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2024 Spring Sports

BANGOR VIKINGS

Varsity Girls Softball

Girls sweep doubleheader

From Coach Rickyna Luter • March 26, 2024

The Lady Vikings opened up play last night against the Fennville Blackhawks.

Game 1 was won by a score of 11-1: Isabelle Horvath struck out 13 batters and allowed no hits over 5 innings. Emily Wisniewski led the team in hits with 2, while Alexis Wisniewski led the team in RBI's with 3.

In **Game 2**, the Vikings won by a score of 15-0 in three innings.

Lady Vikings and Clippers split doubleheader

From Coach Rickyna Luter • April 10, 2024

The Lady Vikings split with Martin last night in a non-conference matchup. Highlights from that night: Total of 18 hits on the night.

Game 1: Won 6-3

-Izzy Horvath struck out 18 of the 29 batters she faced. Allowing no earned runs.

-Carley McCoy and Emily Wisniewski led the game with 3 hits each.

Game 2: Lost in 6 by a score of 5-8

- Carley McCoy struck out 9.

-Carley McCoy and Izzy Horvath both had 2 RBI's.

Girls Varsity Track

Girls good start to season

From Coach Ben Munoz • April 11, 2024

Yesterday the girls varsity track team opened their season with a tri meet in New Buffalo against Cassopolis and New Buffalo. It was a good start to our season.

Varsity Boys Baseball

Boys split doubleheader

From Coach Nick Cox • March 26, 2024

We took on Fennville for our first game of the year. The first game of the doubleheader was a 3-hour game, which we lost 12-9 after leading for most of the game. In game 2 we held the lead after 3 innings and won 4-3.

Vikings come up short against Eau Claire

From Coach Nick Cox • April 10, 2024

We traveled to Eau Claire Tuesday evening we fought hard, but came up short and lost 4-5.

Key performers :

Jr Martinez went 2-2 with 5 stolen bases Freshman Jaret McCoy took the loss, but went 4 strong innings striking out 8.



Varsity Girls Soccer

Vikings come up short against Hartford

From Coach Antonio Robles • April 11, 2024

Last night, we had our first conference game versus the Hartford Huskies. Even though we didn't come up with the score we wanted, we tried our best and worked hard all game long. The defense did great trying to keep the Huskies from scoring, and our goalie, Gabby Brunn, had great blocks. The girls will play Michigan Lutheran at home on Friday, April 12, at 6:30 start time. Come out and support the Vikings!

Girls show great effort but fall to Brandywine

From Coach Antonio Robles • March 28, 2024

The girls' varsity team played at home against Brandywine. We did not get the win, but we see the team making progress. Overall, it was a great effort; we'll keep on working.

