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central school district

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A YEAR IN REVIEW:

LCSD Fall 2016



Capital Project Information

On Thursday, December 8, the Lansing community stepped out to show their support for the 2018 Safety, Classrooms, and Facilities Improvement Project for Lansing Central School District (LCSD), approving it 240-32. The project, which required no additional taxes, will be funded through a combination of LCSD's capital reserve and state aid. Improvements for the 2018 Capital Project include creating an outdoor covered classroom for R.C. Buckley Elementary School, a renovated science room for Lansing Middle School, and a new choral room and room for large group instruction in Lansing High School.

A listing of all additional updates may be found on the LCSD website at: www.lansingschools.org/capitalproject2018

Let this project be another example of our continuing mission to educate and provide our community and students with a safe place to learn and grow—while being fiscally responsible.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT!

In Memory of...



While the Lansing community lost a great coach and friend on August 27, 2016, Adam Heck's memory has continued to live on in the months since. Since his passing, Heck has been the recipient of multiple awards, including the induction into the New York State Boys Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Athletic Administrator of the Year Award.

On November 12, 2016, Adam was inducted into the New York State Boys Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The induction honored the work Adam did both on and off the field, while showing his dedication to his work as well.

"While we wish that Adam were here with us today, we are happy to see his legacy live on," said Chris Pettograsso, LCSD Superintendent. "It was an honor to see him recognized for his work this way."

On February 24, Heck will receive the Athletic Administrator of the Year Award from Chapter IV of the NYSAAA.

"Our chapter is as strong as it is, because of the hard work and dedication of people like Adam," said NYSAAA Chapter IV President Andy Buchsbaum. "He was an example to us all... we are hopeful this award will further strengthen Adam's legacy."

These awards only prove to show that Heck's memory continues to live on, once again proving his work for the Lansing community has not been, nor will it ever be, forgotten.

Christine Rebera @crebera Follow

Beautiful fall day for the Strong as Heck Soccer Tournament!

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Chris Pettograsso @PettograssoLCSD Follow

Thank you, Lansing. You are amazing.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Board of Education 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule

The Lansing Board of Education meets the second and fourth Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held in the R.C. Buckley Elementary School Teacher Center. Executive Session begins at 6:30 p.m., and regular session begins at 7 p.m. The second meeting of the month is budgetary. For a listing of upcoming meetings for 2017, please see below:

- January 9, 23
- February 13, 27
- March 6, 20
- April 12, 26** BOCES Annual Budget Meeting
- May 8, 22
- June 12, 26
- July 10 Reorganizational Meeting

Lansing Gets Digging! Lansing Garden Planted on November 5



Thanks to a shovel, gardening gloves, and a wheel barrow, on Saturday, November 5, children and adults throughout the Lansing community helped plant a garden outside of the LCSD District Office.

The idea for a garden at Lansing stemmed from Wendy Wright, the Science Curriculum Coordinator of R.C. Buckley Elementary School. As a part of a sabbatical program, Ms. Wright has spent the past four summers researching methods to combine science and culture in the classroom. From this research, she developed plans to bring the monarch butterfly into the classroom in Lansing's Science Club and third grade, through Journey North's Symbolic Migration Program. This morphed into a program that allowed all third-graders, to integrate not only science, but also math, geography, and Spanish.

Ms. Wright applied for a grant from the University of Minnesota, to help bring a pollinator garden to LCSD. After securing the grant, Ms. Wright worked with LCSD administrators to help bring the idea of the garden to life. From there, partners emerged from within the Lansing community to cover the rest of the costs, materials, and labor, including Ithaca Agway True Value, SDM Landscaping, and The Plantsmen Nursery.

"This amazing opportunity wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for our community," said Ms. Wright.

Ms. Wright and her crew set up 10 raised bed gardens. The gardens will be surrounded by perennials and pollinator-friendly plants, but for the fall season the group planted some spring bulbs and edibles that emerge in the springtime, including garlic and asparagus. The garden will be a group effort for maintenance. Fourth-graders on student council will help maintain the garden as a part of their service project.

"Our goal with this garden is to increase student interest and knowledge about monarch and ecological processes through direct observation and authentic inquiry based activities on their own school garden," said Ms. Wright. "These projects will require students to get outside and collect real data that is shared with the scientific world. For the students maintaining the gardens, it will also teach them about how beneficial their service can be to their immediate community. And it will show them that a small change, a small act, can make such a difference."

