

# News and Views

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## North Central Accreditation (NCA) Vandercook Lake Junior-Senior High School 1996-97 School Year

Since 1935 Vandercook Lake High School has been an accredited institution. This accreditation means that our curriculum, faculty and administration meet or in many cases, surpass the criteria required by NCA. With our NCA standing, our students can be admitted to any college or university in the nation for which they qualify. To keep our accreditation, the staff must review our present programs and work toward future goals of school improvement.

This process began five years ago and will be continuous. The most recent NCA team visit took place October 22 and 23. At this particular visit, an evaluation was done by the team. We will be notified of our accreditation status next spring. Preparation for this visit has required many staff hours during Common Planning time, before and after school. Our gratitude goes out to CO-chairs Dan Roggenbaum and Barb Blair as well as Steering committee members Sue Haney, Patti Shafer and Tom Gass.

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## KING AND QUEEN & COURT

Standing left to right: Jeremy Tripp, Melissa Tucker, Justin Okley, Sarah Clemons, Andy Whitworth, Becca Motyka, Cleyo Harris, Sherry Falaska, Jody Leathhead, Keir Husted, Heather Clemons, Matt Curfman, Jeff Morgan, Jessica Sabin, Jeremy Jensen, Jessica Gazley, Sierra Arnold, Korey Kuhl.  
Seated Lisa Wood and Steve Kulchinski.

### HOMEcomings 1997

**The 1997 Homecoming** was a great success in all aspects. The entire week in school showed tremendous school spirit with various dress-up days and class competitions. The pep assembly Friday was held on the football field for the first time in several years. It was a tremendous success, including games and a skit with Coach Thompson. The parade, with many school and community participants, was impressive. We encourage you to participate again next year if possible.

**The 1962 undefeated football team** served as Grand Marshalls this year. It was nice to see them honored for their contributions to our school community. The floats, based on the theme "**Natural Disasters**" were clever with the sophomore class taking first place for their version of Volcano. A special thank you goes to the families who hosted the float making sessions and to the parents and teachers who supervised their construction. It is this type of involvement which makes our school and its activities such a success.

**The Jayhawk Band** added to our celebration by performing at half-time. Thank you Mr. Bickel, the band, the flag corps and baton twirler. We give a big round of applause to our sports teams for their wins during homecoming week, including the basketball victory against Napoleon and the football team's victory over Grass Lake.

### 1962 UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM GRAND MARSHALLS

## Student Leadership

This year Vandercook Lake High School students participated in the Student Leadership Forum on October 17 at Spring Arbor College. A planning group of Deanna Watkins, Harry Howard, and Becky Morgan with 30 other Vandy students attended. This activity, sponsored by the Jackson Intermediate School District, promotes leadership, motivation and goal setting. It gives the students an opportunity to discuss common concerns with other young people in Jackson County Schools. This program has been a success for a number of years and has proven to be a good communication avenue for our young people.

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**STEVE KULCHINSKI AND LISA WOOD**  
**Homecoming King and Queen****Coronation**

After the game, the coronation ceremony was held in the gym. The representatives were: **Seventh:** Corey Kuhl and Sierra Arnold; **Eighth:** Jeremy Jensen and Jessica Gazley; **Ninth:** Jeremy Tripp and Melissa Tucker; **Tenth:** Justin Okley and Sarah Clemons; **Eleventh:** Andy Whitworth and Becca Motyka... The senior representatives were: Jeff Morgan and Jessica Sabin; Cleyo Harris and Sherry Falaska; Matt Curfman and Heather Clemons who placed as first runners-up. Keir Husted and Jody Leathhead returned to crown the New King and Queen, Steve Kulchinski and Lisa Wood.

The senior high homecoming dance was held Saturday, October 4. The homecoming court, along with the newly crowned king and queen were introduced and a festive dance was enjoyed by all. The junior high homecoming dance was held on Tuesday, September 30, with their prince and princesses crowned at this dance.

We thank Sempliner's Tuxedo World for the tuxedos. We especially thank all of the people who loaned cars and helped to make the parade and coronation such a success.

In conclusion, we thank everyone who had a hand in making the 1997 Vandercook Lake Homecoming a success and look forward to your continued support in the future.



Important Information from the  
High School Counseling Department

**CONSIDER THESE FACTS:**

***ALCOHOL IS THE MAJOR CAUSE OF ALL FATAL AND NONFATAL CRASHES INVOLVING TEEN-AGED DRIVERS*** (Centers for Disease Control, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, 1990) Nearly eight young people die each day-one every 3 hours - in 1989 in an alcohol-related vehicular crash (Office of the Inspector General Surver, 1991).

