

FALCONER NEWS

February 2023

ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****Please continue to check our website for the most up-to-date information on events taking place****

- FEB 7 MS/HS Band Pre-Fest Concert, 6:30 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- FEB 13 HS Choir Pre-Fest Concert, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- FEB 13 Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Gymnasium
- FEB 14 Y5-12 Half Day, Parent Teacher Conferences
- FEB 16 Y5-12 Half Day, Parent Teacher Conferences
- FEB 17 Y5-12 No School
- FEB 18 Sweetheart Dance, 6:00 PM, Allendale High School Gymnasium
- FEB 25 HS/MS Science Olympiad Tournament, 9:00 AM, Allendale High School and Middle School
- FEB 27 Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
- FEB 28 Kindergarten Registration Meeting, 6:00 PM, Allendale Early Childhood Center



Food Service News



APS has applied for a Breakfast Grant and will be providing Free Breakfast to All students! Your student can use the Breakfast program as needed through June 9, 2023. Breakfast is served when building doors open until the bell rings to begin class. No pre registration is needed.

* Lunch will remain at the current account benefit, Free Reduced & Full Pay. Free meals only apply to Breakfast.



Allendale High School was awarded the ASPIRE High School Innovation Grant through the Michigan College Access Network. ASPIRE is designed to support student postsecondary readiness, planning, and action. This grant will allow our team to reflect on successes and examine challenges in order to set goals and create strategies that will further drive the success of Allendale students.

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MICHIGAN COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK



ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION 2023/2024



(All registrations are online)

TO REGISTER for Kindergarten or Young 5's children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2023 to attend for the 2023/2024 school year.

Parents of children turning 5 between September 1st and December 1st, 2023 may submit online registration, Allendale Public Schools will make every effort to consider your child's registration.



☆REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS NEEDED:☆

1. Birth certificate (county issued) (original or copy)
2. Proof of residency (utility bill, lease/mortgage work best)
3. Complete up to date official immunization record or valid waiver (DPT, Polio, MMR, Varicella, Hep B)
4. Health appraisal form completed and signed by a physician dated 2022 or newer
5. Proof of vision/hearing screening

The above items are not required at the time of registration, but must be provided BEFORE your child can attend school.

***PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** If you have questions about Young 5's or Kindergarten classes please attend our informational meeting on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Allendale Early Childhood Center cafeteria. You may also watch the informational video on our website <https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/district/enrollinginaps/> or scan the QR code above.*

PLEASE VISIT our enrollment page to register your child. (Use the link or QR code listed above.) We look forward to partnering with you for your child's education. For additional information, contact Allendale District Office 616-892-5570 or Allendale Early Childhood Center 616-892-5580.

◆ REGISTER SOON: ◆

- Receive communication regarding the upcoming school year
- Schedule Young 5's screening for students with birthdays after May 1st (screenings take place in June)
- Register for bussing (available with student ID after registration is processed)
- Schedule a school tour (available in May)

Parents/Guardians of current 2022/2023 Young 5's/Kindergarten students at APS

There is no need to submit a new registration for your child. If your child is currently attending Young 5's or Kindergarten at Allendale Public Schools they are expected to continue for the next school year.



Paige Kirby (11th grade) has won two Gold Keys in the Scholastic Art Awards Competition! Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Paige Kirby received two Gold Keys, the highest level of recognition, in the West Central Region of Michigan's Scholastic Awards. Attached are her two winning pieces of art. The West Central Region stretches from Holland to Traverse City to Saginaw and Grand Rapids. It includes schools such as the extremely competitive Interlochen Arts Academy and Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy. Gold Key winners are automatically entered into the National Scholastic Awards Competition. Paige's work will be judged on the national level this spring.

The Allendale High School Student Council ran a school-wide coin war during November. The Council raised over \$600 and donated it to Hand2Hand. The

Council also ran a cold weather supply drive in December, where hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, and coats were collected. 3 large totes that were overflowing, and two large bags were donated to Love INC Thrift Store!



After tremendous hard work, determination, and perseverance, the Allendale Wrestling Team brought a Championship and 30 medals from three tournaments. Thank you, parents and guardians, for all of the positive support! Let's keep pushing to the next level!



The 60th Jim Mooney Williamston Classic Champions!



All the girl wrestlers medaled at the West Olive Invite



Congratulations to the following AHS Choir students for performing in MSVMA State Honors Choir this weekend: Braylie Barnhart, Catherine Szenas, Charlie Meyer, Davina Mancilla, Alexander Mansuy, Micah Johnson & Paige Dionne. These seven students went through a difficult audition process to be accepted. To be in MSVMA State Honors Choir is a HUGE honor! We are so proud of how our AHS Choir students represented Allendale High School at this event. Go Falcons!



The APS music department completed the year 2022 with numerous holiday performances such as 9-12 grade Holiday Pops, Middle School Band and Choir Concerts, a Falcons Kids Choir performance, and more! Most recently, Drumtastiks premiered their first concert with The Falcon Kids Choir, a 3rd-grade student-led percussion group. Musicians and educators alike were pleased to spread holiday cheer to the Allendale community. APS music students have found success across professional music education organizations, in the new year. Seven Allendale High School choir students are attending the Michigan School of Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State Honors Choir this month. Thirty-four Allendale middle school choir students auditioned for the American Choral Directors Association National Honors Choir. Of the thirty-four AMS choir students that auditioned, seven students have been selected to perform at the national conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, in February. AHS Sophomore Maddox Lewis, a Clarinet player, won the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band Youth Soloist Competition. He also made it into All-State Orchestra and will perform at the Michigan Music Conference. All these successes are due to the hard work and dedication by APS music educators and students. APS music students will continue preparing music for scheduled performances during instructional time. The community is welcome to attend our performances noted on the fine arts website. We are incredibly thankful for the APS administration, school board, and community support of the APS music department. We hope to see you at our 2023 music events!



Baskets for Books

A Silent Auction Fundraiser for

THE AMAZING READING BUS

When?

During Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 14

Thursday, February 16

Where?

In-person: APS District Board Room

Online: QR code coming

Questions?

Contact Mr. De Zwaan, Amazing Reading Bus Coordinator

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Donations from (as of January 20):

Dutch Village
Rebounderz
Grand Rapids Public Museum
John Ball Zoo
Field's Fabrics
Kilwin's Chocolates
Gilmore Car Museum
Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village
Cheesecake Factory
Hudsonville Ice Cream
Gerald R. Ford Museum
Tommy's Car Wash
Edible Arrangements
NB Outlet
Costco
Allendale PTO
Detroit Red Wings
Noodles & Company
Baker Book House
Kustom Dezins
Baskets donated by staff members

If your business or family is interested in donating to this event,
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