



Flushing Community Schools

District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

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Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.

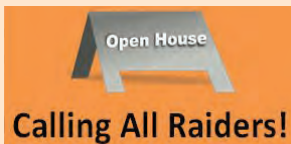
Special Notice:

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm, district offices and school buildings will be closed to allow all staff to attend an in-service. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we value the ability to be able to communicate with our entire staff at the same time.

PICTURE DAYS

Central Elementary - September 14
Early Childhood Center - August 28
Elms Elementary - September 12
Seymour Elementary - October 4
Springview Elementary - September 26
Middle School - September 11
High School - September 18

**WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
WELCOMING
EVERYONE BACK TO
A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**



TO HELP WITH THE PROCESS, HERE ARE THE DATES FOR OPEN HOUSES AT THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS:

Early Childhood Center: Kindergarten - Monday, August 28 - Letter from teacher will indicate time
1st - 6th Grade: August 23 - 6:00-7:00 pm
Middle School: August 29 - 6:00-7:00 pm
High School: August 23 - 5:00-6:00 pm



Homecoming!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING EVENING
AS WE FACE-OFF AGAINST SWARTZ CREEK.

FROM THE DESK OF

MATT SHANAFELT

SUPERINTENDENT, FLUSHING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Hello Flushing Raider Families

I hope this finds you continuing to enjoy a wonderful Michigan summer with your family and friends. There is still time to squeeze in more fun and relaxation before we are all back together again at school. How exciting!

With our 2023-2024 school year set to begin on August 28, 2023, I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the start of another wonderful school year. We are excited for what this school year has in store for all of us, and look forward to it being a very enrich-

ing, positive, and worthwhile experience for all of our students, families and staff.

Staff has worked hard this summer to make sure our schools are prepared to meet the various needs of all of our students, whether academically, physically, behaviorally, or social-emotionally. Summer school, child nutrition, transportation, custodial, safety and security, technology, certified teaching staff, and our administrative team have been hard at work making sure we are



Matt Shanafelt

ready for an incredible 2023-2024 school year.

The passionate work and never ending commitment of all of our staff members over the 10 weeks of summer, as well as throughout the school year is integral in making sure we have a successful school year, and we cannot thank them enough. Special thanks to our custodial and maintenance crew for their work to deep clean all of our buildings, making things look spectacular for the start of the school year.

Another major thank you to everyone that served on hiring and interview committees this summer, helping us hire over 40 new employees district wide. A very warm welcome

to all of our new employees, including Alex Keesling (Director of Special Services) and Elizabeth Endicott (Middle School Principal). We are also very excited to have members of our Raider team taking on new roles this school year, including Jason Melynchek (Deputy Superintendent), Kevin Foltz (FHS Principal), Gina Hodgins (FHS Assistant Principal), Adam Smith (FHS Assistant Principal), Shawn Andrews (FCS Athletic Director), and Jackie Read (Director of Finance).

Once again, we look forward to kicking off this school year with our traditional "Raider Rally," which will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Raider Field behind Central Elementary. I urge all of you to attend this cost-free evening, as it will be

filled with fun activities, school related giveaways, smiles and a great time for all of our students and their families.

We look forward to continuing to be positive partners with our families in the support and education of our students, and look forward to working with all of you to make this year as positive as possible for everyone. Please do not hesitate to call or email our buildings with questions, comments, or concerns as we look forward to helping in whatever way we can. We know that positive, direct communication remains the most effective way of supporting all of our students and families.

Thanks again for your support of our school district and each other, and enjoy the rest of your summer. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Go Raiders!

