



# Flushing Community Schools

FMS Student  
Athletes are going  
strong and showing  
their Raider Pride  
at every event.  
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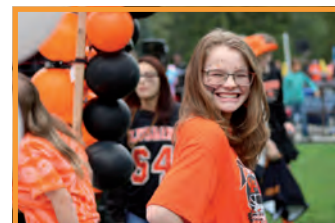
Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.



## HOMECOMING 2023

Thank you to the entire crew that made  
Homecoming 2023 a huge success.  
There are so many people that make  
Spirit Week, the parade, and the game possible.  
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE HARD WORK.

## RAIDER PRIDE





## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### Hello Flushing Raider Families

I hope the first two months of the 2023-2024 school year have been good for you and your family. It has been a very busy and positive start for our students and staff members. Our students are having fun, staying engaged in meaningful learning, and making the most of the opportunities that they have everyday. From our 314 kindergarteners that are just getting started on their educational journey, to our 293 seniors that are living in the moment and making the most of their last year of high school, there is a positive energy in our buildings and wonderful things happening everyday for our students.

I am extremely grateful for the work of our highly dedicated staff that is committed to providing a top notch experience for our students, and want you to know that we are still looking for a few people with a heart for kids to provide crucial support to the students in our buildings. As has been well publicized everywhere, we continue to have a need for school bus drivers, so if you have your CDL, or would like to pursue one and get the necessary specialized school bus endorsements, we are willing to pay you to train and become a certified bus driver. We would love to add you to the team. If you are interested, please call our Transportation Supervisor, Chris Atkinson at 810-591-2786 to get started. While we have been able to add additional support staff throughout the district, we are still very interested in hiring additional paraprofessionals, bus drivers, guest teachers, and playground monitors. For more information, check out the "Job Opportunities" link found on the District tab on our website ([www.flushingschools.org](http://www.flushingschools.org)). We currently have about 530 staff members doing incredible things for kids, and we would love for you to be part of it.

I hope your children were able to participate in our Homecoming festivities during the last week

of September. From the special spirit days in all of our buildings, powderpuff and powderbuff games, pep assemblies, to our cross county teams running the game ball in from Swartz Creek, it was a special week filled with wonderful events and memories. Flushing Raider faithfuls lined the parade route, filled with Raider Pride and spirit, before heading into the Homecoming game on Friday night. Homecoming week is just one of the events that make school memorable and we hope that you and your family were able to enjoy it.

As I have shared in the past, I want to reiterate just how important the ongoing positive partnership and relationship is between our schools and your children. If there are specific needs that your child has, we want to be aware of them. It is our ongoing hope that if there is something that is not quite right, something that you have concerns about, or something that would help us support your child, we want to be in the loop, and part of a positive solution. I urge you to continue to have regular and ongoing contact with your child's teachers, principal, counselor, coach, school/home coordinator, MTSS support person, social worker, academic interventionist, and/or secretary. Our incredible educational and support staff members want to help. Their doors, as well as their e-mails and phone lines are open, and they want to be aware of anything that will help us meet your child's needs. We want to continue to do whatever we can to have "connected" students, knowing that they have a number of caring adults that want to help make their school experience be as fulfilling as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school system as we work together to make sure the experiences our kids have are exactly what they need to be.



**Matt Shanafelt**

## GO RAIDERS!

## Text Notifications

Flushing Community Schools offers a text notification service through School Messenger.

**THESE MESSAGES CAN BE RECEIVED IN ADDITION TO PHONE MESSAGES.**

**Just text  
YES to  
67587**



**Please be aware of any fees that your cellular provider charges for text messaging.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 27

End of 1st Marking Period

### October 31

Half Day of School - K-6 ONLY

### November 6

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Grades 7-12

### November 8

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Grades K-6

### November 9

Parent Teacher Conferences - K-12

### November 14

Board of Education Meeting

### November 15

Early Dismissal

## Our School Day

School	Start Time	Full Day Dismissal	Half Day Dismissal	Early Dismissal
High School	8:00 am	2:48 pm	11:14 am	1:04 pm
Middle School	8:00 am	2:43 pm	11:10 am	1:00 pm
Elementary	9:00 am	3:51 pm	12:15 pm	2:05 pm
Early Childhood Center	8:45 am	3:36 pm	12:00 pm	1:50 pm

