



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Beal City Public Schools Calendar

2017-2018

September 5	First Student Day – Full Day
November 3	End of 1 st Marking Period A.M. Half day students; P.M. Teacher Work Day
November 9	No Students – Parent Teacher Conferences K-12 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
November 15	No School – Deer Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 25 – January 2	Winter Break
January 19	End of Semester A.M. Half day students; P.M. Teacher work day
March 1	Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.
March 26 – 29	Spring Break
March 30	Good Friday – No school
April 6	End of 3 rd Marking Period A.M. Half day students; P.M. Teacher work day
May 25	Built in make-up day if necessary (No school for students and staff if not necessary)
May 28	Memorial Day Observance – No School
June 7	End of Semester A.M. Half day students; P.M. Teacher Work Day



Congratulations goes out to the Beal City Boys Track and Field Team as their combined GPA (3.879) earned them the top spot on the Team Academic All State list in Division 4. Plaques will be awarded at the MITCA Track & Field Clinic in February.

TRACK & FIELD



Division 4 Boys

Beal City	3.879
Summerfield	3.872
Western Michigan Christian	3.84
Sand Creek	3.78
Whittemore-Prescott	3.549

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on August 21, 2017:

- Appoint Heather Curtiss as a new Board Member.
- General Fund payments of \$572,735.22, Payroll Acct. payments of \$245.97, Athletic Fund payments of \$67,613.42.
- Accept Kari Rojas' resignation as a Board Member effective August 30, 2017.
- Accept Brenda Garrett's resignation as a Food Service Worker.
- Hiring Carrie Bohy as a full time bus driver.

THANK YOU, VOTERS!

Beal City Public Schools passed its Bond Issue. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the voters for your support!! Also, a huge thank you to all the school and community members who helped get the information out to the public for the future of our students.

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August 8, 2017			
Summary Report			
Isabella County			
Accumulated Totals			
Registration & Turnout		41,806	Voters
Election Day Turnout		220	0.53%
Election Day Manual Entry Turnout		0	0.00%
County Clerk Turnout		0	0.00%
AV Voting Locations Turnout		64	0.15%
SPR Host Turnout		0	0.00%
Total ...		284	0.68%
Beal City Public Schools Proposal		(6)	0/6 0.00%
Under Votes: 1			
Over Votes: 0			
YES		239	84.45%
NO		44	15.55%
Total ...		283	100.00%

Feature Staff Person



Beal City Schools would like to introduce Alsatia Lohr as our High School Drama/English Teacher. Alsatia has a double major in English Education and German Education with an Applied Linguistics minor.

Alsatia's boyfriend is Prateek Shetty. He is currently pursuing his PhD in plant genetics in Hungary. Prateek is originally from India, but was studying to get his Masters at Michigan State University. They met on a plane.

Alsatia has two close friends with children and she loves being their "Aunt". Her best friend Audrey has Gwen (3 years old) and Ron (1 month old). Another friend, Lexi has Marnie (1.5 years old).

Alsatia's favorite food is pasta and she loves going to Olive Garden and Panera. Her favorite books are *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *Needful Things* by Stephen King. Alsatia also enjoys some soccer and basketball, thrift store shopping and watching Netflix and Hulu, especially reality television. She loves fall time and going to apple orchards.

Alsatia studied abroad in Munich, Germany during her junior year of college. During that time, she was also able to visit Ireland, Scotland, England, the Czech Republic and Austria.

We are very excited to have Alsatia working here at Beal City Schools. Welcome, Alsatia!!

Beal City Schools Welcomes Heather Curtiss as a new Board Member



Beal City Public Schools and the Board of Education would like to welcome Heather Curtiss as our new member of the school board. Heather was born and raised in Beal City and graduated from BCHS in 1987. After high school she attended Grand Valley State University, graduating in 1991 and then Thomas M. Cooley Law School, graduating in 1998. She currently operates her own law practice and teaches online classes for Davenport University. She looks forward to serving the students, staff and community as a member of the school board.



State Flag Project

Last Fall Beal City Public Schools received a grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to do a State Flag project. A huge thank you to the Tribe for their generous 2% grant for this project.

