

# News and Views

from the Vandercook Lake Public Schools

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## School Starts Wednesday - August 24

**School will begin in Vandercook** Wednesday, August 24. High school and middle school students, Grades 6 through 12, should report to their first hour classes at 7:45 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 on Wednesday, August 24, Thursday, August 25, and Friday, August 26. Elementary pupils at Townsend School, Grades 1 through 5 and morning kindergartners, will begin their day at 8:00 a.m August 24.

**The registration of Grades 6-12** at the high school will begin Thursday, August 11. During registration, students will be assigned classes and lockers and will pay required deposit. Students can make lunch deposits to their accounts at this time. The price will be \$7.25 for one week. The price for breakfast is 75 cents a day. Breakfast is served approximately thirty minutes before the start of the school day. All lunch periods will be approximately 25 minutes in length for the school year. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grade students are not allowed to leave the school building for lunch. Juniors and seniors may leave the building if they can walk home and return within the lunch period.

At the time of registration, high school students are to pay a \$5.00 deposit fee which will be returned at the end of the school year. All students in Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9, are required to take physical education unless a written excuse is presented, signed by a physician. Each student enrolled in a physical education class will be required to secure a lock for his/her gym locker through the high school. A lock deposit fee of \$3.00 will be refunded when the lock is returned in good condition at the end of the school year.

When students enroll this summer, you will be asked to sign the "Student Acceptable Use and Safety Policy". The policy was approved by the school board and signing it is required by all students. The "Acceptable Use Policy" (AUP) outlines the expected behavior of students as they use the district's technological resources (computers, printers, phones, cameras, televisions, etc.). We encourage you to read the policy (available on our web site and in our office at time of registration) at your earliest convenience.

Registration will take place on the following dates from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the high school: Thursday, August 11- 6th grade; Friday, August 12 -7th grade; Monday, August 15-8th grade; Tuesday, August 16-9th grade; Wednesday, August 17 -10th grade; Thursday, August 18-11th and 12th grades. Families with more than one high/middle school student may enroll at the same time.

Morning young fives and kindergarten students will attend on Wednesday, August 24 at 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. and Friday, August 26. Afternoon kindergarten will attend only in the morning on Thursday, August 25.

**All students who are enrolling in Vandercook Schools for the first time are required by law to present a birth certificate to the school. Please bring this information at the time of registration along with enrollment records and immunization records. All students owing fees should have payment available at registration.**

### **Early Fives at McDevitt School**

Building Administrator: Mr. Scott Koziol  
 Secretary: Mrs. Donna LeFaive  
 Teacher: Mrs. Rene' Smith  
 Teacher Assistant: Mrs. Sherri Harvey

The McDevitt building continues to serve an important purpose to the community and our students under the supervision of building administrator, Mr. Scott Koziol. The Childcare program, four-year old pre-school program, and high school alternative program and Early Fives will be at McDevitt School again this year. The Early Fives will be a morning class. The hours will be from 8:00 - 11:10 am.

The Early Fives children are invited to a "beary" fun treasure hunt open house at McDevitt School Tuesday, August 23 from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

### **Athletic News**

#### **Changes in Academic Eligibility**

The School Board has approved the following changes in academic eligibility. All members of a sports team in grades 7-12 will have their grades checked on a weekly basis beginning with the 5th week of school. Any student receiving a failing or warning grade in more than 2 classes will be required to attend a supervised study session of 60 minutes per week before they will be allowed to play in a contest. Should an athlete receive a failure notice in more than 2 classes they will not be allowed to play in contest for one week and they will be required to attend a 90 minute study session. Study sessions will be scheduled for Wednesday mornings before school and after each school day. Parents or guardians will be notified if their athlete has to attend any of the study sessions or become ineligible.

#### **Save Money on Admissions**

Normal admission prices to contests are \$3.00 to Middle School games and \$4.00 to High School games for ages K-Adult. You can save money by purchasing a pack of 10 student tickets for \$20.00 or a pack of 10 adult tickets for \$25.00 these tickets are good for any home contest. Ten pack tickets can be purchased at the high school office and at most ball games. New this year a family pass good for all home games throughout the year can be purchased for \$150.00 call 782-8167 and speak with Les Essex or Terri Smak for details.

