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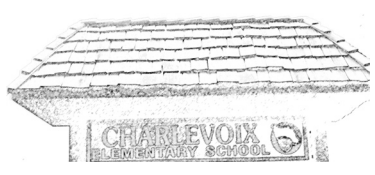
Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break and is getting excited for the 2011-2012 school year!

Charlevoix Elementary School's annual Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. I hope that all parents and children can come to Charlevoix Elementary School to meet their teachers and become better acquainted with our school and classroom for the 2011-2012 school year.

As part of our emphasis on improving our schools Parent-Teacher communication, we will also be having an additional

Parent-Teacher Barbecue and communication night on Monday, September 12 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with teacher meetings beginning at 6:00 pm. There



will be a brief "Student Success" presentation that will emphasize how your child can have an outstanding educational experience this upcoming year at CES. Parents will then move to their child's classroom where teachers will communicate to parents the curriculum that will be

presented throughout the upcoming school year and how we can work together to help your child in having great school year. Day care will be provided at this event so parents can attend this event without distractions or interruptions.

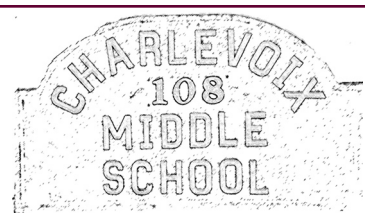
Within the next couple of weeks, classroom/teacher assignments will be mailed to all Charlevoix Elementary School students. Within this mailing you will also find supply lists for each grade level.

All the best,
Doug Drenth, Principal
Charlevoix Elementary School

Middle school is a crucial time when students begin to find their own voice, experience many challenging changes, establish lasting friendships, become problem solvers, independent thinkers, and responsible and engaged citizens. That being said, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome everybody back to the middle school for another exciting year. I am eager to help all Charlevoix students find the skill sets and passion for learning in order to achieve their maximum potential as students and citizens.

Staffing Updates:

- Mrs. Glass will be joining our staff one hour a day as we introduce Spanish to the middle school.
- Mrs. Muladore is teaching 6th and 7th grade social studies.
- Mrs.



Wood is teaching 6th grade science and 6th grade reading.

- Mr. Hawkins is teaching 7th and 8th grade social studies.
- Mrs. Garver is teaching 6th and 8th grade English.
- Mr. Prescott is teaching 6th and 7th grade English.
- Mr. Hopkins is teaching 6th and 7th grade math and a 7th grade reading class.
- Mrs. Burmeister is teaching 7th grade science and Algebra along with Earth Science at the high school.
- Mrs. Wasilewski is teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th

grade math.
•Mrs. Pott is now teaching 7th grade science, 8th grade science and an 8th grade reading class.
•Mrs. Elowsky is officially starting the year in our learning center half-time.

•Our specials teachers are offering a second set of specials if students are not in band. We no longer have RISE in the middle school.

I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to grow and learn as a part of the Charlevoix community.

Regards,
Travis Garrett, Principal
Charlevoix Middle School



CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL

Now that we have turned the corner of summer and August is upon us, the excitement of another school year is sneaking up on us. I hope everyone is rejuvenated and ready for a fantastic year at CHS! It is surely refreshing to chat with CHS grads and current students over the summer and reflect on our accomplishments and challenges. For a small Class C school with less than 400 students, we offer incredible academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities and should all feel a great sense of RAYDER pride that we are preparing students for the next step in life.

CHS has once again been recognized by the state as an "A" school. This is a true reflection of our hard working students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents. The letter grade is comprised of many attributes, including Michigan Merit Exam scores and graduation rate which was an outstanding 99 percent.

Here's an overview of what the CHS class of 2011 will be doing in the upcoming year:

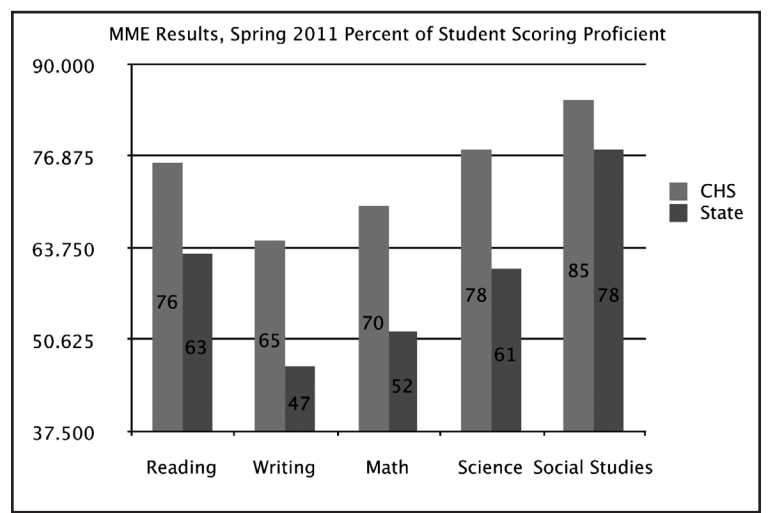
- 67% of students entering a four-year university