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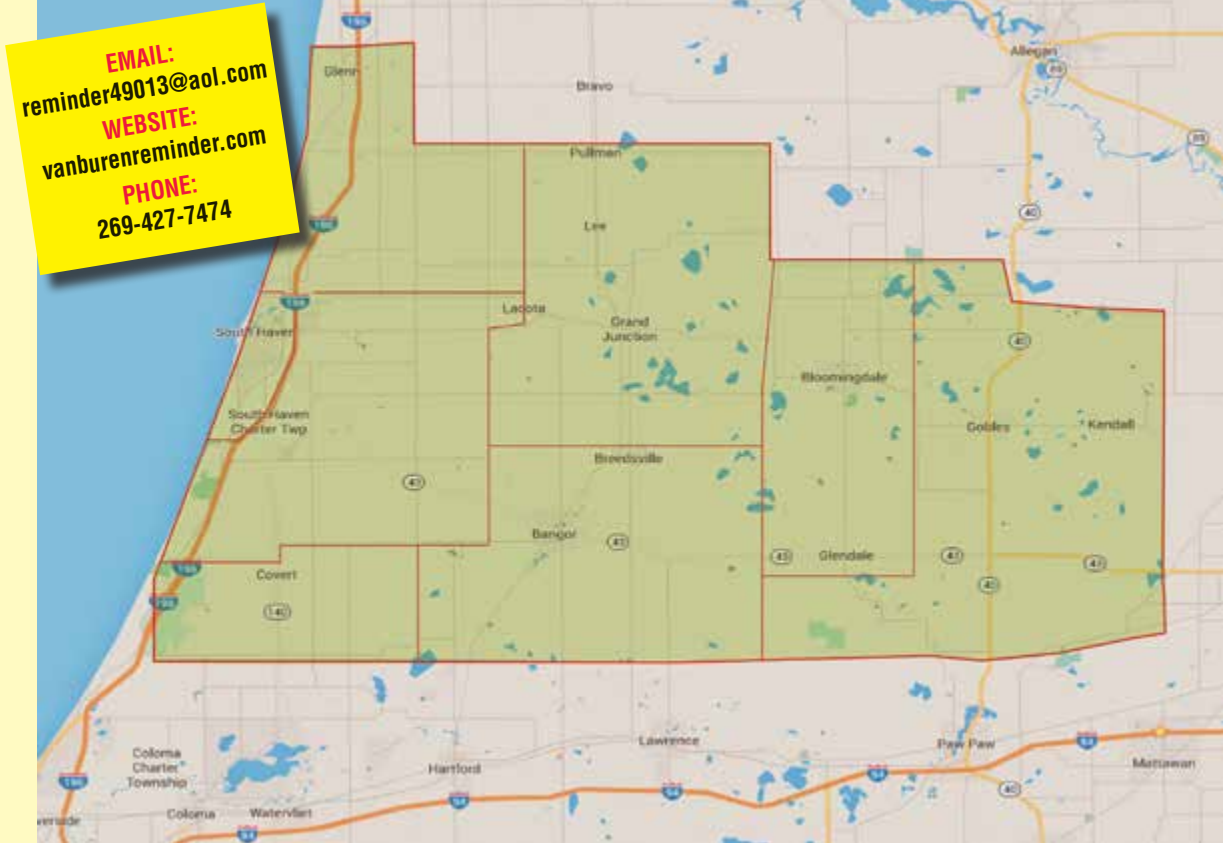
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Bloomingtondale 2024 Spring Sports

CARDINALS



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Varsity Baseball

On March 25th, the varsity baseball team opened its season at Wyoming Lee in a non-conference game. The Cardinals started strong and took an early lead. Lee rallied and was able to make the game close, but the Cardinals finished the game with strong pitching and won 10-7.



On Tuesday, the varsity baseball team hosted Galesburg Augusta in a non-conference double header. Bloomingtondale was looking to build off their strong performance at Lee, but the experience of the Rams squad was too much for the Cardinals to overcome as Galesburg swept the double header.



Varsity Softball

On March 25th, the varsity softball team traveled to Allegan to open up their season in a non-conference double header. Allegan took game 1 by a score of 8-7. In the second game, the Cardinal pitching was dominant and Bloomingtondale won game 2 by a score of 4-0, splitting the double header.



Varsity Girls Soccer

The varsity girls soccer team hosted Fennville Tuesday night in a non-conference game. The Cardinals continued to show improvement as they are beginning the second season in program history. However, the game would go to a really tough Fennville team with a score of 9-1.



Hall of Fame Ceremony
This year's Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place, Saturday, May 4th from 6 to 9 pm at The Silo in Allegan. This year's inductees include: Corinne Moragne (1987), Joe Long, Bill Weese, Blaine Douglas, and the 1963 Boys Basketball Team.

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2024 BOND PROPOSALS INFORMATION

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Bloomingdale Public Schools community will be asked to consider two bond proposals to help the district fund facility upgrades and improvements. If approved, these proposals would allow the district to provide future-ready learning updates to aging academic spaces for all Bloomingdale students and, most importantly, keep students

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QUICK FACTS

- These bond projects are focused on keeping students warm, safe, and dry.
- The proposals could generate a total of \$32.4 million for updates and renovations to student learning environments.
- The bond programs were developed utilizing feedback from the community.

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VOTE MAY 7

Proposal 1 Bond Projects Include:

- Update Student Learning Environments at Each School
 - Update mechanical and electrical systems, including boiler replacements
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Proposal 2 Bond Projects Include:

- Add Auxiliary Gym at Bloomingdale Elementary
 - Remodel Existing Gym to Cafeteria
 - Add New Bus Loop
 - Additional Parking at Addition
- Relocate and Remodel the Bus Garage at Pullman Elementary
 - Install Playground at Vacated Bus Garage
- Add HVAC with Cooling throughout the District

If approved by the voters, Proposal 2 would allow the district to sell bonds and generate approximately \$15.4 million with a projected 2 mill increase over the current debt millage rate. Using the average home value in our community of \$90,000, this increase would equate to approximately \$7.50 per month for the average homeowner.