**Here Are Some Helpful Tips for talking to Teenagers About Alcohol.**

- .Talk to the teenager in a conversation not a lecture.
- .Ask what they already know and how do they think the problem can be addressed.
- .Share information, attitudes and ideas.
- .Discuss ways to avoid being in an alcohol-related accident, such as calling a parent or trusted adult for a ride or taking a taxi rather than riding with a friend who has been drinking.
- .Examine your own behavior and attitudes before you begin to talk to a teenager. They will recognize hypocrisy and a "Do as I say-not as I do," attitude.

**To examine your attitude, ask yourself these questions:**

- .Do you involve children in your alcohol use with instructions such as-"Get me a beer from the refrigerator," or silently watch as others do so?
- .Do you silently accept an attitude in other adults that says teenage drinking is acceptable?
- .Do you laugh about intoxicated people, or remain silent while others do?
- .Does your child ever see you, or other adult role models that your family respects, intoxicated?
- .Do you allow your child to wear clothes with alcohol or drug pictures or slogans, or allow drug/alcohol posters in your child's room?

**Computer Donated to  
the  
Science Department**

The high school science department was the happy recipient of an IBM compatible computer. Mr. Douglas Berry worked with CPU's Computer Store in Brooklyn, Michigan to assemble a complete computer, which was then donated to the school. He had to spend considerable time getting all the components working together. This complete computer station will allow several more students each hour to do research, word processing, image processing, and general investigation of CDROM materials. Later, we will be able to connect to the school network and use the Internet on the computer. Students can also start a document in the science room and later finish it at another location in the school. This will really help to bring all of our students up to speed in the use of personal computers.

**Thank you  
Mr. Berry and  
CPU's Computer  
Store of Brooklyn,  
Michigan!**

## HOSTS - Helping One Student To Succeed

### Seniors

In your lifetimes, you have witnessed many changes in our society. Our pace has quickened, technology has exploded, and many families are fragmented. Our children, sometimes feeling lost in the shuffle, need more adult contact and guidance than ever.

At school you can make a difference in the lives of our school children here in Vandercook Lake by being an.....

...extra set of hands assisting them with an experiment or project.

...extra set of ears to listen to them read or just be someone to talk to.

...extra set of feet if the teacher needs some materials gathered or copied.

...extra set of eyes to monitor the hallways

with an

...extra smile to brighten their day.

Our children will benefit by your wisdom, kindness, and generous spirit. They will reward you in more ways than one. To volunteer call Susan Franck, HOSTS Director, at 788-3698, and let her know what age you would like to help with. You can make a difference.

## 1996 Quiz Bowl Team On the Road to Success

This year's Quiz Bowl Team members are Andy Burchett, Brad Hunt, Keir Husted, Nick Huttenlocker, Nicolai Krakowiak, Chris Spencer, and Dan Warren. They are coached by Mrs. Shafer. The Quiz Bowl Team participates in two main events each season.

The Jackson Area Quiz Bowl League is in its second year of existence and now includes the following nine area schools: Addison, Columbia Central, East Jackson, Grass Lake, Hanover Horton, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Stockbridge, and Vandercook Lake. These teams compete against each other in the fall and then participate in a League Tournament (November 2 at Vandercook!). So far Vandercook's league record is 3-1.

The other event we participate in each year is MSU's Quizbusters Competition. This is a fast-paced question and answer game which features students from fifty mid-Michigan high schools. The games can be viewed on TV each Saturday evening at 6:00 and each Sunday morning at 11:30. The Quiz Bowl Team defeated Bath on Monday, September 30 by a score of 250-110. The team will return to MSU for the next round of competition in the near future. The final winning team of the Quizbusters Competition will receive free tuition to MSU.

## *Meap and Proficiency*

Last spring students in grades 5, 8 and 11 were given the MEAP and Proficiency Tests. Fifth and eighth graders were tested in the areas of Writing and Science using the MEAP Tests.

Eleventh graders were the first group to be tested in Science, Math, Reading and Writing using the new Proficiency Test. It was expected that the scores statewide would be low as this is a new test. We are proud of the fact that our students (Class of 1997) scored above the state average in every area on the Proficiency Test.

In order to earn diploma endorsements, (stickers indicating proficiency in each area) students must pass these tests. The first opportunity to retest occurred in the beginning of October. Another retest will be given in the winter.