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 June 27, 2023 and July 18, 2023:

- Approved the hiring of the following certified staff members for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Josie Lovell – Central Elementary 6th Grade Teacher
 - Andrea Atkinson – FMS Special Education Teacher
- Approved the hiring of the following administrators for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Jackie Read – Director of Finance
 - Alex Keesling – Director of Special Services
- Approved the final amendments to the following 2022-2023 budgets: General Fund, Community Services Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Debt Retirement Funds, Sinking Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Internal Services Insurance Fund.
- Adopted the following 2023-2024 budgets: General Fund, Community Service Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Student School Activity, Debt Retirement Funds, Sinking Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Internal Service Insurance Fund.
- Approved the tax levy for 2023-2024 summer tax collection.
- Approved the tentative agreement between Flushing Community Schools and the Administrators – FAA.
- Approved the request to approve an EL High School Course, ELD I, in a cooperative agreement between Flushing Community Schools and the GISD for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the request to pilot an EL High School Course, ELD II, in a cooperative agreement between Flushing Community Schools and the GISD for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for FHS Choir students to visit New York City, NY on April 25-29, 2024 to attend a vocal workshop.
- Approved the contracts for Superintendent Matthew C. Shanafelt, Deputy Superintendent Andrew N. Schmidt, Deputy Superintendent Jason A. Melynchek,

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle R. Barrett, Director of Finance Kelly J. Stearns, and Director of Finance Jackie K. Read.

- Approved 2022-2023 Superintendent's Evaluation as Highly Effective.
- Approved the following for the 2023-2024 school year: designation of legal counsel, designation of banks as depositories, transfer of authority for handling funds, designation of electronic transfer officer, authorization of position titles to hold/use district credit cards, authorization to negotiate loans and other financial transactions, district student activities, and the resolution to file, sign, and submit necessary documents.
- Approved the request for a leave of absence as submitted by Melissa Tunnicliff for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved Board Representatives to Committees:
 - Athletic Board of Control – Salvatore Ausiello
 - District-Wide Health Committee – Megan LeCureux
 - Early Childhood – Janice Winkiel
 - District-Wide Safety Committee – Eddie Dolgan
 - District-Wide School Improvement Committee – Steve Sheldon
 - Flushing Area Recreation Planning Committee – Kim Strnad
- Approved the bid recommendation as submitted by Wolgast for the 2023 Building and Site Sinking Fund Projects to Weather Shield for a total bid price of \$642,109.00.
- Heard a report on the K-12 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan goal reporting.
- Heard a report on the resignation of certified staff member Lori Morningstar.
- Heard a report on the annual compliance for Matt's Safe Schools Law/PA 532 – Incident Report.
- Heard a report on athletic fundraising.
- Heard reports on the state of the schools.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, Flushing Community Schools offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at Flushing High School. Flushing High School also provides enrollment opportunities in the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College Program.

The 2023-2024 courses consist of Business Management Administration (BMA) I and II, Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Advanced CAD, Architectural CAD, Introduction to Engineering Design I and II, and Work-Based Learning (Co-op, Unpaid Learner, and Teacher Cadet), Accounting I and II.



These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of the CTE Director, certified teachers, and a Work-Based Learning Coordinator.

For general information about the CTE programs offered through Flushing Community Schools, please contact: Kevin Foltz, Principal, Flushing High School, 5039 Deland Rd., Flushing, MI 48433. Phone: 810-591-3770 and E-Mail: kevin.foltz@flushingschools.org.

All CTE programs follow the district's policies of nondiscrimination as stated in this article.

Flushing Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities. Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, and inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to: Jason Melynchek, Deputy Superintendent, Flushing Community Schools, 522 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433.

ParentVUE

ParentVue is a great way for parents to monitor their child's academic progress, attendance, assignments, and grades. Teachers update data at different times, so please do not expect instantaneous updates. If you have not activated your ParentVue account, please contact the building secretary at your child's school.



FROM THE DESK OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Flushing Community Schools offers a full-day kindergarten program. The staff is excited to welcome new Raiders to the Flushing family!

Monday, August 28, is the first day of school for the district. At the ECC this “first day” looks a little different. This day is a “Meet and Greet” rather than a traditional first day of school. Kindergarten students will NOT ride the bus to school on Monday, August 28. Rather, they will come to school with a parent at a scheduled time. Parent and child will remain with their teacher and spend some time getting to know the classroom and our school. Teacher assignments and further details about August 28 will be communicated to each family in the coming weeks by ECC staff. Families should plan for about an hour for their “Meet and Greet” visit. They will spend about 20-30 minutes with the teacher and in the classroom, but will then have time to tour the building, meet additional staff such as the art and physical education teachers, as well as have their school pictures taken.