### **McDevitt Child Care**

Childcare registration will be August 11 and 12 in the McDevitt office from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mrs. Bonnie Harvey will be supervising the registration for the childcare program. There is limited space; those registering during the designated registration period will receive priority. Bonnie Harvey will be available at the Open House at Townsend School on August 23 for those who could not register during the designated registration time period. Four-year old children in the Pre-school Program are eligible to register for childcare. **We are also accepting registrations for 3-year olds for the childcare program. Your child must be 3 on or before December 1, 2005. Any questions, call McDevitt School - 782-0342.**

### **Four-Year Old School Readiness & Pre-School Program**

Teacher: Mrs. Karen Barrett  
 Teacher Assistant: Mrs. Pam Petress

Vandercook Lake Schools will be offering a 4-year old program at McDevitt School. Children are eligible for the Pre-school Program the year before they enter kindergarten. Children enrolled in the Program must be at least 4, but not 5, by December 1 of the year in which they enroll. Registration packets for the 4-year old program can be picked up at McDevitt at any time. This school year we will be offering both a state-funded and a tuition-paid program. If you have any questions concerning the Four-Year Old Program, please call McDevitt School at 782-0342.

**Paul Chilcote - Principal****Townsend Elementary Diane McQuillan - Asst. Principal****Teaching Staff**

| <u>Teacher Name</u> | <u>Grade</u>           |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Karen Barrett       | 4-Year Old (McDevitt)  |
| Rene Smith          | Young Fives (McDevitt) |
| Sharon Elzinga      | Kindergarten           |
| Katie Marsh         | Kindergarten           |
| Colleen Stapley     | Kindergarten           |
| Beth Jones          | First                  |
| Amy Leighton        | First                  |
| Elise Fish          | First                  |
| Sue Allen           | Multi-age              |
| Yvonne Rininger     | Multi-age              |
| Jill Arcaro         | Multi-age              |
| Corrie Castle       | Multi-age              |
| Terri Siegrist      | Second                 |
| Kim Jones           | Second                 |
| Kathy Higgins       | Third                  |
| Sue Hause           | Third                  |
| Mindy Kinner        | Third                  |
| Mark Spaan          | Third                  |
| Sheryl Waite        | Third                  |
| Jill Cripe          | Fourth                 |
| Mark Snyder         | Fourth                 |
| Patricia Vass       | Fourth                 |
| Chris VanEpps       | Fourth                 |
| Sheri Grant         | Fourth                 |
| John Myers          | Fifth                  |
| Jon Packer          | Fifth                  |
| Dan Wandell         | Fifth                  |
| Donna Yocum         | Fifth                  |
| Suzanne Richardson  | Art                    |
| William Spencer     | Gym                    |
| Jennifer French     | Media Specialist       |
| Jessica Flickinger  | Music                  |
| Brenda Johnson      | EMI Categorical        |
| Kate Gleed          | LD Teacher             |
| Jeannette Sobota    | Special Ed Teacher     |
| Marianne Berkemeier | Reading Recovery       |
| Lisa Osypczuk       | Reading Recovery       |
| Michelle Boorman    | Social Worker          |
| Reanay Sheehan      | Speech Therapist       |
| Marta Skiba         | Psychologist           |
| Denise Bjorklund    | OT/PT                  |
| Donna Gonzelez      | Occupational Therapist |