Along with retesting in October, our fourth and seventh graders were given the MEAP reading and math tests.

### APPLE PIE SALE

**Beginning Wednesday, November 5, orders will be taken from any Vandercook Lake junior-senior high school students for apple pies. The pies will cost \$5.00 each and weigh three pounds. Pies may be picked up on Saturday November 22, between 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Any special orders call: Chuck Miller at 782-8167.**

## SENIOR ATHLETES 1995-96

Ken Hamisfar and Michelle Edwards earned top honors in their class as outstanding athletes. This is based on participation, achievement, and academics. Congratulations to these deserving students!

**Ken Hamisfar** received the male senior athlete award for 1995-96. Ken won eleven letters during his high school career. One of his crowning moments was being all-state on the 400 meter relay team in 1995. Ken was a hard worker in every sport he played. Ken certainly deserves this award. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

**Michelle Edwards** received the female Senior Athlete Award for 1995-96. This award is given to the senior athlete who has achieved both athletic and academic excellence. During her high school career, she received ten varsity letters. She was also All Conference, Captain, and Most Valuable on several teams. She will be attending Cedarville College in Ohio this fall.

### *Inclement Weather*

Vandercook Lake Schools will be following the same procedure for the 1996-97 school year as it has in the previous years regarding school closing.

Factors that cause such closing are usually weather related, though mechanical problems such as water supply or heating problems can also be a cause. The following factors will be taken into consideration regarding the closing of school.

**ICE:** Roads are ice covered and not thawing.

**SNOW:** Snow is of a nature to make roads impassable due to snow depth and/or drifting.

**VISIBILITY:** The density of the fog or constantly blowing snow make driving hazardous.

**TEMPERATURE & WIND CHILL:** The temperature and wind chill factors along with the severity of the conditions.

During the school year, schools and police agencies throughout the county work closely together in tracking storms, monitoring weather and road conditions and communicating concerns that may be cause for delays in starting and/or closing times of school.

Every effort is made to make the decision for closing by 6:00 a.m. Uncertain or rapidly worsening conditions often give cause for decisions to be made later than 6:00 a.m. or with storms arriving during the day, it may be necessary to send the children home early. Jackson radio stations WKHM, WJKN, WIBM, Q106, and WILX-TV will be notified in these situations.

It is very important that the children are dressed appropriately for the ever changing weather. The children also must know where they are to go in case of early closing. We want to assure you, that the decision to delay or close school is taken very seriously. We hope this information helps in your understanding of what is involved in these decisions.



## American Education Week

Annually, since 1921 one week each fall has been designated by school districts throughout the nation as American Education Week. This year, marking its 75th observance, the event will be held from November 17 through November 23. The national theme selected for this year is, "*The Future Begins in Today's Schools*", while the slogan for Michigan is, "*Charting the Course for Change in Our Schools*".

Parents and other residents of the school district are encouraged to contact building principals and teachers and make plans to visit the schools to observe the children in their classrooms and other related activities. If unable to come during this designated week, remember, you are always welcome. Working together we can accomplish great things at school for the children. For best results, the cooperation and active support of all is needed.

**INFO  
FROM  
THE  
CENTRAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

## Gravel Parents Appeal Decision

Gravel area residents continue their efforts to transfer their property into the Vandercook Lake School district. The hearing date at the State level has been set for November 12, 1996.

Earlier this fall over 70% of the property owners in the former Gravel School district signed a petition to have their property transferred to this district. A hearing was held at the Jackson County Intermediate School District concerning this request. A large group of property owners in support of the transfer attended the hearing and were given an opportunity to testify. The property owners presented a very strong case for the transfer to take place.

Following the testimony, Al Howard, a member of the JCISD board, made the motion to deny the request of the property owners. The motion was passed with a 3-2 vote.

The property owners have now appealed this decision to the State level and following the November 12 hearing, the State Board of Education will make the final decision.

Many of the property owners and students, are currently attending Vandercook Schools under the provisions of "School of Choice". The property owners and students are well involved in the activities of the Vandercook Lake Schools. The parents participate in the PTO and other booster organizations. The students participate in all school activities including many after-school functions such as athletics, floor hockey, soccer, and other activities that are related to the Vandercook Lake community.

