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Class of 2000 -- Senior Edition

Senior Graduation



Commencement will take place at the Potter Center Music Hall, Jackson Community College. Seating will be no problem with an abundance of cushioned seats in an air-conditioned theater. Faculty members will be dressed in college caps and gowns and will lead the senior class into the theater.

Commencement will start at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2000. The seniors will be presented for graduation by Mr. Anthony Hollow, High School Principal. The graduates will be awarded their diplomas by school board members.

Senior class speakers will be: Thank You: Amber Gorton; Past: Jennifer Hause; Present: Beth Johnston; Future: Libby Curfman. Special music will be provided by the Vandercook Lake Symphonic Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Bickel. Senior, Shelly Duckham will give the opening and closing.

Year-End Activities.....

Many activities have been taking place as the year draws to a close. The Junior-Senior Prom took place on May 13, 2000, at Jackson Community College, Potter Center.. The Junior Class sponsored the event called "Tropical Paradise". They served delicious snacks and provided fun entertainment through the DJ, "Perfect Blend". Approximately 150 students were in attendance. Thanks to advisors Mr. Lyman Robertson and Mrs. Susan Cook for their assistance.

On May 18, band members Grades 5-12 presented their spring concert. On May 24, Honor Awards Night in recognition of outstanding scholastic and related achievement was held for the senior high school. Graduates and their parents attended a senior dessert before the honors program. The Junior High Awards assembly is scheduled for June 1, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, June 4, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. Vandercook Lake area pastors will sponsor this service to be held in the Vandercook Lake High School. This is an optional activity.

Can you pass the test?

Look on page 6 and 7 and see how many seniors you can identify.

□ □ □ □ □ □ - Congratulations and Good Luck!

Following are awards presented to students at Vandercook Lake High School. Other awards are pending and will be announced at a later date:

Academic Parchments: 3.32-3.00-Rachel Clemons, Jason Kuhl, Fred Shaw, Sarah Wood.

"6" Academic V: 3.33 and above - Lindsey Berry, Jody Carroll, Michaela McCarty, Christopher Stiles, Angela Thorpe, Salvador Villarreal.

First Year Academic Pin: Rachelle Graham, Larken Jonas, Jessica Landwehr, Cheyanne Maples, Kimberly Moorehead, Justin Okley, Brandon Tripp.

Second Year Academic Pin: April Jones.

Third Year Academic Pin: Amber Appel, Kara Bushinski, Libby Curfman, Shelly Duckham, Shawn Falaska, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Laura Haddad, Jennifer Hause, Joshua Hunt, Beth Johnston, Rebecca Morgan, John Sharp, Robyn Zebarah.

Citizenship Awards: Seniors: Joshua Hunt, Elizabeth Curfman, Rebecca Morgan; Juniors: Kenneth White, Kristyn Sprangel; Sophomores: Tyler Pierce, Danielle Lowe; Freshmen: Ryan Essex, Danielle Ewers.

Honorary State of Michigan Competitive Scholarships: Liffy Curfman, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Beth Johnston, April Jones, Angela Thorpe, John Sharp.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department Youth Citizenship Award: Laura Haddad.

Outstanding Senior In: Science: Amber Gorton, Joshua Hunt, and Cheyanne Maples; Math: Beth Johnston; English: Beth Johnston and Elizabeth Curfman; Social Studies: Amber Gorton; Business: Robyn Zebarah; Art: Beth Johnston; Journalism: John Sharp and Joshua Hunt; Industrial Arts: Joshua Atkins; Yearbook: Robyn Zebarah; Public Speaking: Michaela McCarty; Music: Beth Johnston and Laura Haddad; Computer Science: Salvador Villarreal and Brandon Tripp. .

High Honors-Gold Cords 3.50 - 4.0: Amber Appel, Kara Bushinski, Libby Curfman, Shelly Duckham, Shawn Falaska, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Laura Haddad, Jennifer Hause, Joshua Hunt, Beth Johnston, Rebecca Morgan, Robyn Zebarah.

Honors-Silver Cords 3.0 - 3.49: Lindsey Berry, Larken Jonas, April Jones, Jessica Landwehr, Cheyanne Maples, Kimberly Moorehead, Justin Okley, John Sharp, Angela Thorpe,, Brandon Tripp, Sarah Wood.