**Support Staff**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Position</u>                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Penny Blossom     | Breakfast/Lunchroom            |
| Ellen Bos         | Lunchroom                      |
| Joy Cichy         | Computer Lab Aide              |
| Terry Coulombe    | Custodian-McDevitt             |
| Amanda Curtis     | Inclusion Assist.              |
| Mindy Dingmon     | Childcare/Inclusion Aide       |
| Melissa Fitzworth | Breakfast/Lunchroom            |
| Beth Fritz        | Teacher Asst. - Fourth Grade   |
| Marianne Fushi    | Kdg. Assist.                   |
| Sherri Harvey     | BK Asst. (McDevitt)            |
| Amy Hildebrand    | Playground                     |
| Judy Hinton       | Teacher Assist. - First Grade  |
| Rick Hodge        | Custodian                      |
| Karen Horton      | Inclusion Assist.              |
| Kim Jackson       | Teacher Assist. - First Grade  |
| Geolyn Jacobson   | Playground                     |
| Sue Jennings      | Playground                     |
| Deb Jensen        | Teacher Assist. - Second Grade |
| Carla Kelly       | Lunchroom                      |
| Tanya Keyes       | Teacher Assist. - First Grade  |
| Dawn Kimball      | Teacher Assist.                |
| Dottie Lawson     | Inclusion Assist.              |
| Donna LeFaive     | Secretary (McDevitt)           |
| Jenny Meade       | Dishwasher                     |
| Terry Middlebrook | Breakfast/Lunchroom            |
| Jennifer Miranda  | Crossing Guard/Playground      |
| Wendy Morgan      | Teacher Assist. - Second Grade |
| Renee Myers       | Kdg. Assist.                   |
| Mary Neeley       | Crossing Guard/Playground      |
| Pam O'Connell     | Library Aide                   |
| Walt Ostrander    | Custodian                      |
| Carol Perdw       | Teacher Assist. - Second Grade |
| Pam Petress       | Teacher Assist. (McDevitt)     |
| Jamie Radford     | Secretary                      |
| Sarah Swaenepoel  | Secretary                      |
| Lori Sedgman      | Teacher Assist. - Fifth Grade  |
| Terri Slater      | Nurse                          |
| Tracey Strong     | Teacher Assist. - Second Grade |
| Mary Taliaferro   | Kdg. Assist.                   |
| Sharon Taliaferro | Breakfast/Lunchroom            |
| TBA               | Custodian                      |
| Wendy Tripp       | Teacher Assist. - First Grade  |
| Cathy Trowbridge  | Teacher Assist. - Second Grade |
| Jack Trumble      | Crossing Guard (McDevitt)      |
| Sherry Vincent    | Time Out Room                  |
| Kathy Wilson      | Teacher Assist. - Third Grade  |
| Keith Yarbrough   | Custodian                      |
| Diane Yother      | Kgn Bus Aide                   |

## 2005 Jayhawk Girls Track



Back Row L-R: Coach Alexander, Coach Bush, Coach Roggenbaum, Coach Gass, Coach Powers

4th Row: Beth Moore, Chelsea Jackson, Tracey Raymond, Athena Spitler, Amber Dunckel, Shannah Gazlay, Cori King, Amanda Corts, Chrissy Montgomery, Giselle Fischman

3rd Row: Kayley Montgomery, LeAnn Page, Samantha Ritter, Chelsea Maxson, Tabitha Swaenepoel, Katherine Mollitor, Maegan Rose, Chelsea Cady, Kari Enbody

2nd Row: Shelly Fushi, Kelsey Hart, Kalie Lamb, Brandi Richardson, Kaycee Kurtz, Cara Willbee, Harley Williams, Brittani Geiersbach, Jonell Schweda

Bottom Row: Rachel Bensen, Whitney Rose, Kristin Matthews, DeeDee Briggs, Brittani Ackerman, Angela Edward, Rachel Tice, Heather Fushi

## Spring Sports

Congratulations to the Girls Track team for winning the conference championship in the spring sports season. The first place finish was the second consecutive title for Coach Dan Roggenbaum's team. Earning all-conference honors were Rachel Benson, DeeDee Briggs, Chelsea Cady, Shannah Gazlay, Kalie Lamb, and Samantha Ritter. At the state meet the Lady Jayhawks finished in 6th place in Division 4. All-state honors were won by DeeDee Briggs 1st place in shot put and 3rd in discus and Brittani Ackerman 4th in discus and 3rd in shot put.

Earning all-conference honors for the Boys Track team was Derrick Fairchild, Richard Gorton, Brian Lowe, Ray Lowe, Brandon McCollum, and Todd Sweezey. In the 800 meter Ray Lowe earned All-State honors. The Boys Track team finished 2nd in the conference.

All-conference honors and conference finish for other spring sports. Girls Golf, 5th place, Abbey Anderson; Baseball, 6th place, Brandon McCollum; Softball, 7th place, Shannah Gazlay and Angela Edward

## Sport Practices

Practices for high school sports teams will begin as follows: August 8th for football and girls basketball, August 12th for boys golf, August 15th for cross country teams and cheerleaders. Middle school teams in 7th grade football, 8th grade football cross country, 7th grade girls basketball, and 8th grade girls basketball will be organized and begin practices shortly after school begins on Aug 24th. All athletes must have a physical card on file before they allowed to practice. Physical cards are available at the High School office. Call 782-8167 for more information.