Over the summer we hung all 50 states flags in our Small gym we call the Gymatorium, to help dress it up a little. It is a gym and an auditorium for our Performing Arts program. We have many school events in the Gymatorium that are not athletic in nature and we are trying to make it look a little more like an auditorium than a gym which is very difficult to do. However, you can see by the picture that it looks great and will help in this effort a little bit.

This flag project was also meant as a learning activity for our Elementary students who learn US geography and States in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Talking about a State's flag and seeing it in a picture is one thing, but walking down to the gym and see it hanging there with your own eyes is another thing.

Save The Date – October 28, 2017

Annual Halloween Bash - The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) will be hosting the Halloween Bash at the K of C Hall again this year on October 28, 2017. We are raising money for scholarships for graduating Beal City students. Tickets are \$15 each for presale tickets and they can be purchased currently only at the Beal City Superintendents office. We will let you know in the next Aggie Express newsletter where tickets will be available in October.

October 31, 2017

The BCEF will also be hosting "TRUNK OR TREAT" in the high school parking lot on Halloween night. Start time will be 6 pm and will go until the candy is gone. Last year we estimated that we had 400-500 children go through the lines. Bring your car to the school and decorate it if you want to and the kids will come to your car instead of your house to Trick or Treat!!! It is a lot of fun. Please contact Cay Marchiando at 989-289-9932 if you plan to bring your car, or just show up, we will find room for you!!

Notice of Board Vacancy

The Beal City Public School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. To be eligible, the applicant must be a resident and a registered voter in the school district, at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days.

Interested persons must submit a letter of interest and a resume with their qualifications for the position to the Superintendent's office, Beal City Public Schools, 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 no later than 3:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**.

Following a review of submitted materials, the Superintendent and Board will schedule interviews with selected candidates the week of **September 11th thru the 15th**. Depending on the number of applicants not all applicants for the Board vacancy will be interviewed. One individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position. The selected individual will be required to run for election at the next regularly scheduled election. Once elected that individual will fill the remaining years of the six year term for that Board seat, before running again for a full six year term for that Board seat.

If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and responsibilities of a Board member, **please contact William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent or Denise McBride, President of the Board of Education**. See the District's website for contact information.

The Beal City Public Schools staff and students along with the members of the Beal City Board of Education would like to express our sincere thanks to **Kari Rojas** who has decided to step down from the Beal City Board of Education **after ten plus years of service** to Beal City Public Schools. Thank you, **Kari**, for your dedication and commitment to Beal City Public Schools.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Act 399 PA Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act R325.10416 Beal City Schools. To all faculty, staff, students, and parents/legal guardians: Beal City Public Schools has a water sampling compliance available for review in the Administration Office. Please contact Jason McDonald to review it.

Grand Marshall Search

Student council is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Homecoming Grand Marshal. Nominees should be members of the Beal City community who have made important contributions to the community. Please email nominations to Linda Clouse at lclouse@bealcityschools.net and include an explanation of why he/she deserves the honor.

Transportation Procedures

It is the policy of Beal City Public Schools not to allow students in Pre-School, kindergarten, first, second, and third grades to be dropped off at a bus stop unless there is a parent, older sibling or caregiver visible. This includes the student's home address, as well as group stops such as the Weidman Church and the Jordan Trailer Park. Children under fourth grade must have a parent or an identified replacement (older sibling or caregiver) present when the student is dropped off. If there is not an acceptable person in view at the stop, the student will be returned to the school where they are to be picked up before 4:00 p.m. The student will be brought into the Superintendent's Office by the bus driver and will not be allowed to leave until the sign out sheet has been signed by the caregiver who is picking them up. Bus drivers will no longer be accommodating parents by meeting them along the route. The changes in this policy will be strictly enforced as we feel it is vital for the safety of our young children that we work with each family to ensure they are not left unattended.

1st offense – written warning

2nd offense – one week loss of transportation and mandatory meeting with the Transportation Director and Principal.

3rd offense – one month loss of transportation and mandatory meeting with the Transportation Director and Principal

4th offense – loss of transportation for the remainder of the year.

