



EDWARDSBURG EDDIE-TORIAL



Annon Billingsley (12th)
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WINTER EDITION 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year Eddies! Edwardsburg Public Schools has big goals for 2024. As the old proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child," which in many ways is just an extension of what it means when we say, *Once an Eddie, Always an Eddie*. Whether you are a former Eddie, a current Eddie, have Eddies in your life or have become an Eddie through the community, Edwardsburg Public Schools wants to hear your voice and needs your input as we work to grow and improve in 2024.

A New Strategic Plan

EPS is in the process of developing a new strategic plan. Thank you to all who completed the strategic planning survey with input on all things related to Edwardsburg Public Schools. The survey was open from Thanksgiving through the beginning of January and will be used as a starting point for our next steps in this process. The results of the survey will be posted on our website. EPS will continue to collect input from all of its stakeholders in the schools and community. Please monitor our website, newsletters, and social media for additional opportunities to have your voice heard as we set the goals and direction of our district for the next five years.

Our Operating Millage Renewal

On February 27, 2024, our community will be presented with an important school ballot question. This is a renewal of the operating millage EPS has placed on the ballot each year in May. This is not a tax on a homeowner's primary residence. The State of Michigan expects all Michigan school districts to levy this 18 mill tax on non-homestead properties in order for the state to send the full student foundation allowance back to local districts. If the community does not approve this millage renewal, the State will not provide EPS with the full per pupil funding, meaning that our district would lose approximately \$1,000 per student.

There are two changes EPS is making this year. First, EPS is asking for a 3 year renewal on the February ballot so that future requests can happen on election cycles. By making this change, the district does not pay for special election costs thus saving the district and our community money. Second, EPS is proposing a new 1 mill Headlee Override on the non-homestead operating millage. If future Headlee rollbacks would result in a reduction below 18 mills, the 1 mill Headlee Override ensures that Edwardsburg Public Schools receives a full 18 mills for the next three years. Please know that at no time is the district permitted to levy more than 18 mills on non-homestead properties. To learn more please visit our website.

0 Mill Over the Current Levy Bond Proposal

The EPS Board of Education has spent the first part of the school year requesting input from staff, families, and the community to prioritize the facility needs of our district. They have been working to create a proposal that addresses as many needs as possible while remaining fiscally responsible. A 0 mill bond proposal is another way of saying an expected continuation of the current millage rate. At this point in time, a 0 mill proposal, if approved by voters, would allow the district to sell bonds and generate approximately \$24.4 million with no expected increase over the current millage rate. Please watch our website, social media, and newsletters for additional information about the 0 mill bond proposal the district would like our voters to consider in May 2024.

Once an Eddie, Always an Eddie continues to define who we are. Without the support and involvement of our staff, families, and community, we would not be able to continue to improve and grow for our students. We want to encourage you to let your voice be heard as we work through the strategic planning process and by getting out to vote in February and May. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. We love talking about our awesome school district and community!

Dr. Courtney Szucs
Superintendent of Schools



POINTS OF PRIDE



- College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll
- State Level Recognition of Academics, Arts, and Athletics
- Leading the Area in State and National Assessments
- Highly Qualified and Compassionate Staff
- Fiscally Responsible and Financially Stable

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Edwardsburg Public Schools took time in January to recognize its school board members. Students and staff thanked the board members for their leadership, and commitment to educational excellence. The Board of Education consists of the following individuals, Chelsea Wilson – President, Dr. Natalie Frentz – Vice President, Becky Anson – Secretary, Justin Kimbrell – Treasurer, Kevin Harris – Trustee, Tammy Niemier – Trustee, and Anthony Overmyer – Trustee. These board members contribute to the success of our students with their extraordinary dedication, decision-making, and guidance to Edwardsburg Public Schools. Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our community. We want to thank our school board members once again for working tirelessly together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

EDWARDSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION



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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Edwardsburg Public Schools annually recognizes employees who have dedicated their lives to public education and the school district for more than 20 years. This year we are honored to recognize the following employees:

25 Years of Teaching – **Martha Cleveland, AJ Gaideski, Jon Pryor, and Patricia Thunell**

25 Years of Service – **Liz Archambault** (Food Service), **Angie Metcalf** (Transportation), **Cheryl Steele** (Executive Assistant), and **Sam Udell** (Custodian)

20 Years of Teaching – **Nicole Cartoney, Nichole Dohm, and Diane Robertson**

20 Years of Service – **Andrew Jordan** (Administrator) and **Molly Seidner** (Custodian)

Thank you to these individuals who exhibit Pride, Passion, and Purpose by investing their time here at Edwardsburg Public Schools to support our students, staff, and community!



