with both feet, meeting with juniors to establish a goal for their SAT based on college choice, and working with all seniors to ensure that 100% of them have applied to at least one school or post-secondary program. He is a wonderful addition to the CHS staff and we cannot wait to see what other big plans he has to get our students college and career ready!

Monster Mash



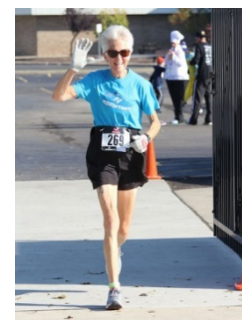
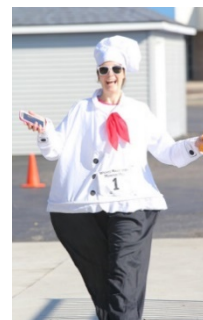
Shumate Middle School kicked off their first ever, SMS Monster Dash fundraiser on Sunday, October 23. Over 260 runners/walkers signed up to take part in the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk and the 5K Run/Walk. Participants were encouraged to wear costumes which added an extra element of fun to the day's events. The community feel was electric and felt by all.

The winner of the race was Ricky Holbdy, 11th grade Carlson student. He finished with an amazing time of 17:31. Alec Grzegorek, an 8th grade Shumate student, took second. It was exhilarating to watch the top finishers as they were neck and neck the entire race. The female top finisher was Shelley Lee with a time of 20:44. She is not only the sister of Shumate teacher Samantha Lee but also a first time 5K runner. What an exciting accomplishment!



The fundraiser was created with the intention to raise funds to purchase Chromebooks. We were able to secure fifteen local businesses to support Shumate students by sponsoring the race. The sponsors include Gibraltar Duck Hunters, Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival, Today's Orthodontics, Lyons Towing, Sam's Club, Meijer, A & W, Allpoint Construction, Community Credit, Fast Oil & Lube, Epic Solutions, Jim's Galley, Shumate Parent Group,

Big Al's Sports Grille, and Sim's Law Offices. At this time, money is still coming in so the total amount raised isn't available at this time. What we do know is that we were successful in raising enough funds to purchase approximately a class set of Chromebooks.



The Shumate staff will chalk this one up as a success. The event ran smooth as silk and the costume contest brought a diverse display of unique and adorable costumes. Some of the positive comments of the day surrounded the eye catching logo. The logo appearing on the race shirt was admired by many and the creation of none other than Shumate's own art teacher, Michelle Walchak. This event was one for the books and will definitely continue for years to come.

WAYNE RESA ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW

Wayne RESA school districts have put forward a millage proposal that will generate approximately \$385 of added per-student support for local educational programs and services for six years. This could result in an additional \$1.3 million of revenue support for Gibraltar School District each year for the next six years. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the official Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage informational page, which includes an Enhancement Millage FAQ, detailed facts about the proposal, and the actual ballot proposal language.

Carlson New Direct College Experience

Carlson High School has rolled out our Direct College partnership with Monroe County Community College. CHS students in grades 10 - 12 are enrolled in one or both of the two classes we offered during semester 1 (English Composition 1 and Introduction to Humanities). Both courses are taught by Professor Kristin Iacopelli and have exposed students to the demands and opportunities that college brings. The feedback from students is extremely positive, and although some have admitted that it is more challenging than they thought, they love the experience (and free college credit) that these courses bring. CHS will be offering 2 more classes during the Spring semester - English Composition 2 and Introduction to Humanities.



Recognizing Bus Driver Donna Belinc



Gibraltar School District would like to recognize monthly an outstanding support staff person from our district. This month we would like to recognize, Donna Belinc!

Donna Belinc has been a bus driver of Gibraltar for 15 years. She is always there to help her peers, her students, and co-workers. She always has a kind word for everyone and has a perfect driving record. We are so proud to have her as one of our bus drivers in Gibraltar!

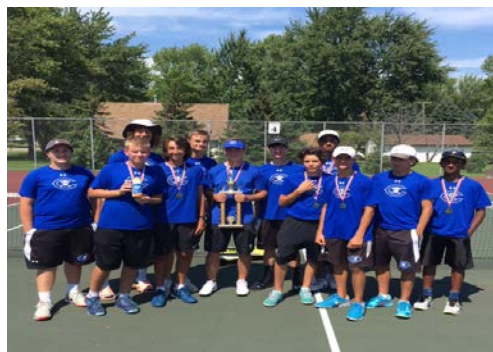
Shumate Students Give Back



Our newest student council members are making an impact for good. Two sixth grade students had an idea to fundraise for breast cancer awareness this month. These students were driven to motivate their classmates to giving just a dollar to help a cause that has affected many of us. Not only did our Shumate students give but our amazing staff was led to contribute generously. From this pink out day our student council was able to raise \$240. All of the proceeds went directly to the Susan G. Komen foundation. Our school is filled with amazing people who know how to show Shumate Pride.

Rocco Giorgi named D2 Tennis Coach of the Year!

The Carlson Marauders are proud to announce that Mr. Rocco Giorgi has been named Michigan Division 2 tennis coach of the year for 2016! Mr. Giorgi has done a tremendous job leading the Marauder tennis boys to the state finals again this season after graduating some great players last year. All of Mr. Giorgi's players are honored to have been a part of this season share in my gratitude for our amazing coach!