Honor Society: Blue Cords: Amber Appel, Kara Bushinski, Libby Curfman, Shawn Falaska, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Laura Haddad, Joshua Hunt, Beth Johnston, April Jones, Rebecca Morgan, John Sharp, Sarah Wood, Robyn Zebarah.

Student Council: Red Cords: Rebecca Morgan, Sarah Wood, Lisa Minder, Kara Bushinski, Carissa Franck, Laura Haddad, Cheyanne Maples.

Perfect Attendance: Rebecca Weaver, Danielle Ewers, Danielle Lowe, Jessica Sheets, Brandon Swanson, Rebecca Trousdale, Ronnie Boyers, Louis Savoie.

Jackson School Counseling Association Award: Jessica Farler

Jackson County Association of Retired School Personnel Award: Rebecca Morgan

VICA State Medallist: Ehren Benson, Technical Computer Applications, Silver Medal

Central Michigan University, " Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship: Kara Bushinski, Shawn Falaska, Carissa Franck.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department Award for Outstanding Leadership: Erica Gerding, Angela Thorpe, Sarah Zebarah.

National Nominee for Wendy's High School Scholarship Athletics & Citizenship Award: Josh Hunt, Amber Gorton.

Starting Day for 2000-01 School Year

The first day of school for students for the 2000-01 school year is Wednesday, August 23, 2000. There will be no school on September 1 and September 4 in observance of Labor Day weekend as mandated by law. For those of you who are planning vacations, Christmas break starts on the close of the school day on December 22. Students return to school on January 8, 2001. Students will be off from February 16 through February 19 for winter break. Spring break will start on April 2, through April 6, 2001.

Summer Institute

Three students were recipients of the "Summer Institute Scholarship". We are proud to announce that Ehren Benson will attend Western Michigan University to study Engineering; Emily Tripp will attend Madonna University to study Creative Writing; Kenneth White will attend Eastern Michigan University to study "Law and You".

Scholarships

Michael White Memorial Scholarship Award - Laura Haddad & Rebecca Morgan.

United States Army Reserve "Scholar/Athlete": John Sharp & Kara Bushinski

United States Marine Corps - "Distinguished Athlete": Tony Riddle & Beth Johnston

Senior Athlete Award: Amber Gorton and John Sharp

Principals Leadership Award: Sarah Wood

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar/Athlete Award: Amber Gorton.

Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete Award: Amber Gorton

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is an organization of students dedicated to serving the school, the community and themselves. Members are elected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and citizenship. Final election and approval of a membership rests with the executive board, faculty and staff.

Seniors: Amber Appel, Kara Bushinski, Libby Curfman, Shawn Falaska, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Laura Haddad, Joshua Hunt, Beth Johnston, April Jones, Rebecca Morgan, John Sharp, Sarah Wood, Robyn Zebarah..

Juniors: Ehren Benson, McKenzie Boyt, Misty Click, Amanda Cowan, Jessica Fall, Erica Gerding, Andrew Sabin, Jeff Spencer, Kristyn Sprangel, Melissa Tucker, Becky Weaver, Kenneth White, Robynne Wilcox.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Student Organization at Vandercook Lake High School hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Townsend Elementary School on Saturday, April 22, 2000. About 150 K-3 students and family members gathered with high school and junior high student volunteers for a day of fun and treats. Some of the highlights included: face painting, arts and crafts, body drawings, relay races, and live bunnies. The Easter bunny presented himself; and, of course, the hunt itself added to the excitement of this fun day for all.

JACKSON COUNTY LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Thirteenth Annual Jackson County Leadership Camp will take place this summer. Location and time have not yet been determined. The camp is designed to promote leadership skills within the participating individuals. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact Mr. Anthony Hollow at 782-8167 or Mrs. Barb Baird Pauli at 784-8501.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

AWARDS

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL:

2nd Division Ratings--

Ashley Roberts, Flute
Jasmine Gary, Clarinet
Scott Spencer, Piano
Lindsey Berry and Jessica Farler, WW duet
Rebecca Weaver, Clarinet

1st Division Ratings--

Beth Johnston, Trombone
Meghan Hall, Flute
Colleen McCormic, Flute
Jordan Masters, Baritone
Jonathan Ryan, Trumpet
Casey Spaulding, Piano
Meghan Hall and Traci Wells, WW duet