NEW STAFF FOR 2023-24



Tracey Bloodworth

High School: St. Joseph High School, MI
College: Western Michigan University, University of Indianapolis
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Master of Arts Health
Assignment: Middle School, Health



Katie Harris

High School: La Porte High School, IN
College: Purdue University
Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
Assignment: Intermediate School, Gender Looping



Peter Hoffman

High School: Hillsborough High School, NJ
College: Lafayette College - PA, University of Notre Dame
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
Assignment: High School, Science



Brittany Marlow

High School: Elkhart Central High School, IN
College: Indiana University, Purdue University
Degree: Bachelor of Music Education, Master of Science in Education
Assignment: Eagle Lake/Intermediate, Elementary Music



School Resource Officer

Edwardsburg Public Schools has assigned Officer Phil Esarey to serve as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for our district. He is working closely with our schools to maintain safe and secure environments as well as establishing relationships with our students. Officer Esarey's own two children graduated from Edwardsburg Public Schools. Welcome, Officer Esarey!

8TH GRADE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Edwardsburg Middle School 8th graders recently had the great opportunity to hear from representatives of Southwestern Michigan College, HSISD CTE and Career Academies, the Elkhart Area Career Center, and our High School Guidance Counselors regarding college and career readiness opportunities available in high school. These programs shared the amazing offerings that our students can access during their junior and senior years (some as early as sophomore year) to help put them on a path for college and/or career success.

Prior to this event, 8th grade students took a field trip to Kalamazoo to participate in the MI Career Quest that opened their minds to careers of interest. After the presentation, students were introduced to Xello, a college and career readiness software program designed to individualize strong matches of pathways based on student survey input.

Edwardsburg Public Schools invests substantial dollars to provide educational opportunities for our high school students prior to their post-secondary endeavors. The clear message, that our 8th graders heard on this day and



will continue to hear throughout the remainder of this school year, is the importance of being a strong high school student from day one in order to take advantage of these opportunities. Knowledge is power and having a goal to work toward is key in their pathway to success.

We would like to thank our MI Career Quest, SMC, the HSISD, and EACC partners in taking the time to present their programs and answering questions for our students!

HALL OF FAME

Edwardsburg Public School's Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for the 2024-2025 school year. The application and criteria for nominating a candidate can be found on our website: www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org. The deadline is March 29, 2024.

FALL 2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Edwardsburg Public Schools "Kindergarten Registration" for the 2024-2025 school year is on Tuesday, March 19 (Last Name A-L), and Wednesday, March 20 (Last Name M-Z) at the Primary School (Time - TBD). Students five years of age on or before September 1, 2024 may register for Kindergarten. Items to bring to the meeting include your child's original county issued birth certificate, current immunization record, and proof of residency (rental agreement, purchase agreement or county property tax statement.) Applications will also be taken at the same time and location for the Great Start Readiness Preschool and Head Start Programs. We cannot wait to meet the Class of 2037!



EPS FOOD DRIVE

Once again, the Edwardsburg Public School District teamed up with the Edwardsburg Food Pantry to assist families in our community for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season. Students in every building, from our youngest Eddies to our oldest Eddies, learned how important it is to give back to our community and how small contributions can add up when we all work together.

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry compiled a list of food items needed for this year's event. As a district, we worked collectively and received over 12,000 generously donated items. The established goal of 240 packed boxes was met! The packed boxes were transported to the Food Pantry thanks to our maintenance staff.

The president of the Edwardsburg Food Pantry, local pastor Scott Scheel, stated, "We gave away over 200 boxes of food for Thanksgiving, and still had almost 40 boxes left to give away at Christmastime. The students collected so many of certain food items that



we will be able to continue giving them away well into 2024. Not only did they provide enough food for Thanksgiving, but they provided enough for us to restock our shelves for the winter."

Events such as this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive make us all proud to be a part of the Edwardsburg "Family."

