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(updated 10/16/2022)

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An investigation fee of **\$100 dollars** will be assessed for any work starting before obtaining appropriate permits.

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The township provides a variety of other services including notary, copies/faxes, hall rental, end of life cemetery arrangements, and other services as needed and appropriate.

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August 2023

WELCOME BACK from the Superintendent



Gobles Tigers,
Welcome Back to another amazing school year. We hope you have had a relaxing, and fun summer.

Starting with the 2023/2024 school year Gobles Public Schools has partnered with Youth Development Company to offer a high-quality, nurturing, and educational program from birth to 18 years of age. For information contact gobles.ydcpal.org. For Preschool or Early Childhood information, contact Veronica Salamanca veronica@ydcpal.org. For Before and After School mentoring, contact Megan Johnson mjohanson@ydcpal.org.

A special thanks goes out to our custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff for helping prepare for the upcoming school year. Our facilities look outstanding. Gobles Public Schools prides itself on providing an award winning elementary, middle and high school. These accolades could not be accomplished without a dedicated staff, committed students, supportive parents/guardians, and proud alumni. Along with providing an amazing educational experience, our district centers around The Tiger Way. A belief system grounded on the core values of Leadership, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Pride & Tradition. The Tiger Way allows for a consistent, transparent, and productive learning culture. See our story at www.gobles.org.

The 2023/2024 school year is going to be one-of-a-kind. From our expanding clubs, extracurriculars, academics, and leadership teams, I look forward to witnessing all the awesome accomplishments our students will achieve this year. GO TIGERS!

Jim Wiseley
Superintendent

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Elementary School Welcome

2023-2024 Hours- 8:30-3:30

1/2 Day/Early Release Hours: 8:30-12:00. Breakfast and "take-home" sack lunch will be offered on partial days at no cost to families.

First Day Information:

Opening Day is Monday, August 28, 2023. It will be a 1/2 day for students, and breakfast, but NO LUNCH will be offered for students.

On opening day, students will walk to their assigned grade-level entrance door, where a teacher and support staff will meet them and walk them directly to class for breakfast. Parents will not be walking their students to class, but may walk them to their scheduled entrance if preferred. Teachers and staff will make sure children are welcomed at the door and help them find the way to their classroom! More information regarding Arrival and Dismissal procedures can be found on the website in the elementary handbook for 2023-2024. Teachers will be contacting students before school starts, however don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

There will be no supervision and students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:25 every day, so please do not drop students off prior to this time or they will wait outside unattended until staff reports. If students are late, they should use the main entrance ONLY and be checked in by a parent or adult.

Elementary parents please check the Elementary website for the attendance and truancy policy. This can be found under the Elementary website, parents tab.

<https://www.gobles.org/o/ges>

Middle and High School Welcome

Dear Student, Parent/Guardian, and Community Member:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that we are working hard to prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year and our hope is that the school year proves to be not just educationally fruitful, but also filled with lasting memories and growth for the students of our community.

On Thursday the 24th of August, starting at 5:30pm, we have scheduled our "Tiger Bash". The "Tiger Bash" is both a celebration and Open House designed to welcome students back to school, have a little fun, reunite, enjoy each other's company, and have an opportunity to meet and greet the Gobles staff. We plan on having games and activities, music, food to enjoy, and a carnival atmosphere taking place between the Elementary and Middle/High School buildings. At the "Tiger Bash", we plan on conducting our Meet Your Device Night, where students receive their Chromebooks (a \$25 deposit and signed user agreement will be required), and we plan on having Geskus Photography here to take school pictures (though pictures will be available for purchase, school ID cards are free of cost to students). Our hope is that by doing all of this at a single event, not only will your student be better prepared for the upcoming school year, they will also look forward to the beginning of school; while at the same time, not placing undo strain on the family by scheduling multiple beginning of the year meetings and events.