## Patrons Page

On Monday, August 22 the Fall sports teams will be collecting names for the patrons page of the program. Donations of \$1.00 per name will make you a member of the White club and Red club listings are \$5.00 per name. Times will be from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Want to have a personalized message printed in the program? For as little as \$15.00 you can show your support of Jayhawk athletics. Call 782-8167 and speak with Les Essex or Terri Smak for details.

**Check out the Vandy Web Page**  
**[scnc.vandy.k12.mi.us](http://scnc.vandy.k12.mi.us)**

**Athletic events and directions to games will be posted.**

## Townsend Elementary

School will begin in Vandercook Wednesday, August 24. Elementary students at Townsend School Grades 1 through 5 and morning kindergartners will begin their day at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal will be at 11:30 August 24, 25, and 26.

### **Schedule for kindergartners:**

AM attends Wednesday, August 24

PM attends in the morning on Thursday, August 25

AM attends Friday, August 26

The afternoon kindergarten pupils do not attend on Wednesday, August 24 and Friday, August 26. They will only attend Thursday morning, August 25 from 8:00 to 11:30.

Normal starting for morning kindergarten is 8:00 with dismissal at 11:10. The afternoon kindergarten students start at 11:55 am and dismiss at 3:05 p.m.

The Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23. It will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 7:00 PM. Parents and students may visit their classrooms and meet their teacher.

### **New Students**

**Parents of Kindergartners not enrolled at the round-up last spring and all elementary students new to the district should call Townsend Elementary School and arrange to have their children register sometime during the week of August 8. Immunization cards and birth certificates must be presented when beginners enroll.**

### **Reminder- Procedures for Entering the Building at Townsend Elementary**

All students who arrive and return home by car are to enter and leave the school through the front door. The exception is that all 3rd and 4th grade students will enter through the front door but will exit out the west end door.

Please use the circular drive for drop-off and pick-up only. Parents who wish to enter the school, please park in one of the parking lots in front of the school, along Floyd Avenue.

There will be adults inside the front entrance who will help students find their classrooms the first week of school.

Students who are eating breakfast may arrive after 7:30 a.m. and go directly to the lunchroom. All other children should not arrive at school until 7:55 a.m. unless special arrangements have been made.

**Support Staff - High School**

Mrs. Patricia Blossom, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Theresa Smak, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Hunter, *Secretary*  
 Ms Denise Wolcott, *Alternative Ed Teacher Aide*  
 Mrs. Deena Griffin, *Special Education Aide*  
 Mrs. June London, *Special Education Aide*  
 Mrs. Laura Austin - *Special Education Aide*  
 Mrs. Katie Wilcox - *Special Education Aide*  
 Mrs. Christine Johnson, *Special Education Aide*  
 Mrs. Carolyn Rink, *Instrumental Music Teacher Aide*  
 Ms. Dayna Schweda, *Teacher Aide*  
 Ms. Glenda Wells, *Teacher Aide*

**Maintenance - High School**

Mr. Loal Hemminger, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
 Mr. Gerald Beebe, *Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*  
 Mr. Norman Masters, *Custodian*  
 Mrs. Shelly Holderman, *Custodian*  
 Mrs. Vicki Nadell, *Custodian*  
 Mrs. Debbie Warner, *Custodian*  
 Ms. Kay Seffernick, *Custodian*  
 Mr. Ken Hamisfar, *Utility*

**Hot Lunch Staff - High School**

Mr. Dave Center, *Food Services Director*  
 Ms. Cathy Conaway  
 Mrs. Linda Honsinger  
 Mrs. Stacey Ambs  
 Mrs. Patricia Kilburn  
 Mrs. Charlene Strickrodt  
 Mrs. Carol Finley

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Anthony S. Hollow, *Superintendent*  
 Mr. Ronald R. Bennett, *Superintendent Emeritus*  
 Mr. Phillip Garrison, *Technology Director*  
 Mr. Scott Koziol, *Curriculum Director*  
 Mrs. Diane O. Riedel, *Office Manager*  
 Mrs. Mary Sharp, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Dawn Bitner, *Secretary*

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| <b>Mr. Gene Fushi</b>       | <b>Trustee</b>        |

**MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL STAFF**

Mr. Mark Schonhard - *Principal*;  
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 Mr. Thomas Gass - *English*;  
 Mr. Trevor Goedert - *English*, *Social Studies*;  
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 Mr. Matthew Markwart - *Business Education*;  
 Mrs. Maria Murphy - *Special Education*;  
 Ms. Tammie Neeley - *Business*;  
 Mr. Jacob Oaster - *Vocal Music*;  
 Mr. Pete Powers - *English*;  
 Mr. Timothy Pryor - *Science*; *Health*;  
 Mr. Lyman Robertson - *Technology Lab*;  
 Mr. Daniel Roggenbaum - *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*;  
 Ms. Peggy Sayre - *Mathematics*;  
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 Ms. Erin Slater - *Social Studies*  
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 Mr. Steven Tucker - *English*, *Journalism*;  
 Mr. Paul Varner - *Physical Education*;  
 Mr. Wayne Vibbert - *Social Studies*; *Health*  
 Mrs. Doreen Warner - *7th Grade Social Studies*  
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 Mr. Gerald Williams - *Instrumental Music*;

## Bus Students

Wednesday morning, August 24, buses will leave the school at 7:00 a.m. and cover approximately the same routes as last year. Elementary bus runs will be made at 7:20 a.m. and will cover the same routes as last year.

All Kindergarten through fifth grade classes will be at Townsend Elementary.

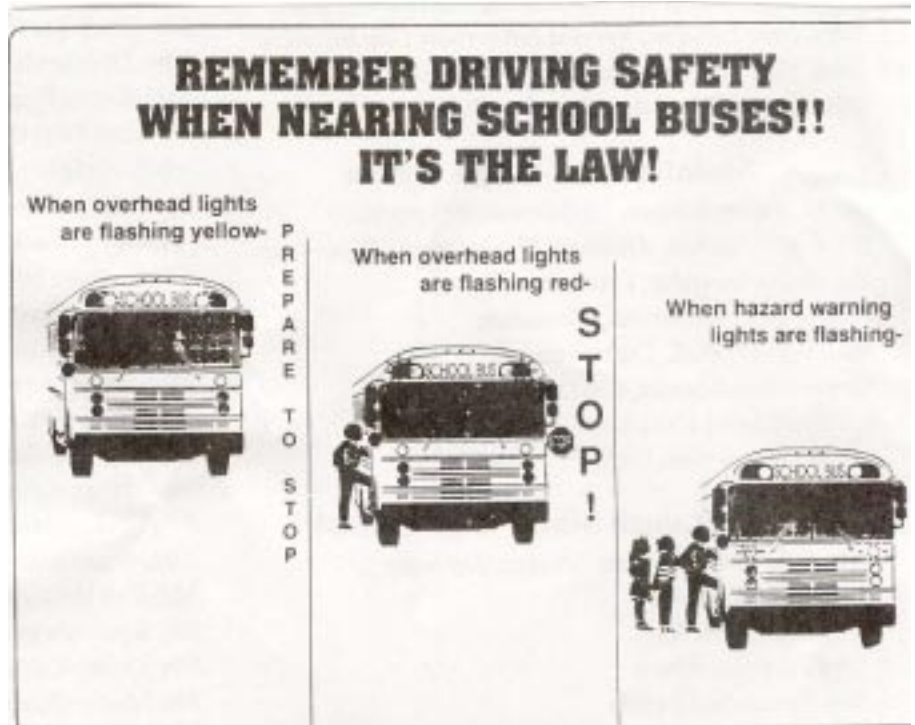
All students in Grades K-5 who live close to Townsend School will walk. The parameters will be from McDevitt to Marion, and Draper to Hague. There will be some adjustments made to the bus routes after the school year begins. Parents of kindergarten students in areas to be covered by school bus runs will be contacted before school starts.

Normal dismissal times will be 2:40 p.m. for junior high and high school students and 3:05 for elementary students.

**Transportation Supervisor:** Gerald Beebe

**Bus Drivers:** Martha Futrell, Gloria Rose, Diane Yother, Roger Kaywood, Debra Hubbell, Kathy Rochefort,

**Bus Drivers are needed. Anyone interested in driving a bus should contact the central office at 782-9044. All training will be provided at the expense of the Vandercook district.**



## Bus Safety

The mission of the transportation department is to safely and efficiently transport students to and from school. Student behavior that interferes with this mission cannot be tolerated. Misbehavior may result in students being denied the privilege of being transported.