The Edwardsburg High School Student Council would like to thank everyone involved in making this year's holiday food drive a huge success!! We are humbled and grateful for the continued support of such a wonderful community! Thank you, Eddies!!!

STRENGTHENING SCHOOLS GRANT

We will be starting a nature club at Eagle Lake! Thanks to the Strengthening Schools Grant from MEC, we will be purchasing binoculars and field guides to help us learn about nature right here in our schoolyard. During lunch recess times, students can walk our school grounds with Miss Thunell to learn about the plants and animals around us. They will be able to participate in citizen science projects like Project FeederWatch and Journey North as they record their observations. We will get started as soon as our observation tools arrive. Thank you, Midwest Energy and Communications, for your generosity and contribution to our schools!



HANDS-ON AGRICULTURE LESSON AT FARM SCIENCE LAB

Edwardsburg Intermediate students recently visited the Michigan Farm Bureau Food, Agriculture & Resources in Motion (FARM) Science Lab where they learned more about how their food is grown. Equipped with the latest teaching technologies and STEM-based lessons to increase agricultural awareness, the mobile classroom brought hands-on, and field trip-type learning directly to the Intermediate students.

The lab, facilitated by regional educators trained on the current Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), aims to expand students' horizons regarding science and agriculture. Our students learned about careers in agriculture and science through experiential lessons helping them understand how agriculture influences their daily lives so they grow into informed consumers.

"Agriculture affects all our lives every day, but many people don't understand how healthy, nutritious food arrives on their tables; how fiber is produced to clothe them, or how agriculture products provide shelter," said Julie Stephenson, regional educator

of FARM Science Lab. "Michigan's food and farm sector produces more than 300 commodities and generates more than \$100 billion in economic activity annually. Not only is agriculture important to students personally, but it is also vital to our state and national economy."

The FARM Science Lab, created by the generous donations of Farm Bureau members, 26 county Farm Bureaus, agricultural commodity organizations and other corporate sponsors has visited over 500 schools in Michigan, impacting more than 76,600 students and 3,100 educators. More information can be found at farmsciencelab.org.



LITERACY SKILLS AT THE PRIMARY

Edwardsburg Primary focuses on early literacy skills and helping students grow as readers. Mrs. Spaulding used a recent snow day to help motivate students to read on their unexpected day off. Students who read and posted a picture on Facebook, wrote about a book, or drew a picture were rewarded when they returned to school.

Promoting a love for reading involves making the experience enjoyable and engaging for your child. Here are some tips to help your child enjoy reading at home:

- Select books that cater to your child's interests and preferences.
- When reading to your child, read with expression and different voices.
- Listen to audiobooks while on car rides.
- Celebrate your child as they grow as a reader.

Together we can help your child discover a love for reading.



A TRIP BACK IN TIME AND CIVICS

This fall, busloads of second grade students arrived at the Edwardsburg Area History Museum and the Ontwa Township Hall for a lesson in history and civics.

The history museum rotated groups of students around four stations that provided information about the community's history as well as hands on operation of old school technology. The kids dialed rotary phones, whacked keys of a typewriter, and even viewed—but not used—an outhouse! The trip allowed students to hear stories and view photos and replicas of old schools, farms, railroads, kitchens, and lake resorts. Museum organizer, Della Holdread, said of the trip, "It's so wonderful to have so many volunteers from our community show up to support the kids. We invite everyone to come to the museum and explore the exhibits at their own pace."



Meanwhile, just across the tracks at the Ontwa Township Hall, classes learned about civics and government from Clerk Tina Van Belle and Treasurer Sharee Leist. The kids held a mock election and paid property taxes. The last presenter was School Resource Officer Phil Esarey, who shared important safety lessons and let students view the specialized equipment he uses.

It is said, "It takes a village to raise our kids." People in the Edwardsburg community were up to the task with this field trip.

NHS OPERATION CHRISTMAS

The 30 members of Edwardsburg High School's National Honor Society (NHS) conducted their annual Operation Christmas Event. Operation Christmas is an event where the NHS students meet selected children from our community and treat them to Christmas shopping for themselves and their families at Meijer in Mishawaka. The NHS students went out shopping on their own time and delivered gifts to the children's homes. Items included toiletries, winter hats, winter gloves, coats, socks, blankets, and many other necessities.

