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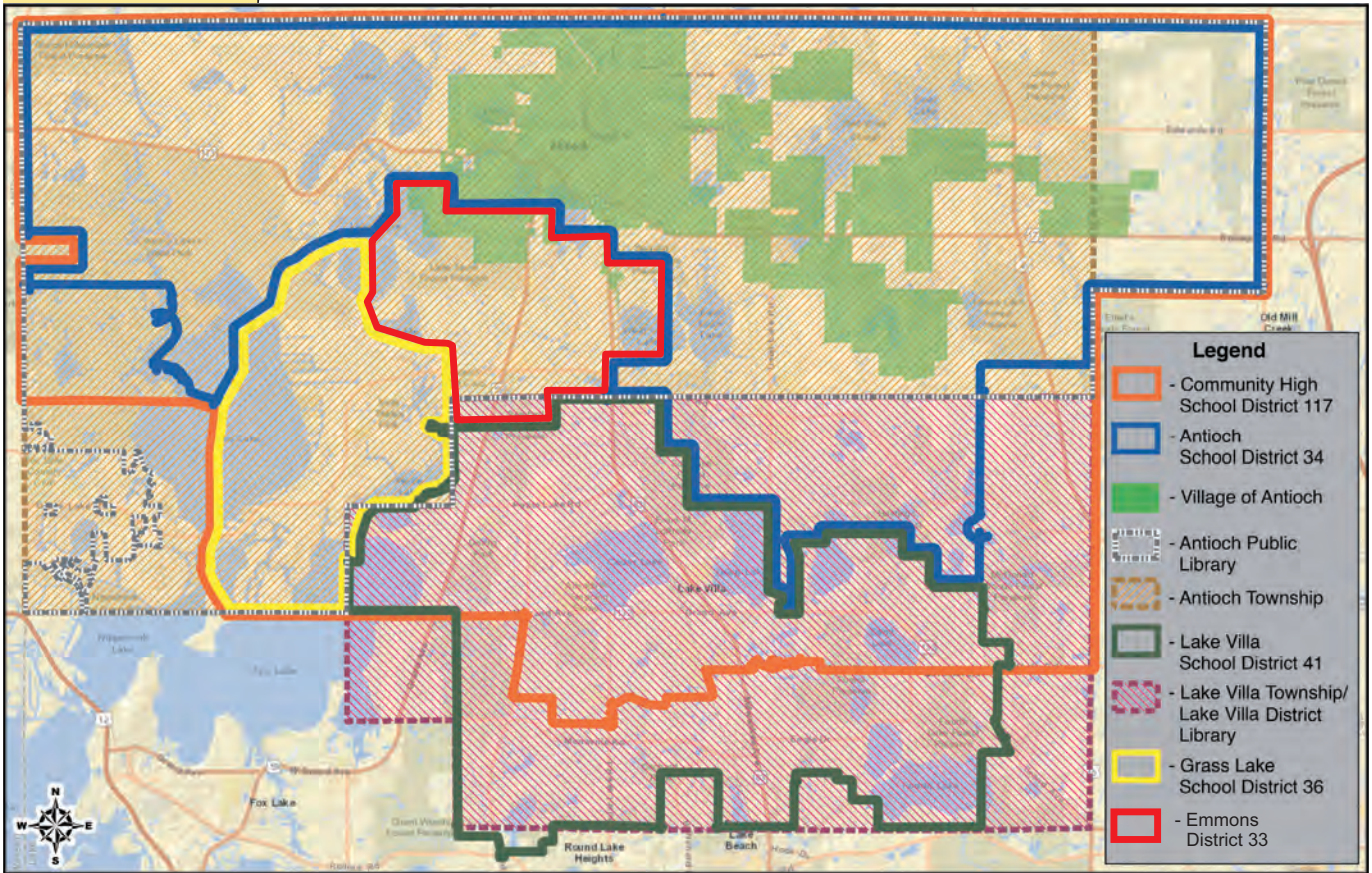
Our Community Welcomes a New Class  
of Superintendents and Principals

**FALL 2022**





## AREA MAP



**Connections**, a quarterly magazine in publication since 2015, is a collaborative effort among several taxpayer-supported organizations to keep residents informed about news and events in Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst. We appreciate your feedback. Please send comments or questions to [connections@chsd117.org](mailto:connections@chsd117.org).



Events are generously sponsored by Raymond Chevrolet-Kia

### Pirate & Princess Girls Night Out w/ After Party

September 15, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Witches - Girls Night Out w/After Party

October 20, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Tipsy Elves - Girls Night Out w/After Party

November 17, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Santa's Frozen Brunch w/Sing-along

November 26, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Kringle's Christmas Village

Open Thanksgiving Day thru New Year's Day  
Open 10 am till 8 pm daily. Free admission

### Craft Beer Walk & Brunch

October 8, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Champagne Walk & Brunch

November 5, 2022  
Tickets are limited, registration required

### Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Inside Kringle's Christmas Village  
Please register in advance, trees are limited.

### Dickens Holiday Village

Open Thanksgiving Day thru New Year's Day  
Open 10 am till 8 pm daily. Free admission

### Christmas Musical Light Show

November 25th thru December 24th. Daily 6 pm till 9 pm

# Check [AntiochChamber.org](http://AntiochChamber.org) for more information





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from the mayor's office

A crowd of nearly 3,000 people attended the June 9th concert at the Antioch Bandshell. The Royal Bliss show kicked off the It's Thursday summer concert series.



# Summer Events a Success

Another exciting summer in Antioch is winding down into what I expect to be an exciting fall in our village!

Our village staff worked tirelessly to put on events throughout the summer, such as the It's Thursday concerts at the bandshell. This year, we kicked off the Thursday night concerts by partnering with 95 WIIL Rock radio to put on a show that brought several thousand people to Downtown Antioch. The Royal Bliss show was more fun than we could have imagined. I don't have any details to share right now, but I can tell you that our staff is already working on next summer's concerts!

New this year, the village started our Food Truck FEASTival, held on the second and fourth Sunday of June through September. Our staff has worked to bring a variety of food trucks into Antioch for each event. In addition to the FEASTival, we also hosted Sunday children's concerts at the bandshell on the second Sunday of June, July, and August.

We have not only been busy with events, but the village has also been busy moving forward with our downtown

redevelopment. At the end of July, the village broke ground with the environmental work at the village-owned property at Main Street and Orchard Street (the former Pittman Property site). This work sets the stage for the spring construction of a new park!

You can follow the progress of our downtown redevelopment on the Village of Antioch Facebook page, @enjoyantioch, or on our village website, [www.antioch.il.gov](http://www.antioch.il.gov). You can also follow my weekly updates on my Facebook page, @gartnerforantioch.