PTSO Fosters Community Engagement

The Lansing Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) has been hard at work this year supporting our remarkable Bobcat community! We continue to pursue a district-wide focus across grades K-12, while fostering a connected community supporting our students. Our organizational mission underscores the impact of a balanced home-school-community partnership and that together we can enrich the educational experience. The Lansing community is rich in resources – whether it be academic, financial, or human capital – and the PTSO strives to connect and bring these resources to our school. At the half-way point of the school year, PTSO highlights include: kindergarten playground nights, elementary Thanksgiving Feast, Scholastic Book Fairs, school-spirit competitions with Box Tops for Education, Middle School Math Tutors, middle school mock election volunteers, a morning walks program, high school volunteer opportunities, and a K-12 teacher voucher incentive designed to help off-set costs paid out of pocket.

In November, the PTSO hosted the first of our bi-annual community conversations about the impact of technology in our lives. The digital era is the single-largest parenting issue impacting families today. As smartphones and tablets continue to revolutionize education, many parents and students are struggling to understand how much is too much. Using the documentary "Screenagers" as the foundation to jump-start the conversation, over 100 parents, teachers, and students spent an evening conversing about the pros, cons, and unknowns of technology. In response to the positive outcome of showing "Screenagers," the PTSO has started Tech Talk Tuesday on Facebook, which serves as an informational and conversational opportunity for our community to engage. A huge thank you to Northeast Pediatrics for their co-sponsorship.

You can help too! Lansing PTSO is calling on the community to help participate in two programs that raise funds, help our planet, and eliminate the need for students to sell products!

In October, LCSD parent Annette Petak approached the PTSO about a program designed to help our planet and serve as a learning opportunity. TerraCycle is a recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle waste by promising to never send any waste to the landfill or incinerator. They are able to do this by having a closed-loop solution, where every item of waste is reused, upcycled, or recycled into new products. With the help of conscientious companies, TerraCycle has raised millions of dollars for schools and charities.

Lansing has enrolled in several free recycling programs that will earn money for our school with each piece of eligible trash we collect. Community drop boxes are located at Lansing Market, Lansing Town Hall, Lansing Bottle & Can Redemption Center, and the Lansing Community Center. Help make a difference for our planet and our students! Stay up-to-date by visiting @LansingNYTerraCycle on Facebook.

Lansing Student Takes Second Place with Poem in Tompkins County 29th Annual Human Rights Arts Competition

LCSD would like to congratulate third-grader Haley Tucker. Haley, who is in Ms. James class at R.C. Buckley Elementary, was recently awarded a medal by the Tompkins County 29th Annual Human Rights Arts Competition for her poem, "Freedom and Fairness." The poem won second place in the 3rd-5th grade category. Haley read her poem to a standing-room-only crowd on Saturday, December 10 at the Tompkins County Public Library.



Congratulations, Haley!



Freedom and Fairness by Haley Tucker

Freedom can let you
do what you want
and Fairness will
keep you equal
But if you add
Freedom and Fairness together
You will
make up a Dream.

Explore All the Sights and Sounds!



Brainbreak with @GoNoodle - zap it, zap it, we are making it happen!



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LCSD First Grade at the Thanksgiving Feast Performance



WHAT'S NEW in the Elementary School?

R.C. Buckley Elementary School has had a great first half of the school year. From band, orchestra, and chorus concerts to participating in "Read Around Buckley," students have been very busy!



Visiting
the
Lansing
Fire
Department

R.C. Buckley Elementary School Enjoying the Lion King, Jr. Preview



Cookies and Carols Ushers in Holiday Season with Standing Room Only Crowd



Lansing Theater and Performing Arts (LTAPA) had the perfect solution for those looking to get into the holiday spirit this year.

On December 5, LTAPA held their annual Cookies and Carols Fundraising Event, in the new auditorium at Lansing Middle School -- which was overflowing with people looking to see the show. The show featured the third and fourth grade Chorus, the Middle School Orchestra, and Band and the High School Show Choir.



The show raised over \$4,000 for the LTAPA's theater and musicians' needs such as microphones, curtains, lights, scholarships and trips. Thank you to everyone in the Lansing community who helped to make this event such a success!



Scenes from "Almost, Maine"



Scenes from "The Lion King"



WHAT'S NEW in the Middle School?

Lansing Middle School has had a busy first half of the school year. We can't wait to show you our facility updates, including renovated restrooms, a new lobby and office, and a renovated auditorium.