Paul H. Bickel - Band and Choir Director

Upcoming Band Events:

May 18	Spring Mega Concert All bands and choir--6:30 p.m.
May 21	Senior Band Members Gathering --3:00 p.m.
May 25	Music Awards Dessert--6:30 p.m.
May 29	Memorial Day Parade-Downtown Jackson--10:00 a.m.
June 3	Jr. Hi. Marching Band at Cedar Point
June 4	Choir at Baccalaureate
June 5	Commencement - Potter Center High School Band
July 31-- August 4	Band Camp (Spring Arbor College)

Jackson County Honors Band Participants
Beth Johnson, Trombone
Becky Weaver, Clarinet
Lindsey Berry, Contra-Alto Clarinet

GRADUATING SENIORS

JESSICA FARLER-FLUTE
LACEY TOMAN-FLUTE
SARAH CLEMONS-FLUTE
REBECCA MORGAN-CLARINET
AMBER APPEL-CLARINET
LINDSEY BERRY-CLARINET
ANGELA THORPE-CLARINET
LARKEN JONAS-CLARINET
RACHEL CLEMONS-CLARINET
JOSH HUNT-SAXOPHONE
CHEYANNE MAPLES-SAXOPHONE
BRANDON TRIPP-TRUMPET
APRIL JONES-TRUMPET
BETH JOHNSTON-TROMBONE
CARISSA FRANCK-TROMBONE
TRAVESS ELLSWORTH-TROMBONE
JASON BOYERS-TUBA
JUSTIN OKLEY-PERCUSSION
JASON KUHL-PERCUSSION
SARAH WOOD-PERCUSSION
SALVADOR VILLARREAL-PERCUSSION

Choir - Laura Haddad

Vocal Solo/Ensemble--Laura Haddad received a 1st Division at District, and a perfect score on her solo at State. Laura received the DAR awarded in the fall and is planning to attend Jackson Community College and Spring Arbor College.

State Solo/Ensemble - Beth Johnson

Beth Johnston received a 91/100 in the advanced category, which qualified her for the State Honors Band, where she auditioned and earned first chair. She performed on May 13 at Miller Auditorium on the campus of Western Michigan University.

The fall of 2000 Beth plans to enter the University of Michigan, School of Art and Design, to study Graphic and Industrial Design. This summer at Freshman orientation, she plans to audition with the Michigan Marching Band.

Top Ten Senior Students

Amber Gorton:

Daughter of James & Cynthia Gorton.

Plans to attend Michigan State to pursue a career in the medical field.

Beth Johnston:

Daughter of David & Ann Johnston. Plans to attend the school of Art & Design at the University of Michigan.

Elizabeth Curfman:

Daughter of Greg & Shirlee Curfman.

Plans to attend Olivet Nazareen University to major in English.

Jennifer Hause:

Daughter of Jim & Sue Hause.

Plans to attend JCC and transfer to Spring Arbor to study elementary education.

Shelly Duckham:

Daughter of Cliff & Betty Rapert and Phil & Vicki Duckham.

Plans to attend JCC and transfer to Eastern to study elementary education.

Shawn Falaska:

Daughter of Chris & Scott Falaska. Shawn will attend Central Michigan to study Psychology.

Jessica Farler:

Daughter of Larry Parish.

Jessica will attend Michigan State to study elementary education.

Rebecca Morgan:

Daughter of Kevin & Wendy Morgan.

Becky plans to attend JCC transfer to Central to earn a degree in physical therapy.

Carissa Franck:

Daughter of Paul & Susan Franck. Plans to attend Central Michigan to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Joshua Hunt:

Son of Chuck and Lois Hunt.

Will attend Michigan State where he will pursue a career in athletic training and physical therapy.

Jackson Community College Departmental Scholarships:

Mathematics & Engineering Science	Shelly Duckham
Social Science:	Robyn Zebarah
Language/Literature:	Jennifer Hause

Hoops for Heart

Both middle and high school gyms were used for the fourth annual "Hoops for Heart" competitions. All students in grades 6 through 12 were given the opportunity to participate in the annual event to raise money for the American Heart Association. Coed teams of three or four students divided by grade and experience levels participated in three on three-half-court basketball games. Champions were determined in four divisions. Approximately 115 students raised money and participated in the day-long event. As a result Vandercook Lake Middle/High School was able to send a check for over \$3100 to the American Heart Association. In return the school receives a certificate for \$175 to be used for physical education equipment. Thanks to Ms. Barb Blair for taking charge of this very worthwhile event.