Due to generous donations from businesses from the extended Michiana area as well as donations from NHS members, 30 students participated in Operation Christmas and shopped for over 300 family members in our community. The impact this event makes on families in the community, and even NHS members themselves, is immeasurable. Great friendships are formed, along with amazing memories, as NHS members become role models for the younger children.

The National Honor Society, along with Edwardsburg High School, would like to thank all the wonderful community sponsors. This year's event would not be possible without our supporters and their generous contributions. Thank you for partnering with our schools as we continue to support our community!



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS CONTINUE TO GROW

Edwardsburg High School continues to grow their Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings. AP courses are high school courses certified by the College Board. These courses are intro level college courses designed to give students the experience of fast paced and rigorous classes while still in high school. Edwardsburg High School teachers go through extensive training and certification to teach these courses on our high school campus. Students, who score well enough on AP Final Exams, can earn college credit before even setting foot on a campus. Taking AP courses are attractive to college admission representatives as it demonstrates a student's commitment to take a challenging course as well as their motivation to succeed.

Many high school students take one or more of the AP courses offered at EHS. These courses include AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP English Language Composition, AP English Literature Composition, AP Music Theory, AP United States History, and AP Courses in Edwardsburg Early College. There are plans to add additional courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Edwardsburg Public Schools is committed to our students' educational opportunities and success!

ELF THE MUSICAL

The first weekend in December, the Edwardsburg High School Theatre Department presented *ELF the Musical* in the Performing Arts Center. This hilarious holiday musical followed Buddy the Elf, played by Lucas Bentzer, in his quest to find his true identity. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarked on a journey to New York City to find his birth father. Faced with harsh realities that his father was on the naughty list, and his half-brother did not believe in Santa, Buddy was determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This fun, entertaining, and energetic musical was enjoyed by a packed house each performance! Thank you to our community for coming out to support our many talented Eddies!

Be sure to "Save the Date" as our amazing students will perform the spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, March 22-24 in the Performing Arts Center. You don't want to miss this show!



BOURNE'S BRUNCH AND CHIT-CHAT WITH CEBRA

Edwardsburg Middle School Principal Joshua Bourne and Vice-Principal James Cebra devote important time to meeting with small groups of 7th and 8th graders throughout the school year to have discussions and reflections about their experience at EMS. Students are provided snacks and a safe and informal environment is created to openly share and provide feedback.

Some excellent additions to the middle school's daily routines have stemmed from these conversations. They include open gym time halfway through lunches to promote movement and activity for interested students, lunch menu improvements, maintenance improvements in bathrooms and locker rooms, and a better understanding of operations that improves adult/student relationships.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA



Select students enrolled within Mr. Grinage's business and accounting courses attended the Michigan Association of CPA's High School Leaders Conference at Western Michigan University this fall. Students had an opportunity to get a broad look at the accounting profession and speak with leading industry professionals and WMU accounting students. This is just one opportunity offered within the business programs at Edwardsburg High School! This year, we are proud to announce that the Edwardsburg Business Program is starting their own Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter!

What is BPA? BPA is a Career and Technical Student Organization geared towards business

and computer science fields. This program helps prepare students for their future careers and/or successful college experiences. It is an excellent resume building opportunity and offers the chance to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.

EHS MARCHING BAND STATE FINALS

The EHS Marching Band competed in the 2023 MCBA State Finals at Ford Field for the ninth year in a row! This year's show was titled "Shattered!" It featured music from Bruckner, "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus, Mozart, "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, "The Engulfed Cathedral" by Debussy, and "Salvation is Created" by Chesnokov. Arrangements and original music were provided by Bill Clark with Percussion Scoring by Brandon Brown and Eric Cruickshank. Visual Design was by Jonathan Hall and Theresa Walls. Head Drum Major Christopher McGregor and Assistant Drum Majors Erin Letter and Catarina McGuire lead the marching band.

Band Directors Jacob Blaylock and Jennifer Gladkowski would like to thank the Edwardsburg Band Boosters and parents for their support throughout the season! Congratulations to the EHS Marching Band on their fantastic performances and strong finish!