Bus rules will be given to each student riding the bus. If rules are broken and students do not behave appropriately on the bus, the driver will talk to the student and, if warranted, that student's parent or guardian. The next step could be a written warning or removal from the bus and copies sent home by the appropriate principal.

A student who normally does not ride a bus must have written permission from the parents and approved by the principal to ride a bus.

Parents please discuss the importance of bus safety with your students.

## HOT LUNCH MENU

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>8-22- 2005</b><br><br><u>No School</u>  | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>8-23-2005</b><br><br><u>No School</u>   | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>8-24-2005</b><br><br>1/2 Day<br>Breakfast only<br>No lunch   | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>8-25-2005</b><br><br>1/2 Day<br>Breakfast only<br>No lunch  | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>8-26-2005</b><br><br>1/2 Day<br>Breakfast only<br>No lunch |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>8-29-2005</b><br>Pizza or Nachos<br>w/Meat & Cheese<br>Green Beans<br>Pineapple Tidbits<br>Milk | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>8-30-2005</b><br>Pizza or<br>Chicken & Gravy<br>Mashed Potato<br>Bread<br>Pears<br>Milk | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>8-31-2005</b><br>Pizza or<br>Ham & Cheese on Bun<br>Doritos<br>Dill Spears<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Jello<br>Milk | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>9-01-2005</b><br>Pizza or<br>Spaghetti w/meat<br>sauce<br>Tossed Salad<br>Bread<br>Applesauce<br>Milk | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>9-02-2005</b><br><br><u>No School</u>                      |

Daily Choices: Hamburg on bun, vegetable, fresh fruit, crackers, 2% or whole milk (choc or white)

**Based on family income, applications will be made available at all school offices for free or reduced price lunches. School officials will NOT use the information on this application for ANY purpose other than deciding if your child should get free or reduced price meals, Title I benefits, and/or other benefits as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture.**

Lunches may be paid by a computerized point-of-sale debit card system. This system provides a more accurate and secure means of handling student breakfast and lunch funds. How does this system work? First, your student is issued a student identification number. Second, checks, money envelopes, or cash are deposited in your student's breakfast and lunch accounts. (Checks are preferred.) Last, a positive balance of \$5.00 would be appreciated at all times.

Please be sure to include your student's name on all checks. For money envelopes, please put your student's first and last name, the amount of money enclosed, and the teacher's name on the outside of the envelope.

Prices for lunches are as follows:

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|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Junior and Senior High Students</b> | <b>Townsend Elementary</b>     | <b>Breakfast for all students (K-12)</b> |
| \$1.45 per day                         | \$1.35 per day                 | \$ .75 per day                           |
| \$7.25 per week                        | \$6.75 per week                | \$ 3.00 per week                         |
| \$29.00 per month (four weeks)         | \$27.00 per month (four weeks) | \$12.00 per month (four weeks)           |

If extra milk is desired, it may be purchased for 20 cents. Parents can also request a printout of their students' selection and account balance. If any money is left in your students' account at the end of the school year, it will be carried over to the following school year unless parents request a refund.

If you have any questions regarding the system, please feel free to call David Center, Food Services Director at the high school cafeteria at 782-9044 - Extension 218.

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### **Policy on Inclement Weather**

Following is the revised policy on inclement weather adopted by the board at the board meeting held June 9, 2003. The major change is students will be kept in school in the event of a tornado watch/tornado warning.

The Board of Education recognizes that its responsibility for the safety of students extends to possible natural and man-made disasters and that such emergencies are best met by preparedness and planning.

The Board authorizes a system of emergency preparedness which shall ensure that:

- A. the health and safety of students and staff are safeguarded;
- B. the time necessary for instructional purposes is not unduly diverted;
- C. minimum disruption to the educational program occurs;
- D. students are helped to learn self-reliance and trained to respond sensibly to emergency situations.

All threats to the safety of District facilities shall be identified by appropriate personnel and responded to promptly in accordance with the plan for emergency preparedness.

During a tornado watch, all students will remain in school. All curricular activities and sporting events will be cancelled until the tornado watch is cancelled.

During a tornado warning, all students will remain in school until the tornado warning is lifted. All curricular activities and sporting events will be cancelled until the tornado warning is cancelled.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines for the handling of all emergency evacuations.