Students will attend their first full day of school on Tuesday, August 29, from 8:45 am to 3:36 pm.

Kindergarten students ride the bus with the 1st-6th grade students from their elementary school attendance area. Kindergarten students are dropped off first at the ECC, then the older students continue on to their elementary school. At the beginning of the day, students arriving by bus at the ECC will enter the school on the north side of the building at the playground entrance. Due to the potential for traffic congestion in the area of the ECC and Central Elementary, we strongly encourage parents to have their kindergarten children ride the bus to and from school.

Morning Drop Off: The main entrance on Chamberlain and the southeast building door on Hazelton are the only areas we allow kindergarten children to be dropped off. We have staff greeting vehicles. We will open your passenger door and escort your child



**Jason
Melynchek**

safely inside. Do not plan to enter the building to drop off or pick up your child. We have many friendly adults in orange vests ready to assist in getting our youngest Raiders to class.

End of Day Parent Pick-Up: Classrooms will be divided by teacher for pick-up at both the turn-around by our playground on the north side of the building and at the front entrance on Chamberlain on the south side of the building. ECC staff will look for your name card in the window. These will be provided at Meet and Greet. We will call your child forward from a secure area to get in your vehicle. For the safety and efficiency of the

process, please remain in your vehicle. Walking up to the door to pick-up your child will not be permitted. More information will be provided in the beginning of the year newsletters.

Bus Protocol: ECC children will start utilizing bussing on Tuesday, August 29. Please be cognizant of the correct time that your child is to be at the bus stop in the morning and will be dropped off in the afternoon. Transportation routes will be posted on the FCS website later in August.

When bus riders are dismissed at the end of the day, kindergarten students will be “shuttled” back to their home attendance elementary, arriving just before the elementary schools dismissal.

Similar to our elementary schools, breakfast and lunch are served daily. The Child Nutrition staff will be serving breakfast and lunch in a manner where students can easily pick it up and take it to their designated eating area. Additional information about the lunch process will be provided at the “Meet and Greet”.

We look forward to meeting and educating our youngest students. If you have any questions, please call 810-591-2326. This year’s kindergarten students will be the Class of 2036! Our Flushing family is excited to spend the next 13 years with your child. Again, welcome to our ECC family and Flushing Community Schools!



Students who ride the bus are dropped off at the playground entrance.



The Main Office Entrance and the door located on the southeast corner of Hazelton Street are used for parent drop-off.

Communication Tools

Flushing Community Schools considers it a priority to stay in touch with students, families, and the community. We offer many avenues to help facilitate this goal.

- **Three R's Publication** - This magazine is published six times a year and provides a variety of district information to the community. The Three R's will arrive at homes as an insert in the Flushing View. It can also be found on the district website at <http://bit.ly/2Moj7oQ>.
- **StudentVUE and ParentVUE** - These applications allow both parents and students to track student attendance and grades. Apps are available for your smartphone or mobile device in addition to traditional online computer access. If you are not currently connected to ParentVue, please reach out to your child's building secretary for login credentials.
- **District and Building Websites** - Our websites are a comprehensive source of information, including district forms and policy documents.
- **Facebook Page** - Please visit <https://bit.ly/2BXgiXx> to access the district Facebook page.
- **Twitter** - The District, Athletic Department, and the High School have Twitter accounts. Check out our tweets. Links to Twitter can be found on our district website.
- **Mobile App** - This allows much of our district information and news to be delivered directly to your smartphone or tablet. Important messages like school closings are sent directly to your phone through the mobile app. The app can be downloaded by visiting the AppStore or Google Play.
- **The Raider Reporter** is a newsletter published by FHS every quarter.