VOTE BY MAY 7, 2021

To learn more about the bond proposals, including an extensive FAQ section, a breakdown of the tax impact of Proposal 2, essential voting details, and visuals showing the proposed projects, please scan the QR code or visit bdalecards-bond.com



BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

5th Grade Masks Underway



Fifth grade art students at Bloomingdale Elementary School are in the final stages of their mask making projects. Designing and creating their own papier mache masks from mental conception all the way through to the completion of the three-dimensional form is a favorite student project which includes a culmination of various art skills. The five phases of the mask making process include: concept design brainstorming and sketches; building the mask shape with cardboard and masking tape; covering the surface with several layers of papier mache strips; various layers of painting; and finally embellishments (feathers, beads, raffia, sequins, fabric, yarn etc).

The masks are made largely from recycled materials, including milk jugs, newspaper, cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls. The designs include a wide range of categories such as traditional masks of various cultures, animals, monsters, cartoon characters, and mythical creatures.

Kindergarten Read Aloud At Our Outdoor Classroom



As part of our reading month activities, we challenged every grade level to set a classroom goal for read-aloud minutes each day. When grade levels reached their goals, they were able to walk to our outdoor classroom to enjoy a campfire, S'mores, and a special read-aloud. Although it was a little chilly, the students and staff had a great time!



Deputy Calhoun and Kuno

Recently Deputy Eric Calhoun and his K9 partner Kuno made national news when they were able to locate a missing three-year-old child. Deputy Calhoun has children in our building and decided to pay our students a visit. He explained to the students how K9s are used on the police force and gave a few demonstrations with Kuno.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

Reading Month was a success!!

Our theme for reading month this March was Minecraft. We kicked off the month with a Minecraft play performed by the staff and continued celebrating reading with guest readers, Minecraft-themed snacks, dress-up days, Bagels With Books, and a final reading celebration in the gym.

Thank you to the following people for ensuring our Reading Month was successful:

- Melinda from the Linking Center for providing snacks to our students throughout the month;
- The Bloomingdale Court for reading to our students;
- Jason Hayes for making sure we had student-athletes to help out during our Reading Celebration;
- Debbie Laraway and Pizza Plus for providing pizza to our high school athletes during our Reading Celebration.

A special thank you to all the guest readers who took time out of their busy schedules to read to our students. The students and staff enjoyed seeing you and listening to you read.

Reading Month Kick-off Assembly

During our kick-off assembly, the Minecraft theme was revealed and students were beyond excited to watch staff members perform a short Minecraft play.



Steve and Alex are being chased by a Creeper. The students had to "meow" to chase the Creeper away.



"Hooray!" Steve and Alex defeat the Zombies and Endermen. They can return home safely.



"Watch out!" Steve and Alex are being attacked by Zombies and Endermen.

Reading Month- Guest Readers

We are grateful for all the guest readers who graced our halls this past month. Thank you for enriching our students' academic experience and reinforcing the importance of community involvement. We appreciate you!



Dan Stafford Melissa Corona Dr. Deanna Dobbins Jodi Sower

Reading Celebration

Our Reading Celebration took place during the school day on March 28th. Students enjoyed various activities in the gym including a maze, "reading jail," giant games, Legos, Bingo, and Minecraft-themed crafts.



BLOOMINGDALE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Pi Day

Today we celebrated "Pi Day" (March 14 = pi = 3.14) in our math classes. Julian Serna set the record for the number of digits of pi memorized. His record stands at 107 digits. Well done, Julian!



State Level of Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, March 16th, six of our high school band members qualified and competed in the State level of Solo and Ensemble. Each student prepared a solo, duet, or trio to perform for a judge to receive a rating. Each student received either a Superior or an Excellent rating and represented Bloomingdale with pride! Congratulations go to Rebekah Youngblood, Drake Martin, Andrew Suranyi, and Olivia Empson, with special recognition going out to Jackie Sivak and Jocelyn Suranyi for receiving Superior Rating on Proficiency level solos, which earned State-wide recognition from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.