Finally, I would like to thank the students, parents/guardians, and community members for having faith in Gobles Public Schools, and for giving us the opportunity to educate the children of our community. Without your support all our efforts would be for naught. The children of our community are the reason for our existence, the purpose behind our efforts, and the legacy of our future.

Sincerely,

Tommie D. Saylor Jr.

Tommie D. Saylor Jr., M.Ed. Principal,
Gobles Middle/High School Gobles Public Schools

Welcome Back! Opening Day Schedule:

Monday, August 28, 2023	
7:30-8:00	Assembly, Middle School Gym, All Students
8:00-8:10	Students pick up schedules from their assigned teacher
8:10-8:30	1st hour
8:35-8:55	2nd hour
9:00-9:20	3rd hour
9:25-9:45	4th hour
9:45	Career Tech. Students meet with Principal and Counselor in Middle School gym, dismissed for the day after meeting
9:50-10:10	5th hour
10:15-10:35	6th hour
10:40-11:00	7th hour
11:00	Students dismissed for the day

Food Services

Due to a program from the United States Department of Agriculture and Michigan School Meals we can offer All of Gobles Public Schools K - 12 Free Breakfast and Lunch this school year 2023 - 2024.

We are hoping that all student families will take advantage of this opportunity, the more participants we have in the meal program will allow us the ability to continue this program in the future. Gobles Public School students do not need to complete a free/reduced lunch application this school year, however, to help with funding other school programs a household survey will be sent home and need to be completed by families

We will be offering breakfast at the start of each school day to students. Elementary students will receive breakfast in the classroom and middle/high school students can get breakfast at the start of the school day in the cafeteria. All breakfast is free for all students at Gobles Public Schools.

Lunches will be served in the cafeteria and students will be eating in there also. We are excited for all the food options we will have for the students this year. Please contact us if you have any questions about the lunch program.

Again, to help with funding other school program please complete a household survey for your students. Only one survey per household will need to be completed and these will be sent home at the start of the school year.

Sincerely, Eric Meloche, Food Service Director

TRAFFIC FLOW: STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Middle/High School Parking Lot (off of M-40). Traffic will enter from the north entrance and follow to the front of the school to drop off MS/HS students. The road will continue back to the north exit. Parking will be in rows; lanes are one-way going from the north to the south. If you are dropping off elementary students in this area, please remind them to follow the sidewalks to the elementary building. Do not park and leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off area.

Elementary- Where to Drop-off and Pick-up Children. There are two areas designated for dropping-off and picking-up children on school days.

The loop between the elementary and the MS/HS can be used to drop-off and pick-up children. We ask that the drivers do not park in the circle drive and only use the loop to drop-off and pick-up children.

The large parking area on the west side of the MS/HS building with access from Van Buren Street (CR 388) is the best location to drop-off and pick-up children as they can use the sidewalks instead of crossing traffic lanes.

Bus Loading and Unloading. Buses will enter the school property utilizing the back entrance off Van Buren Street. The buses will load and unload along the curb area in front of the main elementary building entrance, next to the elementary office. This area will be clearly marked and we ask that parents park in this area at no time. This area will also be used for emergency vehicles so it is very important that vehicles are never left unattended in this parking lane are reserved for these purposes.

Students Who Walk to School. Students who walk to the building from Van Buren Street should walk across the football parking area to the sidewalk that runs beside the elementary building. For safety, students are asked not to walk on the school driveway.

Where to Park When Visiting the Elementary. The large parking area on the west side of the MS/HS building with access from Van Buren Street (CR 388). Please park in a designated space and not in the bus loop adjacent to the building.

The parking lot on the east side of the elementary with access from M-40.

Sidewalks. We have installed sidewalks for the safety and convenience of our students and parents. Please encourage your child to stay on the sidewalks for his/her safety.

A detailed arrival and dismissal plan will be posted on the website.