- **The Raider Review** is published by FMS every quarter.
- **School Messenger** - This is our district and building calling system that allows district and building phone communication with the entire school population. It is important to have an up-to-date phone number on file for these calls to reach you.
- **iCalendar Sync** - This system allows you to sync district and building calendars with your personal calendar. Visit the district website and click District Calendar for more information.
- **E-mail Reminders** - This tool allows you to have e-mail reminders sent to you for specific events at the school. Visit the district website and click Calendar of Events for more information.
- **Elementary Building and Classroom Newsletters** - This traditional tool is still used by all of our buildings and

many of our teachers to share general classroom information.

- **District E-mail** - All district administrative and instructional staff members have email accounts and can be easily reached through email.
- **Phone Communication** - Each classroom in our district is equipped with a phone to facilitate parent communication. Please note that phones in classrooms do not ring during instructional hours. Feel free to leave a message and teachers will return calls as soon as possible. In case of an emergency or a change in transportation for the day, please call the school office rather than the classroom phone.

As you can see, a variety of tools exist. We encourage students, parents, or caregivers to utilize these communication tools. More information on these tools can be found by clicking on the “Parent” tab of our district website.

REGISTRATION TIPS for New Families

We look forward to welcoming new students to our district. Please visit our online registration page (<https://www.flushingschools.org/domain/977>) to start the process. To help make your child's first day as smooth as possible, please register before the first day of school.

When enrolling a new student, parents need to provide the following documentation and information to the school. These documents can be uploaded in the online registration platform or they can be taken to the school building once the online registration process has been completed:

- **Three proofs of residency** are required, one being a driver's license. The other two can include: property deed, recent property tax bill, utility bill, legally documented lease.
- **Child's original birth certificate.**
- **Proof of school immunizations** including Hepatitis B.
- **Vision screening verification** is required for kindergarten.
- **Guardianship or divorce/custody documents**, if applicable.
- **Emergency information** (e.g. names, addresses, and phone numbers).

Questions regarding valid proof of residency should be directed to building secretaries. Please note: all buildings will be closed on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm to allow all of our staff to attend a district-wide meeting.

Child Nutrition 2023-2024

Breakfast and lunch are FREE this year!

Eating breakfast is an important start to a successful academic day. To maximize learning, students need to start each day with a healthy meal. Since mornings can be hectic and sometimes students do not have time to eat breakfast before the bus comes, Flushing Community Schools offers breakfast in each building cafeteria. Breakfast for 7th-12th grades will be served from 7:30 am-8:00 am and elementary breakfast will be served from 8:45 am-9:15 am.

School breakfast includes whole grain rich items, fresh or canned fruit, 100% fruit juice, and low fat or fat free milk.

Help your child start the day right with School Breakfast!

Please contact Sonia Shortz at 810-591-2791 if you have any questions.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Please read the following info carefully to understand the importance of filling out the necessary paperwork.

Flushing Community Schools is proud of our Child Nutrition Staff and the meals that they offer every school day. Good nutrition is an important part of a child's education. Without access to adequate nutrition, learning is hampered. For the 2023-2024 school year, we will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the School Breakfast Program/National School Lunch Program. Under this initiative, FREE breakfast and lunch will be provided to **ALL** Flushing students.

An Education Benefit Form **MUST** be completed

by all families. Forms will be sent home with your child or will be available at all Flushing Community Schools buildings. To download the form, click on the Department tab of the district website and then select Child Nutrition. Please submit your Education Benefit Form to your child's school building as soon as possible, as this will maximize state and federal funding.

Parents will have the option to put money on their child's account through e-Fund to purchase second meals or ala-carte items.

Important Information:

Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to your student's school. The Education Benefits Form collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. Without this information, Flushing Community Schools could lose important funding for education programs that our students need.