Summer Research Program

Ms. Natalie Yanes has been accepted to the Biological Sciences (BIORETS) 7-week summer research program. This program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Western Michigan University (WMU) and is intended to offer science teachers an authentic laboratory or field research experience revolving around a unifying theme: how plants, animals, and microorganisms interact with other organisms and their environments. This interdisciplinary research program also provides transformative curricular improvement and professional development opportunities. Ms. Yanes is excited to use this professional learning experience to positively impact the education of our students.



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A brief history of Earth Day
The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970.

Earth Day is celebrated each April and draws attention to a range of issues affecting the environment. Earth Day aims to raise awareness in the hope of inspiring change. Earth Day is observed on April 22. According to National Geographic, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to begin a national celebration uniting the environmental movement after witnessing environmental activism in the 1960s. With the help of Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University, Nelson organized the first Earth Day. Twenty million people participated in events across the United States and strengthened support for environmental legislation like the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act. Earth Day was expanded to a global initiative in 1990 under guidance from Hayes. Nearly 200 million participants in more than 140 countries now join together in the name of protecting the planet. Awareness continues to be raised each year regarding renewable energy and climate change.

One of the hallmarks of Earth Day celebrations is the planting of trees. Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees are cut down each year across the globe. By planting a tree every Earth Day, people can make a difference. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen and bolster ecosystems for wildlife. Shade trees can reduce reliance on fans and air conditioning systems. The main message of Earth Day 2024 is the need to commit to ending reliance on plastics, says EarthDay.org. The goal is a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040. Plastics are bad for the environment a growing body of research indicates they have an adverse effect on the major systems of the body, including immune, respiratory, digestive, and hormonal systems. Everyone can do their part to promote the ideals behind Earth Day. For 54 years, millions of people have been advocating for change to benefit the planet and human and animal health, and that fight is ongoing. TF244831

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Simple landscaping strategies that can transform a home's exterior

The interior of a home may be where homeowners and their families spend the majority of their time, and there's no denying that a well-planned interior goes a long way toward making a house a home. However, the exterior of a home, including its landscaping, can serve as a source of pride and catch the eye of prospective buyers when the home hits the market.

It's easy to walk past a home with an eye-catching exterior and assume the homeowner has a green thumb or has spent lots of time and money working on the landscaping. Though that may be true, oftentimes it's the simplest strategies that make all the difference. Homeowners can keep these strategies in mind as they look to transform the exterior of their homes.

- Dress up the walkway. A longer walkway can give guests a strong first impression of a home and won't break the bank. Create new planting beds and plant bright plants and flowers along each side of the walkway. If it's necessary and within budget, lengthen the walkway to create the feel of a more grandiose entryway.
- Make things more symmetrical. A messy landscape can give a poor first impression, even if the area features some beautiful plants. In such instances, a little effort to make things more symmetrical, with equal parts grass and vegetation, can create a cleaner, more inviting look.
- Mulch your flower and tree beds. Mulch is a relatively inexpensive but effective way to add aesthetic appeal to a landscape. Freshly mulched beds beneath trees and flowers creates a clean and organized look, and the

mulch also serves a practical purpose, as it reduces weed growth and helps the soil retain moisture so plants stay healthy and look better throughout the warmer months when rainfall may not be steady or significant.

- Plant shade trees. Shade trees can be especially useful when selling a home. The shade provided by trees can shield grass from blistering summer sun, potentially helping it stay green. A lush green lawn appeals to buyers and gives the impression the home has been well maintained. In addition, shade trees can be used to create the look of a backyard oasis. A well-placed bench beneath a large shade tree can entice buyers who want a relaxing spot to enjoy warm summer days outdoors without getting a sunburn.
- Consider maintenance. The more exotic an exterior landscape is, the more maintenance it's likely to require. Lawn and garden enthusiasts may not be turned off by landscape features that require steady maintenance, but homeowners who don't have much time for such work should keep things simple. A poorly maintained landscape, even if it includes exotic plants and elaborate designs, will adversely affect curb appeal. Another feather in the cap of low-maintenance landscape features is they could prove more appealing to prospective buyers, who may view elaborate, exotic landscaping as a lot of extra work they won't want to do.

