

INSPIRING EDDIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS



EDWARDSBURG

PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022-2023

A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. As we begin the new school year and reflect on the recent past, we can see that the road to the future is brightly illuminated. The ability of our community to absorb the lessons of the pandemic and cooperate on shared goals is what makes Edwardsburg Public Schools the district of choice in southwestern Michigan. As we know, the one thing we all share is the desire to continue

to provide the best education possible for our students of Edwardsburg.

At Edwardsburg Public Schools, we remain committed to providing educational excellence to all of our students. Our district continues to expand instructional offerings for students. Instructional programs offered by the district at the elementary level include Gender Specific, Multi-Age, Looping, All-Day Kindergarten, as well as the Great Start Readiness Program offered through Heritage Southwest ISD. At the secondary level, the district provides Dual-Enrollment through Southwestern Michigan College, Indiana University of South Bend, Berrien Math and Science Center at Andrews University, and Glen Oaks Community College. We also offer Middle College options with the potential to earn an Associate's degree, Early College online classes, Advanced Placement classes, and classes at the Elkhart Area Career Center. Students have access to dedicated and highly qualified instructional staff, all of which makes Edwardsburg Public Schools the district of choice in Southwestern Michigan.

Edwardsburg Public Schools has earned International Accreditation through the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and School Improvement. We take pride in the fact that all of our buildings have received Blue Ribbon recognition by the Michigan Department of Education.

Greg Anderson writes, "When we are motivated by goals that have deep meaning, by dreams that need completion, by pure love that needs expressing, then we truly live."

Edwardsburg Public Schools is fortunate to have a strong base of support from the community, parents, businesses, faith based groups, and civic organizations, who devote time, talent, and resources to ensure that our students have an excellent educational experience. At Edwardsburg Public Schools, we are committed to the success of every child, every day.

James A. Knoll, Ed. S.
Superintendent of Schools

Administrative Center

Kimberly Slack
Administrative Assistant/Receptionist
663-3055

James Knoll
Superintendent

Cheryl Steele
Executive Assistant
663-1053

Stacey Tighe
Administrative Assistant/HR
663-1086

Carrie McGuire
Assistant Superintendent

Sally Ballard-Taylor
Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent
663-1048

Gail Enders
Director of Finance & Operations

Tina Funkhouser
Business Services Assistant
663-1045

Amy Higley
Business Services Assistant
663-1046

Larry Hanks
Director of Information Technology
663-1081

Angie Williams
Computer Technician

Jared Chodzinski
Computer Technician
663-1083

Katie Braaksma
Director of Special Education
663-1092

Food Service

Deborah Over
Director of Dining Services
663-1057

Transportation

April Kiefer
Transportation Coordinator
663-1079 or 663-2900

Maintenance

Christine Neff
Director of Maintenance
663-1043

Athletics

Bradley Ostrander
Athletic Director & Dean of Students
663-1026

School Hours

Senior High Grades 9-12
Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Ryan Markel, Principal 663-1044

Middle School Grades 6-8
Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:21 p.m.
Joshua Bourne, Principal 663-1031

Intermediate Grades 4-5
Office hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
School day hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Andrew Jordan, Principal 663-1063

Eagle Lake Grades 2-3
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 8:22 a.m. – 3:27 p.m.
Deborah Becraft, Principal 663-1040

Primary Grades K-1
Office hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
School day hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Tracy Spaulding, Principal 663-1037

Alternative Learning Center
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Brian Clements, ALC Instructional Leader
663-1068

Weather Delays

2-Hour Delay Procedures
Bus routes run two hours late.

School Start Times:

High/Middle – 9:30 a.m.

Eagle Lake – 10:22 a.m.

Primary – 10:25 a.m.

Intermediate – 10:30 a.m.

- Walkers should not arrive at school more than 10 minutes before classes start.
- No breakfast will be served.
- Lunch is as usual.
- No High School AM shared-time programs.
- Local radio and television stations will be contacted.
- If the reason for the delay does not improve, school may be cancelled. Parents may be contacted via School Messenger, but should monitor the local stations carefully for any change in the delay status.