Why is Flushing Community School requesting financial information? The Education Benefits Form determines eligibility of the student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the form and return it to Flushing Community Schools.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you provide on your Education Benefits Form, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Reduction or elimination for fees for Pay to Participate
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet
- Reduced or Free AP testing
- Potential additional academic and mental health supports

For up to date information and news please visit us at: www.flushingschools.org or download our mobile app at the App store or Google Play and while visiting the website, take a moment to view the breakfast and lunch menus. If you have any questions, please contact Sonia Shortz CNS, at 810-591-2791 or email sonia.shortz@flushingschools.org

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Additional Breakfast \$1.75

Additional Elementary Lunch \$2.75

Additional Secondary Lunch \$3.00

Cold lunch Milk/Additional Milk \$.60

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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 —

Superintendent	Matt Shanafelt.....	591-1180
Deputy Superintendent	Jason Melynchek.....	591-1184
Exec. Dir. Curriculum	Michelle Barrett.....	591-1187
Director of Finance	Jackie Read	591-1193
Director of Special Services ..	Alex Keesling	591-2321
Principals:		
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



Job Openings

Visit
bit.ly/34W1QcL

Flushing Community Schools

Bus Information



Bus information will be available on our website (www.flushingschools.org) by August 25. Click on Departments and then the Transportation link, or click on the school bus image in the menu bar.

Finding information on your child’s 2023-24 bus route will be available starting August 25 through the Versatrans e-link portal found on the Transportation page of the district website, or it can be found directly at <https://versatrans.flushingschools.org/elinkep>.

- **Username:** is your child’s student ID number (use any preceding zeros that are a part of the number)
- **Password:** is that same student ID number

Once in the program, hover over STUDENTS in the black bar at the top of the screen, and select VIEW MY STUDENTS. Click on the child’s name to view their bus route information.

You will see a separate line for the travel to school and one for the trip back home. The important information to look for is the actual pick-up and/drop off location, the time for pick-up and drop-off, and the bus number. Please see the graphic below for a guide on how to read the information.

Transportation Information						
Request Information:		Type:IN	Status: Ride	From:		
 From home to school		Days:All	Walk Dist: 0.05 mi.	To: Flushing Middle School		7:33 AM
From	Time	Route	BusDays	To	Time	
Apple Core & Orange	7:21 AM	SRH20A	121	MTWHF	Flushing Middle School	7:33 AM
Request Information:		Type:OUT	Status: Ride	From:Flushing Middle School		
 From school to home		Days:All	Walk Dist: 0.05 mi.	To: Apple Core & Orange		2:40 PM
From	Time	Route	BusDays	To	Time	
Flushing Middle School	2:40 PM	SRH20P	121	MTWHF	Apple Core & Orange	2:51 PM



If all of your children do not show up in your Versatrans e-Link account, it is because they have different phone numbers listed in Synergy. This is not a problem for accessing the bus route information, just go back to the login screen and enter the “missing” child’s student ID number.

If you are a parent of an incoming kindergarten student, you received your child’s student number in the class assignment letter.

Please note, you might get a warning when accessing VersaTrans. Just click the Advanced button and then click “Proceed to versatrans.flushingschools.org”.

Transportation Variances: If you plan on using a bus transportation variance this year and missed the August 10th deadline, the Transportation Department will still accept your variance request but it will not be processed or approved until September 18.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact our Transportation Department at 810-591-2793.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 22

.....Raider Rally 6-8 pm

August 28

.....First Day of School!

September 1

.....No School

September 4

.....No School

September 12

.....Board of Ed Meeting

September 20

.....Early Dismissal

September 29

.....Homecoming!

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES:

Alex Keesling assumed the role of Director of Special Services on July 19. Alex earned his Bachelors of Arts in Special Education, his Masters in the Art of Teaching - Special Education, as well as graduate credits toward his Special Education Supervisor/Director Certification from Saginaw Valley State University. He brings extensive experience serving as a paraprofessional in Clarkston, a special education teacher in Waterford and Troy, and for the last four years he has served as the Genesee Intermediate School District Teacher Consultant for ASD. It is in this latest role that Alex has worked extensively with our staff, students and families,



building trust, camaraderie and great relationships throughout our district and community. Whether through his work in our district over the last four years, or with START, or building capacity with coaches throughout the county, or his work with Peer to Peer (P2P) and LINK programs, or his work at the statewide level to support special education initiatives, Alex’s work has continued to support students and staff members, making a positive impact throughout our area. We look forward to having Alex as part of our team in his new role. Please join us in welcoming Alex, his wife Samantha, and their two children to our Raider family.