Cathy Moore
@cthyamr
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It's Talk Like a Pirate Day + your MS teachers are ready for you! @crebera @PettograssoLCSD

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Lansing Link Crew Attends Link Crew Convention

Follow along with LCSD Link Crew's journey on Twitter at @LansingLinkCrew



In November, the Lansing Link Crew attended the Link Crew Convention in Rochester, NY. The group was in attendance with over 350 other student leaders. The LCSD Link Crew returned to Lansing ready to share what they learned and inspire others.

Lansing Link Crew
@LansingLinkCrew

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Link Crew Conference was a success! Here are some of our leaders dancing themselves wide awake!



Colleen Ledley
@LedleyLHS

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Congrats LHS Students of the Quarter! Hard work, diligence & positivity pay off!



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Carrie Brown
@Carriemae3

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Link Crew annual fall cookie decorating @LedleyLHS @PettograssolCSD



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WHAT'S NEW in the High School?

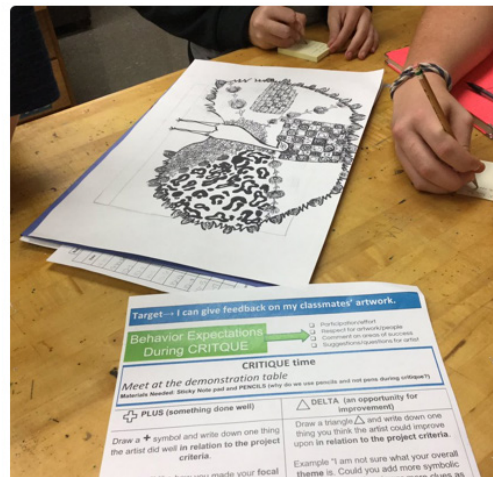


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October 24, 2016 · 📍

Our LCSD food service program serves up fresh baked kale chips!
A 4th grade elementary student tells me that I should try them and that they taste delicious!
Kudos to our LCSD food service department.



Happening now in Studio Art 1! WIP critique, leaving feedback for each other & self-reflecting on the feedback. @LedleyLHS @PettograssolCSD



Target—I can give feedback on my classmates' artwork.

Behavior Expectations During CRITIQUE

CRITIQUE time

Meet at the demonstration table

PLUS (something done well)

DELTA (an opportunity for improvement)

LEARN MORE ABOUT: Lansing's Cross Country Course



After over a year of planning, partnerships, and plenty of hard work, the LCSD cross country team was given a new course to call home. While snow currently blankets the course, the first meet on October 5, 2016 is still fresh on everyone's minds, as it was met with a great level of excitement from the team and community.

"We are so excited for our new cross country course," said Becca Lovenheim, LCSD cross country head coach. "The new course was the result of many layers of partnerships within the Lansing community. The Lansing community has been so supportive to help us get to this point. We cannot thank them enough!"

The idea for a new course and the partnerships to help make the course possible started thanks to some help from Steve Colt, Lansing Parks and Recreation Department Director. Colt encouraged Lovenheim and assistant coach Christine Eisenhut to look into the resources Lansing and its community could offer. This included the baseball fields and town trails, some of which are maintained by the Lansing Pathways Committee, a volunteer organization that helps to maintain trails throughout Lansing.

As these logistics were explored, another layer of partnership emerged with Ian Golden, owner of Finger Lakes Running and Triathlon Company in Ithaca Commons. Last winter, Golden's store partnered with LCSD's track and field and cross country programs to establish a Pair Up Program. Patrons who turn in Pair Up cards with their purchases at Finger Lakes Running and Triathlon Company help to earn shoes that the store donates to LCSD's student-athletes in need. After hearing of LCSD's efforts to establish a new cross-country course, Golden, an experienced runner

and race director, was kind enough to offer his assistance.

After some planning and discussions between Golden, Colt, Eisenhut, Lovenheim, Adam Heck, the LCSD Board of Education, and the Lansing Pathways Committee, it was decided that the school would utilize the surrounding trails and land available to them around the community. Lovenheim credits the work of this group as helping to make the course become a reality.

"Mr. Colt helped us work out many of the logistics to make this happen," said Lovenheim. "The Lansing Pathways Committee has also been extremely generous to us. And they do a wonderful job of maintaining the Lansing trails."

Lovenheim also credits Golden with being instrumental in helping to create the course route. Golden visited Lansing and helped design the cross country course for the team. He also identified potential areas in which the group

could expand the trail, even running the course himself to assess conditions and distance. From here, the town of Lansing mowed and rolled the new route, resulting in the course that LCSD uses today.