Sincerely,

**Mayor Scott Gartner**

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[antioch.il.gov](http://antioch.il.gov)



This is an example of an accumulation of garbage at the Antioch wastewater treatment plant.



# No Wipes Down The Pipes

Antioch Public Works reminds residents, “No wipes down the pipes”

The Village of Antioch Public Works Department is making a push to remind residents that disposable wipes, paper towels, or items other than toilet paper, should not be flushed down the toilet.

Antioch Village Administrator Jim Keim says the reminder is being issued to prevent home plumbing problems, clogs in public sewer systems that could cause sewage backups into homes, and damage to the wastewater treatment plant and the environment.

Although items that are flushed down the toilet may escape a home’s plumbing, the sewage blockages in the larger pipes can impact services for residents across the village. Flushing the wrong items can interfere with the maintenance of the village’s sewer services.

“We have seen a significant increase in wipes and other items at our sewage treatment plant,” said Keim. “We’re making a plea to residents to help us keep the village’s costs down by “tossing instead of flushing.” Not only is it very time-consuming to remove these items from our system, but these items also cause damage that can be very expensive to repair.”

Costs associated with the damage caused by the wrong

items ending up in the village’s wastewater system are passed on directly to the residents in the village.

“When we think before we flush, not only are we potentially avoiding a mess literally and financially at home, but we’re also helping the community as a whole save money,” said Keim.

The ONLY items to be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. The Village of Antioch asks that residents do NOT flush:

- **Wipes of any kind.....even if they are labeled as flushable**
- **Paper towels, napkins**
- **Dental floss**
- **Hair**
- **Diapers**
- **Cat litter**
- **Fats, oils, and grease**
- **Vitamins or any type of medications**
- **Sanitary napkins, tampons and applicators, condoms, Band-Aids**
- **Paint, stain, solvents, sealants, and thinners**

Please remember, “If you question it..... please don’t flush it! Toss it!”



## FALL EVENTS

Fall Wine Walk

SEPTEMBER

24

Ghost Tours

OCTOBER

21

Touch a Truck

NOVEMBER

5

Festival of Trees

DECEMBER

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# Preliminary Work Begins at Main and Orchard

After sitting dormant for years, the Village of Antioch has achieved a significant milestone in the redevelopment of the village-owned property at Main Street and Depot Street. The first physical construction work has started at the site. Preliminary environmental work started during the last week in July, setting the stage for park construction to begin in early 2023. By early 2024, the Village of Antioch will have a new park as a centerpiece to the downtown business district.

The demand for the redevelopment of this area has been echoed throughout the village for years. Early last year, the Village of Antioch acquired the remainder of the property needed for the park development. Once the property was acquired, the village engaged the Lakota Group, a planning and landscape architecture firm, to seek community feedback on the final use of the property. With community input, the Lakota Group worked to produce detailed conceptual plans for the redevelopment of the property as an open space with an exposed Sequoit Creek, with appropriate flood mitigation attributes and other attractive programming and park features.

"The physical work going on now is a big step forward for the project," said Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner. "Even though there won't be much physical work happening be-

tween now and next spring, there will be significant efforts going on behind the scenes with the numerous moving parts associated with the project."

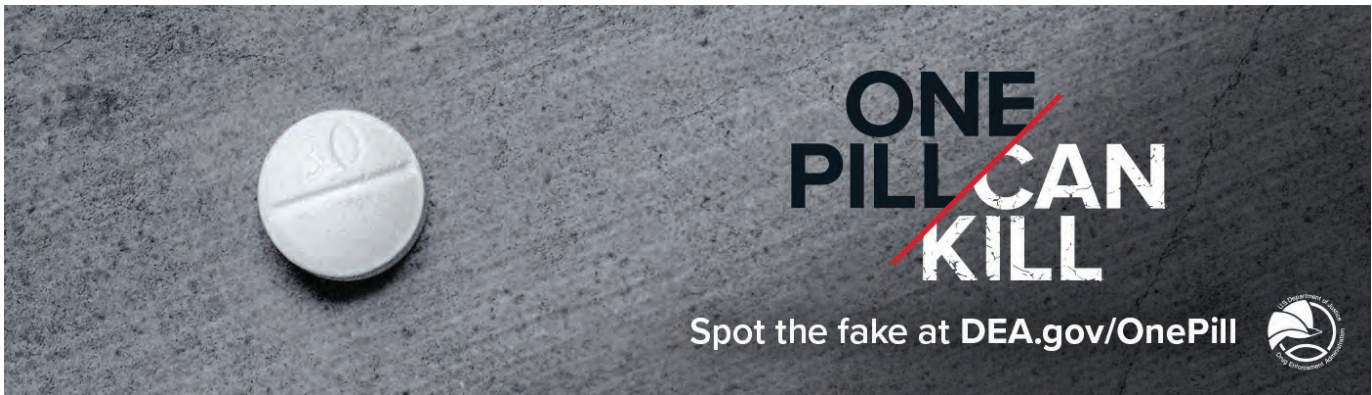
Over the winter, the Antioch Village Board is expected to finalize design work for the park and obtain the necessary permits and approval needed to break ground. Since part of the project involves the re-opening of Sequoit Creek, numerous environmental and stormwater management processes are required. The current environmental cleanup and remediation are necessitated by the prior industrial use of the property.

Antioch Village Administrator, Jim Keim says the project would not be possible without the vision of the mayor and village board.

"Once complete," said Keim, "the site will become a major gateway and anchor to Downtown Antioch and an important new hub of Village life and driver of economic development for the community."

The Village of Antioch will provide ongoing updates on the project on the village's Facebook page, and the Village Projects page on the Antioch website, <https://www.antioch.il.gov/village-projects>





## Antioch Police Warn Of Opioid Dangers

Antioch Police Chief Geoffrey Guttschow is alerting parents and residents about an alarming increase in instances of drug overdoses involving opioids laced with fentanyl. The uptick in instances of overdoses mirrors a growing problem locally, regionally, and nationally.

Since the beginning of this year, Antioch Police have responded to 14 reports of overdose victims. Of the 14 overdose calls, three of the victims died as a result of the overdose. Guttschow says the eleven victims who lived, were saved because every Antioch Police Officer carries an opioid antagonist, Narcan. When administered within a certain timeframe, Narcan will rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Guttschow emphasizes that time is critical in the administration of Narcan.

"The quicker the response by first responders, the better chance of saving a life," said Guttschow. "That's why our officers carry Narcan, and every shift commander carries multiple doses."

Criminal drug networks are mass-producing counterfeit pills that look identical to common prescription and over-the-counter drugs. These fake pills have increasingly

become more deadly.

"These pills are falsely passed off as legitimate and are being sold online, via common social media platforms," said Chief Guttschow. "The criminals who manufacture these drugs include fentanyl to make the drugs cheaper to make, which also makes the pills more deadly. It doesn't take much fentanyl to kill someone. As a department, we are working hard to educate our community about these dangers. We're also warning the drug dealers that we're coming after them."

