ACADEMICS AND THEN SOME

One of the most exciting things about being part of the Lansing School District is the diversity of the opportunities available to our students and staff. There truly is something for everyone here.

Best of all, we see our district family learning and growing in ways that extend far beyond the walls of our classrooms. From athletics and vocational exploration to community leadership and philanthropy, our district is a dynamic place where anything is possible.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Averill New Tech Students @CATCHhealth: Young learners are benefiting from a research-based coordinated approach to child health and learning to make good choices
Students from Sexton High School were on the road Friday, Oct. 4, exploring manufacturing classrooms and opportunities.

Students visited Peckham and Lansing Community College’s West Campus as part of the capital region’s annual Manufacturing Day celebrations.

Coordinated by the Capital Area Manufacturing Council, the event is part of a national effort to grow interest in high-tech manufacturing and production jobs.

“With approximately 13 percent of Michigan’s workforce employed in the manufacturing sector—and more jobs coming online all the time—it’s essential that we make Lansing students aware of the opportunities that exist right here in their home town,” said acting superintendent Dr. Mark Coscarella. “Today’s manufacturing opportunities are different than those of 50 years ago—we’re seeing a lot more technology, higher wages, and innovation on the horizon. We need to help ensure we’re exposing the workforce of tomorrow to all this industry can offer.”

Manufacturing Day first began in 2012.
Ele’s Place, a local non-profit that offers support to children after the loss of a parent or sibling, has donated grief toolboxes and backpacks to the Lansing School District.

“One in 12 children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before the age of 18,” said Cordelia Black, executive director of the Office of School Culture. “We are keenly aware, that in the immediate crisis a student faces at the time of a death, school staff often feel a need to reach out in a meaningful way with support and guidance to that student and their caregivers.”

When a grieving student returns to school following a death, they will be given an age-appropriate backpack with resources, coping strategies, and activities to help the family through the first few months of grief.

Elementary, middle and high school students will receive age-appropriate coping backpacks include books and other family resources.

School support staff will receive a corresponding grief toolbox that will include books and educational materials they may immediately access when a student is impacted by grief.

“These resources will help counselors assist teachers and students in understanding grief and loss, so they are better able to cope and help grieving students,” Black said.

Ele’s Place also offers schools other ongoing resources and supports:
- Weekly in-school support groups,
- Educational events for faculty, staff, and families, and
- Reference literature and professional guidance/referrals.
Looking for an interesting social media feed? Then you’ll want to follow Eastern IB Biotechnical Academy on Facebook.

The school’s daily content offers an astonishing array of innovative science projects, and showcases the achievements of hundreds of excited, engaged students who are deeply involved in their own learning.

They’re writing their own algorithms to describe a favorite sandwich and building foot orthosis projects. They’re making glue—competitively. They’re even determining the science behind ice cream.

Much of the ingenuity behind these projects is baked into the school’s Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum.

PLTW provides transformative learning experiences for students and teacher. It’s based on hands-on experiences and problem-solving, and it’s delivering very compelling learning outcomes.

For more information about what’s happening at Eastern IB Biotechnical Academy, consider coming to our preview night on Oct. 15.
The Volunteers of America awarded this year’s Operation Backpack® School Supply Giveaway to Wexford Montessori teacher Tiffany Gravier.

Gravier teaches 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade at Wexford Montessori Academy. According to Volunteers of America, she is “well known for her peaceful, kind nature and how much she cares for each student.”

Gravier was nominated by multiple individuals who honor her for her smile and positive attitude. As one nominating individual wrote, “Her smile brightens our day the minute we see her. Her encouraging hugs and her never ending dedication to our grandsons’ best interests literally saved us last year and we will forever be grateful.”

Congratulations to Tiffany Gravier and her students!
Everett New Tech High School Students Visit MSU

Everett New Tech High School 7th and 8th graders enjoyed a visit to Michigan State University this month.

Coordinated through the Lansing Promise, the Lansing School District and MSU, the visit offered a glimpse of college life.

MSU students led tours of the Clara Bell Smith Academic Center and the Duffy Daugherty Football Building.

Students and guests also heard a short presentation about college life and the Lansing Promise.

The college visit ended with dinner at Brody Café.

“When it comes to pursuing learning after college, a little bit of inspiration can go a long way,” said Dr. Mark Coscarella, acting superintendent. “We appreciate the time and energy that resulted in such a special event!”
Currently, it’s estimated that 16 percent of all families in Ingham County lack adequate access to food.

