

Red Hawk Journal



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A RED HAWK

Cass City Jr./Sr. High
ALL SCHOOL PLAY
Presents:

“The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast”

Friday, March 13th at 7:00PM

Saturday, March 14th at 7:00PM

Sunday, March 15th at 2:00PM

Location: Cass City Jr./Sr. High
Cafeteria

Costs: \$4.00 for student

\$5.00 for adults

Patron Seats (front row) \$10.00

State Testing

7th Grade M-Step Window:

May 4th –May 29th, 2020

8th Grade M-Step Window:

April 13th—May 8th, 2020

PSAT for Grades 8-10:

April 14th, 2020

SAT for Grade 11:

April 14th, 2020

Workkeys for Grade 11:

April 15th, 2020

11th Grade M-Step:

April 16th, 2020

*Exact dates for 7th and 8th
grade M-Step will be availa-
ble in February.



The sophomore class attended a hands-on career exploration event called MiCareer Quest. Manufacturing, Health Sciences, Business, and the Human Service industries were all represented.

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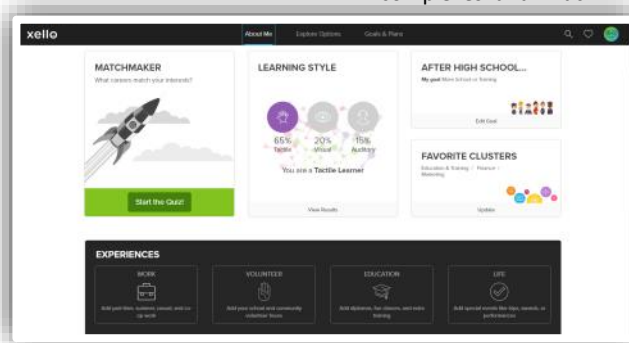
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Xello: Every Student, Future Ready

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School students from grades 7-12 have been busy exploring their future. Xello is an engaging program that helps students with self-knowledge, exploration, planning, and preparing for the next steps in life. Whether students are interested in trade options, colleges, universities, entrepreneurship, or other training, Xello can help prepare for any path a student may desire. Through a series of self-assessments, students are matched up with careers best suited for their learning style, personality style, skills, as well as general likes and dislikes. Students can explore a wide range of information regarding any career they choose. Information such as job description, working conditions, job tasks, salary, job demand, and education and training are all available for each career. Similar careers are also provided within each career option. Students are able to see educational options for their career as

well as the requirements to get accepted. Additionally, Xello is paired with Google Earth so students have the ability to take virtual tours of future educational options. These virtual tours allow students to see dormitories, dining halls, classroom facilities, sport complexes and much more. Though this feature is



interesting and engaging, the post secondary planning option is exceptional. Students have the ability to add various experiences such as work, volunteer, education, and life (trips, awards, performances, etc). Post-secondary plans

become virtual résumés that students can share electronically for others to view. By the time a Cass City student graduates, he/she will have the opportunity to explore a variety of educational opportunities. By making plans, setting goals, and working hard, the future is bright for our youth; Xello, with teacher and parent support, will be there for that planning every step of the way.

STEM FAIR AND TITLE I MEETING

The annual STEM Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm. Students from grades 6-12 will bring their project for the entire community to enjoy. This is a hands-on, fun family event. At the STEM fair, Mr. Ketterer will be presenting about Title I. Some things Mr. Ketterer will be addressing include:

- *What is Title I?
- *Why is Title I important?
- *How Title I funds are used?
- *Parent Input: Opportunities for involvement.

FINE ARTS NIGHT

The district-wide fine arts night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm in the elementary school gym. There will be hundreds of student work on display and special performances are planned by various grade levels. There are many talented students in the district; take advantage of the opportunity to see student work on display.



Robohawks excel in 2019-2020



Left: Andrew Venema, Evan Roggenbuck, Logan Severance, and Imogen Sanders bring home the tournament championship.



Right: The junior high students work hard in state qualifying robotics meet.