TEN THINGS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES NEED TO KNOW BUT MAY NOT HAVE LEARNED

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it.
2. The World won't care about your self esteem as much as your school and your parents do.
3. You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of high school.
4. If you think your teacher is rough, wait until you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for less glamorous jobs. They called it "Opportunity".
6. If you screw up, it's not your parents fault.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying YOUR bills, Cleaning YOUR room.
8. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find "yourself".
9. Be nice to nerds; chances are you'll end up working for nerds.
10. Living fast and dying young is romantic until you see one of your peers at room temperature.....(Author Unknown)



Class of 2000

Row 1: Amber Appel, Kristina Moore, Joshua Hunt, Rebecca Morgan, Jody Carroll
Row 2: Amanda Riddle, Shawn Falaska, Lindsey Berry, Robert Moore, Jennifer Hause
Row 3: Tony Riddle, Angela Thorpe, Heather Tripp, Nancy Tefft, Robyn Zebarah
Row 4: Shaunna Cook, Shelly Duckham, Brandon Tripp, Tom Rose, Jeff VanEpps
Row 5: Chris Miller, Cheyanne Maples, John Sharp, Lacey Toman, Brandi Bristow
Row 6: Fred Shaw, Joe Annabel, Larken Jonas, Sarah Wood, Brent Mees



Class of 2000

Row 1: Jeffery Perez, Kim Moorehead, Sean Moran, Kara Bushinski, Sean Sasser

Row 2: Rachel Clemons, Carissa Franck, Jason Boyers, Jessica Farler, Joshua Atkins

Row 3: Lisa Minder, Joe Hamlin, Kelly Barnett, Libby Curfman, Sarah Clemons

Row 4: Jason Kuhl, Beth Johnston, Travess Ellsworth, Jessica Landwehr, Laura Hadadd

Row 5: Salvador Villarreal, Amber Gorton, Mike Green, Justin Okley, April Jones

Row 6: Dale Stevens, Ana Perez, Chris Stiles, Rachelle Graham, Michela McCarty

1999-2000 School Accreditation Renewed

Principal, Paul Chilcote, of Townsend School announced that the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation has been extended through the 1999-2000 school year. This action was taken at the NCA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on April 4, 2000.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools requests," Principal Chilcote explained. "The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school."

The North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,000 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The Association works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and school improvement. NCA currently accredits 1,403 schools in Michigan.

Vandercook Lake Schoolyard Habitat Project

The Vandercook Lake Middle/High School is involved in a collaborative project with graduate students from the University of Michigan to develop a school yard habitat. The purpose of the project is to develop an area that can be used for hands-on instruction. Students can observe the habitats of various animals as the wetlands area behind the school is restored. The school yard habitat will enrich our curriculum in science and math. Another portion of this project will be to landscape the front of the school using plants that are native to Michigan. It is the goal of the team of graduate students and VCL teachers to involve the students and interested community members in this project. If you are interested in being involved or have resources to donate, please call the high school office 782-8167.

List of needs:

200 cubic feed of Mulch (more seasonally)	Tree-Watering Bags
Old newspapers	String
20 Loppers	20 Measuring Tapes
20 Hand Shrub Clippers	Wooden Stakes
7 Hand Saws (For Larger Shrubs/Trees)	Hose (500 feet)
20 Hip Waders	Sprinkler
20 Shovels	Drip Hose
20 Rakes	Watering Cans
Round-up	Marking Flags
30 Trowels	Tongue Depressors
200 Plant Labels	Permanent markers
Agricultural lyme, or gravel for path	Rental of a sod-cutting machine
Bed Edging Material	10 rain gauges

FAST Program

Congratulations to Mark Spaan and the Families and Schools Together Program (FAST) at the Townsend School. The FAST Program will appear in the Michigan Education Association's 2000 Showcasing Public School Success booklet. The program is being honored along with 224 other examples of public school success.

Wanted for Latchkey

We are in need of good used toys, books and games for next year for 4-12 year olds.

Please call Bonnie Harvey at 784-6133. Thank you.