### **Policy on Armed Forces Recruiting ("Opting Out")**

The Board shall in accordance with State and Federal law, provide at least the same access to the high school campus and to student directory information (names, addresses, and telephone listings of secondary students) of the students enrolled in the high school as is provided to other entities offering educational or employment opportunities to official recruiting representatives of all the following for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the armed forces of the United States and the service academies of the armed forces of the United States. "Armed forces of the United States" means the armed forces of the United States and their reserve components and the United States coast guard.

If a student or the parent or legal guardian of a student submits a signed, written request to the Board that indicates that the student or the parent or legal guardian does not want the student's directory information to be accessible to official recruiting representatives, then the officials of the school shall not allow that access to the student's directory information. The Board shall ensure that students and parents and guardians are notified of the provisions of the opportunity to deny release of directory information.

Public notice shall be given regarding right to refuse disclosure of any or all "directory information" including in the armed forces of the United States and the service academies of the armed forces of the United States.

A fee, not to exceed the actual costs incurred by the high school, for copying and mailing student directory information under this section, may be charged an official recruiting representative.

Directory information received under armed services authorization request shall be used only to provide to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the armed forces of the United States. An official recruiting representative who receives student directory information under this section shall not release that information to a person who is not involved in recruiting students for the armed forces of the United States or the service academies of the armed forces of the United States.

Annually the Board will notify male students age eighteen (18) or older that they are required to register for the selective service.

The Board may disclose "directory information" on former students without student or parental consent.

The Board shall not permit the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information for that purpose.

## Asbestos Management Plan Notice

The school district has conducted an extensive asbestos inspection of all buildings. This survey and a follow-up management plan were completed by state certified inspector-consultants. Insulation on pipes, furnaces, hot water tanks, etc. are encapsulated according to EPA recommendations. The survey and plan indicate no friable materials in school buildings.

To ensure the health and safety of building occupants, surveillance by local certificated personnel is conducted every six months. Reinspections by state qualified inspectors also are required and made every third year.

The plan is available for inspection at the central office in the high school, and if requested, it will be supplied to school patrons within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

## Smoke-Free School District

The Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake Public Schools adopted a resolution that there will be no smoking on school grounds at any time. The policy took effect in the 1999-2000 school year. This smoke-free policy affects athletic contests. If someone needs to smoke between games or at half-time, they must leave the school grounds. This resolution is not intended to inconvenience too many people; however, it will benefit the entire community to be smoke free. Use of tobacco products includes:

1. The carrying of a lighted cigar, pipe or other lighted smoking device.
  2. The inhaling or chewing of a tobacco product.
  3. The placing of a tobacco product within a person's mouth.
- (Tobacco-Free School Law-Enrolled Senate Bill 459, 1993).

## Weapon Free School Zone Policy

The Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake Public School District, as both an employer and a public school district, is concerned with and interested in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of students, employees, and visitors. The Board recognizes that school buildings, facilities, vehicles, grounds and other school property are best utilized in the educational process in the absence of threats to physical well-being and safety, by individuals possessing weapons.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake School District shall permanently expel a pupil from attending school in the school district if the pupil possesses a weapon or commits arson or rape in a weapon free school zone.

This law continues to be discussed at the state legislature. Vandercook Schools will maintain a policy in full compliance with this law.

**It is the policy of the Vandercook Lake School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status or handicap in its educational program, activities, or employment as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972. Direct inquiries to Superintendent of Schools, 1000 Golf Ave., Jackson, Michigan, Phone 782-9044.**

## Drug Free Schools Notice

The Vandercook Lake School District attempts to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all of its students and patrons. To this end and because the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful, the district complies with the Federal Drug Free School Act.

In accordance with this federal law and Board of Education policy, the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs or alcohol by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event is prohibited. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process, up to and including expulsion from school and prosecution. Compliance to these standards by students is mandatory.

The district is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he/she receives help through programs and services available in the community.

Non-students who violate the provisions of the Drug Free School Zone subject themselves to severe penalties under the law.

## **OSHA Regulations**

The Vandercook Lake School District is subject to federal regulation from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the district who are, or could be, exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the district is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment.

Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the district request the person who is bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV or HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the district to request the consent. Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop, you will understand the reason for our request and will have an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation, we can prevent them from spreading.

### **Bus Vandalism Sanctions Strengthened**

H.B. 4155 (bus vandalism) was signed by Governor John Engler in April to take effect August 1, 1995. P.A. 13 (H.B. 4155) establishes a five-year prison term and a fine of up to \$5,000 for creating a health or safety hazard by damaging a bus. Previously such conduct was punishable as a malicious destruction, carrying a prison term of up to four years and a fine of up to \$2,000.