The Robohawks VEX Robotics teams are nearing the end of another successful season of competition in the 2019-2020 VEX Tower Takeover Challenge. A total of 10 teams in grades 7-12 have been working hard and so far, they have had 1 high school team qualify for the State Championship at Jenison Field at Michigan State University. This competition will take place on February 23rd. In addition to the high school team, one junior high team qualified for the Middle School State Championship at Monroe County Community College on March 7. The last regular season competition is a large home invitational at Cass City Jr./Sr. High School starting at 9:30am on February 1st.

Financial literacy is part of the curriculum for Cass City seniors

Second semester of Mr. Walker's Senior Seminar class includes important financial skills for real life. Students learn about checking accounts, savings accounts, budgeting, credit cards, interest rates, taxes, auto insurance, renters insurance, investing, and much,



Mr. Walker's 6th hour senior seminar class prepares of life skills.

much more. Through the impactful Dave Ramsey series, students obtain first hand knowledge and information about living independently. Local bankers, insurance agents, and financial advisors are brought in to speak to students about preparing for a smart financial future.



Cass City PROMISE



Helping Red Hawks Soar Higher

The Cass City PROMISE Team (consisting of Cass City community members) is excited and pleased to announce the roll out of a new program supporting all Cass City Public Schools kindergarten through twelfth grade students. The Red Hawk NEST EGG, beginning during the 2020-2021 school year, is geared to enhance after-high school (postsecondary) opportunities for all students. Each student will participate in activities that will increase goal setting, career planning, and financial capabilities; and will be provided with a long-term savings account (with a \$50 initial deposit) that can be used toward college or trade school expenses.

Specifics regarding this program will be available to all families in September of 2020. The Cass City PROMISE Team is currently seeking Cass City alumni, community members, service clubs/businesses, or any other interested individuals as partners in this effort. For more information on how you can become a Cass City PROMISE partner, please visit www.casscitypromise.com or call (989) 670-0177, (989) 670-2000, or (989) 912-0067.

Asthma support for Cass City students

Asthma can adversely affect a child's school performance, health, and wellbeing and is the leading cause of absenteeism nationwide. Cass City Public Schools is working to implement the School-based Asthma Management Program (SAMPRO) in partnership with Hills and Dales General Hospital. SAMPRO has four components that can improve communication, education, and the school environment. The first and main component is to establish the circle of support. The circle of support consists of the family, clinicians, school nurse, and the broader community (teachers, coaches, school environment, community leaders, and community groups). The child is the central focus in SAMPRO.

SAMPRO aligns with our coordinated school health efforts of the Whole School, Whole Community,

Whole Child (WSCC) model. The WSCC model places the child in the center with the goal of the child being safe, healthy, engaged, challenged, and supported. This focus promotes the long term development and success of the whole child with greater integration of health and education to improve the child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. There are ten focus areas or building blocks that a school needs to develop to have a healthy school environment (see WSCC model). These focus areas fall into four categories in the school environment. They are categories that support healthy student behaviors, school health services, safe and positive environments, and engaged families and communities. The ability to achieve a focus on the whole child is a collective effort that involves all of the school staff, parents, and community.

Many of our students have social, emotional, and physical needs and come from socially disadvantaged homes. Some have chronic health conditions, such as asthma. The Cass City Public Schools district has a full time registered nurse in the district because of a partnership with Hills and Dales General Hospital. Implementation of the SAMPRO program is one way that the school and the community are working to meet the goal of having our students be safe, healthy, engaged, challenged, and supported. Our school is fortunate to have many other community organizations that come along and support our students.

Pinney Foundation helps to provide clean clothes for all

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School as well as the social and emotional committee would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Pinney Foundation. Through this special grant, the social and emotional committee was able to purchase a washer and dryer. These appliances will be used to wash donated items for our clothing closet as well as provide students the opportunity to bring in their own clothes to wash.