10 Water Chemistry kits
Ground water well to measure water table
Lumber for building boardwalk, bird houses, benches
Plants/seeds (See list of locally indigenous plants)
Reward for students (ice cream, lemonade)
Plant identification books (keys)
Insect identification books
Bird identification books
Animal tracking books
Books on wetland creatures and habitat
Books on Hydrology

Regular School Election Monday - June 12, 2000

June 12, 2000 is the regular school election. The election will be held in the high school library. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are two vacancies to be filled in this election.

Two incumbent candidates terms have expired and have filed petitions for the next four-year term. They are:

Diane I. Schweda - Secretary of the Board of Education and member since 1988. Mrs. Schweda has four children that graduated from Vandercook Lake Schools.

Harold Henry, Jr. - Treasurer of the Board of Education and member since 1983. Harold is a long-time member of the community and has three children that graduated from Vandercook Lake Schools.

Careers in Motion

Contact person at JACC: Delinda Woods (517) 768-5226

Jackson Area Career Center is again offering the Careers in Motion Summer Program, with two one-week sessions June 19-23, for students entering the 8th and 9th grade (fall 2000) and July 31-August 4, for students who have attended the program during the summer of 1998 or 1999 and those enrolled in the June 2000 session.

This great summer technology program provides an opportunity to have fun while exploring technology, leadership and careers related to JACC's 13 career and technical clusters. Students make class choices from the following clusters:

Agriculture/Natural Resources, Business Applications and Computer Certifications, Child Care Services, Computer Systems Technology, Construction/Building Maintenance, Cosmetology, Health Occupations, Hospitality and Food Services, Manufacturing, Marketing, Protective Services, Transportation and Visual Imaging.

Both weeks will run Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - 12:15 pm Friday's schedule will include a special parent/student/staff activity.

There is a \$25 registration fee, which includes lunch each day. Scholarships are available to students who qualify. Bus transportation will be provided from at least one stop in each of the local districts in Jackson County. The program is also available to Hillsdale County students for a \$50 registration fee, and no bus transportation provided for Hillsdale students.

Enrollment applications are available through your school counselor, or by calling (517) 768-5226. Be sure to get your application in early for best selection of classes.

Do you need health insurance for your children?

MI-Child (pronounced My Child) is a new health insurance program in Jackson County.

To qualify, children must:

- * Be a US citizen and live in Michigan
- * Be under 19 years old
- * Have no health insurance
- * Live in a family with a monthly income of about:

\$1,900, for a family of two
\$2,400, for a family of three
\$2,800, for a family of four
\$3,300, for a family of five

MIChild gives you the same health benefits as state employees receive, including dental care. The cost for each family is \$5 per month.

To apply for MiChild, call the Jackson County Health Department at 788-4414 or call 1-888-988-6300.

Tenth Annual Junior Collegiate Camp

JCC's Center for Continuing Education office is pleased to announce "The Tenth Annual Junior Collegiate Camp" for students having completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

The camp is offered Monday-Friday, June 26-30th at the JCC Main Campus. Various classes are offered 8:00-9:45 am and 9:55-11:45 am. Below you will find a list of class offerings.

Session I 8:00-9:45 am

On Stage: Intro to Theatre
Basketball Clinic
Babysitter Training
Create a Web Page
Modeling Makeup and More
Pet Mania

Session II 9:55-11:45 am

Take Two Video Productions
My Favorite Mummy
Babysitter Training
Create a Web Page
Soccer Clinic
Baseball Clinic

Cost is \$54.00 for 1 class or \$84.00 for 2 classes

For more information, please call Marian Burlingham, Director - Center for Continuing Education, at 796-8445 or 787-0800 ext. 8326.

Track

On Wednesday, May 17, 2000, Vandercook Lake's Boys and Girls Track teams were selected "Teams of the Week" by WLNS - Channel 6 TV.

Channel 6 sent a camera to Vandercook Lake High School and presented a plaque to each team.

This honor is richly deserved due to the fact both teams are undefeated this year. Our hats are off to the teams and coaches, Tom Gass and Dan Roggenbaum.

Save Campbell's Labels, General Mills Box Tops, and Holsum Bread Wrappers

Townsend and McDevitt Elementary Schools continue to collect food labels from Campbell for school equipment. They are also saving the wrappers from Holsum bread and box tops from General Mills. Even if you don't have a student attending elementary school, our students would benefit from your support if you saved and brought in these items.

