

# News and Views

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## School Starts Tuesday - September 5

**School will begin in Vandercook** Tuesday, September 5. 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 Tuesday, September 5. Elementary pupils at Townsend School, Grades 1 through 5 and morning kindergartners, will begin their day at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 5. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. for Townsend Elementary students.

**Starting this school year the starting time for Wednesday late-start will be at 9:30 a.m. for middle school and high school and 9:45 a.m. for Townsend Elementary. This is fifteen minutes earlier than last school year. Dismissal times remain the same. Bus pick-ups will be scheduled accordingly.**

### Open House - Tuesday - September 5, 2006

At this year's open house parents will get a chance to tour the building, locate their child's classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about some of the new programs and improvements which have been made. The curriculum, classroom expectations, and ways in which parents may become involved will be explained. The middle/high school will begin their program with a short general meeting in the high school gymnasium. Elementary parents and students should report directly to the classrooms to meet their child's teacher. We hope this will help make the start of school a little smoother for everyone.

#### Times:

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Townsend Elementary

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Middle/High School

**The registration of Grades 6-12** at the high school will begin Monday, August 21. 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. Students are not allowed to leave the school building for lunch.

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 if proper procedures are followed. 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 \$5.00 will be refunded when the lock is returned in good condition at the end of the school year.

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: Families with more than one high/middle school student may enroll at the same time.

Monday	August 21- 6th grade;
Tuesday	August 22 -7th grade;
Wednesday	August 23- 8th grade;
Thursday	August 24- 9th grade;
Friday	August 25- 10th grade;
Monday	August 28- 11th and 12th grades.

**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, 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.

### Athletic News

The following Jayhawk athletics earned all conference honors during the Spring season. Baseball: David Watts-pitcher, Nick Melchiori-infielder Softball: Shannah Gazlay-outfield Girl's Track: Amber Dunckel-shot put; Samantha Ritter- 100 meters; Chrissy Montgomery, Chelsea Cady, Megan Stoddard, Samantha Ritter-800 meter relay; Chrissy Montgomery, Megan Stoddard, Shannah Gazlay, McKenzie Kurtz- 1600 meter relay. Congratulations to everyone especially seniors David Watts, Shannah Gazlay, Chrissy Montgomery, and Chelsea Cady.

All State honor in Division 3 was earned in softball by Shannah Gazlay. Shannah was also selected to participate in the Division 3 All Star game held on July 22, 2006 in Lansing. Congratulations.

Varsity baseball coach Chris VanEpps was voted to receive the Cascade Conference sportsmanship award during the spring season. Thanks for a job well done.

Practices for the Fall season will begin on the following dates:

JV and Varsity football	Monday August 7
JV and Varsity boy's golf	Thursday August 10
JV and Varsity girl's basketball	Monday August 14
Cross Country boy's and girl's	Monday August 14
7th and 8th grade football	Wednesday August 30
7th and 8th grade girl's basketball	Wednesday September 6

Coaches will contact athletes if they have already signed up concerning practice times.....Call the High School 782-8167 with any questions.

**Note:** All athletes must have a current physical card on file with the athletic department before participating in any practices.

**Congratulations to veteran coach Tom Gass** on his recent selection into the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Gass has coached the boy's cross country and boy's track teams at Vandercook Lake HS for over 30 years. This honor is certainly deserved. Tom will become the second Jayhawk coach to achieve this award. Coach Gass will be honored at a banquet in Mt. Pleasant on the Central Michigan University campus on September 17, 2006. Tom's plaque will be placed along with long-time football coach Chuck Miller representing Vandercook Lake.

### McDevitt Child Care

Childcare registration will be August 16, 17, and 18 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. Someone will be available at the Open House at Townsend School on September 5 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, 2006. 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.