Downriver STEM @ Weiss!

We are staying busy at Downriver STEM this Fall. Our chess club is in full swing. They meet every Wednesday for one hour after school to learn the basics of chess, how to manage a chess game, and to just have fun. It promotes critical thinking, problem solving, and encourages student interaction. The chess club has been a great addition to the wonderful things happening at Downriver STEM. Look for our drama club to be starting soon too!



In addition to our clubs getting started, we have also been holding “FUN”raising nights to connect our families and students through fun. Kindergarten, first grade, and fifth grade families have each had a night of fun at school so far and we are looking forward to having our second, third, and fourth grade nights very soon. These nights have been a huge hit with our students and families!



Carlson Hosts Native America Day!



Carlson High School honored the Indigenous cultures of Southeast Michigan, with presentations, cultural demonstrations and storytelling. Students from schools all over the Downriver area took part in an educational and interactive day where they learned all about our local Native American history! Presentations were provided by Wyandotte Nation Fancy Dancers, Native Drummers and Wyandot Storytellers. Groups that had information and artifacts on display were Huron-Clinton Metroparks, University of Michigan- Outreach, Raisin River Nation Battlefield Park, US Fish and Wildlife Services with the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, American Indian Health and Family Services, Wyandot of Anderdon Nation and Wyandotte Nation (Oklahoma).



Fill a Bus Starts November 14th!

The Gibraltar School District, Department of Transportation and the Gibraltar/Rockwood Rotary Club are conducting a holiday food drive. All non-perishable items may be dropped off at the Gibraltar School District Bus Garage (28291 Fort Street). Fill a bus runs from November 14 through December 16 from 7:00 am- 5:00 pm (Monday-Friday). All donated items will be distributed to families within the Gibraltar School District and to the Gibraltar & Rockwood Food Pantries.

Shumate 8th Grade Football Has a Great Season!

Coach Chad Liptow and Coach McArthur are proud of their Shumate 8th grade football team. On their last game they ended with a 30-7 victory over Wagar. Congratulations to the 8th grade boys for a winning season and thank you to the cheerleaders for all their support!



Physical Education Teacher Malissa Mates gets her classes Drumming!



Carlson physical education teacher Malissa Mates and 4th grade teacher from Downriver STEM at Weiss, Mike Budziak, wrote a letter of donation to Lowe's asking for 40 buckets to implement a cardio drumming unit into the fitness classes offered at Carlson High School. Mrs. Mates invited guest instructor, Sara Fuchs, to come in and run her fitness class through a great cardio drumming routine. Cardio drumming involves a stability ball, a bucket, and a set of sticks. The ball acts as a drum as they hit the ball, bucket, and floor with the sticks. It involves a lot of squats and allows for the heart rate to increase providing cardio and strength benefits. Mrs. Mates and Mr. Budziak would like to thank Lowe's for their support. With this donation, Mrs. Mates plans to implement cardio drumming into Carlson's new Marauder Pride Time (MPT) program allowing students to get up and be active for 30 minutes each day.

Mark your Calendars! Veteran's Day Ceremony

Are any of you veterans of the military or do you know anyone who is a veteran? On November 11, 2016 Shumate Middle School will be celebrating Veteran's Day with a salute to all of our local Veterans. It will be a short ceremony held around the SMS outdoor flag pole at 10:00 am. We will be conducting the Pledge of Allegiance and our choirs will be singing the National Anthem and a very special salute song to our soldiers past and present. If you can email Mrs. Ferguson ferguse@gibdist.net and let her know that you or someone you know can come, that would be great! After our ceremony, we invite you to head to Parsons Elementary where the young children will be honoring our veterans too!



Lakeshore Virtual is Off to a Great Start!

Lakeshore Virtual School has gotten off to a great start this year. It has been amazing to see how this program fits a need for so many different students. Even though Lakeshore is an online school, the students have enjoyed many events that have allowed them to connect with peers and the community. Every Wednesday, students come on campus to take part in a social time. During this time we often share stories, play card games, do get-to-know-you activities, or just hang out in the gym. We also have our first after school event coming up at Zap Zone where many students in the program plan to attend. Lakeshore students have also taken to the streets to help in the community. Students at Lakeshore have volunteered their time to help the city of Gibraltar at a daddy-daughter dance, the Shumate middle school for their 5k run, and in November we will be going around Gibraltar and raking leaves for people that need extra assistance. All of this is to show that even at an online school; students can still be connected to the community.



Fourth Graders at Parsons Visit Lake Erie

On Friday, October 28th, Fourth Grade Parsons Pirates took a voyage on Lake Erie with The Great Lakes Education Program. We had a full day of hands-on, minds-on learning. Students learned about concepts such as the aquatic food web, the water cycle, the roles of oxygen and carbon dioxide, and the effects of invasive species. Not only was this an incredible learning opportunity but it was right in our own backyard. For many students, this was also their first time on a boat!

"This is my first time on a boat and not only is it my favorite field trip but I learned so much about our fresh water marshland and how important it is to take care of it."

-Susara Lee (4th Grade, Mrs. Doran's Class).