FIRE SAFETY WEEK

The Edwardsburg Fire Department visited the Primary school during Fire Prevention Week. Our little Eddies enjoyed learning about ways to stay safe at home. A special thank you to the Edwardsburg Fire Department and Chief Stack for your commitment to enrich the lives of our students.



FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

We take great pride in celebrating the achievements of our student-athletes, who consistently demonstrate excellence both in the classroom and on the field or on the court. These remarkable individuals embody the essence of true scholar-athletes, showcasing not only their dedication to academic success but also their outstanding performance in athletics. Their relentless commitment to balancing the demands of rigorous coursework with the physical and mental challenges of athletic competition is truly commendable. Their achievements not only reflect their personal commitment but also underscore the supportive environment Edwardsburg provides. We are immensely proud of our student-athletes and remain inspired by their ability to excel both academically and athletically. We once again enjoyed a successful fall season led by our boys soccer team, girls volleyball team and boys cross country team.

The boys soccer team won its third District Championship in school history. Coach Sean Jesse was named the District Coach of the Year.

The girls volleyball team won their fifth Wolverine Conference Championship in the past six years and fifth District Championship in the past 7 years. They also captured their fourth Regional Championship in school history.

Dane Bailey qualified to run in the state meet held at the Michigan International Speedway and he also ran the third fastest time in school history with a time of 16:16.

Teams and awards for fall athletes:

CHEERLEADING

MVP- **Valentina Johnson**
MIP- **Emily Swihart**

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys MVP- **Dane Bailey**
Girls MVP- **Macy Address**
Boys MIP- **Gavin Ayers**
Girls MIP- **Alex Ferguson**
Captains- **Maguire Johnson and Macy Address**
Wolverine All-Conference
Dane Bailey and Maguire Johnson
All-Region
Dane Bailey
State Qualifier
Dane Bailey

FOOTBALL

MVP- **Zach Zache**
MIP- **Larson Fessenden and Braden Lundgren**
Captains- **Jaylin Bowden-McClaire, Zach**

Zache, Oscar Morris and Keegan Parsons
Wolverine All-Conference
1st Team: **Caiden Miller and Oscar Morris**
2nd Team: **Carson Cebra, Elek Widman, Braden Lundgren and Zach Zache**
Honorable Mention: **Parker Hankins, Jaylin Bowden-McClaire and Walker Karafa**
All-Region
Zach Zache

GOLF

MVP- **Vivian Tomas**
MIP- **Jada Gaideski**
Captains- **Chloe Baker and Vivian Tomas**
Wolverine All-Conference
Chloe Baker and Vivian Tomas

SOCCER

MVP- **Grayson Herbert**
MIP- **Ayden Billingsley**
Captains- **Daniel Carfi, Emerick Zelmer, Kya Bryant and Grayson Herbert**
Wolverine All-Conference
1st Team: **Kya Bryant, Grayson Herbert and Owen Kertes**
2nd Team: **Dion Sokhadze**
Honorable Mention: **Annon Billingsley, Brock Leniski and Emerick Zelmer**
All District
Grayson Herbert, Noah Shepard, Owen Kertes, Emerick Zelmer, Dion Sokhadze, Annon Billingsley and Kya Bryant
All-Region
Grayson Herbert and Dion Sokhadze
MIHSSCA All-State
2nd Team: **Grayson Herbert**
Honorable Mention: **Dion Sokhadze**
Individual Academic All-State
Andrew Backus, Dane Bailey, Caiden Leer, Annon Billingsley and Kya Bryant
***Team Academic All-State**

TENNIS

MVP- **Cooper Bessinger and Brandon Hosang**
MIP- **Caden Manfred and Logan Summy**
Captain- **Stephen Linton**
Wolverine All-Conference
2nd Team: **Cooper Bessinger and Brandon Hosang**

VOLLEYBALL

MVP- **Drew Glaser**
MIP- **Mya Eberlein**
Captains- **Lexi Schimpa and Drew Glaser**
Wolverine All-Conference
1st Team: **Drew Glaser and Lexi Schimpa**
2nd Team: **Sarah Pippin and Danni Purlee**
Honorable Mention: **Mya Eberlein**
All-Region
Lexi Schimpa, Drew Glaser, Sarah Pippin and Danni Purlee
MIVCA All-State
1st Team: **Drew Glaser**
2nd Team: **Lexi Schimpa**
3rd Team: **Sarah Pippin**
Individual Academic All-State
Lexi Schimpa, Drew Glaser, Aly Obren and Danni Purlee
***Team Academic All-State**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work at athletic events and as always thank you to the Edwardsburg Athletic Boosters for their continued support. For updated schedules, scores and other important information check www.eddiesathletics.com. You can also look on www.mhsaa.com for scores from contests around the state. GO EDDIES!!!