Notice to Parents with Children of Limited English Proficiency

If you would like your student to receive services through Gobles' English Language Learner instruction program, please notify Superintendent, Jim Wiseley, at 269-628-9390. Each child identified for participation in this program will receive information related to the standards and objectives of the program and information relating to the child's level of English proficiency.

ADVISORY TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

State of Michigan law requires that schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the Gobles Public school/day care center utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests, IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications or pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an Insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school/day care center, which is located at Gobles High/Middle School. The second method will be by providing the students of the school or children of the day care center with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete the attached form and return it to our office.

Please be advised that parent or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

Below is a list of the scheduled 2023-2024 pest inspection and possible application dates for your student's school. September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15.

SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

The Gobles Public School District recognizes and abides by the standards of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act. These standards prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution, or concealment of illegal drugs and alcohol in school programs, school vehicles, school premises, and at school-sponsored activities on or off school property. Drugs include all controlled substances as defined by law, as well as "look-alike" drugs, steroids, and alcohol. These standards apply to all Gobles Public School District students and staff members. The use/abuse of drugs and alcohol poses serious health and safety risks to students, staff, and visitors. We urge students, parents, guardians, and care providers to work hand-in-hand with the district to ensure that these important standards are upheld.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Gobles Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, genetic information, sex, age, disability, religion, height, weight, or marital status in its programs and activities. The district also ensures that all students will have access to Free and Adequate Public Education (FAPE), defined by Michigan law, that will not be limited by a student's ability to pay.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy: Jim Wiseley, Superintendent 409 N. State Street, PO Box 412 Gobles, MI 49055. 269-628-9390.

NOTIFICATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND THE RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires Gobles Public Schools to obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records, with certain exceptions. Gobles Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary, in accordance with district procedures.

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Gobles Public Schools to include this type of information in certain school publications. Examples include: annual yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists, programs showing your student's participation in school activities. Gobles Public Schools has designated the following information as directory information: Student's Name, Address, Telephone Number, Photograph, Major Field of Study, Grade Level, Participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height, and weight, membership on athletic team, dates of attendance, date of graduation, honor rolls, scholarships, and awards received. If you do not want Gobles Public Schools to disclose your child's directory information without your prior written consent, you must notify the district within ten (10) days of the date of this notification. Please notify the Superintendent, Jim Wiseley, P.O. Box 412, Gobles, MI, 49055. Additionally, directory information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, colleges and universities, companies that supply class rings, yearbooks, etc.

Federal law requires schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of students, unless parents have advised the school district they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. To have your student's information excluded from listings provided to military recruiters, you must send written notification to Superintendent, Jim Wiseley, PO Box 412, Gobles, MI 49055.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

For the safety and health of all Gobles students and to comply with Michigan laws, any medication taken at school must be checked in at the office. A physician's prescription with written direction is required along with a completed form to allow a student to take over-the-counter or nonprescription medications at school. School personnel may administer medication only if:

- 1) It is prescribed by a physician (as well as over-the-counter or non-prescription medicine);
 - 2) Medication is in the original container from the pharmacy with written directions;
 - 3) Written permission from the parent or guardian is on file (forms are available in the office);
- All medicine must be brought to the office or picked up from the office by an adult. Medicine will be administered as prescribed by the physician. Special cases related to medications should be discussed with a building administrator. Any medications unclaimed by the parent at the end of the school year will be destroyed.

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

In July of 2007, RDH Asbestos Consultant completed a regularly scheduled inspection of all remaining asbestos-containing materials in district facilities. This inspection and routine six-month inspection performed by district personnel are part of our Management Plan. Asbestos material were confirmed in both the elementary building and middle/high school building. They were found to be in good condition and present no danger to students, staff, or visitors. If and when any changes occur, employees and parents will be notified. Parents who wish to review the district's Management Plan should contact Mr. Chris Miller, Director of Building and Grounds, at 628-9394.