School Violence Hotline

1-800-815-TIPS

1-8-555-OK2SAY

Food Service

There will be a food service program at all Edwardsburg Public Schools. This program will start on the first full day of school.

Student Prices

High School/Middle School

Breakfast \$1.75 (Reduced Price \$.30)

Lunch \$3.15 (Reduced Price \$.40)

Milk \$.50

Elementary

Breakfast \$1.75 (Reduced Price \$.30)

Lunch \$2.70 (Reduced Price \$.40)

Milk \$.50

Please call in EVERY DAY at the start of the day when your child/children cannot attend school.

Senior High • 663-1044
Middle School • 663-1031
Intermediate • 663-1063
Eagle Lake • 663-1040
Primary • 663-1037
ALC • 663-1068

A Note About This Calendar

All entries in this calendar are as accurate as we have been able to make them at the time of printing. However, it is possible that the dates and/or times of some activities and school events may be changed in the future. Please check with your school if you are in doubt about the date of a specific activity.

Sports Schedules

Up-to-date sports schedules can be found on our website under Departments/Services/Athletics.

Edwardsburg Public Schools
69410 Section Street
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Pictured on Front Cover:
Olivia Berry, Class of 2034

Birdella Holdread President (1983-Present)



Birdella Holdread has served on the Board of Education for 39 years. She is a recipient of the Michigan Association of School Boards Merit Award and Award of Distinction and has been recognized as a Master Board

Member and Certified Board Member. Mrs. Holdread is a founder and current Chairperson of the Edwardsburg Public Schools Foundation, Corresponding Secretary for the Edwardsburg Area Historical Museum, and Chairperson of the annual All-School Alumni Reunion. An Edwardsburg Public Schools graduate, Mrs. Holdread completed vocational training and is retired from the State Farm Insurance Agency. Her family has lived in the Edwardsburg community since 1828.

Tammy Niemier Vice President (2019-Present)



Tammy Niemier is serving in her fourth year on the Board of Education. She is a graduate of Edwardsburg Public Schools and attended Indiana University of South Bend. Ms. Niemier has dedicated her career

to the international supply chain and logistics industry for 23 years, and currently serves as Sr. Director of Sales, at PFS Commerce. She is a member of WILDS – Women in Logistics and Delivery Services, and the American Legion. Ms. Niemier is also a board member of the Eagle Lake Improvement Association and volunteers her time with the Edwardsburg Little League as well as the American Legion. She has resided in Edwardsburg for over 20 years and is the mother of a current student.

Becky Anson Secretary (2015-Present)



Becky Anson enters her eighth year on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. She is a graduate of Edwardsburg Public Schools, and attended Western Michigan University earning her Bachelor

of Business Administration. Mrs. Anson served as the Director of Human Resources for Martin's Super Markets for over 20 years. She is currently a Human Resources consultant for various organizations and serves on the board of the Michiana Family Center which provides support to children and families in foster care in the Michiana area. A life-long resident of Edwardsburg, Mrs. Anson is the mother of two EPS graduates.

Kevin Goggins Treasurer (2017-Present)



Kevin Goggins is serving in his sixth year on the Board of Education. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/ Finance. Mr. Goggins and his

wife, Cher, own and operate Merry Me Events, Inc., a local Edwardsburg business. He has served on Parent Advisory Boards at Edwardsburg Public Schools as well as the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Goggins has volunteered his time with the Edwardsburg Little League, Rocket Football, EYSA Soccer, and Granger Community Church. He is a 19-year resident of Edwardsburg and a father of three.

Natalie Frentz, M.D. Trustee (2020-Present)



Natalie Frentz, M.D., is serving in her second year on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. She attended Butler University for undergraduate studies and Indiana University School

of Medicine where she completed her medical degree. Dr. Frentz has served the Michiana community as a Family Medicine physician for 15 years. A 12-year resident of Edwardsburg, she and her husband have two children who attend Edwardsburg Public Schools.