**Townsend Elementary**

**Paul Chilcote - Principal** **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
Colleen Stapley	Kindergarten
Becca Bradley	First
Amy Leighton	First
Yvonne Rininger	First
Sue Allen	Multi-age
Jill Arcaro	Multi-age
Corrie Castle	Multi-age
Beth Jones	Multi-age
Elise Fish	Second
Sue Hause	Second
Brenda Johnson	Second
Kathy Higgins	Third
Jaime Warren	Third
Terri Siegrist	Third
Sheryl Waite	Third
Jill Cripe	Fourth
Mark Snyder	Fourth
Mark Spaan	Fourth
Chris VanEpps	Fourth
John Myers	Fifth
Jon Packer	Fifth
Joy Stewart	Fifth
Patricia Vass	Fifth
Suzanne Richardson	Art
William Spencer	Gym
Jennifer French	Media Specialist
Jessica Flickinger	Music
Kim Jones	Special Ed Teacher
Jeannette Sobota	Special Ed Teacher
Kate Gleed	LD Teacher
Marianne Berkemeier	Reading Recovery
Lisa Osypczuk	Reading Recovery
Michelle Boorman	Social Worker
Reaney 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
Beth Fritz	Teacher Asst. - Fourth Grade
Sherri Harvey	BK Asst. (McDevitt)
Amy Hildebrand	Playground
Judy Hinton	Teacher Assist. - First Grade
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.
Kelly Lawton	Bkfst/Lunchroom Cashier
Dottie Lawson	Inclusion Assist.
Donna LeFaive	Secretary (McDevitt)
Jenny Meade	Dishwasher
Terry Middlebrook	Breakfast/Lunchroom
Wendy Morgan	Teacher Assist. - Second Grade
Renee Myers	Kdg. Assist.
Mary Neeley	Crossing Guard/Playground
Pam O'Connell	Library Aide
Walt Ostrander	Custodian
Carol Perdue	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
Bill Orrison	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

**Vandercook Lake Public Schools - Announces two new programs which will improve communication between school and home:**

**School Connects-** Is an effective and secure method of communication that enables educators to use both the traditional telephone network and the modern Internet to enhance the quality of education through effective communication. During registration we will be providing parents and guardians with a brochure that explains this program. Also, we will be asking parents and guardians for phone numbers and e-mail addresses that will be the most convenient and secure method of contacting them. With this new system we will have the capability of notifying parents if their child has an unexcused absence from school or an individual class, within twenty-four hours. Furthermore, it will be utilized to deliver important reminders and notices of upcoming events to students and parents.

**Parent Connect-** Is a new Internet service that will give parents the ability to view their child's progress throughout the school year. Parent Connect will allow parents to view quiz and test scores, homework, and participation grades as soon as they are posted by the teachers. Additionally, Parent Connect will display the student's attendance record including tardies for all classes. For families without internet service, the Jackson District Library through its branches offers free internet access. Please note that report cards will continue to be mailed at the quarter and semester periods. More information regarding Parent Connect will be available at registration.

**Wellness Policy**

The Vandercook Lake Board of Education adopted a Wellness Policy in conjunction with newly formulated federal and state guidelines at the June meeting. The policy was developed by a committee consisting of parents, students, board members and school personnel. The new policy emphasizes the district's role in providing good nutrition and regular physical activity on behalf of the well being of our student body. The Wellness Policy No. 8510 can be found on our website.

**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 Jodi Negus for details.

**Patrons Page**

On Monday, August 21 the Fall sports teams will be collecting names for the patron's 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 Jodi Negus 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 Tuesday, September 5. 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 a.m.

### **Schedule for kindergartners:**

On September 5, morning kindergartners will begin their day at 8:00 a.m. Normal dismissal will be at 11:10 a.m. The afternoon kindergarten students start Wednesday, September 6 at 11:55 a.m. and dismiss at 3:11 p.m.

The Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.. Parents and students may visit their classrooms and meet their teachers.

### **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 21. 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 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.

#### **Afternoon Pick-up Procedure:**

\*Students whose classrooms are in the west wing are to be picked up at the southwest exit. You may reach it by way of the drive at the west end of the building.

\*Students in the east wing and the fifth grade classrooms in the south wing are to be picked up at the southeast exit. Enter the east drive and follow the arrows to the rear of the school. Stay in right hand lane to pick up and use the left lane to pass other cars - then exit to Floyd Avenue. If you park in the lot you must meet your child at the exit door to walk him/her to your car.

