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Dear Parents/Guardians,

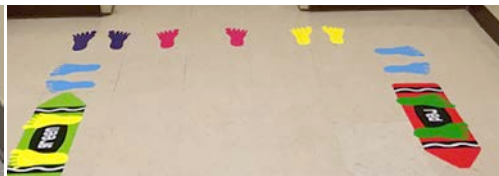
I hope you and your family are doing well. There are a couple exciting things happening in the 5-12 building. Grades 5 through 10 just finished their yearly benchmark testing through NWEA. This test informs us about where your child is within their learning at grade level. If you would like to see how your child scored on the test, please contact their English and/or Math teacher before we email them to parents. If it is determined that your child needs additional support, we will be contacting parents directly explaining how we can provide additional support.

The next time you are in the school you will see some additional visuals in the hallways. These new additions are our Sensory Pathways (pictures below). The Sensory Pathway that is seen in the Middle School was graciously provided to the school through a grant provided by the [Dickinson Area Community Foundation](#) last Fall and the Sensory Pathway was installed over the summer. The purpose of the Sensory Pathway is

to provide students with a sensory break, and for a need for deep pressure input (proprioceptive input) to help regulate their sensory system throughout their school day. Students who are easily overwhelmed in the classroom setting or have a need to move would greatly benefit from using the Sensory Pathway Push Wall. The Sensory Path Wall (see below photos) is placed on the floor by the elevator and in the hallway near the restrooms. Students who need a movement break are encouraged to use the deep pressure input as they feel it is needed as a means for sensory regulation in school. It is meant to be a fun activity for the student as well to promote their engagement in the Sensory Path Wall. Our goal is to have the student independently engage in the Push Wall during their sensory break or in between classes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Your Partner in Education, William Traber, Grades 5-12 Principal



**Sensory Pathway
Push Wall**



THANK YOU

~SENIOR SEPTEMBER REMINDERS~



Believe it or not some registrations for university scholarship competitions have already opened. Mrs. Laydon and I have posted information pertaining to some of the larger Michigan universities, but there are many other competitions out there. Look at college websites. See what they have to offer. *Note their scholarship deadline dates. Be proactive looking into opportunities! Remember, we are here to help. Make sure to read and verify that you meet the criteria before dedicating time to apply for any scholarship. We are excited to start assisting you throughout your Senior year! – Mrs. Gendreau



Welcome to

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SUPERINTENDENT SARDINA

The 2020-2021 school year is underway. To say this school year will be unique is an understatement. The pathway leading us to the start of school was both eventful and challenging, but we took it one step at a time and both our school building doors and virtual learning doors are open and we have welcomed our students and staff back. We are off to a great start and I would like to thank our teachers and staff as well as our parents and students for being patient and understanding and working along side of us.

One of the great advantages to working in education is that the beginning of each school year is an opportunity to wipe the slate clean and get a fresh start. This year I shared this message with our faculty and staff at one of our professional learning times together. I also shared my vision for this year and a theme that I would like to carry out for at least the remainder of the year, but my hope is to build off this theme for years to come. The theme is this: "STRIKE THE PICK."

What does it mean to "Strike the Pick?" It means we climb the mountains in front of us each and every day. These mountains may be in our personal lives or professional lives or both, and we climb these mountains in only one way; one pick strike at a time. When we "CLIMB" there is only one way to "CLIMB;" you climb and conquer your mountain by "Constantly Living Inside My Best." Each day you "Strike the Pick" and give it your best.

I would like to challenge you, just as I have challenged our staff, to join us on our "Strike the Pick" journey. We certainly will have our share of mountains to climb this school year whether it's a district mountain, or individual mountains as teachers and staff members, students, and parents. Each will be climbing their own mountain. Sometimes it may seem too daunting a task. We will get frustrated, upset, confused, and left with feelings of uncertainty. You can choose to quit before you get started, quit along the way, or choose to make it to the top of the mountain, but doing so requires you to Strike the Pick each and every day. We hope you will Strike the Pick with us each day; after all - we are MOUNTAINEERS, we were cut out for this.

Sincerely,
Jerry Sardina, Superintendent





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FALL 2020 Career Launch Events

- SEPTEMBER 23 Study Buddy-Tutor Meeting
- OCTOBER Freshmen Career
- Portfolio distribution
- Employability Seminar
- Career Launch Website



MRS. **KATHARINE BARNES**

The IM School Counseling and Scholarship Office is now across from the Main Office. Kathy Barnes is the new counseling-student services Secretary. *Welcome to your new position Kathy!*

BE A STUDY BUDDY-TUTOR



GABE CELELLO & LEXI HAGAN prepare Study Buddy-Tutor Resources for their leadership meeting

CAREER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The IM Grade 5-12 Teachers are reviewing XELLO, an online career education interactive website and the micareerlaunch.org website pages.

All Students will be preparing and finalizing EDPs (Education Development Plans) during the first semester. It is important that students take time to fully investigate their CAREER MAJORS.

Starting in November Career Launch (CL) will be featuring videos of Career Majors presented by local employees. Each month students will select CL occupations of interest to watch. CL WEBSITE PASSWORDS will be issued to staff, students and parents during September and October.

SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM



MRS. DAWN SMITH

The School Success Program, under the leadership of Mrs. Smith, offers many options to assist students in succeeding at life!

2nd Chance Breakfast is offered everyday after 2nd Hour, right before Seminar, in the hallway across from the main office. All students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in this program. We recognize that mornings are hectic and students don't always have the time or inclination to eat breakfast first thing in the morning. 2nd Chance Breakfast always has a grain (granola bar, pop tart, muffin, etc), fruit (apple slices, oranges, frozen strawberries, raisins, etc), a juice (orange, grape, apple) and a milk (chocolate or white). Students can grab a 2nd Chance Breakfast bag and take it with them to their 3rd hour class. Additionally, any student in grades 5-6 who need a snack can see Mrs. Smith in the School Success office.

October Newsletter features: **IM CLOTHES CLOSET & FRIDAY SNACK BAGS**
If you have any questions or suggestions about School Success Programs, please contact Dawn Smith, School Success: (906) 779-2610 X 4815