## Intramural Floor Hockey

Hockey time is here again! The nets are strong and the sticks are ready awaiting the drop of the first puck. We're not talking about Stanley Cups or NCAA championships - this is bigger than those. We're not talking about MUNN Arena or Yost or even Joe Louis, where the ice melts (there isn't any !?!)

Yes - it's floor hockey time! Fifth and sixth grade intramural at 'spacious" Mac-arena are gearing up for another exciting and fun filled season. Eighty-five boys and girls have signed up to be part of 7 teams competing right up until Thanksgiving. Boys and girls will be "skating" their hearts out, vying for those last two team positions in the championship game played just before Turkey Day. Parents and relatives of players are invited as spectators.

No - you won't be seeing any Yzermans or Federovs - no, not even Scotty Bowman. But we have Adamczyks, Zebarahs and DeRossetts. And who needs Red Berenson when you've got the likes of Mr. Wandell to take his place. It's hockey time at McDevitt Elementary. Go junior Jayhawks!



## Music on the Road with Mrs. Livesay

Fifth and sixth graders will present a musical "Go with Me" on February 3 at McDevitt Elementary. Fifth and sixth grade classes are studying transportation through history during the 1996-97 school year. "Go with Me" is collection of musical numbers dealing with various types of transportation used in the U.S. from the Civil War period until the present day. Portions of the program will be present at the Crouch Senior Center.

The fourth grade classes will be singing in the Spring Arbor area during the Christmas season. First grades will participate in the High School Christmas Assembly.

My name is Michelle LaBonte, and I am the full time School Social Worker for the two elementary schools. I have been conducting small groups, meeting with children and their families, and going into classrooms with the goal of supporting and encouraging the educational process. I would be happy to assist any student or their family if they are experiencing a difficulty or situation that is interfering with a child learning. Please give me a call at either Townsend or McDevitt if you have a concern I might be able to help you with. The telephone number is 782-0341 or 784-6133.

## PTONEWS

### LOOK WHAT WE CAN DO.....

The Parent-Teacher Organization has started another exciting year at Townsend and McDevitt Elementaries. Meetings this year will be at Townsend School and held monthly with the exception of December and May. Notes are sent home with children monthly with the specific date and time. The PTO has some wonderful junior-high school girls who babysit in the gym during the meeting. Everyone is welcome!

The new officers for this school year are as follows: *President*, Susan Uldricks; *Vice President*, Lori Sedgman; *Secretary*, Katie Wilcox; *Treasurer*, Lori Adair. Susan Uldricks and husband Dan have two children in elementary. Lori Sedgman and her husband Tim have one child in elementary, and one child in junior high. Katie Wilcox and her husband Blair have three children in elementary and one child in junior high. Lori Adair and her husband Al have two children in elementary and one preschooler.

On election day, November 5, there will be a bake sale at Townsend Elementary during polling hours. If you would like to contribute baked goods or would be interested in volunteering to man the booth for a short period, please contact either school and the message will be forwarded. On November 5, stop by and buy some goodies and **Don't Forget To Vote.**

PTO will also have Kids Corner open at Townsend School during the Christmas Walk-Through. There will be many "stocking stuffer" items available, many at better prices than elsewhere.

Again, PTO welcomes you to a new and exciting year!

## Basic Kindergarten

The 1996-97 school year has gotten off to an exciting start for Mrs. Bailey's Basic Kindergarten classes at Townsend Elementary, aided by Mrs. Vincent. Although the classes have been busy learning numbers, colors and shapes, much of their activity has utilized bigger themes as a basis for study.

One of the class highlights during the month of September was to watch the development of a monarch butterfly - from the striped, wiggly creature that was crawling around on milkweed leaves until the day that a bright monarch butterfly emerged from the 10-day slumber in its chrysalis. The class was thrilled the day the new monarch butterfly was put on a tree outside their room to start its travel to Mexico.

In October, the class study included an international theme with Germany as the focus of study. Not only are they learning colors and counting in English, but they are also doing it in German - and the children are learning fast. To enrich their study of Germany, several outside resources are being utilized, including a visiting librarian from the Summit Library, a visiting group of senior citizens from the Arbor Manor Care Center to help bake German cookies, and a couple from Portage, MI who are former residents of Germany. This study will be climaxed by the school parade in full international costumes and a party with German food on October 31.

Basic Kindergarten is really an exciting place to be!

**Students coloring a group picture on signs of fall.**

### Books for Newborns

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 hard-cover 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.