Guttschow says there isn't just one segment of the population that has been impacted. Recent overdose victims in the Village of Antioch range in age from 15 to 52 years old.

Through social media and other community outreach, the Antioch Police Department is working to educate parents and community members about the growing dangers of illicit opioids and other drugs. Through social media, the department is promoting the DEA's One Pill Can Kill initiative. The department is also working with several community groups on an upcoming event.

More information: <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>

SHOP & DINE BY NATURE

## Antioch Wine Walk

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**12pm to 4pm**

**Downtown Antioch**

Tickets are available for purchase, or in-person at the Antioch Parks Department off at 806 Holbeck Drive. For more information, contact the Antioch Parks Department: [parks@antioch.il.gov](mailto:parks@antioch.il.gov) or 847-395-2160

**[www.antioch.il.gov/FallWineWalk](http://www.antioch.il.gov/FallWineWalk)**



# Focused on the Student Experience

I am honored to be serving in my first year as superintendent and am dedicated to continuing the tradition of excellence that is evidenced by the exceptional students, staff, and programs in Community High School District 117! I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Jim McKay who generously dedicated his time throughout the spring to give me multiple tours of the community and make countless introductions to staff, community leaders and parents. I was also able to attend several community events and the commencement ceremonies at both schools to witness first hand some of the traditions of the school community. During these visits, I was repeatedly impressed by the pride exhibited by community members and the passion with which they are committed to helping support our students. I am happy to report that this first impression has only been reinforced during my first months officially in the role, and I am even more humbled to have the honor of joining this team!

I am so grateful to be employed by a distinguished School Board whose members bring many years of service to the community to the role! Our Board was honored last year by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)'s School Board Governance Recognition program for their understanding of and commitment to IASB's Foundational Principles of Effective Governance. I have been extremely impressed with the dedication of our Board Members during my initial months on the job and can already see how our district has benefited from the diverse experience, expertise, and prior public service each member brings to our governance team.

With regard to my own background professionally, this is my 25th year as a public educator in Illinois, and I am proud to have served as a classroom teacher for 11 years and an

administrator for the last 14 years, serving as a Division Chair, Assistant Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent prior to coming to CHSD 117.

My goal as superintendent will be to marshal the resources of our talented staff, excellent programming, and community resources to pursue the CHSD 117 mission to ignite passion and discovery in every student by creating a rich, equitable, and respectful learning environment for all. I am proud to be a member of this team effort that will stay centered on the student experience as we are honored to do this work every day.

This work will be driven by our strategic plan which was updated in 2020 for the subsequent three years ending in 2023. This past July of 2022, staff from both schools convened to review the plan and finalize commitments for the 2022-2023 school year. I will save the details on those commitments for a future edition, but the short version is that our work will be focused on understanding the student student experience at ACHS and LCHS and dedicating ourselves to continuously improving that experience for all of the students we serve.

For those of you I have met to date, thank you for the warm welcome you have extended! I look forward to meeting many more community members at one of our school events in the months to come!

**Jeff Feucht, Ed.D.**

*Superintendent*

Community High School District 117



## ALUMNI DONATION | CHSD117

### Alumni Donation Expands Opportunities Students

The start of the 2022-2023 school year will mark the first time D117 students will have direct access to a devoted College and Career Navigator who is working in the CLC College and Career Center, focused on supporting our students' post secondary educational and professional pursuits. The position was made possible through a generous donation from ACHS (1975) and College of Lake County Alum, Mr. Michael Witt. He wanted to give back to the

communities that supported his own personal development and growth. The donation of \$150,000 will fund a devoted Career Navigator to students at ACHS and LCHS for two full years. The Career Navigator will work in both buildings to support students pursuing an Associate's Degree. District 117 wants to again thank Mr. Witt for his contribution and example of giving back to the communities that helped shape his character and career.



# True Sense of Community

As I sat down to compose my first message in Connections Magazine, I looked at previous editions and found myself spending a considerable time reading up on all of the celebrations and events from this past year. Having read these news stories, it further reinforced my belief that I will find it very easy to call ACHS home for this next chapter in my career. Throughout my interview process, I was drawn to the sense of togetherness and community that is evident when you walk through the doors of Antioch Community High School. A stroll down Main Street in Antioch evokes images of a much simpler time when you walked into the local diner and everybody knew everybody. While it might seem from a different time, that sense of true community can still be felt to this day in the streets and neighborhoods of Antioch.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year at Antioch Community High School. I have already circled all of the times that ACHS will take on Lakes Community High School in athletic contests on my calendar and can't wait to support our athletes while watching from the sidelines. I'm looking forward to watching the plays and performances in the ACHS Auditorium after a series of comprehensive state of the art upgrades were installed this summer. One of the

most innovative aspects of this upgrade is the ability for the pit orchestra to play down the hall in Studio 117 and accompany the musical performance in real time with no delay, no more cramped playing spaces on the stage for the orchestra during the musicals.

As I settle in, I have been told of the many traditions and events that make Antioch unique and I am looking forward to being a part of them. One of these events is the Homecoming Parade that is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at 6:45 p.m. Please join us as we showcase our outstanding students' involvement in clubs and athletics. It promises to be a special night. See you there.



Sincerely,

**Mike Berrie**

Principal

Antioch Community High School



## FIELD HOUSE | CHSD117

### Field House Renamed McKay Center

On August 3, 2021 the Community High School District 117 Field House was officially opened. The facility has quickly become a centerpiece of all the great facilities across District 117. The facility has already hosted girls volleyball tournaments, basketball tournaments, wrestling invites, indoor track meets, District concerts, professional development, high school PE classes, and a graduation ceremony. The facility will continue to expand its offerings and to have an impact in the coming years.

In May of 2022, the Board of Education passed a resolution to rename the facility after retiring superintendent Dr. James McKay. On May 19, 2022 the field house officially changed its name to the McKay Center. The District looks forward to branding the facility over the coming years to celebrate and recognize Dr. McKay for his time in District 117.



# D117

# ATHLETICS

**Lakes Homecoming**

Sept. 9th - Pep Assembly  
Sept. 14th - Parade  
          - Senior Night  
          - Flag Football  
Sept. 16th - Game vs. Round Lake

**Antioch vs. Lakes Athletic Events**

Aug. 24 Boys Golf at Spring Valley  
Aug. 26 Girls Golf at Spring Valley  
Aug. 31 Field Hockey at Antioch  
Sept. 1 Tennis at D117 Tennis Facility  
Sept. 9 Football at Antioch  
Sept. 13 Boys Soccer at Antioch  
Sept. 13 Cross Country at Round Lake Sports Complex  
Sept. 14 Boys Golf at ThunderHawk  
Sept. 15 Girls Golf at ThunderHawk

**Antioch Homecoming**

Sept. 21st - Flag Football  
Sept. 22nd - Parade  
          - Pep Rally  
          - Bon Fire  
Sept. 23rd - Game vs. Grayslake North

**Athletic Information**

For current and up-to-date information make sure you check our school websites.

