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# The Communicator



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## Fattal's Forum

By Superintendent John Fattal

Since school is about to begin, here's a quick quiz to get us all in the swing of things:

1. Who was Billboard's top recording artist in 2013?
2. Who was the highest grossing actor/actress in 2014?

3. What teams played in the 2014 Super Bowl? My guess is most people would not be able to get all three questions correct. For the record, here are the answers: 1) Bruno Mars was Billboard's top recording artist in 2013. 2) Jennifer Lawrence's movies in 2014 grossed \$1.4 billion and 3) The Seattle Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 43-8 in the 2014 Super Bowl. An easier question follows:

4. Who was your favorite teacher? My guess is you can answer that quickly because that teacher had one (or more) of the following character traits: Confident in your abilities. Compassionate. Generous. Kind. Patient. Fair. Tolerant. Charismatic. You get the picture.

Like your favorite teacher, this is the story of a great district. All school districts in Shiawassee County are good and full of hard-working people trying to make a difference in the lives of the students they serve. In my opinion, however, Corunna is the gold standard for all schools.

We offer everything a family could ever want in a school district: Nationally recognized career and technical education programs. Teachers that create life-long relationships with their students and families. Strong reading and math programs. Upgraded and newly-renovated facilities. Full complement of extra-curricular activities. High expectations for our students and staff. Complete vocational programs. Strong moral values with programs that teach about leadership, citizenship and democracy. High test scores (our HS is nationally ranked by the US News and World Report). Tremendous music and art programs. Lots of early college and Advanced Placement opportunities.

Yet we do all that with a conservative advertising budget. You won't see billboards up all year touting what we do. You won't see TV ads. Rarely do we do radio and/or print advertising. Instead, we have the most reliable advertising out there: Word of mouth. There's a reason why nearly 40% of our students are school of choice. And I believe that's because our students and parents know we offer the complete package for each and every student. If they didn't believe that, the message being shared with their relatives, friends and acquaintances would be way different.

In short, we are the school of choice for a reason; you'll read more about those reasons in this spot throughout the year. You can also find more about what's going on in Cavalier Country by following/liking us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and the like), or by checking out our webpage [www.corunna.k12.mi.us](http://www.corunna.k12.mi.us).

### Miscellany

**Academic Award** Our girl's volleyball team won the 2017-2018 AVCA Team Academic Award! Congratulations to Coach Kari Carnell and her team for balancing high academic achievement with high-level athletic performance. These young ladies represent what we are looking for in our student-athletes!

**European trip** CHS teacher Jessica Hilewsky and her group are back from their European trip. The educational experience was featured in the Corunna Connection. A ton of pictures have been posted on the group's Facebook page. All you need to do is search "Europe 2018: Germany, Italy, & Switzerland" to gain access to that page.

**Kindergarten** We currently have our highest enrollment for kindergarten students in recent memory; and, we're continuing to register new Cavaliers every day! Principal Shannon Toma and the Nellie Reed Elementary team have perfected the early Elementary experience.

**Summer School** A local guest teacher came and spent three days with our students during a "Maker Week" this summer and shared his perspective about our students and staff. "Thank you so much for having me out to be a Cav for the last three days working with your students. Their excitement and energy were contagious and inspiring... I also wanted to let you know (because I always appreciated hearing it about my students) how respectful your students were this week. A number of them approached me today and throughout the week to say "Thank you" for bringing the stuff out for them: a direct indicator of them working with an excellent group of educators... Thank you all again for all your hard work to do the best for your students."

**Transportation improvement** We have figured out a way to shave about 40 minutes off of our 1st through 3rd graders bus times this year by simply putting a few of our talented administrators/supervisors (Stacy Regan, April Woodruff and Shelley Gardner) on it. As a result, we have new start times at Elsa Meyer and Louise Peacock. Both will begin school at 8:25 a.m. this year and be out at 3:30 p.m. This will have no effect on any other building. More information will be coming your way at our open houses (times/dates found elsewhere in today's Communicator).

### Corunna Public Schools Community Lunch

Wednesday, September 12 • Meals are \$3.50  
1:00 p.m. in the Corunna High School Cafeteria

### Community Education Classes

(989) 743-6338

Call to register or for more details.