Justin Kimbrell Trustee (2020-Present)



Justin Kimbrell is serving in his second year as a trustee on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. He and his wife, Tara, are graduates of Edwardsburg Public Schools.

Mr. Kimbrell attended Grand Valley State University obtaining a Bachelor of Business Administration. He is the Chief Executive Officer at Grace Village Retirement Community. Mr. Kimbrell has served on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Foundation Board and Samaritan Alliance Healthcare Board. He has volunteered his time coaching youth basketball. A 27-year resident of Edwardsburg, he is the father of two current students.

Anthony Overmyer Trustee (2019-Present)



Anthony Overmyer is serving in his fourth year as a Trustee on the Board of Education. A 1988 graduate from Edwardsburg High School, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science

and Philosophy from Western Michigan University. Mr. Overmyer is currently the North American Sales Director for Down Under Enterprises, a grower and supplier of essential oils from Australia. He has volunteered his time coaching youth baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. Mr. Overmyer is the father of two children who currently attend Edwardsburg Public Schools and a 2021 graduate.

James Knoll Superintendent (2018-Present)



James Knoll is serving in his fifth year as Superintendent of Edwardsburg Public Schools. Mr. Knoll was named Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Edwardsburg Public Schools in 2017-2018 and served as the Middle School Principal

from 2015-2017. Mr. Knoll was employed as a High School Principal at Niles Community Schools for seven years and as a High School Assistant Principal at Edwardsburg Schools from 2002-2004. Mr. Knoll earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Alma College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Indiana University. He received his Master of Science Degree in Education and Educational Leadership from Indiana University and Grand Valley State University. He and his wife, Kim, have three sons and reside in Edwardsburg, Michigan.

Silas Anderson,
Class of 2032



**Kami Kveton
Kefalonitis, M.D.,**
graduated in 1985 from
Edwardsburg High School. After
high school, she pursued her lifelong
ambition of becoming a physician, earning
both a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology
and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the
University of Michigan. Since residency
training, Kami has enjoyed a successful
and rewarding obstetrics and
gynecology practice in the metro
Detroit area for nearly 25
years.



AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 6th Grade Orientation 5:00 p.m. Eagle Lake Open House 4:30 p.m. Freshmen Orientation 5:30 p.m. HS/MS Open House 5:00 p.m. Teacher Work Day	30 Intermediate Open House 4:30 p.m. Professional Development Day	31 ALC Open House 5:00 p.m. Primary Open House 4:30 p.m. Professional Development Day	1	2	3

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Makayla Ciszczon,
Class of 2027

Brittany
Daily File is a 2012 graduate of Edwardsburg High School. Upon graduation, Brittany attended Indiana University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Working as a hygienist was rewarding, but Brittany decided to follow her passion for interior design, event, and party planning. She and her husband purchased and restored an 1800's vintage barn turning it into Cassopolis, Michigan's first modern barn event and wedding venue, Marion Magnolia Farms.



SEPTEMBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Professional Development Day	2 	3
4	5  Labor Day	6 First Day for Students - Full Day Kindergarten Orientation	7 First Day for Kindergarten Students	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 School Picture Day	16	17 Cassopolis Marching Invitational
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	1

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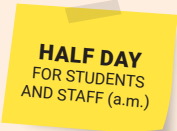


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The Edwardsburg Fire Department is a volunteer fire department which provides fire protection and emergency rescue services to over 9,000 residents. The department consists of 26 firefighters who volunteer their time and services to our community. Pictured (L-R) are several of the volunteer firefighters who graduated from Edwardsburg High School: **Marissa Mather** (2019), **Ladd Howe** (1976), **Gene Montgomery** (1959), **Bill Stack** (1952), **Janie Probst** (2019), **Edward Mozader** (2016), **Kayly Probst** (2015), **Captain Kevin Stack** (2007), and **Chief Bruce Stack** (1976).