Social and Emotional Committee Members:

Christin Hempton and Tessa Campbell

Pinney Foundation Members:

David Weiler and David Milligan

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The Advanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) class have been working on bridges as part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Bridge Building Competition. The challenge requires students to build bridges to specific guidelines with a limited amount of balsa wood, glue, and string. The bridge with the highest strength-to-weight ratio wins the challenge. Also, as part of the challenge students need to have documentation of their building process and evidence-based explanations for the decisions that they made in building their bridge. Students document their work, calculations, data, plans, and tests as part of their

proposal. The proposals will be submitted to MDOT for review. Once MDOT has read over the proposals they select the groups for the statewide competition later this year in Grand Rapids. Students have been busy researching, building, and testing their bridges.



Mr. Gruber's Advanced STEM students, Tyler Czekai, Sandyn Cuthrell, Dustin Spencer, Seth Frank, Justin Schaufele, and Jeremy Velasquez prepare for the bridge competition.



Homework Support

Homework support is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00-3:45 pm in room 108. Students need to sign in and sign out when they are finished. Students receive a healthy snack while in homework support. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Cass City Athletics

Red Hawks in Review

The fall sport season was an exciting one defined in large part by the success of the Red Hawk Football Team. The football season was historic, having achieved greater success than ever before in our school's history. The squad finished the regular season with an 8-1 record earning their second consecutive Greater Thumb West Title. The success continued into the postseason as the Hawks earned their first ever district and regional championships with playoff wins over Sandusky, Lakers, and Detroit Loyola. The run came to an end in the state semifinal against Jackson Lumen Christi. The Thumb Sports Writers' Association named the football team as the team of the year, while awarding Jeremy Velasquez the defensive player of the year. In addition, the MHSAA named Scott Cuthrell as the Regional Coach of the Year.



In addition to football, the Red Hawks found success in Cross Country. Nick McArdle and Riley Copeland, both juniors, qualified for the state cross country meet and earned a spot on the Top 10 leaderboard amongst the fastest cross country runners in our school's history.

Claiming the Greater Thumb West league title once again this year, the Cass City/USA Soccer Co-op earned their way to the district final by defeating Frankenmuth in the semifinal in a shoot out, as regulation ended in a 0-0 tie. Their season ended with a loss in the district final to Flint Powers. In addition, volleyball also secured a spot in their district final by beating Bad Axe before falling in the final to USA.

Cass City continues to participate in a swim co-op with Caro Community Schools. Prior to the start of the season, the Caro Community said goodbye to a valued coach of 26 years in Woody Cruthfield, having lost his battle to cancer. Caro Community Schools honored him and his years of service by naming their natatorium in his memory. We are incredibly appreciative of Dave Sutton, Cass City parent, who willingly filled this coaching void, enabling our swimmers to have the opportunity to compete this year on their swim co-op.



We appreciate all of the Red Hawk Fans that supported our athletes throughout the fall season. It was one to remember!

Calling all Red Hawks

Cass City Athletics have a new resource for Red Hawk Fans. If you've yet to do so, check out the latest sports-related information at www.ccredhawks.org. There you can find all of the athletic schedules. You can even sign up to receive updates when a change to the schedule is made. This is especially important for the upcoming spring season, as the weather oftentimes results in changes to the schedule. Updates can be received directly to your phone. We update this site regularly. It is the best source with the most up-to-date athletic information.

In addition to the athletic schedule, coaches are able to post their contest results, keeping you informed of each game's outcome. Fans are also able to order Cass City athletic gear. In the months to come, we hope to use more and more of the features available on the site to improve our communication to the Red Hawk Community. Check us out!

Cass City Hosts Districts

Cass City is excited to play host for several upcoming post-season tournaments. Wrestling is scheduled to host team districts on Wednesday, February 13th. The district kicks off at 6:00 p.m. with Lakers wrestling Cass City. Bad Axe and Ugly will square off thereafter before the winners of each prior match compete for the district championship that evening.

In addition, both softball and baseball will host their district tournaments this Spring on either May 29th or 30th, yet to be determined. The girls will compete against Akron Fairgrove, Owen-Gage, and USA, while the boys will host Bad Axe, Lakers, Sandusky, and Marlette. The draw will be conducted at a later date.

Stay tuned for more information regarding post-season tournament information. We hope that you'll join us in cheering on the Red Hawks.