**Vandercook Lake  
Recreational  
Baseball Meeting  
Third Thursday of Every  
Month  
6:30 p.m. at McDevitt  
Elementary in the  
Teachers Lounge**

**Everyone is welcome.**

## 2nd Grade

One of our most popular 2nd Grade field trips took place this September. Our students visited the Chelsea Milling Company in Chelsea, MI. Chelsea Milling is the headquarters for Jiffy Mix; and the students learned a great deal about the production of these mixes. The slide presentation followed by refreshments, a tour of the plant, and the gift of a package of mix all made this a meaningful and memorable event.

Thursday, October 17, was Grandparents' Day. This traditional event honoring our grandparents was highlighted by a delicious luncheon, a program presented by the 2nd Graders under the direction of Mrs. Livesay, and three brief addresses providing information on HOSTS, the Peer Buddy program, and the proposed VCL building program.

The entire month of October is devoted to investigating a country, learning about its people, customs, environment, foods, and more. Mrs. Roberts' class is studying Japan; Mrs. Hause's class is studying India; and Mrs. Johnson's class is learning about Mexico.

### *A Parent's Pledge*

I know that children learn best when families and schools work together.  
As a parent, I pledge to:

- \* Spend some time talking and listening to my child every day.
- \* Praise my child for good work in school and good behavior at home.
- \* Help my child develop self-confidence and self-discipline
- \* Talk with my child's teacher about how my child is doing in school.
- \* Talk with my child about schoolwork.
- \* Set a regular time and place for schoolwork. During this time, there will be NO television, NO radio, NO phone calls.
- \* Encourage reading. I will read to my child, and I will listen as my child reads to me.
- \* Make sure my child gets healthy meals, enough sleep and good exercise every day.
- \* Love my child enough to say NO when necessary.
- \* Help my child discover the joy that learning and thinking can bring at any age.

*"Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it."*

-----Harold S. Hulbert

### **Save Your Campbell's Labels!**

Don't forget that Townsend School still collects food labels for school equipment. There are many non-Campbell brands included also. They are V8, Franco-American, Vlasic, Swanson, Mrs. Paul's, Marie's dressings and dips, Pace picante sauce, Pepperidge Farm, Open Pit, Sanwa soups and Prego. If you are interested in the entire list, contact Townsend, and we would be more than happy to send one to you. Even if you don't have a child attending Townsend, our students would benefit from your support if you saved and brought in labels. We will be collecting throughout the entire school year. Thank you!

## **1st Grade**

The four 1st Grades are off and running. Reading groups are in place, and the children are quite excited about learning to read.

Each classroom is busy learning about their chosen country.

Mrs. McQuillan's class is studying Greece. The children have each created and painted a vase, learned to count to 10, and can be seen dancing a traditional Greek dance.

Mrs. Allen's class is studying France. They're learning to count to 10 in French. They made Mardi Gras masks and are learning a song, "The More We Get Together".

Mrs. Frankila's class is studying Italy. The children are learning to count to 10 in Italian and learning an Italian game called Tombola. It's the Italian version of Bingo. They are making the Italian flag in mosaic. They have also listened to Italian music.

The U.S.A. is the country being studied in Mrs. Rininger's class. The children are learning the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language, studying Native Americans, and will be listening to a variety of stories including tall tales, Indian legends and stories about quilts.

### **Wanted**

Townsend Elementary is in need of a refrigerator in good working order for the hot lunch program. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please call Dave Center, hot lunch supervisor at 782-9044 or Townsend Elementary at 784-6133.



## ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!!

Need to borrow money for college? John George, the founder of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, originated a trust fund for loaning students money to attend universities, colleges and community colleges supported by the State of Michigan, i.e. state schools. This year, the John George Student Loan Fund will loan qualified students up to \$3,000 per year at a 2% interest rate to attend state schools.

Eligibility to receive a loan is not determined by financial need but students must carry at least 12 hours per semester and maintain 2.5 grade point average in college.

Requests for applications must be made during the months of October, November, and December and are available at 202 Harris Building, Jackson, Michigan, and have to be made in person.

Inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Karen Friend at 782-8126 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:30 pm weekdays.

### 2% LOANS

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November, and December**

## Welcome -

**Mrs. Lenore Krakowiak** is teaching Spanish I, II, III courses as well as a section of English 11. She previously taught at Cape Coral High School in Florida. Lenore has two children attending Vandercook Lake High School, Nicolai, Grade 12 and Katrina, Grade 11.