Brody Cline,
Class of 2034

OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Apple Festival Parade Portage Northern Marching Invitational
2	3	4	5 Fall Count Day	6 Title I Informational Meeting 9:00 a.m.	7 Homecoming	8
9	10 Indigenous Peoples' Day	11 Title I Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Middle School Dance	15
16	17	18 MS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	19	20 HS Choir/Jazz Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Jenison Marching Invitational
23	24 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25	26 	27  Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon/Evening Professional Development Day (a.m.)	28  Professional Development Day (a.m.)	29 Reeths-Puffer at Grandville Marching Invitational
30	31 Halloween Last Day for Shorts	HS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.			

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Delaney Burns,
Class of 2031



Jeni Bollenbacher

Helsebath, DDS, is a 2008

Edwardsburg High School graduate. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and obtained her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Indiana University. She is on staff at Michiana Smiles in Mishawaka, Indiana. Professionally, Jeni is one of the youngest female dentists to earn her Associate Fellowship in the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Election Day 1st Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 End of Grading Period Full Day Students and Staff	5
6 Daylight Saving Time ends	7 Intermediate Family Night 6:00 p.m. Safe School Week	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Report Cards Sent Home	12
13	14 District Staff School Improvement Meeting	15	16	17	18 Fall Play 7:00 p.m.	19 Fall Play 7:00 p.m.
20 Fall Play 2:00 p.m.	21 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 Eagle Lake Multiage Music Program	23 HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF (a.m.)	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	25 NO SCHOOL	26
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OCTOBER

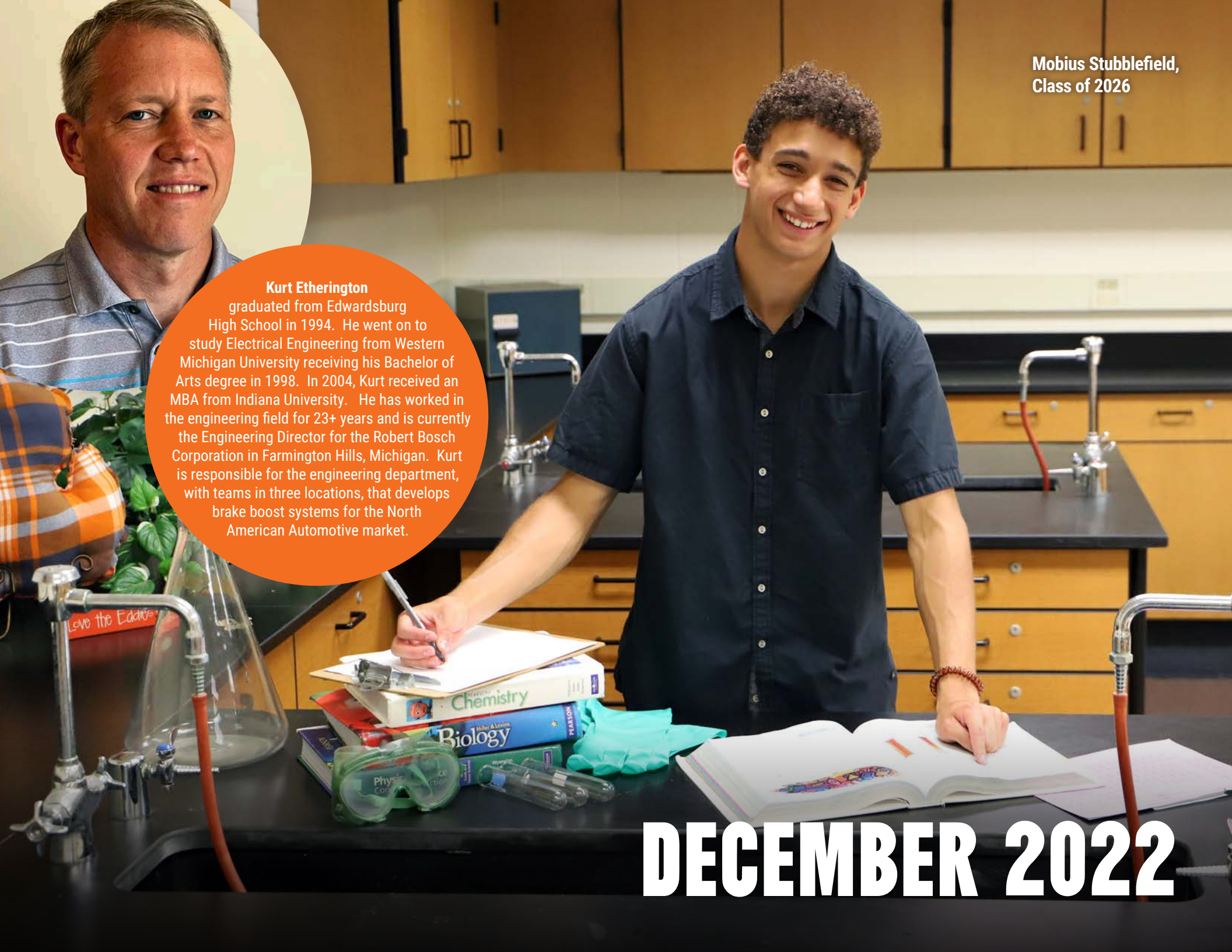
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Mobius Stubblefield,
Class of 2026