Extreme emergencies may be excused. Documentation may be required. Any change in destination after school must be written on a bus pass and given to the child's teacher and/or building principal. In case of any emergency, contact the appropriate office:

Mayes Elementary	644-2740
Beal City High School	644-3944
St Joseph the Worker	644-3970

Communicable Disease and Pest Policy

In keeping with the Michigan School Head Lice Prevention and Control Policy, a section of the elementary student handbook regarding lice, states that we do not do pre-planned "all school" head lice checks. Any student with live lice may remain in school until the end of the school day. Children will be allowed to ride the school bus home. Immediate treatment at home is advised. The student will be readmitted to school after treatment and examination. If, upon examination, school personnel find no live lice on the child, the child may reenter school. Parents should remove nits daily and treat if live lice are observed. When a member of the school staff suspects a child is infested with head lice, there are specific procedures that will be followed. This policy has been approved by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). If you have any questions regarding this policy, please consult the student handbook or call the elementary office at 644-2740.

Aggie PRIDE

Aggie PRIDE is the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system that is being implemented at Beal City Elementary this fall. This system promotes and acknowledges positive behavior in all areas of school life. We believe that these are the key characteristics and qualities of an Aggie and when followed, they are the building blocks to positive school culture and success. Students will be learning all about Aggie PRIDE in the first few days of school!

Positive Attitude: All aspects of life are largely dependent on your attitude and perspective towards a given situation. We believe that happiness is a choice and that students who choose to approach their education with a positive attitude will undoubtedly experience more success.

Respect: Another critical component to positive school culture is respect. Everyone who attends, works at, or visits Beal City Elementary should have the expectation of being treated with respect at all times.

Integrity: Beal City Elementary believes that good character is one of the most important human qualities. There are some circumstances in life that we cannot control, but this is one area that we absolutely can! Honesty, loyalty, and trustworthiness are all contributing factors to our integrity.

Determination: Education is a lifelong journey, which at times may be challenging. All of us must be determined to push through even when things are difficult. As a team, we can overcome any obstacle.

Effort: Anything that is truly good in life requires hard work and commitment. Education is a two-way street and everyone must give their best effort to reach our maximum potential.

Back to School Assessments

Much like we all go to the doctor regularly to monitor our health, we use a number of tools at school to monitor student's "academic health". Students will be given a variety of assessments in the first few weeks of school so that we can accurately gauge their current academic levels. This information will be used to make adjustments to instruction and to provide interventions to those who need them. It is critically important that students give their best effort so that we can make informed decisions about what they need. Please help us out by discussing with your child the importance of this process. As always, education is most successful when there is a sound partnership between the school and parents.

Asbestos Management Plan

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all of our buildings. Based on the finding of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response and or actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the main administrative office and it will be supplied to you within 5 working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our main administrative office is located at: 3180 W. Beal City Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

We endeavor to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this problem reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.



We Need YOU!

Would you like to make a difference in your child's school?
Well, here's how!

Every year, your family receives a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application. It is important to fill out this form and return it to school for two reasons:

1. The application lets us know if your child is eligible for free or reduced price school meals. Children from families that earn below a certain income level can receive free or reduced price lunch and breakfast at school.
2. Applications are used to match funding our school receives for resources for students such as books and classroom furniture.

The application is easy to fill out and easy to understand. Also, you do not have to worry about your information being shared with others because application information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Support the School Breakfast Program today by completing your application! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marci Faber 989-644-3901 or mfaber@bealcityschools.net.

Every morning our breakfast consists of these whole grain items: assorted pop tarts, muffins, uncrustables, donuts, cereal, yogurt, juice, cheese stick and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

**Location: Aggie Cafeteria
Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05
Full pay price: \$1.50
Reduced: \$.30**

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.