2023-2024 CALENDAR

August	24 Teacher workday then Tiger Bash/Open House.
25	No School this week
28	1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m. -Teacher workday p.m.
September	1 No School
4	Labor Day - No School
October	27 1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m.
<i>1st Marking Period</i>	
November	8, 9 1/2 day of school - 1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m. -Conferences- Elementary 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m./MS-HS 11:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
10	No School
22-24	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	WINTER VACATION Inclusive - December 25- January 5, 2023
January	17-19 Semester Exams. January 17, 18, and 19- 1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m.
17, 18, 19	Teacher workday p.m.
<i>2nd marking period ends January 19, 2024</i>	
February	9 No School Mid Winter Break
12	No School Mid Winter Break
<i>3rd Marking Period</i>	
March	26, 27 1/2 day of school - 1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m. -Conferences- Elementary 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m./MS-HS 11:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
29	No School
SPRING BREAK	April 1-5, 2024 Inclusive
MAY	10 1/2 day of school -Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m.
27	Memorial Day No School.
29	Baccalaureate.
30	Commencement
31	1/2 day of school Exams-- Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m.
JUNE	3, 4, 5 1/2 day of school Exams-Elementary released at 12:00 p.m., MS/HS at 11:00 a.m.
<i>4th Marking Period</i>	



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Cover crops are planted in the late-summer and early-fall after cash crops like corn and soybeans are harvested. The cover crops use leftover nutrients in the soil and hold them there so they do not run off into nearby water bodies. Those nutrients are then available for the cash crop to use the next growing season. Cover crops also have deep roots that add organic matter to the soil and break up hard ground which can make farming easier. Cover crops are a win-win for farmers and water quality.

One of the ways to get cover crops planted into fields is by flying them on. Airplanes are hired to spread the cover crop seeds over fields. By flying on, farmers are able to get the cover crop planted before harvest and capture more time to grow. On average, we lose an hour and a half of sunlight and 15 degrees between September and October. By planting cover crops in early September, the cover crops will have more time to grow and get their roots established. There are other cover crop planting methods such as drilling the seed in, however, this requires the farmer to wait until after harvest. This means the cover crop will lose those crucial growing days.

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South Haven Chapter • Community Update

Dear Community,

Since the 2012/2013 school year the Blessings in a Backpack South Haven Chapter has not wavered from its mission of providing food to our communities' elementary school children. Covid didn't stop us and neither has inflation.

We consolidated all our food packing and inventory to North Shore Elementary, distributing food packs to each of our elementary schools for those in need. We distributed to our virtual learners during Covid every Friday by creating a drive-thru lane at North Shore Elementary without families needing to exit their vehicles.

As we enter the 2023/2024 school year we hope to strengthen the program but need your help; 1st and foremost if you have an elementary school child or know of someone at Lincoln, Maple Grove or North Shore that needs our food pack please contact your child's school and tell them you would like to have your child participate.

Blessings in a Backpack has been supplying our communities' children with kid friendly food on Friday afternoons during the school year. It takes approximately \$140.00 a year per student to supply them with weekend food. Studies have shown children who participate in the program demonstrate better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior and improved health as well as better attendance. While we receive occasional grants from Walmart and Meijer it still takes community support to make the program successful.

If you are interested in helping, donations can be made to the program by sending a check to the South Haven Area Community Foundation at P.O. Box 507, South Haven, MI 49090. Please write 'BIB' or 'Blessings' on the notation line of your check.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers and contributors, especially South Haven Rotary, Kiwanis, AAUW, Our Gold Star businesses, St. Basil women's group, the Moose women's group, SEIU Lunch ladies and the residents of Wynclyff Shores.

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ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Arlington Township Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting on September 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, MI 49013.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Questions or comments may be sent to PCMember1@arlingtontownshi.com or Clerk@arlingtontownship.com or by calling the hall at 269-427-7300.

Persons in need of special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact the Township Hall by 1:00 PM on September 6, 2023 at 269-427-7300. Georgette Peterson, Arlington Township Clerk.



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