Antioch: [antiochsequoitathletics.com](http://antiochsequoitathletics.com)  
Lakes: [Lakespride.com](http://Lakespride.com)

**Tickets for Games**

Purchase your tickets ahead of time!

<https://www.vancovevents.com/u/s/eventlist/chsd117>



# Respect + Courtesy = Pride

What an honor and privilege it is to be serving as the newest Principal of Lakes Community High School (LCHS)! Education has been a strong presence in my life as my mom and both my grandmothers were all teachers. After graduating from Miami University and marrying an Air Force Pilot, I enjoyed the diverse experiences of teaching math in Texas, Washington, and New Mexico. Our young family and ties to Illinois brought us to the Lindenhurst/Lake Villa community in 2002. I have been an educator in District 117 for 20 years and was a member of the team that opened Lakes in the fall of 2004. My roles at Lakes have included being a math teacher, the Math Department Chair, the Assistant Principal of Student Services, most recently the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, and currently proud mom - our daughter was in the LCHS Class of 2018 and our son is in the LCHS Class of 2024. Both the community and the school have captured my heart.

What makes Lakes so special? LCHS was built on the motto of **Respect + Courtesy = Pride**, and it has turned into a true guiding light for our practices in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, and anywhere Lakes is represented by students, staff, and families. This motto grounds us in our decisions and our actions as a community.

**Respect:** a feeling of deep admiration for oneself and for others

**Courtesy:** a showing of respect through attitude or action

**Pride:** a feeling of satisfaction derived from your own achievement or achievements of those admired

There is an unmatched, powerful energy at Lakes created to focus on providing all students opportunities to find their passion. My goal as Principal is to continue to build on the successes we have at Lakes through our foundation of **Respect + Courtesy = Pride** while expanding our reach to lift up every student to be ready for their own unique future.

I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming Lakes event! GO EAGLES!

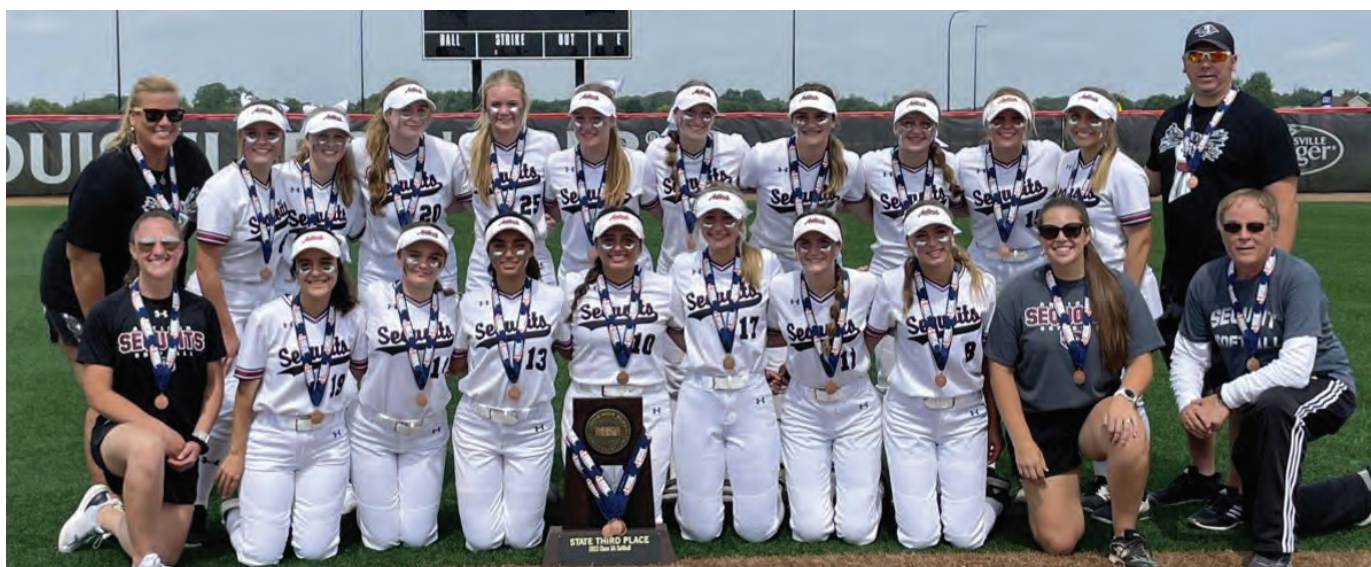


*In the Eagle Spirit,*

**Jori Bowen**

*Principal*

Lakes Community High School



## ATHLETICS | ACHS

### ACHS Softball Ends Season on High Note

The story of the 2022 ACHS softball season is one for the record books. The program was ranked as the best in the state throughout the season and the results were historic. The program won the NLCC conference championship, IHSA Regional, IHSA Sectional and IHSA Super-Sectional

and finished the season with a third place state trophy. The program represents the very best of the Antioch community and showcases incredible collective effort. The team will miss the three graduated seniors next year, but return a number of accomplished and celebrated athletes to the squad.



BOOSTER CLUB | CHSD117

# Get Involved! ACHS & LCHS Booster Clubs Open for New Members

Sequoit Pride is a not-for-profit booster club and fundraising organization which strongly believes that the more a student gets involved in their school and education, the more successful they will be. As an organization we raise funds through memberships, fundraisers and apparel sales at our spirit shop in the commons and in the stadium. Some of the things we are able to do for our students with the funds raised include: subsidizing field trips and organizations such as the Model UN club, being able to provide the extra and specialized equipment that makes our music and drama departments stand out, being able to bring in guest speakers, such as professional authors and musicians, to enhance our students' education, and we are able to bring in specialized equipment in areas such as CADD, physics and anatomy, to enhance our students' academic experience. And that is just a sample of the things we are able to do for the students of ACHS. In addition to what we can do to assist the students, we enjoy that we are also able to show our appreciation for the teachers and staff as we host lunches, breakfasts and coffees for all the wonderful people who spend their days educating our kids.

To be able to do this, and more, we depend on the generosity of the parents and the surrounding business community. The monetary donations we receive allow us to be as generous as we can be. But what helps us even more, are the donations we receive of time. We are an entirely volunteer organization, and we have many ways a parent can volunteer. We always need someone to help staff the spirit shop in the commons, we always need people to help staff the coffees and meals we provide to the staff and we always need your ideas and enthusiasm. If you have a student at

ACHS, you are a voting member of Sequoit Pride. We meet in the commons the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm, and we'd love to see you there.