- 25% percent entering a two-year community college
 - 5% entering the military
 - 3% entering the work force.
- In addition, our students score exceptionally well on the MME in comparison with the state averages. Below you can see a comparison of how CHS did compared to the state.

In tough economic times for our state, I think it is important that we continue to celebrate the positives in our school and community. I am looking forward to another outstanding year filled with academic growth and personal achievement for all of our students and staff!

Welcome Mr. Norman Carlson to CHS as our new construction technology teacher! Mr. Carlson will officially be joining the staff of CHS this fall to take over as construction tech teacher with the retirement of Mr. Brian Certa. Mr. Carlson comes to CHS with over 20 years of experience in the industry, most of which has been owning and operating his own local construction company. Mr. Carlson is very passionate about working with students and teaching them a trade that has been a major part of his life.

All the best,
Suzanne Klinger, Principal
Charlevoix High School



To the Charlevoix Public School District Residents:

The 2011-12 school year is about to begin and as Superintendent, I am optimistic about the upcoming year as the principals and teachers have been working throughout the summer to ensure an outstanding learning experience for all students district-wide.



Chet Janik
Superintendent

One of the most critical components to the overall success of our students is our ability to work in partnership with our parents and the community. I sincerely hope that you feel welcome in our schools and that you will take advantage of the many opportunities to become involved, to learn more about your school district and to be a part of the many positive activities that are taking place.

Several years ago, signs were installed by our three buildings stating the fact that our three schools received a report card grade of "A" by the Michigan Department of Education, and I'm proud to announce that this occurred again this year. It's just one of many tangible examples that the Charlevoix Public Schools do an outstanding job of educating our young people.

By all accounts, Charlevoix Public Schools is doing well on standardized tests, has caring and qualified teaching staff in the

classroom, and a community that strongly backs the public schools.

One of our challenges that we have is to maintain those high academic standards with reduced funding from the State of Michigan. To be proactive and to address this challenge, the Charlevoix Education Foundation and a concerned group of citizens have recognized that basic needs in the classroom are a financial challenge and they are coming together to launch the "Investing in Our Future... Our Students" campaign to raise in excess of \$200,000.

I'm pleased to announce that recently the Charlevoix School's Foundation has raised \$120,000 in donations and pledges to be used as a matching fund to meet a \$200,000-plus goal.

The funds collected will be used in four major areas:

•In Science and Mathematics, where technology is not an option for citizens of the 21st century. To make the world of science and math come alive for our students, we need the technological resources to enhance and enrich the curriculum. These resources include elementary school laboratory supplies, curriculum textbooks with on-line interactive

chapters for middle school students, and interactive software and technology at the high school.

•In Health and Wellness the goal is to have a Michigan model of the Presidential Fitness curriculum as the cornerstone of the school's program – and not just for students playing varsity sports. In recent years, equipment needs have been deferred. Those



Community Foundation Director Chip Hanson, Campaign Organizer Robert Klein, Superintendent Chet Janik, Foundation President Pam Barnes, and School Board President John McLean finalize the campaign.

needs include textbooks, utility balls for various sports, and exercise equipment such as stationary bikes, treadmills and elliptical machines.

•Language Arts and Humanities fundamentally involve engagement and interaction, much of which takes place outside the classroom in the areas of homework, term papers, etc. which expose young people to research. To engage students we need technology such as Kindles or other book readers, digital and video cameras,

graphic design software, photo printers, interactive textbooks and more.

•In Fine Arts the focus is on enabling students to enjoy an experience beyond the classroom in not only music but activities such as painting, sculpture and other art forms. To accomplish this, resources needed include kilns, pottery wheels, replacement of consumable materials (paint, paper, brushes, tools), purchase and refurbishing of numerous musical brass, woodwind and percussion instruments, and other resources to expand the chorale music program into the middle and high schools.

I'll be glad to provide more information to individuals that are interested in supporting this project.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to assure you that all students are of the utmost priority to our Board of Education as well as to each and every employee of this district and it is my privilege to serve as your superintendent for the 2011-12 school year.