Kurt Etherington

graduated from Edwardsburg High School in 1994. He went on to study Electrical Engineering from Western Michigan University receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998. In 2004, Kurt received an MBA from Indiana University. He has worked in the engineering field for 23+ years and is currently the Engineering Director for the Robert Bosch Corporation in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Kurt is responsible for the engineering department, with teams in three locations, that develops brake boost systems for the North American Automotive market.

DECEMBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 2/3 Multiage Music Program 7:00 p.m.	2	3 MS Solo and Ensemble
4	5	6 MS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	7 2nd Grade Music Program	8 HS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13 MS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	14 4/5 Multiage Music Program 7:00 p.m.	15 HS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26  Winter Break Begins	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 New Year's Eve

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JANUARY

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Tahlon Stueber,
Class of 2024



Jason Bentzer and his brother, **Ryan Bentzer**, graduated from Edwardsburg High School in 1998 and 2001, respectively. After high school, Jason entered an apprenticeship program with Regal Mold & Die, Inc., while Ryan earned an Associate's degree from Southwestern Michigan College. They work for the family business, Bentzer, Inc., a custom plastic injection molding company, established in 2003. Jason is Vice President of Bentzer, Inc., and Ryan is CFO of this successful and rapidly growing business located in Edwardsburg.

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY

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New Year's Day

MONDAY

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NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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School Resumes
Board of Education
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Middle School Dance

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NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

17

Primary Family Reading Night

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Primary Family Reading Night

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3rd Grade Music Program
7:00 p.m.

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HALF DAY
FOR STUDENTS
(a.m.)End of Grading Period
Full Day Staff - Work Day (p.m.)

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District Staff School
Improvement Meeting

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DECEMBER

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Olivia Berry,
Class of 2034

Staff Sergeant, **Timothy Duck**, USMC, Retired, is a 1987 Edwardsburg High School graduate. Tim was an airframes mechanic on CH-53 Super Stallion helicopters who retired from the military after 20 years of service. He is pictured with his son, **Troy Duck**, a 2010 Edwardsburg High School graduate, who joined the Marine Corps in 2011 and served as a Crew Chief on the MV-22 Osprey for five years.