Edwardsburg Public Schools
69410 Section Street
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IMPORTANT – MILLAGE RENEWAL VOTE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Edwardsburg Public Schools will be asking voters to consider the renewal of the district's operating tax of 18 mills which would be levied on non-homestead, non-qualified agricultural, and other non-exempt property. This millage **WILL NOT** affect any property with a homestead, agricultural or other exemption. If this renewal request were to fail, it would cause an estimated \$2,694,162 annual loss in revenue for the district, which is approximately 8.62% of the annual budget.

If this millage were to be approved, it **WILL NOT** be levied on homestead, qualified agricultural, or other exempt properties and will provide the district with the financial support to continue the existing millage that was in place in the 2023 tax year. We encourage you to vote.

The millage renewal proposal is the same millage that is presented to the Edwardsburg Community every year that partially supports the districts operating general fund. Please note that the district is adjusting to a three-year renewal moving forward. For more information, please refer to Superintendent Dr. Courtney Szucs' article or visit our website at www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org.

**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE VIA
ABSENTEE BALLOT OR AT YOUR
LOCAL TOWNSHIP HALL FROM
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

WEATHER INFORMATION

Information related to school closings/delays can be heard on these area radio and television stations:

WNUD-CHANNEL 16, CABLE TV 8, U-93 FM/1290 AM, 1490 AM/95.3 FM
WSBT-CHANNEL 22, CABLE TV 12, 101.5 FM, 960 WSBT AM
ABC57-ABC57 TV, WCWW (CW 25), WMYS (MY MICHIANA)
FOX 28-FOX TV 28, CABLE TV 6
WWMT 3-CHANNEL 3
WFRN-104.7 FM, 1270 AM
WSJM AM/FM-1400 AM, 94.9 FM
WYTZ-97.5 FM
WCXT-98.3 FM
WCSY-103.7 FM
WIRX-107.1 FM
WBYT-B100-100.7 FM

In addition, Edwardsburg Public Schools automatically notifies parents of students via phone or email using the School Messenger Notification System.

School Messenger Parent Portal – to receive messages from Edwardsburg Public Schools at the contact of your preference and to determine which phone numbers are called, and where emails and/or text messages are sent, please follow these steps:

1. Log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal where you view your child's grades.
2. The last choice on the left-hand side is "School Messenger". Click that, and then click "Contacts" at the top of the page.
3. On the right-hand side, click "Edit" where you will be able to enter your preferred method(s) of contact.
4. Make sure to click "Save" once you have made your changes.

If you do not currently use PowerSchool to check your child's grades, contact your child's school. They will be able to provide your student's numbers to help you set-up School Messenger to register in the Notification System.

HERITAGE SOUTHWEST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Each year, the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District offers contracted Career and Technical Education programs through Southwestern Michigan College. These programs are designed to prepare our youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of qualified teachers and counselors. The following is a list of academy programs being offered this school year.

Academy Programs:

Automotive • Business • Criminal Justice • Construction Trades and Green Technology • Early Childhood/Education • Graphic Arts • Health Science • Robotics • Welding

Students must meet course prerequisites as determined by the community college as criteria for admission.

All career and technical education programs follow the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender/sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all programs, activities and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation.

For general information about these programs, contact:

Mikki Spagnoli, Director of CTE and Postsecondary Options Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District
61682 Dailey Road Cassopolis, MI 49031
(269) 445-6224

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. Inquiries related to discrimination should be directed to: Mr. Joshua Townsley, Director of Instructional Services Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District
61682 Dailey Road Cassopolis, MI 49031

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Edwardsburg Public School District Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status in its employment decisions or the provision of services. If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public School District or any of the district's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulation of Title II, Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Age Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint to Civil Rights Coordinator, Edwardsburg Public Schools, 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI 49112 (269-663-3055).

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