Welcome back students and best of luck as we embark on another fantastic year and please always feel free to contact me directly at 547-8101 or cjanik@rayder.net if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Go Rayders !!!

Chet Janik
Superintendent

Cafeteria Prices:

Breakfast:

Student: \$1.25 / Reduced: \$.30

Milk: \$.35 / Adult: \$2.00

Lunch:

Student: \$2.50 / Reduced: \$.40

Milk: \$.35 / Adult: \$3.75

Current School Calendars & Board of Education Minutes available at: www.rayder.net or call 547-3200.

Building Updates:

Elementary School:

•**Open House:** The Parent Open House will be Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

•**School Begins Sept. 7:** The school bell hours are 8:10 am to 3:25 pm. First day of school is a full day, and starts Wednesday, September 7 with buses running for all but kindergarten and beginning kindergarten. Parents of kindergarten/beginning kindergarten students are to bring students to school and pick them up from school the first day only. Buses will run for kindergarten/beginning kindergarten the second day of school, Thursday, September 8.

Bright Beginnings Preschool:

Bright Beginnings Preschool and the Sunshine Club are now located in the Charlevoix Elementary School. Bright Beginnings will host a "Meet the Teacher" Open House on August 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Registered families and families interested in learning more about the program are invited to stop in and visit. For more information about preschool or Sunshine Club call Tricia Petrosky at 547-8143.

• **Four-day/Four-year-old preschool** starts Sept. 13. Morning classes will run from 8:15 am to 11:15 am Tuesday-Friday. Afternoon classes will run from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Tuition-free slots are available for qualifying students.

• **Two-day/Three year-old preschool** starts Sept. 13. Classes will run from 8:15 am to 11:15 am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sunshine Club (Before/After-school care) is available for all students ages 3-10. Sunshine Club begins Wednesday, September 7 after school only. Care will be available all day starting Thursday, September 8. Children must be registered to attend.

High School:

Open House/Orientation Times:

•**Freshmen Orientation: August 30, 2:00 - 5:30 pm.**

- Students should arrive no later than 1:55 pm.
- Please contact the high school at 547-3222 if transportation is needed to Orientation.
- Parents are asked to attend the parent meeting at 5:00 pm in the auditorium.

•**Grades 9-12 Open House: August 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

- Parents: Please be in the auditorium at 7:00 pm for yearly school updates.
- Parents are encouraged to visit classrooms and meet teachers before and after the session in the auditorium.

Upperclassmen are asked not to arrive until after 6:00 pm.

Open House/Orientation Agenda:

- Schedules and locker combinations will be distributed.
- Teachers will be in their classrooms where course syllabi and other important course information will be distributed.
- Students are also asked to pick up their text books from the Media Center/ Book Nook.

Middle School:

•**Open House:** All parents and students are encouraged to attend the Open House at the middle school on Wednesday, August 31 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 pm at which time students can meet their teachers, pick up class schedules and locker assignments.

Attention 5th Grade Parents: Fifth grade student/parent meeting in gymnasium at 5:00 pm. Please attend, tour the school, meet the staff, take school pictures, pick up schedules, and locker assignments.

Middle school pictures will also be taken during the Open House in the Large Group Room, located in the same hall as the office.

•**School Begins Sept. 7:** Middle school hours are 8:00 am until 3:10 pm each day. Please do not drop-off or pick up students in the front drive of the middle school before or after school. This driveway is for buses only. Please use the May Street entrances before and/or after school for drop-off and pick-up.

•**Sports:** Current physicals are required to participate in any athletics

-**7th/8th Gr. Football**—Coach Todd Klinger

Aug. 29 Practice 3:30-5:30. Shorts, t-shirt and cleats needed.

-**7th/8th Gr. Volleyball**-Coaches Chris Way & Bethany Pearson, Aug. 30

Practice 4:00-5:30 8th Grade/5:30-7:00 7th Grade

Tennis shoes, knee pads, water bottle & t-shirt will be beneficial.

\$20 needed at first practice for team shirt.

-**5th-8th Gr. Cross Country**—Coach Paul Gelderblom, Aug. 29 Practice 8:30-9:30am. Shorts, t-shirt and running shoes.

Further information can be found in our "Back to School" Newsletter at www.rayder.net.

The Sunshine Club Does your elementary school child need after school or before school care?

