



Gibraltar School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe we are finishing the fourth week of school already! Time sure does fly when you are having great learning fun! To stay caught up on the great things happening in Gibraltar please follow your child's principal on their Twitter accounts and follow me at @SuperGSD and Scott Wagner, Curriculum Director @GSDacademics.

Amy Conway
Superintendent

Spectacular! Spectacular!

Carlson High School Marching band hosted 12 marching bands from around the area in the Spectacular! Spectacular! Band Competition. It was a fun filled day and our CHS marching band did an amazing job hosting and performing!



Carlson Varsity Soccer

The boys' soccer program raised over \$900 through their different fundraisers to purchase gift cards to local restaurants for the patients and their families at the Josephine Ford Cancer Center. The three captains (Christian Briggs, Cameron and Jared Poslaiko) will be delivering them. The Cancer Center is very appreciative and grateful to all who donated.

Shumate has Highest MSTEP ELA Scores!

A big shout out to Shumate Middle School for outperforming most districts in the region on parts of the Spring 2016 M-STEP! Seventh grade students ranked #1 on the English Language Arts portion in comparison to all downriver districts. The increase in percent of students proficient in this group increased by nearly 20% from sixth to seventh grade! In addition, last year's eighth grade students ranked #3 on the English Language Arts portion of the M-STEP!

The M-STEP is the Michigan Student Test of Educational progress, designed to measure how well students are mastering state standards. It is given in grades 3-8 and 11 in the spring of each school year.



Monster Mash

Shumate Middle School is hosting their first 5K Run/Walk fundraiser for technology. All proceeds will be used to purchase technology to further enhance student learning experiences at Shumate. They are looking for the community to come together and sign up for the event which will take place on Sunday, October 23. They are also seeking sponsors for the event. Check out the website below for more details. Hope to see you there!

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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 Varsity Cheer Team

Coach Ayrn Ziesmer brought up the 6 time state champ Gibraltar Varsity Cheer Team (26 cheerleaders) to the Oscoda KOA campground. The cheer team participated in many team bonding and teamwork activities to get them ready for another winning season.



Autism Walk Benefits Downriver Students



On July 31st, 2016, staff from Gibraltar's Early Childhood Program (ECP) took part in the 2nd Annual Autism Hero Walk at the Detroit Zoo. Team ECP and over 3,000 other participants walked to raise Autism Awareness and to help raise money for Autism programming. The total amount raised for 2016 was \$175,076. Team ECP even caught up with one of their students from Hunter Elementary.

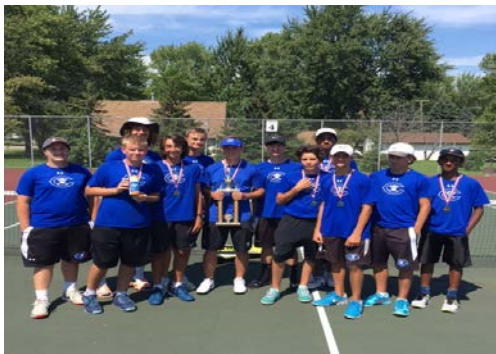
Downriver STEM @ Weiss Cardboard Challenge!

Students at Downriver STEM @ Weiss will be participating in a "Cardboard Challenge" during the next several weeks to help promote creativity, collaboration, and engineering. Students will be using cardboard that was leftover from the summer months to create, build, and engineer different games, structures, and creative pieces to put on display before conferences. All students will be going through the engineering process as they build and create. This will help us as we work towards our Engineering is Elementary curriculum. The students and staff at Downriver STEM are excited to get started!



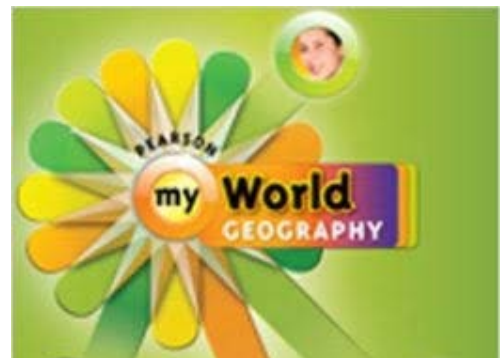
Carlson Boys' Tennis

So far this year the boys' varsity tennis team is off to a great start. In dual match play we are 3-0-1. In our three tournament starts we have 1 runner up finish and 2 first place championships. With having 7 new varsity members to the rotation, the team is far exceeding Coach Giorgi's expectations for the season.



New Social Studies Textbooks for 6th and 7th Grade Students

New this year to the Shumate Middle School Social Studies classrooms are myWorld textbooks and companion resources. myWorld Geography and myWorld History textbooks will provide students a 21st century approach to learning – with a balance of engaging textbook resources paired with online experiences and resources. Teachers have received training on this program directly from Pearson Education and are using these materials in their classrooms right now! This completes the curriculum review and materials purchase for 6-12 Social Studies classrooms that has been in process.



Shumate Teacher Recieves Grant!

This summer, Deb Turley applied for a "Back to School" grant through the MEEMIC foundation. She was awarded a \$100 grant that will be used to purchase supplies through the Quill Company!

WeatherSTEM and the Gibraltar School District – “The First in Michigan”

The Gibraltar School District was excited to welcome WeatherSTEM's CEO and founder, Edward Mansouri, and his team of scientists on Thursday, September 15, 2016, as they installed a WeatherSTEM weather station on the Shumate Middle School/Carlson High School campus. Our new WeatherSTEM station will not only collect, monitor, and share real-time weather conditions (temperature, wind, clouds, heat index, etc.), but it will be the very first in the State of Michigan! WeatherSTEM will provide our students with an excellent foundation for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, as they will work with various online weather learning modules, learn coding and how to create applications. Our students will learn science by doing science! Furthermore, all of the weather data collected will be shared electronically with our community via our very own Gibraltar School District weather webpage (powered by Weather Underground), two social media weather sites (Facebook and Twitter), a cloud camera, and a WeatherSTEM app (available for Apple and Android). After all, WeatherSTEM makes note that “a knowledgeable community is a safe community”.

This wonderful opportunity was made possible by an Invited Grant provided by Youth Learning as Citizen Environmental Scientists (YLACES). The Gibraltar School District would like to sincerely thank YLACES for their generosity.

Website: <http://wayne.weatherstem.com/gibraltar>

Twitter: [@GibraltarWx](https://twitter.com/GibraltarWx)

Facebook: [Gibraltar School District Weatherstem](https://www.facebook.com/GibraltarSchoolDistrictWeatherstem)



Mark your Calendars!

Homecoming is Next Week!

Homecoming week is October 3rd-8th. Please make sure to watch the Carlson Parade on Friday night and join us for the Homecoming game that night. Lots of fun and excitement will be happening all week. Please check with your child's school on what exciting things are happening. We can't wait to see all of you on Friday night! Go Marauders!!!!

Native American Day is Coming!

Native American Day will take place on Wednesday, October 26th at Carlson High School. Please join us for a day full of learning and fun in the Carlson gym!

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 9:00am. 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!