### **Pesticide Control Act Required Notice of Pesticide Application**

At the beginning of each school year, administrators shall notify parents and guardians of children attending that school of the right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide at that school.

The notice described in the previous paragraph shall contain information, obtained from the person applying the pesticides, which includes a statement that a pesticide will be applied, the approximate location of the application, and the date of application.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

It is the policy of the Vandercook Lake School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity and in employment as required by Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972; or American Disabilities Act of 1990.

### **Student Harassment Policy**

Harassment of a student(s) by other students or any member of the staff is contrary to the Board of Education's commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn and may be in violation of federal or state law. Anyone found to have violated this policy and/or the Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the district.

### **Senior Citizen Passes**

Passes are available to all Vandercook Lake School District senior citizens compliments of the Board of Education. This pass will allow our senior citizens the opportunity to attend Vandercook Lake School sponsored events held in any of our district facilities free of charge. Exceptions to the free admission include but are not limited to MHSAA tournaments, non-school -sponsored programs and events, fund-raising activities, and school plays/dramas requiring admission due to royalties. Passes are available from the Superintendent's office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Senior citizens are at least 60 years of age and retired.

Board of Education  
meetings will be held  
the second Monday  
of each month at 6:00  
p.m. in the high  
school library.

**2005 CALENDAR**

|           |                            |   |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| August    | 11                         | 6th Grade Registration                              |
|           | 12                         | 7th Grade Registration                              |
|           | 15                         | 8th Grade Registration                              |
|           | 16                         | 9th Grade Registration                              |
|           | 17                         | 10th Grade Registration                             |
|           | 18                         | 11th & 12th Grade Registration                      |
|           | 23                         | Open House - See Article on Right                   |
|           | 24                         | Students first day - 1/2 Day                        |
|           | 24                         | High School Tailgate Party 6:30 pm                  |
|           | 25                         | Students - 1/2 Day                                  |
| 26        | Students - 1/2 Day         |   |
| September | 2                          | No School   |
|           | 5                          | Labor Day Holiday - No School                       |
|           | 12                         | Regular School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.            |
|           | 13                         | Middle School Tailgate Party 6:30 p.m.              |
|           | 23                         | School Pictures                                     |
| 24        | Marching Band Invitational |   |
| October   | 3                          | Awards Night  |
|           | 7                          | Homecoming  |
|           | 11                         | Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 pm                |
|           | 25                         | Middle School Band/Choir Concert 7:00 pm            |
|           | 27                         | H.S. Band/Choir Concert                             |
| November  | 2                          | Parent Teacher Conferences - 6-8 pm H.S.            |
|           | 2                          | Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (evening)   |
|           | 3                          | Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (afternoon) |
|           | 3                          | Parent Teacher Conferences - MS/HS 1-4; 6-8 pm      |
|           |                            | 1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am           |
|           | 4                          | 1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am           |
|           | 4-18                       | Apple Pie Sale                                      |
|           | 14                         | Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.              |
|           | 18                         | Downtown Christmas Parade (Band) - 6:00 pm          |
|           | 19                         | Apple Pie Sale                                      |
| 24-28     | Thanksgiving Break         |   |
| December  | 2,3,4                      | 5th and 6th grade girls basketball tournament       |
|           | 5                          | Holiday Concert Middle/High School Band/Choir (JCC) |
|           | 12                         | Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 pm                |
|           | 17,18                      | 7th/8th grade girls basketball                      |
|           | 19 thru<br>January 3, 2006 | Winter Break  |

**Open House**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2005**

Open House will be held earlier again this year to allow parents to tour the building, find their child's classroom, meet the teachers, and to hear what the school year will be like. The curriculum, classroom expectations, and ways parents may become involved will be explained. Parents go directly to the classrooms to meet with the child's teacher. Everyone is invited to tour the building. We hope this will help make the start of school a little smoother for all.

**Times:**

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Townsend Elementary**

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Middle/High School**

**Tailgate Party**

The annual tailgate party will be held on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m for the high school and Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 for the middle school. Food will be furnished. Bring your own card tables and chairs. The tailgate party is sponsored by the Athletic and Band Boosters organizations. All fall athletic teams and band members will be introduced.

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