Some simple landscaping strategies can help homeowners transform their home exteriors without requiring a significant investment of time or money. SH232660

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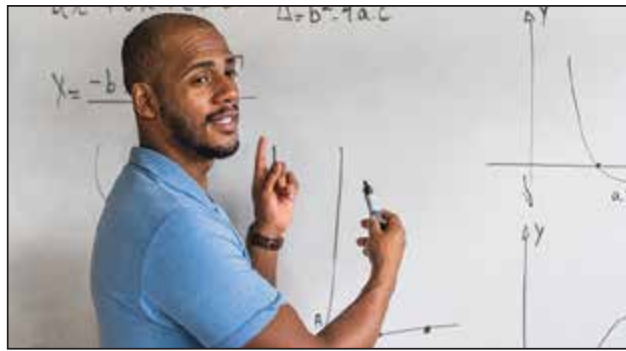
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How families can show their appreciation for teachers

Great teachers go above and beyond for their students. Students benefit from those efforts in the classroom, but many adults also can name one, two or even more educators whose lessons and enthusiasm for learning has benefited them long after the final bell rang on their academic careers.

The efforts of teachers who go the extra mile for their students are worthy of recognition and appreciation. Families who want to express their gratitude to teachers can do so in any number of ways.

- Write a note. A personal note from a student or parents or both can warm the hearts of teachers. Personal letters may not be as common as they once were, but they remain a thoughtful way to express gratitude and appreciation to people who have had a positive impact on a person's life. That makes a personal, handwritten note an ideal and meaningful way for families to show their appreciation for a teacher.

- Pitch in at school when the opportunity presents itself. Teachers seek a helping hand at various points in a given school year. A teacher might ask for volunteers to assist with holiday parties or special school events or even request help coming up with extra school supplies or items needed for a particular project. In fact, a recent survey from the Association of American Educators

found that public school teachers spend an average of \$673 per year of their own money on school supplies. Parents can express their appreciation for teachers by responding with enthusiasm to requests for supplies. When responding, parents can ask teachers if there's anything else they can do to help and offer to volunteer their services during class parties.

- Organize a class gift. A gift from the class around the holiday season and/or at the end of the year can let teachers know their efforts have not gone unnoticed. By pooling their resources, parents can give teachers an especially nice gift. A night out at a local restaurant or tickets to a show can make for a well-deserved excursion for educators who often work long past the school day to help students learn.

- Contact higher-ups at the school. An email or phone with a school principal or another higher-up in the local school system is another way for parents to ensure the efforts of a teacher are recognized. Let the higher-ups know when a teacher has made a positive impact on a child and how much their efforts are appreciated.

Many teachers go to great lengths to support their students. Families can recognize those efforts in a host of meaningful ways that will let educators know how much they're appreciated. BS244854

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Uniform Response took numerous mail theft complaints in the Paw Paw/Mattawan Area. A Navy Blue Dodge Pickup, early 2000's model with rust was seen in the area at some of them driven by a white male. Deputies are working different avenues and leads on the cases. Anyone with any information on these are asked to contact our office right away.

Dispatch received a call in a neighborhood in Waverly Township about a Possible Domestic Violence and a Truck Driving Recklessly through the neighborhood. Deputies did locate the driver of the vehicle and investigated the incident in depth. The Paw Paw Resident was lodged for Operating Under the Influence, Resisting and Obstructing, and Harboring a Fugitive. The truck was registered to an individual that was out on bond and could not be at the residence. A Search Warrant was executed for the residence and the subject was found inside hiding. The Paw Paw Resident was lodged on a Warrant, Bond Violation, and Resisting and Obstructing.

Uniform Response handled a Single Vehicle Crash in Bangor Township. The call came in that all three occupants were ejected from the vehicle rolling multiple times. It was found that the occupants did have serious injuries from the crash and were transported immediately to the hospital. No life-threatening injuries were sustained, but they will have a long road to recovery ahead of them for the severe injuries they did endure. A dog was also in the vehicle and injured. The dog was turned over to family members so they could take care of it and get the medical attention it needed. The crash remains open pending further investigation and reports.

Uniform Response took a Larceny of a Car Dolly in Geneva Township. The Stolen Dolly was located within a week in the City of Hartford at a residence. The item was returned to the victim. It's an ongoing investigation and when it's complete, it'll be submitted to the Prosecutor's Office for Charges.