Charlevoix Elementary school offers care in the Sunshine Club. Contact Tricia Petrosky at 547-8143 or get information at www.rayder.net >Elementary School >Forms. The Sunshine Club is for kids ages 3 to 10 and runs from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

- School pictures will be taken. Please bring your completed picture envelope. This will be mailed home before August 30.
- Emergency forms and school documentation will be available for parents to complete on site.
- Automobile registrations must be purchased in the office by those students who will be driving to school. The cost is \$5.
- Course Fees for art classes will need to be paid (\$20 for each art class).
- Pay previous student bills if applicable
- Order Yearbooks & Senior Ads
- Purchase sports pass (Student pass \$50, Family pass \$200)

•**School Begins Sept. 7:** Doors will Open at 8:00 am on the first day. School hours are from 8:05 am to 3:05 pm.

Valid Schedule Changes will take place Aug. 25 & 26 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Schedule changes are not encouraged and may NOT be honored.

Know your bus:

1. Students in grades 5-12 may be required to walk up to one (1) mile to the pickup/return point. K-4 students may be required to walk up to one-half mile to the pickup/return point.

2. Routes for kindergarten students will be established to pick up and return students as close to home as feasible. If there are older students at the same pickup/return point as the kindergarten students, the kindergarten students will be expected to walk up to one-half mile to the pickup/return stop with the older students. Pickup/return points must be on a consistent daily basis.

3. All students will be picked up at a designated stop and returned to a designated stop on a consistent basis. When pickup/return points are different, arrangements should be made prior to the first day of school and must be on a consistent daily basis. If changes are necessary during the school year, such changes must be cleared through the transportation supervisor.

4. In case of emergency, or a sick babysitter, the student must have a

note, including the name and address of the new stop, to ride a different bus.

5. Students should be at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the normal arrival time of the bus at that stop.

6. If it is necessary for a bus to run into a dead end stop, a turn around large enough for the bus must be provided and kept cleared of snow.

7. If a bus runs special for a student, the parent or students shall call the garage on the mornings he/she is not going to ride the bus (before the bus leaves garage). If a bus runs special for two consecutive days and no one shows, the bus will not run again until someone calls the garage (parent subject to this provision will be notified).

8. Students will be assigned a bus that covers the area in which they live. When more than one bus covers an area, students will ride only one bus and not be allowed to jump buses for convenience.

Adopted 3-3-1986
Revised 3-5-1990

The Rules on the Bus:

1. Cross road in front of the bus looking in both directions.
2. No excessive noise or foul language.
3. No moving from your seat.
4. Share your seat - the driver may assign seats.
5. No throwing things on the bus or out the windows.
6. No fighting.
7. No arms, feet, or heads out the window.
8. Do not be destructive to bus or others' belongings.
9. Stay seated until the bus fully stops.
10. Cooperate with and obey the bus driver.

There will be some minor route changes. Changes may continue to occur the first few weeks of school.

Get the number 2011- 2012:

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Charlevoix High School Rayder Sport's Updates:

CHS Sports: All athletes must have a current physical on file in the high school office prior to the first day of practice. CHS is proud to offer the following fall sports:

•**JV Football:** Coach Doug Waha, practice starts on August 8 at 5:00 pm. (bus garage field)

•**Varsity Football:** Coach Don Jess, practice starts on August 8 at 7:45 am. (Beaver Island)

•**Cross Country:** Coaches Mary & Ken Plude, practice starts on August 15 at 6:30 a.m. (high school)

•**Fresh/JV/Varsity Volleyball:** Coach Liz Shaw, practice starts on August 10 at 8:00 am (M,W,F), 7:00 am (T,TH) (Freshmen & JV at Middle School, varsity at high school)

•**Boy's Varsity Soccer:** Coach Jon Boss, practice starts on August 10 at 5:30 pm. (high school)

•**Boy's Varsity Tennis:** Coach Erik Lundteigen, practice starts on August 11 at 4:30 pm. (Shanahan Courts)

•**Sideline Cheer:** Coach Sara Hendrick, practice starts on August 10 at 6:00 pm. (T,W,TH) (high school)

Parents: We need your support by helping in our concession stands throughout the year. Charlevoix Sports Boosters will be assigning parents of athletes to work concessions for home events. The calendar with scheduled parents for home events will be distributed to all parents this fall and will also be posted at www.rayder.net under Sports Boosters. If you have a conflict with your date, it is your responsibility to switch with another parent. We thank you in advance and appreciate your support of our athletes!

Sports Passes Are On Sale:

Students \$50, Senior Citizen \$30, Single Adult \$100, Family \$200

Mr. Brian Certa, Athletic Director, 547-8203

Mrs. Kim Arnold, Athletic/Attendance Secretary, 547-8198