## Need to Contact Us?



### — SAVE THESE NUMBERS FOR FUTURE USE —

<b>Superintendent</b>	Matt Shanafelt	591-1180
<b>Deputy Superintendent</b>	Jason Melynchek	591-1184
<b>Exec. Dir. Curriculum</b>	Michelle Barrett	591-1187
<b>Director of Finance</b>	Jackie Read	591-1193
<b>Director of Special Services</b>	Alex Keesling	591-2321
<b>Principals:</b>		
High School	Kevin Foltz	591-3770
Middle School	Elizabeth Endicott	591-2800
Central Elementary	Rob Steinhaus	591-1901
Early Childhood Center	Heidi Donaldson	591-2326
Elms Elementary	John Hagens	591-7350
Seymour Elementary	Steve Groulx	591-5150
Springview Elementary	Stacey Mesarosh	591-8550

## Parent Teacher Conferences

**Grades 7-12: 3:30-7:15 pm**

**Monday, Nov 6**

**Thursday, Nov 9**

**Grades K-6: 4:15-8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, Nov 8**

**Thursday, Nov 9**



BOARD ACTION UPDATE



**Salvatore Ausiello**  
Vice President



**Terry Bate**  
Trustee



**Eddie Dolgan**  
Trustee



**Megan LeCureux**  
Secretary



**Steve Sheldon**  
Treasurer



**Kim Strnad**  
Trustee



**Janice Winkiel**  
President

The following are highlights of the Flushing Board of Education meetings held on August 15, 2023 and September 12, 2023:

- Recognized Mrs. Peet and Ms. Christner and they gave an overview of the FHS Peer to Peer Program.
- Approved the hiring of the following certified staff members for the 2023-2024 school year: Sydney Wills – Speech-Language Pathologist at ECC, Selena Adams – Social Studies Teacher at FMS, Sheryl Brandow – Special Education Teacher at FHS.
- Approved the increase in price of elementary breakfast to \$1.75 for 2023-2024.
- Approved the purchase of K-5 Math Manipulatives.
- Approved the FHS Wellness Club.
- Approved the tentative agreement between Flushing Community Schools and the following employee groups: Preschool and Custodians, Food Service, Maintenance, and Transportation.
- Approved the designation of board members Ausiello, Winkiel, and Strnad to represent the district as voting delegates and board member Dolgan as an alternate to the 2023 MASB Delegate Assembly on Thursday, November 9, 2023.
- Approved the purchase of food service refrigerated display cases at FHS.
- Approved the 2023-2024 FHS Course of Studies and FCS Online Courses/ Providers.
- Approved the 2023-2024 Student Growth Measures.
- Heard a report on the resignation of the following certified staff members: Stephanie Lay, Theresa Anderson, Suzette Elliott, Mandy Cooper, Lynda Gibson, and Ron Gill.
- Heard a report on the state of the schools.
- Heard a report on the start to the 2023-2024 school year.

Governor visits Flushing Middle School

Michigan Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist visited Flushing Middle School last month to bring attention to our solar energy project. Lt. Governor Gilchrist said he hoped to see districts throughout the state implement similar projects. He took the time to visit with students and staff to talk about the importance of renewable energy.



The FHS Theatre Department will be presenting

“BE MY GHOST”

written by Tim Kelly

Performances will be October 27 & 28 at 7:00 pm  
and October 29 at 2:30 pm in the Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (order online at <https://whtauditorium.ludus.com/index.php>)  
and \$5 for students at the door with an FHS ID.

Young George Travis, like Stephen King, writes horror fiction, but he has “writer’s block” and hasn’t had an idea in months. He travels to rural New Hampshire where his eccentric Aunt Julia has willed him Black Raven Inn, a gloomy summer hotel. Local villagers say the place is haunted by the dangerous spirit of Mercy Appleton. When George and his bride-to-be arrive on a dark and stormy night (what else?), all manner of terror occurs. High school students, detoured from a Halloween celebration, seek shelter. Rootin’-Tootin’, an Egyptian mummy, is delivered for storage, a Hollywood agent drops in, two weird sisters collect roadkill so they can practice taxidermy. What else could happen on this spooky evening!?