Download the Free Blackboard District App

• View news stories

• Access school and staff info

• View calendar info

• Receive important alerts







If you have not downloaded the Flushing Community Schools mobile app yet, you are missing out on an important communication tool. Once downloaded, you will receive district-wide announcements and notifications. This is a great way to know when district-wide news has been posted on the website or Facebook.

To download the app, go to Google Play or the Apple App Store and search on Flushing Community Schools. Be sure you see the Flushing Raider logo before downloading.

If you need help with the mobile app, please contact Mary Ann Korte at 810-591-1197.

DISTRICT PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

SELF SUPPORTING PRESCHOOL at the Early Childhood Center

- Classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds.
- Classes are one, two, three, or four days a week.
- Parents enjoy volunteering in the classroom.
- All classes support a "learning through play" philosophy.
- Preschool will begin the week of September 11, 2023.
- For more information, call 810-591-2326.

To register for Flushing's Self Supporting Preschool, please visit <https://www.flushingschools.org/domain/977>

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM at Seymour Elementary

- Children must be four years of age by September 1, 2023.
- GSRP is funded through a state grant and is free to Flushing children who qualify on the basis of state-identified risk factors and/or income guidelines.
- Bussing is available for students who live outside the walking distance of the building.
- Parents are required to volunteer in the classroom once a month and be available for home visits and parent-teacher conferences.
- Regular attendance is very important.
- To apply, please call 810-591-KIDS (5437) or apply online at www.geneseepreschool.org.
- GSRP is run by the Genesee Intermediate School District.



LATCHKEY

Flushing Community Schools provides a Latchkey child care program which is licensed by the State of Michigan Child Care Division, for all students ages 3–12, or through the end of 6th grade. The program is located at the Early Childhood Center at 409 Chamberlain Street. Latchkey hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 am until 5:30 pm daily. Parking is directly in front of the Latchkey entrance on Chamberlain Street. The well-marked secure entrance is managed by staff with a locked, coded entry way for admittance.

Elementary age students attending Latchkey in the morning are transported by bus to each of the Flushing elementary schools and will arrive on time for the start of the school day. Kindergarten students are taken to class by staff at the beginning of their day. For students returning to Latchkey for the after-school program, parents must notify their child's teacher. Elementary age students will be directed to the shuttle buses, kindergarten students are escorted to the Latchkey line up and received by staff. Latchkey services are available for half days and early dismissal days.

Students must be pre-registered to attend Latchkey. Registration forms must be received 24 hours in advance of initial attendance to allow for time for student information to be shared with the Transportation Department. Registration forms are located on the Flushing Schools website at www.flushingschools.org under the "Departments" tab. Forms will also be available at the Raider Rally on Tuesday, August 22, or may be picked up at the Latchkey sign in desk during normal hours. Latchkey will be closed from August 21 through August 25 and will reopen on Monday August 28 for the first day of the new school year.

The **Preschool Age Latchkey** program provides a fun and educational experience for students ages 3–4 years of age. The program is designed to promote literacy and social emotional growth with organized and planned curriculums to help preschool age students achieve kindergarten readiness. The program offers half day and full day opportunities. **The Preschool Age Latchkey program is currently full Monday through Thursday with a few timeslots still available for Fridays.** Registration forms are being accepted for families interested in being placed on a waitlist. Please visit our website and fill out a Preschool Age Latchkey registration form and also complete the online survey outlined in the registration information. Openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis as they become available.

Please call Kathy McMahan, Latchkey Program Coordinator at 810-591-1297 for additional information.