The Lakes Eagles Booster Club is a not-for-profit parent volunteer group that raises funds in order to enhance academic, extracurricular and staff experiences at Lakes. We support all students and staff and have provided more than \$500,000 in grants to Lakes to date.

Membership is now OPEN! Our EA-GL level membership includes an exclusive Lakes SWAG bag, AND an activity pass that provides admission for you and your family to Lakes home athletic events AND tickets to the fall play and spring musical! Between these events and \$20 in Eagle Bucks, this membership pays for itself! Memberships at the White level and above include Eagle Bucks, which can be used to purchase items from our Spirit Wear Store!

Go to our website to become a Booster member – the link is on the Lakes website under Parents and then Links. Visit our site to see all membership levels offered and more about how LEBC supports the students and staff at Lakes.

Lakes Eagles Booster Club works to provide funds for activities and experiences that help enhance the school culture for Lake Community High School students, staff and families. Some recent examples of Booster Club funding include: Document cameras for classroom use, baseball stadium seats,



Sequoit Pride Website


Lakes Eagles  
Booster Website

ATHLETICS | LCHS

## LCHS Paul Migas State Champion

Lakes Community High School has only competed in track and field for the past 18 years. While it may seem like a long time, in relative comparison to other programs across the state, Lakes is still very young. Though the school is "young" it has not limited the success of the student athletes in the program. Paul Migas became the 13th state champion in school history when he won the IHSA class 2A pole vault. His mark of 15'5" is among the best marks for sophomores across the country. Paul looks forward to chasing the ultimate goal for 2 more years.





*From the desk of Superintendent Borowiak*

# D34 is Going Places!

**D**34 is Going Places! The theme for the 2022-23 school year is *D34 is Going Places*. Each school will build off that theme in designing their school year. The theme of going places is appropriate especially in schools. When schools remain stagnant, schools no longer progress, learning instruction becomes complacent, and students perform below their abilities. Schools that move forward and continue to improve their practices and seek new ways to uplift students are the schools where staff and students achieve beyond what they believed was even possible. It takes just a glimpse to realize that the staff at Antioch D34 has students going places and achieving at a high level. Two specific areas include our spectacular band and orchestra programs that stretch students in areas they never thought possible and the development and growth of

our Early Learning Center where we expanded our play areas to include climbing walls, a bolstered motor movement room, and an enhanced sensory room that will provide more growing opportunities for our youngest minds. In 2022-23, D34 will definitely be Going Places!



*Sincerely,*  
**Aron Borowiak**  
*Superintendent*

## W.C. Petty Welcomes New Staff to the Bobcat Family

**W**.C. Petty could not be more excited to celebrate our theme of "Going Places" for the 2022-2023 school year! We are welcoming the following new faces to our Petty family: Kurt Bieniek, PE teacher; Crystal Casey-Balling, special education paraprofessional; Natalie Ripley, Kindergarten teacher; Gloria Gadjanski, 1st grade teacher; Amie Levad, 5th grade teacher; Adam Reh, art teacher; Rita Selvik, lunch/recess supervisor; Mollie Wagner, special education paraprofessional; Kaitlin Walsh, speech and language pathologist and Lindsay Wyszynski, 1st grade teacher. We also have some familiar faces in new places; Melissa Orozco has moved from a 1st grade classroom teacher to a reading interventionist, and Kerry Ellis has moved from a 1st grade classroom to a special education resource teacher. We are also excited to have full use of our Library Media Center for the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you to the students, parents, and community for your support over the years as we look forward to what this year will bring!



# Oakland Welcomes New Staff to the Eagle Family

Oakland Elementary School is Going Places this year - more specifically, we are Blasting Off into Space! We are ready to start our year in Space-tacular fashion with many new crew members this year! Oakland is proud to welcome these new explorers: Quinn McQuade, 5th grade; Tess Munda, resource; Sarah Healy, resource; Sarah Miller, Strings; Kathleen Blount, Social Work; and Haley Horn, Social Work.

We have been busy creating a solar system that is out of this world for our students and staff to orbit throughout the year. Our stellar custodial team worked hard to ready our building for launch after hosting summer school and Champions this summer.

We are excited to rocket into this year with our students, staff and families and cannot wait to explore our learning spaces together!



## Mary Kay McNeill ELC Travels the Globe

This school year, the Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center is excited to embody the District's theme: "Going Places." The students and staff will be traveling the globe to learn about the people and cultures of other countries. Through literacy, music and art, the goal is to build our cultural competence and learn about the uniqueness in each of us.

We also invite our students' parents and families to join us in our journey as learners. Parents and families will be

provided opportunities to build their skills and knowledge in areas such as teaching early independence skills, raising bright thinkers through questions and conversations, facilitating their child's learning at home, as well as self-care for parents and how to balance their many roles.

If we were meant to stay in one place, we would have roots instead of feet. This school year we will be asking ourselves, "Where to next?" because we are curious adventurers with a world to see.

## Welcoming New Staff to the Hurricane Family

Hillcrest Elementary School is "Going Places" for the 2022-2023 school year and is delighted to welcome new staff members to the Hurricane Family! We have expanded our Structured Learning Program by adding a new classroom. Our new Special Education Structured Learning teachers are Kim Singh and Jessica Retzke. Our music team is also growing, with the addition of local musician Dave Ness, who will be teaching general music, and Sarah Miller, who will be teaching strings. To our classroom



teacher team we have added Rachel Andrew in first grade, Amy Maslon in 4th grade, and Ashley Figueroa in 4th grade. Kristin Pfeiffer is joining us as our new EL teacher, and Erin Woodville as a Special Education Assistant. We are excited to welcome Chrissy Berzin as our new nurse.

With every new school year, we celebrate new beginnings. As the Hillcrest family continues to expand,

we have much to be thankful for and to look forward to. Hillcrest is going places in '22-'23, and we cannot wait!





# 10 Things I Wish I Knew About Middle School

Celebrating our theme of “Going Places” for 2022-2023, we welcomed our 6th graders who attended Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS) for the first time! This year’s 6th grade Transition Camp was a great experience for everyone involved. Students met in the gym on the first day and received a welcoming message from the building principal, Mr. Koeune. Students were then immediately placed into groups and started activities to help them get to know each other and learn more about the life of a middle school student. The AUGS staff could not be more pleased to have the opportunity to start building positive relationships with the incoming 6th grade students and to help them make a smooth transition to a new school, develop new friendships, and begin creating wonderful middle school memories. On the second day, assistant principal, Mrs. Tack gave a positive message about expectations at AUGS. The rest of the day focused on students taking time to become familiar with the building by taking tours, participating in scavenger hunts, and other group activities. Day 3 started with a morning

message about clubs and activities at AUGS. Students received their schedule and were taught how the bell schedule works, what Encore classes and Success period are, and how lunch is run. Students were able to practice opening their lockers since this may be their first experience using combination locks. Students from National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) were with the 6th graders all week to provide support with class schedules, locating their lockers and show how locker combinations work, and supporting them with any other questions or needs they had about middle school. AUGS head custodian, Ms. Pullen, was also helped students with their lockers. The last day of Transition Camp focused on students practicing their schedule with a mock bell schedule, a rotation of team building activities, and a lesson on “The 10 Things I Wish I Knew About Middle School”. The students attended Transition Camp were fortunate to have the AUGS staff lead their groups with the support of the NJHS students as well. To call Transition Camp a success would be an understatement!