\*If you have children in more than one wing, instruct all of them to meet you at the exit assigned to your youngest child. The southwest and southeast exits will be open at 2:50 p.m. for student dismissal.

\*The buses will be using the circle drive in front of the school. The parking lot inside the circle drive will be for staff parking only.

\*Kindergarten students will continue using the front entrance at the end of the a.m. and beginning of the p.m. sessions.

**Support Staff - High School**

Mrs. Patricia Blossom, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Jodi Negus, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Hunter, *Secretary*  
 Ms Denise Wolcott, *Alternative Ed Teacher Aide*  
 Mrs. June London, *Special Education Aide*  
 Mr. Russell Frey - *Classroom 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. Norman Masters, *Transportation Supervisor/*  
*Director of Operations*  
 Mr. Ken Stevens, *Assistant Dir. of Operations*  
 Mrs. Shelly Holderman, *Custodian*  
 Mrs. Vicki Nadell, *Custodian*  
 Mrs. Debbie Warner, *Custodian*  
 Ms. Kay Seffernick, *Custodian*  
 Mr. Trinidad Flores, *Custodian*

**Hot Lunch Staff - High School**

Mr. Dave Center, *Food Services Director*  
 Ms. Cathy Conaway  
 Mrs. Linda Honsinger  
 Mrs. Stacey Ambs  
 Mrs. Mary Spitler  
 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, *Business Manager*  
 Mrs. Mary Sharp, *Secretary*  
 Mrs. Dawn Bitner, *Secretary*

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**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

Mr. Mark Schonhard - *Principal*;  
 Mr. Les Essex - *Assistant Principal; Athletic Director*  
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 Ms. Elizabeth Mortimer-Boldt - *Art*;  
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 Mr. Aaron Bush - *6th Grade; English*  
 Mrs. Karen Carlson - *7th Grade English*  
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 Ms. Tammie Neeley - *Business*;  
 TBA - *Vocal Music*;  
 Mr. Pete Powers - *English*;  
 Mr. Timothy Pryor - *8th Grade Science*  
 Mr. Lyman Robertson - *Technology Lab*;  
 Mr. Daniel Roggenbaum - *Mathematics*  
 Ms. Peggy Sayre - *Mathematics*;  
 Mr. Chris Sexton - *6th Grade; Math*  
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 Ms. Erin Slater - *8th Grade Social Studies*  
 Mrs. Terri Slater - *School Nurse*  
 Mr. Steven Tucker - *English, Journalism*;  
 Mr. Paul Varner - *Physical Education*;  
 Mrs. Doreen Warner - *7th Grade Social Studies*  
 Mrs. Lisa Weber- *6th Grade; Science*  
 Mr. Gerald Williams - *Instrumental Music*;  
 TBA - *Health*

## Bus Students

Tuesday morning, September 5, buses will leave the school around 7:00 a.m. and cover approximately the same routes as last year. Elementary bus runs will be made around 7:20 a.m. and will cover the same routes as last year.