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Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4 No School	5 tangerine chicken/rice or corn dog nuggets side by vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk	6 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries pineapple juice and milk	7 hot turkey sandwich (9-12 2nd slice bread) or mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken tenders w/steamed broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	8 nachos dip/doritos/cream or cheese pizza refined beans (9-12 cold carrots) fresh fruit juice and milk
11 ham/cheese calzone or pepperoni calzone green beans plexing beans juice and milk	12 chicken mashed potato bowl dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn apple/strawberry cups juice and milk	13 hot dog (9-12 goldfish crackers) or hamburger (cheese) tropical fruit baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk	14 twicy chicken alfredo (9-12 garlic breadstick) or chicken tenders (K-5 corn graham crackers) broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	15 Sausage pancake wrap or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots fresh fruit juice and milk
18 Fish sticks cinn graham cracker (9-12 dinner roll) Or pepperoni calzone corn oranges juice and milk	19 meatball sub or corn dog nuggets casserole strawberry cups juice and milk	20 scaloped potatoes/ham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) casserole x-ray vision carrots mixed fruit juice and milk	21 saisbury steak (9-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk	22 chicken quesadilla or pepperoni pizza refined beans (9-12 cold carrots) fresh fruit juice and milk
25 Pilly beef sub with choice of cheddar or queso cheese sauce or pepperoni calzone green beans peas juice and milk	26 cheeseburger meatloaf dinner roll (9-12 goldfish crackers) or corn dog nuggets potato satellites apple/strawberry cups juice and milk	27 cinn French toast w/ cinnamon links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	28 burgera roll up garlic breadstick (9-5 graham cracker) or hamburger (cheese) (K-8 x-ray vision cooked carrots fresh fruit juice and milk	29 Aggie Café your way Mac My Day Chicken tenders Broccoli Black beans Aggie Apples (sliced) juice and milk

Menus are subject to change. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

News

Welcome Back!!!!!!

Check out our new lunch items!
Plus, our "Aggie Café your way", days. We will rotate those days with different specialty bars during the year! This month is Mac My Day! ☺

The 25th-29th we will be celebrating spirit week with the students for homecoming 2017!

6th-12thgrade additional daily lunch options:

Turkey sub, ham sub, crispy chicken wrap, grilled chicken wrap, chef salad, grilled chicken salad, a berry burst parfait and strawberry parfait.

All grains are whole grain

A vegetable salad bar is available daily and is included with all meals

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Cross Country

Varsity

Sat. Aug. 19	11:00 a.m.	Ryan Shay Invite @ Central Lake
Tues. Aug. 22	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Invite @Chippewa Hills
Wed. Aug. 30	3:30 p.m.	@Clare Invite
Wed. Sept. 6	5:00 p.m.	@ Shepherd Invite
Tues. Sept. 12	4:00 p.m.	Beal City Invite
Tues. Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @Pine River
Sat. Sept. 30	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Invite
Tues. Oct. 3	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @Marion
Fri. Oct. 6	4:00 p.m.	Fowler Invite @ Uncle John's Cider Mill
Fri. Oct. 13	4:00 p.m.	@Montabella Invite
Tues. Oct. 17	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @Manton
Fri. Oct. 20	3:00 p.m.	@Alma Scottie Invite
Sat. Oct. 28	TBA	MHSAA Regionals
Sat. Nov. 4	10:00 a.m.	MHSAA State Finals

Junior High

Wed. Aug. 30	3:30 p.m.	@Clare Invite
Wed. Sept. 6	5:00 p.m.	@Shepherd Invite
Tues. Sept. 12	4:00 p.m.	Beal City Invite
Tues. Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @Pine River
Sat. Sept. 30	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Invite
Tues. Oct. 3	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Marion
Fri. Oct. 6	4:00 p.m.	Fowler Invite @ Uncle John's Cider Mill
Fri. Oct. 13	4:00 p.m.	@Montabella Invite
Tues. Oct. 17	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Manton
Fri. Oct. 20	3:00 p.m.	@Alma Scottie Invite

Football

Varsity

Thurs. Aug. 17	7:00 p.m.	Scrimmage @ Vestaburg
Fri. Aug. 25	7:00 p.m.	@SHA
Fri. Sept. 1	7:00 p.m.	@Clare
Fri. Sept. 8	7:00 p.m.	Manton
Fri. Sept. 15	7:00 p.m.	Pine River
Fri. Sept. 22	7:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Fri. Sept. 29	7:00 p.m.	Evart (Homecoming)
Fri. Oct. 6	7:00 p.m.	@McBain
Fri. Oct. 13	7:00 p.m.	Morley Stanwood
Fri. Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.	Chippewa Hills