# Peacock Summer Adventure Day Camp

**T**his summer marked our 9th summer at Peacock Summer Adventure Day Camp! We were excited to get back to our normal programming and capacity this summer. We averaged 90 campers per week and welcomed 12 new counselors this summer. We have also started to come full circle when we hired our first three counselors who used to be campers! We had 9 other Counselors In Training who have aged out of our program but are learning the ropes for future years.

Peacock Camp sits on Crooked Lake in Lake Villa where our wooded campus hosts the ultimate setting for outdoor adventure activities. Our campers get to swim in our beach and pool, kayak and fish, climb the rock wall and zip down as well as play several games that promote team building and community. Our campers are on site together all day and by the end of the summer everyone knows each other.

We are thankful for the support of the community and for our camp families who entrust us with their campers each day. We are grateful to spend the summer with you. See you next year!



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*Supervisor*

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*Highway Commissioner*

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Lake Villa Township Halloween Lunch  
Join us for a "spirited" game of Lake Villa Township BINGO  
**Wear your best Costume**

**Thursday October 27th, 2022, 12pm**  
Lake Villa Township West Campus  
37850 N. Rt. 59  
Lake Villa, IL 60046

**\$5.00 per person, please R.S.V.P.**  
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the  
Lake Villa Township Food pantry  
Call 847-356-2116





# Brooklyn M. Designs Planner Cover

Grass Lake School is thrilled to announce our 2022-23 school planner cover design that was created by our fourth-grade student, Brooklyn M. Her hand drawn design was transformed into a digital version so it could be uploaded and utilized on all of our GLS student planners this year! We are excited to showcase this amazing cover design with our GLS Students!



## Congratulations Class of 2022

It is always with heavy hearts to see our eighth graders leave Grass Lake School! This year was no exception. Our eighth grade class is made up of intelligent, kind and compassionate individuals. We are excited to see them continue their educational journey in high school and we look forward to learning about their accomplishments in the near future. Our eighth graders truly enjoyed their eighth-grade dance hosted at the Cypress Resort in Antioch and their eighth-grade trip to Great America! We are wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.







## Makerspace Room Creates a Multi-Sensory Experience

Grass Lake School is excited to dive into our second year of our Project-Based Learning initiative. Our little school house was transformed into a Makerspace room for all students to benefit from a multi-sensory environment that would provide them with hands-on learning as

they continue to explore and grow in our Project-Based Learning units.

We are grateful for all of the additional resources that were donated to our district and for all of the volunteer work that helped make this possible.

## Track Team Competes at State Finals

Congratulations to our GLS Track Team and Coach Boliiaux! Brady R., Brody C., Jonah B., and Logan L. all qualified to compete in the 1A Track and Field State Finals. The four athletes competed in the 4 x 100 meter relay and took fourth place. Brady R. also competed in the long jump and the 100 meter dash. Brody C. participated in the discus event. We are proud of all of our athletes and their passion to do the best they can in all events!







## DETAILS



**Tom Shaughnessy**  
Supervisor  
(847) 395-3378

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# New & Improved Options for Seniors

The Township is using two locations to provide activities and programs for our Seniors. The Village Center (817 Holbek Dr. Antioch), formerly Senior Center, is a government building that is managed and maintained by the Village of Antioch and the Township Center (1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa) which is also a government building owned and operated through an intergovernmental agreement with High School District 117. Lake Villa Township and Antioch Township.

Antioch Township has allocated resources through a dedicated budget, using a small staff of part-time workers to continue to provide and grow our activities for our seniors. The Village has agreed to allow the Township, the first right, to use the Village Center for the senior daily activities that have been in place for many years. The evening and weekend use of the Village Center is managed by the Village's Park and Recreation Department on a first come first serve reservation process.

None of the long-term senior daily activities at the Village Center have been canceled or stopped. But a few activities'

times and location were changed due to staffing and other planned uses of both the Village and Township Centers. Over the last 4 years, the Township has added programs and activities without deleting any of the historical senior center activities. We have worked diligently to build up our registration/membership list of seniors from 120 to now nearly 1,000 seniors to improve our communication channels and reach our growing senior population.

Check out the upcoming programs and events we have scheduled, as well as the daily events we have for seniors. Please sign up to receive our Senior Newsletter by calling the office or stopping by. If you have any questions or suggestions for additional activities and programming, we would love to hear from you. We are happy to serve our seniors and look forward to building and creating meaningful programs for many years to come!

*All the best,*

**Tom Shaughnessy**  
Antioch Township Supervisor



# ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

September-December 2022

## Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

**Sept. 12: Saving Private Ryan**

**Sept. 26: Sound of Music** (special event/must register; grandkids & extended family welcome)

**Oct. 3: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**

**Oct. 17: Psycho**

**Nov. 7: 1917**

**Nov. 21: Uncle Buck**

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Lake Street

Time: All movies start at 10am. Theatre opens at 9:30am.

## Stitch Club

**Multi-Generational Group**

Sewers, stitchers, creators, quilters, makers: join us every Tuesday

Time: 9am-1pm

Location: The Village Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Antioch

Bring your project and supplies. This group is creative, fun, inspiring, and full of humor and good spirits! If that sounds like you, come join us. Call Antioch Township for more information at 847.395.3378

## Free Flu-Clinic

Date: October 6th 11am-6pm

Location: Antioch Township, 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.

Get protected! FREE flu and pneumonia shots. Please bring your ID and insurance card.

## Badda Boom Badda BINGO!

Thursdays once a month, Antioch Township

Remaining Dates: 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8

Time: 9:30am-11am

Location: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, IL

Cost: First BINGO card is FREE any additional is \$1.00 that goes to grand prize/final game

Please call Antioch Township to register at 847.395.3378. Please do not arrive earlier than 9am. The doors will not be open. We also have BINGO at the Village Center (817 Holbek Dr. Antioch) every Monday from 1-3pm. (Walk-ins welcome)

## Wicked Chicago Trip

Date: October 5. Show: 2pm, Return: 6pm.

Cost: \$80/PERSON (Limited Capacity)

The hit show Wicked at the Nederlander Theatre in Chicago. Bus departs Antioch Township at 12pm (1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.). Boxed lunch and water provided.