THE FLUSHING AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Flushing Area Historical Society does a wonderful job of capturing the rich history of our community. They rotate displays and areas of interest on a regular basis. During this summer and upcoming fall season, they have special displays focusing on the history of Flushing Community Schools. They have pictures going back to the one room school houses that comprised the educational opportunities in this area. We hope that you will take the time to visit the museum and take a walk down memory lane. It is a great opportunity to show the children of our community what school was like in years long past. Museum summer hours are Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm. It is located at 431 Main Street in Flushing (right next to the railroad tracks).



ASBESTOS NOTICE
AUGUST 2023

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA) requires that all school buildings in the United States be inspected for each area of asbestos containing materials, that an inspection report be prepared for each school building, that a hazard assessment be made for each area of asbestos-containing material, and that a detailed management plan containing response and preventative measures be prepared for each school building. All of these activities are to be conducted by personnel accredited by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Flushing Community Schools undergoes an inspection every three years.

A detailed report, hazard assessment, and management plan was prepared during the 1988-89 school year and was submitted to the Michigan Department of Public Health. The plan was reviewed and accepted by the asbestos program of that agency as meeting or exceeding all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Flushing Community Schools has implemented

that approved program. A copy of the AHERA required report and management plan for each Flushing Community School building is on file in the asbestos program's "designated person's" office at the school district's central warehouse, as well as in the main office of each school district building. They are available for public inspection. Proper management in place for asbestos containing materials continues in accord with the approved management plans, AHERA stipulations, EPA regulations and guidelines, and all other applicable law and codes. Minor asbestos related projects were completed at Central Elementary and Seymour Elementary during July 2022.

Questions concerning AHERA activities in Flushing Community Schools may be directed to:
Jerrold Locascio, Maintenance Supervisor
Flushing Community Schools
4335 North Seymour Rd.
Flushing, MI 48433
Telephone: (810) 591-2796
FAX: (810) 591-0624

PESTICIDE NOTICE
AUGUST 2023

Pursuant with Regulation 637 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, you are being informed of the Flushing School District's Integrated Pest Management Plan. It is the goal of our district to minimize pesticide use and exposure to students, staff and the public. As in the past, pests will be controlled to maintain the integrity of school buildings and grounds, to protect the health and safety of students and staff, and to maintain a productive learning environment. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort when other pest prevention and non-chemical control measures are not feasible, unavailable, or ineffective. You have the right to be notified prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. To request prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to: The Building and Grounds Department at Flushing Community Schools, located at 4335 N. Seymour Road, Flushing , MI 48433. You may contact the Maintenance Department at 810-591-2795 if you have any questions.

Pesticide Notification Form ~ August 2023

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled treatment inside the building.

_____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside perimeter of the building.

_____ Both of the above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Raider Rally brings the community together to celebrate the start of a new school year. Join us at Raider Field (behind Central Elementary) Tuesday, August 22, 6:00 - 8:00 pm for great fun!

- Get to know the community
- Sign up for extracurricular activities
- Games for the kids
- Free school supplies
- Enter drawings
- Police/Firefighters
- So much more!

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for donation to the FCOC.
Note: This event is subject to change based on weather.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Welcome to Our New Teaching Staff
WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW
TEACHERS TO OUR FLUSHING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FAMILY.

They each bring a passion for teaching and the desire to make a positive impact in the lives of children.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Andrea Atkinson	Special Education.....	Middle School
Salvatore Ausiello.....	Special Education.....	High School
Emily Cobleigh	2nd Grade.....	Springview
Kristina Cooper	Social Worker	Elementary
Rachel Costa	Kindergarten	Early Childhood Center
Mikayla Dewar.....	4th Grade.....	Elms
Jordan Hancock.....	English	High School
Jonathan Harrity.....	Orchestra	High School
Amy Kleinedler.....	Science	High School
Josie Lovell	6th Grade.....	Central
Sarah Matheson.....	Kindergarten	Early Childhood Center
Kim McDonald	Physical Education.....	High School
Kelly Nasser.....	4th & 5th Grade	Springview
Stephanie Qualls	Health	High School
Danyel Schmidt.....	English	High School
Trevor Simmonds.....	Business	High School
Justin Thomas	Science	High School
Cassandra Young	Science	Springview

In the October issue of the Three R's we look forward to introducing our newly hired support staff.