JV

Thurs. Aug. 17	5:00 p.m.	Scrimmage @Vestaburg
Thurs. Aug. 24	6:30 p.m.	Swan Valley
Thurs. Aug. 31	6:30 p.m.	Clare
Thurs. Sept. 7	6:30 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. Sept. 14	6:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Thurs. Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Sept. 28	6:30 p.m.	@Evart
Thurs. Oct. 5	6:30 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Oct. 12	6:30 p.m.	@Morley Stanwood
Thurs. Oct. 19	6:30 p.m.	@Chippewa Hills

Volleyball

Varsity

Thurs. Aug. 18	9:00 a.m.	@Roscommon Invite
Sat. Aug. 26	8:30 a.m.	@SHA Invite
Tues. Aug. 29	5:00 p.m.	Clare/Shepherd @ Beal City
Wed. Sept. 6	5:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant w/St. Louis
Tues. Sept. 12	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Sat. Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Tues. Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Sat. Sept. 23	8:00 a.m.	@St. Louis Invite
Tues. Sept. 26	6:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Thurs. Sept. 28	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Tues. Oct. 3	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Thurs. Oct. 5	5:30 p.m.	@Midland Dow H.S.
Tues. Oct. 10	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Sat. Oct. 14	9:00 a.m.	@Perry Invite
Tues. Oct. 17	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Sat. Oct. 21	8:00 a.m.	@Spirit of St. Louis Invite
Tues. Oct. 24	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Sat. Oct. 28	9:00 a.m.	Conference Tournament @Manton

JV

Sat. Aug. 19	9:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Wed. Aug. 23	9:00 a.m.	@Bay City Western Invite
Tues. Aug. 29	5:00 p.m.	Clare/Shepherd @Beal City
Tues. Sept. 5	5:00 p.m.	@St. Louis w/Mt. Pleasant
Sat. Sept. 9	8:00 a.m.	@St. Louis Invite
Tues. Sept. 12	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Tues. Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Sat. Sept. 23	10:00 a.m.	@Beaverton Invite
Tues. Sept. 26	6:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Thurs. Sept. 28	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Tues. Oct. 3	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Thurs. Oct. 5	5:30 p.m.	@Midland Dow H.S.
Sat. Oct. 7	9:00 a.m.	@SHA Invite
Tues. Oct. 10	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Tues. Oct. 17	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Sat. Oct. 21	9:00 a.m.	@Chippewa Hills Invite
Tues. Oct. 24	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Oct. 26	5:00 p.m.	McBain & Pine River @Beal City
Sat. Oct. 28	9:00 a.m.	Conference Tourn. @McBain NMC

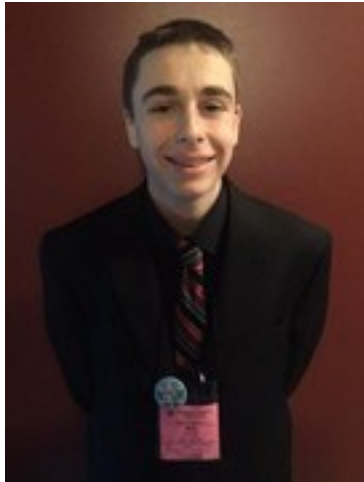
Freshman

Wed. Aug. 23	12:00 p.m.	@Big Rapids Invite
Tues. Aug. 29	5:00 p.m.	Clare/Shepherd @Beal City
Thurs. Aug. 31	8:30 a.m.	@Midland Dow H.S.
Wed. Sept. 6	5:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Sat. Sept. 9	9:00 a.m.	@Alma Invite
Mon. Sept. 11	5:00 p.m.	Gladwin
Wed. Sept. 13	5:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Sat. Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	@Shepherd Invite
Tues. Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Clare
Sat. Sept. 23	9:00 a.m.	@Ithaca Invite
Wed. Sept. 27	5:00 p.m.	@Gladwin
Wed. Oct. 4	6:00 p.m.	@Clare
Thurs. Oct. 5	5:30 p.m.	@Midland Dow H.S.
Sat. Oct. 7	9:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Tues. Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	Houghton Lake
Thurs. Oct. 12	5:00 p.m.	Shepherd/Big Rapids @ Beal City

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE CONT.