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

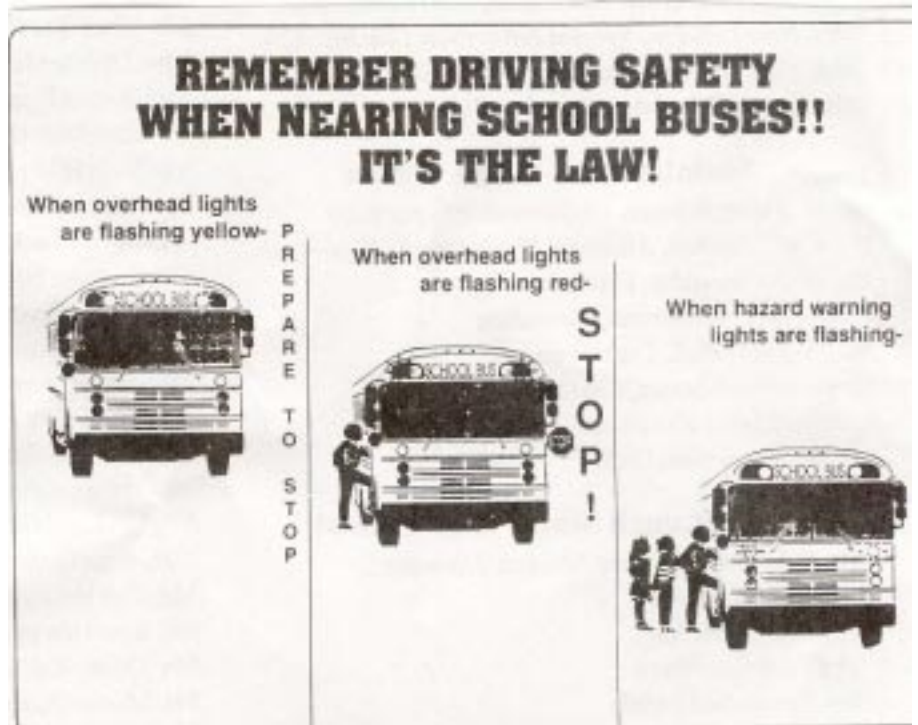
All students in Grades K-5 who live close to Townsend School will walk. The parameters will be from McDevitt to Marion, and Draper to Hague. There will be some adjustments made to the bus routes after the school year begins. Parents of kindergarten students in areas to be covered by school bus runs will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

Normal dismissal times will be 2:40 p.m. for junior high and high school students and 3:11 for elementary students.

**Transportation Supervisor:** Ken Stevens

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

**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

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9-04-06</b>  <u>No School</u>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9-05-06</b>  1/2 Day Breakfast only No lunch	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9-06-06</b>  Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Or Pizza Tossed Salad Bread Apple Sauce Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9-07-06</b>  Chicken Nuggets or Pizza Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9-08-06</b>  Grilled Ham and Cheese Or Pizza Celery and Carrot Sticks Pears Sundae-cup Milk
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9-11-06</b>  Ravioli or Pizza Corn Peaches Bread Milk	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9-12-06</b>  Vandy Rib on Bun or Pizza Tater Tots Pineapple Tidbits Milk	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9-13-06</b>  Chicken & Gravy or Pizza Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit Bread Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9-14-06</b>  Beef & Bean Burrito or Pizza Peas Pears Milk	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9-15-06</b>  Mac & Cheese or Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Bread Milk

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. If your child has no money in his/her account, they will be given peanut butter and jelly, an apple and milk for lunch.

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:

<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.

**2006 CALENDAR**

August	21	6th Grade Registration
	22	7th Grade Registration
	23	8th Grade Registration
	23	High School Tailgate Party 6:30 p.m.
	24	9th Grade Registration
	25	10th Grade Registration
	28	11th & 12th Grade Registration
September	4	Labor Day Holiday - No School
	5	Students first day - 1/2 Day
	5	Open House
	11	Regular School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
	12	Middle School Tailgate Party 6:30 p.m.
	22	Homecoming - Addison
	25	Elementary Picture Day
	29	School Pictures - High School
October	4	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00-8:00 p.m. H.S.
	4	Parent Teacher Conferences Elementary p.m. only
	5	Parent Teacher Conferences Elementary 1-5:00 p.m.
	5	Parent Teacher Conferences 1-4; 6-8 p.m. H.S. 1/2 day for all students
	6	1/2 day for all students
	9	Awards Night 7:30 p.m.
	9	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
	24	Middle School Band/Choir Concert 7:00 pm
	25	H.S. Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
November	3	Picture Retakes 8-10 am - High School
	6-10	Apple Pie Sale
	13	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	17	Downtown Christmas Parade (Band) - 6:00 pm
	18	Apple Pie Pick-up
	22	1/2 Day School dismissed at 11:00 am
	23-24	Thanksgiving Break
December	1,2,3,	5th and 6th grade girls basketball tournament
	11	High School Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.
	12	Middle School Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.
	16,17	5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament
	22 thru	
	January 2, 2007	- Winter Break



**Class of 2006**

**Meghan Gallagher**

In the Senior Edition of the "News and Views", an error occurred and Meghan Gallagher's picture did not get published. Our apologies for this error.

**Tailgate Party**

The annual tailgate party will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m for the high school and Monday, September 12 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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