Dear Lake Shore Public Schools Community:

Lake Shore Public Schools provides an exceptional education for all 3,516 students in a safe and nurturing environment. Our students are empowered to excel in an evolving global society, supported by the collaborative effort of staff, families, and community.

Our guiding principles, Inspiration, Innovation, and Celebration, are woven into the fabric of everything we do and will be the focus of every update.

Featured Events

Mom2Mom Sale

Mom2Mom Resales are a great way to control your budget when you are providing a wardrobe for children who are growing faster than they can wear out their clothes. Think of a cross between a flea market & a garage sale, and you'll have a Mom2Mom sale.
Kennedy Middle School’s Parent Teacher Club is holding a Mom2Mom Sale on Saturday, April 27th beginning at 8:30 am. In addition to clothes, toys, and miscellaneous items that families have outgrown, it will feature a Dad Cave area which will include tools, sports, fishing, collectibles, camping, electronics, and superheroes!

Class of 2019 Important Dates

The Class of 2019 and their loved ones will find it necessary to organize these important event dates into a calendar/planner or an app like Wunderlist/Trello.

This link provides information on T3 exams, spirit week, honors convocation rehearsal, cap/gown distribution, honors convocation, senior video presentation, graduation rehearsal, seniors last walk, elementary bus tour, and the commencement ceremony.

Inspiration

Excellence in Teaching Recognized

In celebration of Employee Appreciation Week, running May 6th-10th, we want to recognize our Lake Shore staff who go the extra mile and celebrate the people who keep Lake Shore running.
We are seeking parents, students, and employees to submit a story about an employee that did something special! We will share the positive stories, quotes, and compliments from individuals about our employees during Employee Appreciation Week! Please use this form to submit your story of appreciation about one of our employees.

Excellence in teaching deserves to be recognized. Lake Shore Public Schools proudly announces the following 2019 Teachers of the Year: Jennifer Rafferty, Violet Elementary; Mary Stahl, Kennedy Middle School; Matthew Smith, Lake Shore High School. These educators were recognized for their excellence in content knowledge, classroom management, and passion at the MISD’s Teacher of the Year celebration. They inspire our students by awakening belief in self, manifesting talents, and being the light. Thank you to all 212 educators at Lake Shore Public Schools for being superhuman.

Alumni Spotlight: Mackenzie Nemitz Blazes Own Trail

When you enroll in Lake Shore Public Schools, you not only join a prestigious school, but also become part of a family. And when you graduate, your experiences create the launching pad for a successful career. Periodically, we spotlight on our graduates, sharing their accomplishments because we are loud and proud of them.
Class of 2015 graduate Mackenzie Nemitz was an active high school student. She even won the title of Most Athletic from her high school peers during the mock election vote. She earned this title as a result of being the Football Manager, basketball player, and serving as our softball team as co-captain. She was passionate about many things, but her claim to fame was softball. This is why she made it official and signed her letter of intent to play softball at the University of Michigan. As a preferred walk-on during her freshman year, she was assured a spot on the team, but unable to be offered a scholarship. This didn’t phase her. Mackenzie continued to train in the sport that she loved and cheered on her teammates from inside the dugout. Tragedy hit her sophomore year as she tore her ACL at the beginning of the season. This forfeited her opportunity for play time. Through adversity, she remained strong. She said, “For the remainder of that season and the next, I focused on recovery and getting my groove back. Overcoming this obstacle, and maturing along the way, was exactly what I needed to progress forward.” Now in her senior year, Mackenzie is in the starting lineup with a batting average of .325. She kept a positive attitude and never let obstacles get in her way of her dreams.

This is a wonderful lesson for every Shorian. Although Mackenzie has many role models and motivational people throughout her experiences as both a Shorian and Wolverine, she was asked to name just a few. Coaches Daly, Puvalowski, and Roehm were always there for her, as a listening ear, giving advice on the field and in life.” Currently Mackenzie is majoring in general studies with a focus on sports management and community engagement. She currently has an internship with the MLB. Thank you, Mackenzie, otherwise known as Cardi Mercury by her teammates, for sharing your story and being an inspiration to all of us.

Lake Shore recognizes alumni who bring honor to our school district through work in their career or community. Nominate a graduate to be recognized for significant professional/personal achievements, discoveries, or creative work and exhibiting our core values by sending us an email.

Innovation

Preparation for Elementary Media Center Renovations
Governor Whitmer recognizes April as School Library Month in Michigan. School librarians curate collections and promote access to books and information, teach information literacy and digital literacy skills, and support technology integration and innovation. It is just as important to have personnel for these activities to function as it is to have a place. But not just any setting. Our vision is to transform our media centers into the focal point of every school.

Construction begins on May 1 at Lake Shore Public Schools to renovate all three elementary libraries. Because today's libraries are shifting into an environment for students and teachers to collaborate, restructuring these spaces is necessary.

Changes in physical structure and aesthetics will include new lighting and carpeting, updated small group rooms for collaborating, sharing, and learning, and planning for flexible use of space. In addition, plans for flexible checkout times are also being considered. With the help of Destiny Discover, students are able to browse, search, and access our school library's resources. Students may instantly see whether or not a book is in, browse ebook selections, search by topic, or listen to an audiobook!