JH Volleyball

Thurs. Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Mon. Sept. 18	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Sept. 21	5:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Mon. Sept. 25	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Wed. Sept. 27	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Oct. 2	6:00 p.m.	@Marion
Thurs. Oct. 5	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Mon. Oct. 9	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Oct. 12	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Mon. Oct. 16	6:00 p.m.	Ewart
Thurs. Oct. 19	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Oct. 23	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River



Representing Michigan: Governor Nick Freeze

Nicholas Freeze, the Michigan Youth in Government Governor for the 2017-2018 school year, has been busy this summer. Immediately after school was out in June, Nick traveled to Washington D.C. to the YIG Governor's Conference. Approximately 35 states were represented at the week-long event. The focus of the "Gov Con" was learning authentically about effective leadership and understanding the intricacies of American Government. Nick was able to spend time with lobbyists, visit monuments at the National Mall, and attend the 2017 Congressional Baseball Game for Charity. Nick expressed that his favorite parts of the conference were meeting new people and learning about the Youth in Government programs from other states. Following the Gov Con, Nick was one of the 25 delegates representing Michigan at the Conference on National Affairs (CONA), traveling to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C. (again), and then to North Carolina. Nick researched, wrote, presented, and debated a proposal to elect federal legislator committee chairs through state constituencies. Nick particularly enjoyed learning the CONA traditions, meeting new people, and the intense level of debate at CONA. Nick will continue to serve as the MYIG Governor throughout his senior year as he attends fall and spring conferences and represents the program throughout the State.

Report to PARENTS

Boost Bus Safety

Get your child on board with school bus safety! To avoid dangerous situations and accidents, students must follow bus safety rules and procedures. First, review your school's specific bus rules and procedures with your children. Then, make sure they understand these general bus safety principles.

Board the bus safely. Students should walk, not run, to the bus stop. While waiting for the bus, children should stay in a safe spot away from the road. Remind your child never to never speak to strangers at the bus stop. When the bus arrives, students should wait their turn to board and never push or shove on the stairs. Students should ask the driver for help if they drop something while getting on or off the school bus.

Follow the driver's rules. Explain to your child that drivers have to focus on the road to keep students safe. Distracting the driver, even for a second, could put all the riders in danger. Remind students to treat drivers with respect, and always follow printed rules or the driver's procedures—especially in case of an emergency.

Keep the bus calm and quiet. Students should find a seat quickly and stay in it. Many schools have a code of conduct for the bus—go over it with your child to make sure he or she understands the behaviors that are acceptable and unacceptable. Behaviors that might seem “cool” (waving one's arms out the window, for instance) can put your child's, and other children's, safety at risk. Enforce tough punishment if your child exhibits bad bus behavior. Students should never throw things on the bus or out the windows, or play with emergency exits. Make sure students know to use their “inside voices,” and never play loud music on the bus.

Watch for bullying behavior. Alert the bus driver if students on the bus are harassing your child. School bus drivers are not counselors, but they are there to transport students safely. You can work with them to find a solution to problems.

Avoid the “danger zone.” Children should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off, and use the handrails. When crossing in front of the bus, children should take five giant steps away from the bus, make eye

contact with the driver, and cross when the driver indicates that it's safe. Teach your child to look both ways before crossing, and to stay away from the wheels of the bus.

Listen and report. Remind your child to tell you if they notice something odd or unsafe on the bus, such as the driver seeming impaired or students bullying one another. If your child tells you about any inappropriate behavior, speak to your principal.



Web Resources

The **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** has a bus safety pledge students can take.

www.nhtsa.gov/parents/parents-bus.html

Visit **SafeKids.org** for factsheets on bus accidents and safety statistics.

www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/school-bus-safety

Your state's **Department of Transportation** website may have state-specific guidelines or activities related to bus safety.

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Board of Education District Goals

Student Achievement of all Students

Our goal is to have each student show individual academic growth in all subject areas with school results at or above the state/national average on all standardized tests.

Secure the School District's Future Integrity

Our goal is to continue to plan for the future success of the school district by focusing on five major areas of need and concern: facilities, finances, security, technology, and well-ness.

Promote the school district and provide positive school and community relations throughout the Mid-Michigan area by improving our public relations campaign

Our goal is to increase parent communication, expand board and district visibility at school and community events and to generate positive media for the school district.