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3 Report Cards Sent Home	4
5	6 Eagle Lake Family Reading Night	7 K/1st Grade Looping Music Program	8 Spring Count Day	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 4th Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Coming Home Middle School 7th Grade Career Day	18
19	20  Presidents' Day Professional Development Day	21	22	23 Hoops for Heart Intermediate Fine Arts Festival	24 Middle School Dance	25
26	27 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	1	2	3	4

JANUARY

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Andrew Castelucci,
Class of 2023



Edward Patzer

is a 1971 graduate of Edwardsburg High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Grand Valley State University. He is a financial advisor with the Patzer Group, a separate entity within the Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, and has served the individual needs of clients for over 40 years. Ed started and runs the not-for-profit Edwardsburg Sports Complex that ensures youth sports leagues have state of the art facilities to play at now and well into the future.



MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1 5th Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Jump-A-Thon
5	6	7	8	9 Band Festival Concert 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time starts	13 District Staff School Improvement Meeting 4:15 p.m.	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.	25 Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.
26 Spring Musical 2:00 p.m.	27 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29 K/1 Multiage Music Program 7:00 p.m.	30	31 End of Grading Period 	1

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Jayla Noland,
Class of 2024

Upon graduating from
Edwardsburg High School in 2012,
Donald Dye attended the University of
Notre Dame studying business and Chinese.
After college, he worked as a forensic technology
consultant in Chicago but in 2020 decided to
explore his passion for cooking. Donald attended
Cornell University and then moved to London to
study at Le Cordon Bleu where he received his
Grand Diploma in cuisine and patisserie. Donald
now works as a Chef at Anne Sophie Pic's
two Michelin star restaurant,
La Dame de Pic London.



APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3  Spring Break Begins	4  NO SCHOOL	5  NO SCHOOL	6  NO SCHOOL	7  Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 School Resumes	11 Kindergarten Registration @ Intermediate 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Report Cards Sent Home	15
16	17 Tax Day	18 Kindergarten Music Program 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22
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30	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Jazz Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	5th and 6th Grade Band Concert		

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Alexander Carfi,
Class of 2023

Alex Stanage is a 2014 Edwardsburg High School graduate. He attended Michigan Technical University in Houghton, MI, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in 2019. After graduation, he accepted a job with General Motors (GM) as a Network Engineer and currently works remotely from home in Taylor, Michigan, providing assistance and technical support for network analysis and design activities.



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 First Day for Shorts	2	3 National Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8 District School Improvement Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Collage Concert 7:00 p.m.	17 ALC 2nd Semester Awards Night	18	19	20
21	22 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23 MS Choir Concert	24 HS Choir Concert	25	26	27
28	29  Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3

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Public Schools is proud of
our graduates who are inspired to
become teachers. Their desire to return
to our community to teach and influence the
lives of students to be successful in life is
rewarding! Our teachers ensure that the Tradition
of Educational Excellence and the Pride of being an
Eddie continues for generations. Pictured (L-R) are
a few of the Edwardsburg High School graduates
who teach at Edwardsburg Public Schools:
**Darcy Baker (1999), Joan Smith (1981),
Melissa Ryker (1987), Anna Gardner
(2013), Devin Rogers (2016), and
Shannon Ratliff (1999).**

Amelia Wright,
Class of 2029

JUNE 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Senior Honors	2 Alternative Education Center Graduation	3
4 HS Graduation	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13  Full Day Staff-Work Day (p.m.)	14  End of Grading Period Full Day Staff-Work Day (p.m.) Tentative Last Day of School	15 Snow Make Up Day, If Needed	16 Snow Make Up Day, If Needed	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	1

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Liam O'Konski,
Class of 2030



Gayle O'Konski, DVM, graduated in 1996 from Edwardsburg High School. She earned her Associates degree in Animal Science from Southwestern Michigan College and obtained her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Michigan State University. For the past 15 years, Gayle has worked as a small animal veterinarian. She practices at the Morris Animal Hospital in Granger, Indiana, which she and her husband own and operate.

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15
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Nolan Tighe,
Class of 2026



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney **Matthew Selge** is a 2008 graduate of Edwardsburg High School. Upon graduating, Matthew obtained his Bachelor's degree in Pre-Law Studies from Bethel University in 2012 and a Juris Doctorate degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 2015. He began his career in South Bend, Indiana, as an Associate Attorney and is now a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at the Hendricks County Prosecutors Office in the Indianapolis area.



AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Edwardsburg Public Schools is required by state and federal laws to provide notice annually regarding the following:

Equal Educational Opportunity

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public School District or any of the district's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations 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 the district's Civil Rights Coordinator at Edwardsburg Public Schools, 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112, (269-663-1048).

Compliance Officer

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of the aforementioned at school or a school activity should contact the School District's Compliance Officer at 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, (269-663-1048).

Grievance Procedures

If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public Schools or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title II, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) The Age Act, and (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator. The person who believes s/he has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. S/He may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1

A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five business days of receipt of answer to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and a decision regarding the allegations will be made in writing to the complainant.

Step 2

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, s/he may submit a signed statement or appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant.

Step 3

If the complainant remains unsatisfied, s/he may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board of Education within five business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in step two. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within forty days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten business days of this meeting.

Step 4

If at this point the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the U.S.

Use of Pesticides

Pesticides are periodically applied to school property. Pesticides are usually applied during non-school hours. Parents/Guardians may request an Advisory Form from Christine Neff by calling 269-663-1043. The Advisory Form will provide prior information on any application of an insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students. Advisory Form participants will be notified following any such application.

MSDS

(Material Safety Data Sheets) Under Section 313 Community Right-to-Know Act, Material Safety Data Sheets are available for your viewing in all school offices.

Student Records

In order to provide appropriate educational services and programming, the Board of Education must collect, retain, and use information about individual students. Simultaneously, the Board recognizes the need to safeguard student's privacy and restrict access to student's personally identifiable information. The Board is responsible for maintaining records of all students attending schools in this District. Only records mandated by the State or Federal government and/or necessary and relevant to the function of the School District or specifically permitted by this Board will be compiled by Board employees. The Board hereby authorizes collection of the following student records, in addition to the membership record required by law: observations and ratings of individual students by professional staff members acting within their sphere of competency; samples of student work; information obtained from professionally acceptable standard instruments of measurement such as: inventories and aptitude tests, vocational preference inventories, achievement tests, standardized intelligence tests; and authenticated information provided by a parent or eligible student concerning achievements and other school activities which the parent or student wants to make a part of the record; verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns; rank in class and academic honors earned; psychological tests; attendance records; health records, and custodial arrangements.

Student records shall be available only to students and their parents, eligible students, and designated school officials, who have a legitimate educational interest in the information, or to other individuals or organizations as permitted by law. In situations in which a student has both a custodial and a non-custodial parent, both shall have access to the student's educational records unless stipulated otherwise by court order. In the case of eligible students, parents will be allowed access to the records without the student's consent, provided the student is considered a dependent under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board authorizes the administration to: forward student records, including any suspension and expulsion action against the student, on request to a school or school district in which a student of this District seeks or intends to enroll upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record; forward student records, including disciplinary records with respect to suspensions and expulsions, upon request to a public school or school district in which a student in foster care is enrolled. Such records shall be transferred within one (1) school day of the enrolling school's request; provide "personally-identifiable" information to appropriate parties, including parents of an eligible student, whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals if there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, considering the totality of the circumstances; report a crime committed by a child with or without a disability to appropriate authorities and, with respect to reporting a crime committed by a student with a disability, to transmit copies of the student's special education records and disciplinary records including any suspension and expulsion action against the student to the authorities and school officials for their consideration; and request each person or party requesting access to a student's record to abide by the Federal regulations concerning the disclosure of information. The Board will comply with a legitimate request for access to a student's records within a reasonable period of time but not more than forty-five days after receiving the request or within a shorter period as may be applicable to students with disabilities. Upon the request of the viewer, a record shall be reproduced, unless said record is copyrighted, and the viewer may be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of handling and reproduction.

Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, Plaza Nine Building, Room 300, 55 Erieview Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Inquiries concerning the non-discriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201. The local Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure. A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations, on which this notice is based, may be found in the Civil Rights Coordinator's office.

Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school- approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the principal, counselor, or social worker whenever such help is needed. Please contact the building principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Bloodborne Pathogens

Guidelines have been established so that the District can comply with Federal regulations for protecting individuals against exposure to blood pathogens and other infectious materials which can cause Hepatitis B and/or HIV viruses. A plan has been designed to identify likely situations where staff members could be exposed, to describe how such situations can be minimized, and the ways in which exposure will be managed. Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request permission from the parents of the student who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

Free/Reduced Priced Meals

Edwardsburg Public Schools participates in the Federal School Meals program. Certain persons are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. The schools notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements and application procedures for free and reduced meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school district. Additional applications may be obtained in any of the building offices.

Asbestos Information

In compliance with the 1989 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we have performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos containing materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in each school administrative office and in the office at Central Maintenance. The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. The three-year re-inspections were performed by an accredited asbestos inspector in July 2021. We performed the six-month periodic surveillance as required by AHERA regulations in July 2021. Asbestos materials in the District are in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place or remove as recommend and approved.

You may contact Christine Neff at 269-663-1043 to answer any questions you may have about school asbestos in our buildings.

Directory Information

Each year the Superintendent shall provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within ten (10) days after receipt of the District's public notice.

Only "directory information" regarding a student shall be released to any person or party, other than the student or his/her parent, without the written consent of the parent; or, if the student is an eligible student, the written consent of the student, except those persons or parties stipulated by the Board's policy and administrative guidelines and/or those specified in the law. The Board shall exempt from disclosure directory information, as requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation, unless the Board determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the Board and beneficial to the affected students. The Board may take steps to ensure that directory information disclosed shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitations. Before disclosing the directory information, the Board may require the requester to execute an affidavit stating that directory information provided shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

Notice of Career and Technical Educational Programs

Each year, the Edwardsburg Public School District offers Career and Technical Education programs at Edwardsburg High School. These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors and cooperative education coordinators. The following is a sample of programs being offered this year and criteria for admission.

Program

Elkhart Career Center

SMC Academics

Clinical Health

Business

SMC Middle College

Criteria for Admission

Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

Career Academy - Junior/Senior Standing, Prerequisite - BTM I, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

Prerequisite - 3.25 GPA, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

All career and technical education programs follow the district's policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, 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: Guidance Office, Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg Public School District, 69410 Section St., Edwardsburg, MI 49112, 269-663-1025. Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Superintendent's designee, Edwardsburg Public School District, 69410 Section St., Edwardsburg, MI 49112, 269-663-1048.

USDA Non-Discrimination Clause

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD- 3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

KEY DATES FOR 2022-2023

August 29	Teacher Work Day
August 30	Professional Development Day
August 31	Professional Development Day
September 1	Professional Development Day
September 2	No School
September 5	Labor Day – No School
September 6	First Day For Students – Full Day/Kdg. Orientation
September 7	First Day For Kindergarten Students
October 26	Half Day Students And Staff (a.m.) Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening
October 27	No School For Students Professional Development Day (a.m.) Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon/Evening
October 28	No School For Students Professional Development Day (a.m.)
November 4	End Of Grading Period/Full Day Students and Staff
November 23	Half-Day For Students and Staff (a.m.)
November 24-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 26	Winter Break Begins
January 9	School Resumes
January 16	No School For Students And Staff
January 27	End Of Grading Period/Half-Day For Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
February 20	No School For Students Professional Development Day
March 31	End Of Grading Period Half-Day For Students and Staff (a.m.)
April 3	Spring Break Begins
April 10	School Resumes
May 29	Memorial Day – No School
June 13	Half Day Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
June 14	Tentative Last Day Of School End Of Grading Period/Half-Day Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
June 15-16	Snow Make Up Days, If Needed

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