To help ensure Lansing School District students are given the nourishment they need to be successful and healthy, district leaders are collaborating with their partners at SodexoMAGIC to offer after-school meal programs.

“We know there’s a need for helping parents out with additional meals,” Jody Taratuta, general manager of SodexoMAGIC, told WLNS TV-6. “We want our students to dream big. We realize that sometimes they have to have after school programs to help them reach those goals.”

Taratuta said students participating in after-school programs can receive dinners before they go home.

The district and SodexoMAGIC hope students benefit from extra energy and fewer worries as a result of the program.

The program runs Monday through Friday. For program information, please click here.
Attwood New Tech Magnet School Students Visit Legoland Discovery Center

Students from Attwood New Tech Magnet School traveled to the Legoland Discovery Center in Auburn Hills at the end of September.

While there, students enjoyed the opportunity to view Detroit-specific displays, build their own creations, and collaborate on interactive projects.

Not only were the projects keyed to important learning standards, they also provided Lansing students with a new way to connect with their classroom instruction.
An important Lansing School District tradition will continue in 2019-20, as the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program gives free books to students in the Lansing Schools.

Three times each year, students in the pre-primary through 10th grades receive books they can choose for themselves and keep.

The program, which has operated in the Lansing School District for the past four decades, is aimed at helping children love to read. To date, more than 1.5 million books have been distributed.

Financing and volunteer support are provided by the community and the Lansing School District itself.

To learn more, please visit the Dr. Eva. L. Evans Welcome Center, where the program maintains an office. Interested volunteers are always welcomed—please contact your school principal to get involved.

Photos courtesy of the Lansing State Journal and the RIF program
Acting Superintendent Tackles Student Safety, Bullying Issues

Acting superintendent Dr. Mark Coscarella this week wrote an important op-ed for the Lansing State Journal, highlighting the district’s approach to student safety and bullying.

From defining how bullies operate to shining a spotlight on how the district addresses student and family concerns, Coscarella made it clear that student safety is the district’s top priority.

“We are aggressively committed to eliminating all bully behavior in our school district,” Coscarella wrote. “Our community can help with this by understanding the difference between bullying and conflict and by alerting our staff of any unacceptable behavior.”

According to Coscarella, bullying is much different from conflict. Conflict is disagreement, which may sometimes be mean-spirited, but which can usually be resolved through dialogue.

Bullying, however, is “harmful behavior directed by someone exerting power and control over another person over an extended period of time.”

Trying to resolve conflict with a bully doesn’t usually work because the bully doesn’t see what he or she is doing as wrong.

The Lansing School District is committed to eradicating bullying, and makes several resources available.

“In all of our schools, we have student support specialists who work with our principals and teachers to provide behavioral and mental health support to students,” Coscarella wrote. “These professionals meet with small groups and individuals, provide classrooms lessons, and work with families to ensure our students are safe and healthy.”

All of the district’s public safety officers also are trained in helping students identify, report, and stop bullying behavior.

Students can also use ‘OK2SAY’ to confidentially report a potential safety issue through a website, app, phone number, or text.

If any student, family member or bystander is aware of bullying behavior occurring in the Lansing School District, please inform an adult in the building or click here to use the OK2SAY program.

Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.
Dear Teacher,

We’re tired of being in the classroom! Everyone is always telling us to get outside and get some fresh air. Well, we decided we want to have school outside. We heard about the Ebersole Environmental Center in Wayland, Mich. They have programs that reinforce what you teach us and more. We got this stuff for you so you could know more about Ebersole. Not only will we get fresh air and exercise, but we’ll learn stuff, too! We think you’re a great teacher and we know you’ll do everything you can to help us learn. The Ebersole center can help you teach us. At Ebersole they embrace nature and engage minds. We think it sounds great!

Your Students
Did You Know?

Did you know that, on average, 80 percent of Lansing School District parents, guardians, and caregivers attend parent-teacher conferences?

Let’s challenge ourselves this year and exceed the average. Fall conferences are scheduled over the next four weeks. Please contact your student’s school for more information!
The Boys Tennis team had a great showing at the CAAC Red Tournament on Monday, October 7th at Haslett HS. The Quakers battled hard and had some top finishes at the tournament. Jacob Stevenson took 3rd place at 1 Singles, Nick Stevenson placed 2nd at 2 Singles, Henrik Jones placed 2nd at 3 Singles, and Dayton Jones placed 5th at 4 Singles.

Third-grade students at Lewton Global Studies and Spanish Immersion learned about forces and motion using a cider press earlier this month. What a yummy way to tackle physical science!