## Oregon Illinois Riverboat Tour Bus Trip

Date: October 14

Cost: \$70/person (Limited Capacity)

Cruise the Rock River. Eight miles of gorgeous trees and vistas and a delicious late lunch. Bus departs Antioch Township at 8:30am (1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.). Board Boat 11am. Tour Ends 1:30pm Return: 4pm. Includes meal (choice of chicken marsala or sirloin)

## Cards for Soldiers

Date: November 10

Cost: \$5 (All proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army)

Come write cards and messages for our US Troops. Snacks and supplies provided. Doors open at 9am (We will go until we have no more cards! Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.)

## White Christmas

Date: December 14

Location: Fireside Theatre

Cost: \$70/PERSON (Limited Capacity)

Come see this beautiful Holiday Classic at the historic Fireside Theatre. Bus departs Antioch Township at 9am (1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.). Show: 1pm Return: 5pm. Seated lunch

## Jolly Holiday Lunch

Date: December 16, 11am-1:30pm

Location: VFW in Antioch

Cost: \$20 for Antioch resident/ \$25 non-resident

Join us for our Annual Holiday luncheon! Entertainment, a delicious lunch, and great company! Doors Open at 10:30. Lunch Served at 11:30. Entertainment/Dancing 12pm-1:30pm

**Call 847-395-3378 for information regarding senior events & programs.**

*Cut out below & sign up now!*

## Antioch Township Event Registration

Mark your selections

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**Wicked**  
October 5th  
\$80/person

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**Oregon, IL  
Boat Tour**  
October 14th  
\$70/person  
(Select meal choice)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sirloin

☐

**Cards for  
Soldiers**  
November 10th  
\$5 (donated to  
Salvation Army)

☐

**White  
Christmas**  
December 14th  
\$70/person

☐

**Jolly Holiday  
Luncheon**  
December 16th  
\$20/resident \$25/  
non-resident

### Total amount of payment

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All payments must be received 10 days before event*

### Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township  
1625 Deep Lake Road  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
Attn: Courtney Kotloski

### Registrant Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)*

**For information and to check availability contact Courtney Kotloski at 847-395-3378.**





# Daily Senior Events at Township Center & Village Center

## TOWNSHIP CENTER

1625 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046  
Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri.

## VILLAGE CENTER

817 Holbek Dr., Antioch, IL 60002  
Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm.  
Tues 9am-1pm. Closed Fridays

### MONDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Spa Toe Clinic**  
9am-2pm

Every six weeks/sign-up  
Call Terri 262.914.2776

**Lunch**  
11:30am-12:30pm  
Sign-up required

**Bingo**  
1pm-3pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

### TUESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Card Tables**  
9:30am-12:30pm

**Stitch Club**  
9am-1pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**LINE DANCING**

9am-10:30am  
Norm Rennert

**TAI CHI**  
1pm-2pm  
Judy Reinholdt

### WEDNESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Silver & Gold Singers**  
10:30am-12pm

**Lunch**  
12pm-1:30pm

**Card Tables**  
1pm-4pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

### THURSDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Card Tables**  
12:30pm-4pm

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**Bingo**  
9:30am-11am  
9/22, 10/6,  
11/17, 12/8  
Call to register

### FRIDAYS

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**Card Tables**  
9am-3:30pm

We also have local events, bus trips and other outings for seniors. Please call the office at 847-395-3378 or join our mailing list for a registration packet!

Along with daily activities for seniors that are funded and supported by Antioch Township, there are also special events, trips and outings for seniors ages 55+.

Antioch Township also provides a number of other services for the entire community (and our seniors) including:

American Flag Drops  
Benefit Access Program For Seniors  
Cell Phone Drops  
Community Space For Large Events  
Essentials Lending Closet  
General Or Emergency Assistance  
License Plate Discount For Seniors  
Liheap Assistance  
Meeting Space For Small Business Meetings  
Notary Services (Free)  
Passport Assistance Applications  
Persons With Disabilities Free Transit Ride For Persons With Disabilities  
Reduced Fare Rta Pass Assistance/Applications  
Ride Free Transit Benefit For Seniors  
Salvation Army Assistance  
Temporary Handicapped Parking Placards  
Vehicle Stickers Free With Proof Of Residency  
Voter Registration (Early Voting Site)  
Well Water Test Kits

If you need something else that is not on our list, give us a call we'll see if we can help. 847-395-3378. For information about the space at 817 Holbek Dr. contact The Village of Antioch at 847-395-1000.

Senior Services: 847.395.3378 | [ckotloski@antiochtownshipil.gov](mailto:ckotloski@antiochtownshipil.gov)



# Introducing Principal Brian Barsotti

Emmons has a new Principal! Brian Barsotti has joined the Emmons community and looks forward to serving the students, staff, and families. Learn more about his passion and commitment to education from the following brief interview.

## Why did you choose education?

My college major was in history and I thought I might teach. I was not completely convinced that education was going to be my chosen profession because I did not know if I was ready for the monumental responsibility of teaching kids.

I tested the waters as a program aide at a therapeutic day school. My experience there set me on my path in education. The students that I had the privilege of working with, the collaboration among staff to provide supports, and the structure of the program gave me the confidence and foundation to manage a classroom.

I spent the bulk of my career as an eighth grade social studies teacher. Although I loved teaching, I was presented with an opportunity to broaden my sphere of influence as an assistant principal for the last three years. The administrative realm has given me a deep commitment to developing students who become invested in their school and prepared to be successful for each transition in their lives. Helping educators educate, students realize their potential and families connect with school has been the most rewarding parts of my career. Therefore, I am very much looking forward to having the opportunity to do the same at Emmons.



## What excites you about being at Emmons?

There are so many things that excite me about Emmons. In addition to persevering students, a dedicated and collaborative staff, and a welcoming and supportive community, Emmons has a Board of Education that is committed to providing opportunities for our students and a superintendent that builds our capacity to fulfill our mission. But what I am most excited about is having the opportunity to bear witness to the growth of our students from kindergarten through eighth grade in a communal environment.

## What are you passionate about in your work?

My passion for education stems from the mission of public education. The history of public education in our country is intertwined with the history of our country. The American Revolution was fought for the idea of a democratic government, and public education helps to develop citizens who can sustain it. This requires us to educate and nurture students to be informed and engaged. The best way to engage them is to provide them a voice. Everyone wants to be heard, and we should be developing students with the skills, dispositions, and confidence to effectively voice their unique perspectives. This led me to develop a student action committee and peer jury program at a previous district that gave my students opportunities to have a positive impact on the world around them. I am excited to bring these practices to Emmons.

## Behind the Scenes

When we think about public education, we often think of the teachers and students, the learning and curriculum, and the PTO organizations. While all those components are extremely important, there are many more people who work behind the scenes to get the school ready. For some school personnel, the summer months are their busiest time of year!