Detectives were busy this week tying up loose ends on cases they have been working. Uniform Response was busy as well working different cases with follow-up. The Corrections Academy is going well for our 4 Officers we sent. The week was relatively slower than normal, and that allowed for the staff to catch up on some things.

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Tiger track teams fall to Saugatuck

From Coach Marc Kline • April 10, 2024

It was a beautiful night to open dual meet action in track and field and the Saugatuck Trail Blazers came to Gobles and were too much for the Tiger boys as they beat them 86 to 47. Some highlights for the evening included Nathan Ray receiving the PR award in the Long Jump with an 18' 8" jump. Tough as Nails Award goes to Ryan Effner who after a tough fall in the 4x200m relay came back and ran a PR in the open 200m run, MVP went to Alex Lee for placing 1st in all 4 of his events: 100m dash, 400m Relay, 200m dash, and 1600m Relay.

Other notable performances include Coal Otis and Eli Huizenga setting a PR in the High Jump. Trystan Zaczek set a PR in the discus. Steven Juarez, Ryan Effner, and Arman Bughoia, set PRs in Long Jump. Relay teams are rounding into form with outstanding performances in the 400m and 1600m relay with Nathan Ray, Eli Huizenga, Steven Juarez, and Alex Lee. Great night keep improving!

On the girls side, the Lady Tigers fell just 5 points short of the win. It was a hard fought competition all the way up to the final 3 races when Saugatuck earned enough points to secure the win. Our Lady tigers set numerous PRs and overall won 10 of the 17 events. The Trail blazers earned over half of their points in the field events where they have athletes ranked in the top 2 in the state in 3 out of 5 events. They also have the top 2 hurdlers in the state right now in division 4.

One bright spot for the evening was winning all 4 relay events where our Ladies are ranked in the top 6 in the state in each of them. Another was sweeping all 4 distance events thanks to freshman standout Libby Smith who won the 800, 1600, 3200, and ran a leg on the 4x800 Relay. This earned her the Meet MVP award. Ellie Wood earned the team PR award for getting a Personal Record in all 3 of her events. The tough as Nails award goes to Aly Tripp for running her guts out so to speak all the way to emesis. Way to work hard all night ladies. Hold your heads high knowing that you are currently ranked in the top 10 in the state in 12 different events. Kaizen!

Upcoming Tiger Sporting Events

MONDAY 4/15/2024	TUESDAY 4/16/2024	WEDNESDAY 4/17/2024	THURSDAY 4/18/2024	FRIDAY 4/19/2024
Boys Varsity Baseball AWAY Double Header (A) 4:30 PMI Hopkins High School	Coed Varsity Golf AWAY Saugatuck Jamboree @ Ravines (A) 4:00 PM Saugatuck High School	Boys/Girls Varsity Track AWAY @ Delton/Galesburg/ Gobles (A) 4:30 PMI Delton Kellogg High School	Boys/Girls Middle School Track HOME Gobles MS Relays (H) 4:30 PM Multiple Opponents	No games scheduled
Girls Varsity Softball AWAY Double Header (A) 4:30 PM Hopkins High School	Boys/Girls Middle School Track AWAY @K-Christian/Parch ment/Delton/Martin/ Gobles (A) 4:30 PM Kalamazoo Christian	Boys Middle School Baseball AWAY Double Header (A) 4:30 PMI Saugatuck High School	Boys Varsity Baseball AWAY double header (A) 4:30 PM Galesburg-Augusta HS	
Boys Varsity Baseball AWAY Double Header (A) 6:00 PM Hopkins High School		Girls Varsity Softball AWAY Double Header (A) 4:30 PM Cagusaks	Girls Varsity Softball AWAY I Double Header (A) 4:30 PM Galesburg-Augusta HS	
Girls Varsity Softball AWAY Double Header (A) 6:00 PM Hopkins High School		Girls Middle School Softball AWAY Double Header (A) 4:30 PM Cagusaks	Boys Varsity Baseball AWAY Double Header (A) 6:00 PM Gagestuns	
			Girls Varsity Softball AWAY Double Header (A) 6:00 PM Galesburg-Augusta HS	



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