This performance is produced by special arrangement with  
Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.



## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Boys Varsity Tennis won their 6th straight Flint Metro League title.



Boys Varsity Soccer won the Flint Metro League title.

## News from Raider Nation



During Homecoming week, FHS Student Athletes visited the elementary buildings. The younger Raiders were so excited to receive "high fives" from the older Raiders.



The FHS Marching Band will be heading to Ford Field on November 4 for a much anticipated competition day. We wish the band well as they head out to represent us.



Peer 2 Peer is a program designed to increase social skills and independence opportunities for special education students. This is achieved by utilizing peers in classrooms and in social environments. Peer 2 Peer is an elective class that provides an

opportunity for general education students to learn how to relate to people with different needs and develop an increased understanding of individual differences. Peer 2 Peer has been a class for nine years. It has improved outcomes for students with special needs and has created a more positive, accepting school culture for all.



Thank you to the Cross Country team for running the Homecoming game ball from Swartz Creek to Flushing High School. What a great tradition!



The high school staff gathered for its annual kickball game after school during Spirit Week. So thankful that everyone left the field in one piece!!

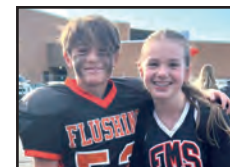
## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Our FMS science students started the year doing experiments that allowed them to practice following multi-step instructions and taking precise measurements.



FMS Student Athletes are going strong and showing their Raider Pride at every event.



After a recent football game, two FMS cousins came together to share their perspective of the contest.



Students and staff alike had fun all throughout Spirit Week. It was an opportunity to get creative and spread a lot of laughter.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The ECC is hustling and bustling with fun fall activities. Apples, apples, and more apples is the theme in many of our Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten classrooms. They are enjoying painting with apples, making applesauce, reading apple stories, graphing apple crafts, and so much more.



Along with our fall excitement, we had volunteers from the senior center visiting weekly to read to classrooms and we ventured out on our first field trip of the year to Flushing Farms.



We have some beautiful art decorating our main hallway by the office created by our very own Kindergarten Artists. The colorful display brightens up our ECC building.

To continue the fall adventure, our ECC students all signed their names to several flags to be displayed at the Harvest Festival with our scarecrow. Mrs. Hoover's class did a great job stuffing the scarecrow as a community building event.



Mixed in with all the fall excitement were our homecoming celebrations, complete with a pep rally!



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool students are enjoying many activities to get them started on their first school adventure. Like Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten students, preschool students explored apples to celebrate the fall season. The preschool team works hard to provide a fun and exciting learning environment for our youngest Raiders. They provide opportunities for students to grow their letter and number knowledge, develop fine motor skills by using Play-Doh, enhance their imagination while playing dress up, and build friendships by engaging with peers on the playground. Preschool is a great way to begin your journey with the Raider Education Family! If you are interested in registering your child in preschool, please visit the Flushing Schools website at [www.flushingschools.org](http://www.flushingschools.org) to register.





## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### CENTRAL ELEMENTARY



#### Homecoming Tailgate

Central Elementary celebrated Homecoming with another wonderful PTO Tailgate. Students enjoyed refreshments, face painting, and other activities

as they prepared for the big Homecoming game! Thank you to our PTO and all the amazing volunteers for making this happen! A special shout out to Bueche's Food World for donating the hotdog buns and to Steven Brown for donating the Koegel hot dogs.



#### City Hall Visit

Second graders made their annual visit to Flushing City Hall on Friday, October 6. They had the opportunity to tour City Hall along with the police station and fire station. This field trip was a great connection to our social studies curriculum as second graders learn about community and the structures and functions of government. Thank you to the staff at City Hall for allowing our students to visit.