Headlice

Just a reminder for all parents to check their children at least on a weekly basis for headlice throughout the summer. Vandercook has a "no nit policy". Children cannot attend school with nits. If your child does contact headlice, follow directions with the lice shampoo and remove all nits. Using your fingernails is the best way to remove them. Then check daily for awhile to make sure they remain nit-free. No shampoo kills 100% of the nits. This is why it is vital to remove all eggs and check daily. It helps to prevent reinfestation. The eggs or "nits" are small, off-white in color and look a lot like rice. You may contact the school nurse, (764-1757) or go to the Health Department if you are not sure. They are open 9:am to 4:00 pm.

Headlice is not going to go away. In fact, it seems to be on the increase. Finding it early is the key to less heartache. If all parents become more aware and informed of this common problem, we can at least help keep it under control.

Four-Year Old Pre-school Program:

Vandercook Lake Schools will be offering a School Readiness Program for 4-year old children. To enroll for this program your child must be 4 years of age by December 1, 2000, and cannot turn 5 before November 30, 2001. They must also qualify using the State risk factors.

Research supports that school success is enhanced by experience in early childhood education. The Vandercook Lake Readiness Program will provide a positive and safe learning environment, building on the strengths of the individual child. This program will provide an opportunity for each child's developmental growth and understanding in the following areas: social/emotional, cognitive, fine/gross motor skills, art/creativity, music, and language/communication. This program will be located at McDevitt School and will be offered for qualifying students.

Contact the Townsend Elementary School to enroll your child at 784-6133.

Latchkey

The Townsend Latchkey Center will be closed for the school year after Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

The Latchkey Center will be moved to McDevitt School for the 2000-2001 school year.

Registration for 2000-2001 will be held at McDevitt School on August 14 and 15 from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. It will open for service on August 23, 2000. There is limited space for Kindergarten students, so registration will be on a first-come basis. For questions, please telephone Townsend Elementary at 784-6133.

Vandercook Lake Schools Weather Policy

This is a reminder to all parents of students of the policy in effect at Vandercook Lake Schools in regard to tornado watches and warnings. June has become known as a month of alerts and warnings, and the County Civil Defense office advises that in the event of an impending tornado, less loss of life will occur if the students are dispersed from the schools. Tornado Watch: Weather conditions are such that tornadoes could occur. (This may be the only information received locally). Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted in the vicinity. Tornado warnings are issued via the warning system, if time allows.

Whenever a tornado watch is issued for Jackson County, students will be sent home. Official notice is given by the Intermediate School District to the school superintendent. The central office on receipt of such notice immediately will call each school building principal. All students who live within walking distance shall be dismissed at once; all other students remain in the building until arrangements can be made for their safe transportation, and they are formally dismissed. Whenever a tornado warning is issued for Jackson County, and there are still students in the schools, procedures for taking cover within the school buildings shall be followed.

Newborn Baby Reading Program

The teachers at Townsend Elementary School are continuing a program for any Vandercook family with a newborn baby. We would like to make a brief home visit to present the family with a hardcover book and suggestions for reading to your child. We would love for grandparents, neighbors, or families to call the school at 784-6133 when the baby is born so we can arrange a convenient time to deliver the book. We want to support and encourage a great start for all our future students.

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Year End Calendar

Memorial Day-No School
Senior Exams
Track Awards Dessert 6:30 p.m.

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Baseball/Softball Awards Dessert 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Awards 1:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate Practice 10:00 a.m.
Baccalaureate - 3:00 p.m. High School
Exams -Regular dismissal time
Graduation - 8:00 p.m. at Potter Center
Exams -Regular dismissal time
Exams - 1/2 Day - school dismissed 11:00 a.m.
Exams - 1/2 Day - school dismissed 11:00 a.m.
Teacher Record Day - No students
Annual School Election - H.S. Library 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Regular School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. H.S. Library

1999-2000 BOOK REFUNDS AND REPORT CARDS

Book refunds and report cards will be mailed during the week of June 26 if a self-addressed stamped envelope was turned into the high school office. They may be picked up in the high school office after June 26 . Summer office hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Immunizations

When any student is new to the Vandercook Lake school district, the State of Michigan requires that they bring with them their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records. The State also requires their shots be brought up-to-date. They cannot start school without this. This is also for students who may have previously attended here, left for awhile to go to another school, then returned.

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