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

These messages can be received in addition to the phone messages. Just text YES to 67587 to sign up. Please be aware of any fees that your cellular provider charges for text messaging.

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Flushing Community Schools

2023-2024 Official School Calendar

SCHOOL BEGINS

Aug. 28: ECC/Elem/MS/HS Full Day

SCHOOL ENDS

JUNE 6 - ECC 1/2 Day, 11:00 Dismissal; Elem. 1/2 Day, 11:15 Dismissal

JUNE 7 - MS 1/2 Day, 12:10 Dismissal; HS 1/2 Day, 12:14 Dismissal

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHT KEY

- C**.....Parent-Teacher Conferences (*Elementary and Secondary*)
E.....Early Dismissal (*Elementary and Secondary*)
F.....First Day of School - August 28 - Full Day
S.....Student Count Day
☒.....No School
☐.....End of Semester / End of Marking Period
1/2.....Half Days of School (*Elementary*)
 • October 31 - AM Only
 • November 22 - AM Only
 • February 16 - AM Only
 • March 8 - AM Only
 • June 6 - AM Only (ECC 11:00 dismissal, Elem 11:15 dismissal)
 Half Days of School (*Secondary*)
 • November 22 - AM Only
 • February 16 - AM Only
 • March 8 - AM Only
EX.....Exams
 • January 10, 11, 12 - AM Only (*Secondary*)
 • June 5, 6, 7 (MS: 12:10 dismissal, HS: 12:14 dismissal)
*****.....Testing (SAT, PSAT, ACT WorkKeys)
 • April 10 - SAT (11), PSAT (8), No School (7,9,10,12)
 • April 11 - PSAT (9,10,11), ACT WorkKeys (11), *Grade 12 attends PM*

TIME SCHEDULES

High School - 8:00 a.m. - 2:48 p.m. (Full Day)

Half Day 8:00 a.m. - 11:14 a.m.
 Early Dismissal 8:00 a.m. - 1:04 p.m.
 Exam Days 8:00 a.m. - 12:14 p.m.

Middle School - 8:00 a.m. - 2:43 p.m. (Full Day)

Half Day 8:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
 Early Dismissal 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Exam Days 8:00 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Elementary Schools

Early Childhood Center: 8:45 a.m. - 3:36 p.m. (Full Day)
 Half Day 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Early Dismissal 8:45 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
 Central, Elms, Seymour, Springview: 9:00 a.m. - 3:51 p.m. (Full Day)
 Half Day 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 Early Dismissal 9:00 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

MARKING PERIOD / SEMESTER DATES

- 1st Marking Period: August 28- October 27 (*K-12*)
 2nd Marking Period: October 30 - January 12 (*K-12*)
 3rd Marking Period: January 16 - March 22 (*K-12*)
 4th Marking Period: April 1 - June 6 (*Elem*)
 June 7 (*Secondary*)

- 1st Semester: August 28 - January 12 (*K-12*)
 2nd Semester: January 16 - June 6 (*Elem*)
 June 7 (*Secondary*)

* TESTING SCHEDULE

April 10: SAT (11th Only)
 PSAT (8th Only)
No School:
 Grades 7, 9, 10, 12

April 11: PSAT (9th, 10th, 11th)
 ACT WorkKeys (11th)
Grade 12 attends PM only

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Elementary School Conferences (C: K-6)

- November 8 Fall Conferences 4:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- November 9 Fall Conferences 4:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- March 5 Spring Conferences 4:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Secondary School Conferences (C: 7-12)

- November 8 Fall Conferences 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- November 9 Fall Conferences 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- March 6 Spring Conferences 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

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