**Mrs. Debra Talerico** joins our staff as the new Junior High Alternative teacher (P.A.S.S.). Debra served the Lamar C.I.S.D. in Texas with similar responsibilities before coming to Vandercook Lake. Debra earned her Bachelors Degree through Michigan State University.

## new staff members

### Wanted: Music Stands

The Elementary Band at McDevitt is growing! There are several children sharing the same music stand; and at times, they have trouble seeing the music. For this reason, the PTO and Band Boosters are requesting donations of old music stands for the elementary band program. If you have a stand collecting dust in your attic, you can put it to good use by allowing the children in the band to use it. This also allows the financial resources of the Band Boosters and the PTO to be used in other ways beneficial to the children....PTO and Band Boosters

**NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

**Mr. Mark Schonard** is our new 9th grade Social Studies teacher. He brings to Vandercook a wealth of experience through the Jackson Catholic Schools as an administrator and teacher. Mark is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

**Mr. Chris Blackledge** returns to Vandercook Lake High as our new 7-12 Technology teacher. During the 96-97 school year he served as a full time substitute. Chris is a 1994 graduate of Olivet College.

**Mrs. Doreen Warner** is a 1995 graduate of Spring Arbor College where she majored in social science and minored in elementary education. Doreen is a 1992 graduate of VCL High School. She teaches reading and mathematics in the 5th and 6th grade resource room at McDevitt Elementary School. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Kris, and daughter, Aubrie.

**Mr. Wesley Stevenson** is substituting for Connie Freytag. Mrs. Freytag is currently on a one year's leave of absence. Wes is a 1996 graduate of Spring Arbor College. His teaching responsibilities include Spanish I-IV, as well as Biology.

(photograph not available)

**we welcome**

**Mrs. Cathy Gleis**, a native of the State of Illinois, currently lives in the Vandercook Lake area. She is teaching Kindergarten at Townsend Elementary School. She is a graduate of Spring Arbor College, where she earned two minors in speech and music. Her hobbies include singing, biking, tennis, and playing with her daughter.

**Mrs. Sue Hause** is teaching second grade at Townsend Elementary. She is a 1995 graduate of Spring Arbor College where she majored in exercise and sports science, and minored in elementary education. She was a substitute teacher at Vandercook Schools for two years and varsity volleyball coach for six years. Sue and her husband, Jim, are residents of Vandercook Lake with two children attending Vandercook Schools.

**Mr. Mark Snyder** is a Michigan Center native graduating in 1983. While Mark was attending Olivet College he was the quarterback for Comet Football team. After graduation in 1987, he attended Eastern University to obtain his teaching certificate. Mark now teaches 5th & 6th graders at McDevitt Elementary.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 1996-97**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 1/2 Day
	4	Parent-Teacher Conferences--1/2 Day
	5	Elections
	6	Football, Cheerleading Dessert Awards 6:30 p.m.
	7	Band Marching Concert - Gym 7:00 p.m.
	11	Regular School Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	11-15	Troll Book Fair - Elementary
	14,15,16	Essential Schools Conference
	14	Girls BB, Cross Country, Dessert Awards 6:30 p.m.
	15	Christmas Parade
	23	Apple Pie Sale
	26	Buffet Lunch for Students
	28-29	Thanksgiving Break
<b>DECEMBER</b>	5	Band Concert
	9	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	16	Elementary Open House
	19	Christmas Buffet - Students
	23	Vacation Begins
<b>1997</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>	6	School Resumes
	13	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	15,16	Semester Exams
	17	Semester Ends - No School for Students
	20	Second Semester Begins
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1	Junior High Military Ball 7:30-9:30
	3	5th and 6th Grade Music Program
	8	Senior High Military Ball 8:00-11:00
	10	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	13	Marking Period Ends
	14-17	No School - Mid-winter Break
	22-23	5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournament
	24-28	Elementary Book Fair
	27	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 1/2 Day
	28	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Elementary Only - 1/2 Day
<b>MARCH</b>	6	Band Concert - Gym 7:00 p.m.
	10	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	12	Volleyball, Wrestling Dessert Awards
	13	BB, Cheerleading Dessert Awards
	21	Spring Festival - McDevitt
	22	Cherry Pie Sale
	28	Spring Break Begins (Good Friday)
<b>APRIL</b>	7	School Resumes
	9	Honor Cords Due
	9-11	Kindergarten Round-up
	14	Iowa Tests
	14	Regular School Board Meeting
	21	Music Program Grades 3-4
	29	Blood Drive

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 JACKSON, MICHIGAN

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