### ELMS ELEMENTARY

Elms Elementary students were welcomed back to school in a creative way this year. Our PTA, students, and Elms families took the time to decorate our walkways with welcoming and encouraging artwork for the first day back from summer break.



Elms fourth grade students took their annual field trip to Lansing in early October.

Classes visited the Michigan Historical Museum as well as our State Capitol Building. Students learned about our state government on their tour of the Capitol Building and our state's history in the museum.



To honor Constitution Day, students and staff gathered around the flagpole in the front yard. Dr. Hagens led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. Hearing all of the voices together was a moving experience for everyone involved.



The Elms Student Council held officer elections in mid-September. Fifth and sixth grade students had the opportunity to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. On September 22 speeches were given in front of their peers and voting took place at the end of the day. The Student Council also led the school in the Homecoming Parade.



ELEMENTARY NEWS

SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY



Seymour’s Very Own Pep Rally

Cheerleaders chanted. Football players tossed out mini footballs. Students in the stands clapped and yelled with excitement. DJ Groulx played music and announced from the box, while staff and students competed against each other in various games. It was a high energy afternoon at Seymour, packed with lots of smiles and school spirit in anticipation of Flushing’s Homecoming Game.



Custodial Appreciation Day!

With colorful posters on display and heartfelt cards received, the whole school came together to express their sincere appreciation of Fred, Jenny, and JJ. Thank you so much for all that you do each day to make our school a great place to be and learn!



Spirit Week Fun

Students and staff joined in on the festivities for Homecoming Week. From Barbie and Ken Day to BBQ Dad, everyone had fun dressing the part.

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY



We are off to a great start to the school year at Springview. We had our first Color Run in September. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by staff, students, and families. Participants were sprayed with color by staff members and volunteers as they ran the race. Thank you to our wonderful PTO for putting on this fun, family event!



Homecoming week was a lot of fun! Students participated in spirit days such as hat day, crazy sock and hair day, PJ day, and of course Raider day. Our student council enjoyed representing Springview in the homecoming parade. We also got to give high fives to the varsity players on Homecoming Friday as they paraded throughout the building. The students loved seeing them in their uniforms!



We ended this fun filled week with a Raider Reward assembly. At the assembly we recognized students and classrooms for being safe, respectful, and responsible. We also announced students with perfect attendance and our first Shark of the Month students for the year. We also honored one student for his bravery with a Hero Award presented to him by Officer Good. It was a great event and we look forward to more Raider Reward assemblies throughout the year!



# Welcome TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

The following staff have joined our Raider Family since last fall.  
We are pleased to have them as part of the team!