Media Specialist and Instructional Coach Amanda McCarthy is one of our leaders in charge of these positive changes. She has worked tirelessly to weed through outdated books and supplies, boxing up and storing library materials in preparation for this upcoming renovation. She shared, "It is important to focus library space on the development of the learning, which this renovation will serve to do."

With a projected completion date of the fall, elementary students will be excited to explore new books and learning opportunities.

Class of 2019 Participates in Adulting Day
Three hundred and twenty-five seniors enjoyed our Adulting Day, created exclusively for the Class of 2019. They engaged in pre-selected three different, one hour presentations to help them think about and prepare for life outside of high school. There were nine class options in total, which included Money Management, Police Interactions, Job Hunts and Interviews, Car Care Basics, Banking 101, MichiganWorks, Introduction to Cooking, Mindfulness, Renting Your First Place.

Senior Grace Rudolph enjoyed the Car Care presentation with Lake Shore parent and automotive expert Charlie McCuen. During the presentation, he shared a car maintenance checklist, giving advice about car needs which included oil levels, tire pressure, and brakes. Grace found this to be especially interesting because she has a 2002 Malibu that she would like to keep running for as long as possible.

Thank you to C and M Automotive’s Charlie McCuen, MichiganWorks’ Katie and Roshonsa, Orbis Holding Groups’ Amy Wentrack, MSU Extension Program’s Jackie Rabine and Kathy Jamieson, SCSPD’s Chad Hammer, Michigan First Credit Union’s Vicki Armes, Chartwell’s Tina Morris, and Beztak Properties’ Jessica for sharing their expertise with our graduating class.

Fourth Graders Explore How Technologies Save Energy

On behalf of the National Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, and DTE Energy, presenters Connie Bockelman and Cathy Tomazewski discussed how technologies are being used to save energy and overall cost-effective behaviors. Fourth graders were invited to participate in a variety of activities such as an electricity show, kinetic energy dance, and the making of a circuit. Each student was given an energy-savings technology kit, which included a shower head, faucet aerators, LEDs, and nightlight, as a gift along with a form to monitor usage and installation. Help Violet Elementary Fourth Grade teachers earn a $100 grant for their classroom by simply returning the form.
Celebration

District Open House, K-12 Art Fair, College Fair

Thank you for attending our annual K-12 District Open House, Art Show and Artisan Market, and College Fair. The hallways and classrooms were filled with demonstrations, cookies, music, mascots, poster presentations, balloons, teacher-led tutorials, technology, and skits. Students prepared the Art Show and Artisan Market exhibit which featured 30 art pieces from each building, giving students a chance to show their talents and growth through drawings, paintings, ceramics, and digital art displays for the community. Over 62 colleges, universities and military branches were in attendance at our College Fair providing information on post-secondary options, and giving Shorians direction for future decisions. The development of language, motor skills, and social-personal skills is a daily focus for our youngest learners at the Shores Child Care Center. Working parents interested in our safe and secure environment were given tours of our facilities and introduced to our curriculum based on weekly themes that are incorporated through art and science projects, games, and language arts. Our student ambassadors, at all levels, explained, through words and works, what it means to be part of the Lake Shore family.

Lake Shore Public Schools serves 3,516 students in 5 schools which cover a diverse student population. Lake Shore Public Schools is a Schools of Choice district. Under Schools of Choice Section 105, we may enroll students from another school district within Macomb County provided the student meets the application guidelines. Enroll as a resident or schools of choice student for the 2019-20 school year.
School Buses Pass Safety Points Inspection

At Lake Shore, we pride ourselves in our yellow transportation system. Our 10 bus drivers transport to Rodgers Elementary, Masonic Heights Elementary, and Kennedy Middle School as well as all Athletic events during the school year. They are personable and dedicated to ensuring safety for everyone aboard. According to Transportation Coordinator Sandy Defer, we have accumulated over 62,000 miles since September and will complete over 112 field trip routes, with the furthest being Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio or The Pinery in Canada.

With a combined 200 years of service and an average 16 years of service, please congratulate our Transportation Department for having all 12 buses meet every safety points and receive a green tag from the Michigan State Police.

Lake Shore Recognizes Retirees

During our Board of Education meeting, Wray Jean Peck, employee with Adult Education for 33 years, Paula Ross, employee with Masonic Heights Elementary for 26 years, Chris Kauffman, Band Teacher with Kennedy Middle School for 25 years, were recognized for their combined 84 years of service with Lake Shore.
Upcoming Events

April 25

Kennedy Middle School Jazz Ensemble at Thornapple Jazz Festival (Hastings)

Violet Elementary Talent Show @ 6:30 pm

April 26

Violet Elementary Talent Show @ 2:00 pm

April 27

Kennedy Middle School Mum2Mum Sale @ 8:30 am

Chinese Field Trip to Greenfield Village @ 9:30 am

April 30

Masonic Heights Elementary Food Demonstration

May 1

Lake Shore High School Shorian for a Day

May 3

Violet Elementary Folk Dance, Ice Cream, Book and Art Fair @ 6:00 pm
May 7
Kennedy Middle School Food Demonstration
Kennedy Middle School Spring Choir Concert @ 6:00 pm

May 8
District Half Day
Special Olympics at Macomb Community College South @ 9:30 am

For more information on our District Calendar Events, please visit this webpage.

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