LCSD's new cross-country course stands out from other courses due to its views. Spectators are able to see the race almost throughout its entirety and then watching their runners race across the finish line. On October 5, the day of the first meet, all of the Lansing cross-country teams put their best foot forward, while also celebrating three special Lansing runners for senior night – Olivia Longhouse, Caroline Taylor, and Sam Mauser. It was a fitting start to the season, as the LCSD girls varsity cross-country team came in first place and the boys varsity team came in third place after a very close race. The cross country modified team also was victorious on this day, earning a perfect team score.

Though the October 5 meet was the only home meet of the season, the course has gotten plenty of use. In addition to team practices, the LCSD cross country team hosted a youth cross country race on October 8 as part of the area's fall youth racing series. Over 200 people participated in the race, allowing the team to share the course with younger students and the Lansing community.

"At the end of the day, it's all about the kids," said Lovenheim. "It's an honor to work with them and help them reach their potential. The fact that the Lansing community has helped make the new course a reality, and is in turn helping these kids reach their potential, is just a testament to what an incredible district this is. This only speaks volumes of the community."

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Fall Athletics Summary

Lansing Athletics had a successful fall season both as a team and individually. A total of 179 athletes participated, representing 54 percent of the student population.



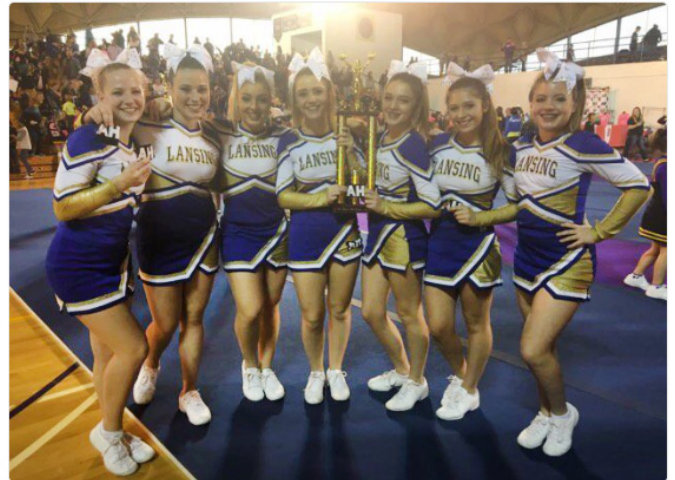
- Individually, Meghan Matheny competed as a diver at the NY State Swimming championships. Mikaela Garcia competed at the NY State Cross Country championships.
- The Varsity Boys Soccer team went 18-4. They were the Interscholastic Athletic Conference (IAC) North Large School Champions, the Section IV Class C Champions, and Regional Champions. The team also made it all the way to the NY State Class C Final Four tournament.
- The Varsity Girls Swim team went undefeated 12-0. They were IAC champions and Section IV Class C champions.
- The Varsity Girls Soccer team went 15-3-1. They were IAC North Large School champions and made it all the way to the sectional finals.
- The Varsity Girls Volleyball went 10-4 in the league and 11-5 overall.



Chris Pettograsso
@PettograssoLCSD

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1st place for varsity cheer! Great day to be a Bobcat! Congrats.



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Spring Sports Meeting Save The Date – March 5

The Spring Sports Meeting for ALL Modified, JV and Varsity parents, coaches and athletes will be held on March 5, 2017 at 6pm in the High School Cafeteria. This is a very informative meeting and a great time to meet coaches and ask questions.



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Way to go, Grace Kadlecik!#bobcats



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK PODCASTS: #Groton football's Dylan Cooper & #Lansing swimmer Grace Kadlecik. #SectionIV bit.ly/1Fe7cjM

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

FEBRUARY

20-24 Mid Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL

27 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MARCH

6 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8-11 Lansing High School Musical (Hairspray)
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Lansing Middle School Auditorium

15 Concert-5/6 Band, 7/8 Chorus, 7/8 Orchestra 7:00 p.m.
@ Lansing Middle School Auditorium

17 Superintendent Conference Day - NO SCHOOL

20 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

21 Concert-5/6 Orchestra, 7/8 Band, HS Band 7:00 p.m.
@ Lansing Middle School Auditorium

22 Concert-5/6 Chorus, MS Jazz Band, HS Orchestras 7:00 pm
@ Lansing Middle School Auditorium

24 CDC Annual Fundraiser Dance Party 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
@ Lakewatch Inn

30 College Night for Juniors 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
@ Lansing High School Library

APRIL

6-9 "The Hound of Baskervilles" Middle School Drama
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

26 Concert-HS Vocal Ensembles 7:00 p.m.
@ Lansing Middle School Auditorium

10 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

17-21 Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL

26 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