Selena Adams .....	Teacher .....	Middle School	Erin Kramer.....	Secretary.....	High School
Harrison Adkins .....	Paraprofessional .....	Elms Elementary	Nancy Kurnik.....	Playground Monitor .....	Central Elementary
Joseph Anderson .....	General Cleaner .....	High School	Danielle Loring .....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center
Kassie Anger .....	Playground Monitor .....	Elms Elementary	Josie Lovell.....	Teacher .....	Central Elementary
Andrea Atkinson.....	Teacher .....	Middle School	Kathleen Maddigan .....	Paraprofessional .....	Elms Elementary
Salvatore Ausiello .....	Teacher .....	High School	Sarah Marks.....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center
Amanda Baker.....	Playground Monitor .....	Early Childhood Center	Sarah Matheson.....	Teacher .....	Early Childhood Center
Lesley Bates.....	School Nurse .....	District	Brandon Matte .....	Paraprofessional .....	Middle School
John Bostek .....	Bus Driver .....	Transportation	Kim McDonald .....	Teacher .....	High School
Sheryl Brandow .....	Teacher .....	High School	Lindsay Moore .....	Paraprofessional .....	Early Childhood Center
Amanda Cantrell.....	Paraprofessional .....	Elms Elementary	Kelly Nasser .....	Teacher .....	Springview Elementary
Nancy Childress.....	Playground Monitor .....	Elms Elementary	Chandler Nelson.....	General Cleaner .....	High School
Emily Cobleigh .....	Teacher .....	Springview Elementary	Janice Payne.....	Lunchroom Monitor .....	Middle School
Kimberly Colton .....	Bus Driver .....	Transportation	Hayden Peter.....	Playground Monitor .....	Seymour Elementary
Kristina Cooper .....	Social Worker.....	Elementary	Samantha Peters.....	Paraprofessional .....	Springview Elementary
Rachel Costa.....	Teacher .....	Early Childhood Center	Courtney Pike.....	Paraprofessional .....	Central Elementary
Lisa Crawford.....	Child Nutrition.....	Middle School	Dena Prevett .....	Secretary.....	Special Services
Mikayla Dewar.....	Teacher .....	Elms Elementary	Fred Priest.....	Custodian.....	Seymour Elementary
James Diekman.....	Bus Driver .....	Transportation	Stephanie Qualls .....	Teacher .....	High School
Kamyshia Dimich .....	Paraprofessional .....	Central Elementary	Robin Redmond.....	Playground Monitor .....	Early Childhood Center
Elizabeth Endicott.....	Principal.....	Middle School	Danyel Schmidt.....	Teacher .....	High School
Roxie Enos.....	Child Nutrition.....	High School	Jennifer Scott.....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center
Amanda Fairchild .....	Teacher .....	High School	Stephanie Showler .....	Payroll Specialist.....	Administration Building
Rebecca Fisher.....	Personnel Specialist.....	Administration Building	Trevor Simmonds.....	Teacher .....	High School
Kayla Greninger.....	Lunchroom Monitor .....	Early Childhood Center	Jaden Smith.....	Paraprofessional .....	Elms Elementary
Judith Haggadone.....	Paraprofessional .....	Middle School	Caitlyn Sutton .....	Paraprofessional .....	Springview Elementary
Grace Hamman .....	Computer Lab Manager .....	Seymour Elementary	Amanda Sweeza .....	Preschool Aide .....	Early Childhood Center
Jordan Hancock .....	Teacher .....	High School	Katie Taljonick .....	Paraprofessional .....	Springview Elementary
Jonathan Harrity .....	Teacher .....	High School	Justin Thomas .....	Teacher .....	High School
Jill Heaton.....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center	Lisa Thomas .....	School Nurse .....	District
Brittney Hope .....	Paraprofessional .....	Seymour Elementary	Amanda Underhill .....	Paraprofessional .....	Springview Elementary
Kellie Keelor .....	Teacher .....	Middle School	Mike Vizona.....	Playground Monitor .....	Seymour Elementary
Alex Keesling.....	Director of Special Services .....	District	Becky Wallis.....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center
Lindsay Kendall.....	Paraprofessional .....	Central Elementary	Ashley West.....	Child Nutrition.....	Elms Elementary
Beth Kerr.....	Latchkey.....	Early Childhood Center	Sydney Wills .....	Speech & Language Pathologist .....	Early Childhood Center
Amy Kleinedler .....	Teacher .....	High School	Joshua Winkel.....	Social Worker.....	Elementary

## YEARS of SERVICE

***Congratulations to the following staff members for their dedicated service over the years. Their Raider Pride continues to shine through in all they do!***

### 30 YEARS

Andy Barger  
Scott Hickey  
Nicole Lord  
Pam Miller  
Steve Powers

### 20 YEARS

Don Calix  
Nicole Chandler  
Beth Matzke  
Hollie Springsteen

### 10 YEARS

Deborah Brown  
Martin Brown  
Maureen Castle  
Carolyn Christner  
Melissa Czarnecki  
Michelle Ferguson  
Krista Frame  
Kourtney Freese  
Carissa Harris  
Chrissy Latstetter  
Kellen Lister  
Kathleen Meyers  
Julie Sheldon  
Victoria Vanderlaan  
Kimberly Vaughan



## JOB OPENINGS

**Are you looking for a job that allows you to match your child's school schedule? then consider joining our Raider team as a paraprofessional or a bus driver.**

Both of the positions provide a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of children.

For a listing of specific openings, please visit [bit.ly/34W1QcL](https://bit.ly/34W1QcL).