One of the hardest working groups in the summertime are the custodial staff.

They are the unsung heroes behind any school building. One of their main tasks is to remove all the furniture from each classroom and hallway, scrub the floor, and apply a new coat of wax. The staff also shampoos all the carpets, paints as needed, and makes repairs to any furniture or cabinets in each room.

This summer, Emmons has an excellent crew who has brought the building back to its pre-pandemic state. They take their

jobs very seriously and understand the importance of their role in providing a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment to those that come to our school. They feel that providing a positive first impression of the building is the most important part of their job.

*The Hard-Working Custodial Crew at Emmons*







# Summer Facility Improvements

In March 2020, voters approved a \$30.7 million bond referendum to allow Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District 41 to pay for much-needed improvements for the maintenance and infrastructure of our District's schools.

Last year, many projects were completed in each of the four schools. Because of the age of the facilities, most of the work occurred at Hooper and Palombi schools. This summer, both schools renovated their kitchens and cafeteria

facilities to create more student space and update 50-year-old food preparation equipment. Additional lighting was installed in the parking lot areas. At Hooper, the entire bus lot and parent drop-off areas were reconfigured to facilitate the safety of students.

The Board of Education again would like to thank our community for investing in the education of our students and providing our excellent teachers with the best learning and teaching environment we possibly can.

## Staff Engagement

Each summer, Lake Villa School District 41 provides summer professional development that spans 2 weeks at the beginning of August. Sessions presented focused on best practices in reading and math instruction, engagement strategies, and behavior management strategies. Additionally, sessions were available on how to best support our variety of learners. Over 125 teachers participated in sessions across the 2 weeks.



## Leader in Me

Lake Villa School District 41 is a Leader in Me district, which is based upon Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Lake Villa 41 is committed to creating a culture where each child is capable, gifted, and a leader.

This summer, five staff members from across the district were trained to become in-house Leader in Me Trainers and Facilitators. In-house facilitators will train incoming staff members as well as ensure movement forward with Leader in Me. This year, all four schools will also be hosting a Leader in Me family event in the fall as well as a Leadership Day in the spring!



## community contacts

### ANTIOCH

#### Chamber of Commerce

847-395-2233

[antiochchamber.org](http://antiochchamber.org)

#### Fire Department

(non-emergency)  
847-395-5511

#### Police Department

(non-emergency)  
847-395-8585

#### Post Office

847-395-3482

#### Public Works

847-395-1881

#### Economic Development

847-395-1000

#### Parks and Recreation

847-395-2160

#### Senior Center

847-395-0139

#### Village Hall

847-395-1000

[antioch.il.gov](http://antioch.il.gov)

Permits Coordinator

Ext. 1302

Village Clerk

Ext. 1304

#### Antioch Township

847-395-3378

[antiochtownshipil.gov](http://antiochtownshipil.gov)

#### Township Assessor's Office

847-395-1545

#### Township Highway Department

847-395-2070

#### Antioch Public Library District

847-395-0874

[apld.info](http://apld.info)

### LINDENHURST

#### Village

847-356-8252

[lindenhurstil.org](http://lindenhurstil.org)

#### Police Department

(non-emergency)

847-356-5400

#### Public Works

847-356-8252

#### Park District

847-356-6011

[lindenhurstparks.org](http://lindenhurstparks.org)

#### Chamber of Commerce

847-356-8446

[lvchamber.com](http://lvchamber.com)

### LAKE VILLA

#### Village Hall

847-356-6100

[lake-villa.org](http://lake-villa.org)

#### Police Department

(non-emergency)

847-356-6106

#### Public Works

847-356-6100

#### Lake Villa District Library

847-356-7711

[lvdl.org](http://lvdl.org)

#### Rescue Squad

847-356-2992

#### Fire Department

847-356-2525

#### Township Supervisor

847-356-2116

[lakevillatownship.org](http://lakevillatownship.org)

#### Township Assessor

847-356-2383

[lvassessor.org](http://lvassessor.org)

#### Township Highway Department

847-356-5831

[lakevillatownship.org](http://lakevillatownship.org)

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

#### Lake Villa School District 41

847-356-2385

[district41.org](http://district41.org)

#### Palombi Middle School

847-356-2118

#### Hooper Elementary School

847-356-2151

#### Thompson Elementary School

847-265-2488

#### Martin Elementary School

847-245-3400

#### Community HS District 117

847-395-9001

[chsd117.org](http://chsd117.org)

#### Antioch Community HS

847-395-1421

#### Lakes Community HS

847-838-7100

#### Antioch School District 34

847-838-8400

[antioch34.com](http://antioch34.com)

#### Antioch Elementary

847-838-8901

#### W.C. Petty Elementary

847-838-8101

#### Hillcrest Elementary School

847-838-8001

#### Oakland Elementary School

847-838-8601

#### Antioch Upper Grade

847-838-8301

#### Emmons School District 33

847-395-1105

[emmons33.org](http://emmons33.org)

#### Grass Lake School District 36

847-395-1550

[gls36.org](http://gls36.org)

#### Fox Lake Grade School District 114

847-973-4028

[d114.org](http://d114.org)

## Peacock Summer Adventure Day Camp







ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

# September is *Library Card Sign-Up Month*

The Antioch Public Library District subscribes to a large number of informational databases to provide patrons with access to educational services, cited information, journals, and much more.

## Get Free Access to:



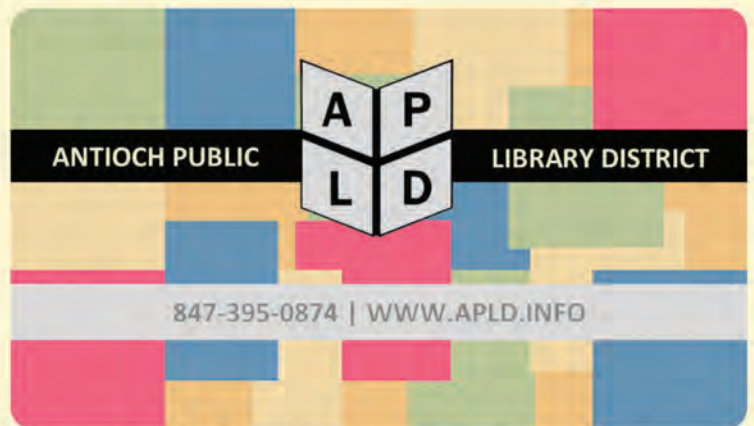
and Many Others!

## Library Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 9am – 9pm

Friday - Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Sunday: 1pm – 5pm



An APLD Library Card is on the D34 & D117 School Supply Lists.

If your student is in need of a Library Card, stop in

- OR -

## SCAN HERE

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start using your  
Library Card!



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