#### Aqua Zumba with Tracy Schultz

\$5.00 each visit, join at any time.  
Corunna Public Schools' Olmsted pool  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Mondays-August 13, 20, 27, September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesdays-6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26,  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Corunna Public Schools' Olmsted pool

#### Water Aerobics with Danielle Lab

Five-Week Session for  
\$12.00 or \$3.00 drop in fee,  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3  
Corunna Public Schools' Olmsted pool

#### Heavenly Tumbles Gymnastics

Six-Week Session at  
Elsa Meyer Elementary  
September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16  
Cost is \$45.00 per child (6 week session)  
Mommy and Me Classes, K-1, 2-6

#### Everyone Can Draw

\$65.00 for six sessions  
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Corunna High School

Each class will start with a mini group activity then transition to a new skill to practice for the coming week. Each lesson builds on the previous week's lesson. New materials will be introduced each week. Drawing pencils, drawing paper, white eraser, and pens will need to be brought to class. Call (989) 743-6338 for more details and to register.

### Free and Reduced Applications

The Corunna Public Schools' Food Service Department is currently accepting free and reduced meal applications for 2018-2019. A new application must be turned in each school year. The online application can be submitted at [www.LunchApp.com](http://www.LunchApp.com). Paper applications may be picked up and turned in at all building offices and at each building's CAVS Days. The district encourages each household to fill out and return an application even though you may not qualify or need the service.

### Preschool and Daycare

A wonderful preschool opportunity is still available to area students. Children's Services has slots available for 3-5 year old children. The program is 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday. Hours are from 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All meals are included. This is the only fully inclusive preschool in Shiawassee County. Children work with a certified staff. All staff members are trained in CPR and first aid. There are lots of special events for families thorough the year. Childcare is also available from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for children 18 month to 12 years of age. Please call (989) 743-8848 to inquire about all the services that are available. It's Great to be Gold!



### ENROLL NOW!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to become a Cavalier! The Schools of Choice application period for the 2018-2019 school year is open until September 7<sup>th</sup>. Openings in ALL grade levels.

Call (989) 743-6338



### Corunna High School

On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Corunna High School will be holding their annual CAVS Day at Corunna High School from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. CAVS Day allows everyone to get off to an efficient, successful beginning to the 2018-2019 school year. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, students will report to Corunna High School to turn in critical paperwork, get important information, and receive their schedules (schedule changes will not be made until after August 24<sup>th</sup>).

In order to make the process as efficient as possible, we are suggesting that students arrive between the following times, based on their name and graduation year:

- 8th Graders (class of 2023) arrive 3:00-5:00 pm
- Freshmen (class of 2022) w/ last names A-M: arrive 10:00-10:45 am
- Freshmen (class of 2022) w/ last names N-Z: arrive 10:45-11:30 am
- Sophomores (class of 2021) w/ last names A-M: arrive 11:30-12:15 pm
- Sophomores (class of 2021) w/ last names N-Z: arrive 12:15-1:00 pm
- Juniors (class of 2020) w/ last names A-M: arrive 1:00-1:30 pm
- Juniors (class of 2020) w/ last names N-Z: arrive 1:30-2:00 pm
- Seniors (class of 2019) w/ last names A-M: arrive 2:00-2:30 pm
- Seniors (class of 2019) w/ last names N-Z: arrive 2:30-3:00 pm

*If the allotted time does not work for your student, he/she may attend anytime during the day.* The recommended times are in place in an effort to create a more steady flow of students and decrease wait times.

Traditionally, school pictures have been taken at CAVS Day. This will not occur during CAVS Day this year. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, during the school day.

### Corunna Middle School 4-7 Building

This year, students and parents are invited to school on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for information pick-up. At that time, students will turn in registration paperwork, pick up their schedules, receive locker assignments, have time to tour the building, and have some ice cream. These times are strongly encouraged to be followed, but if you are not able to attend in your child's set grade level time, please attend during another time slot listed. The schedule is as follows:

**4th Grade** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **5th Grade** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**6th Grade** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **7th Grade** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend on August 15, you may turn in registration paperwork and receive student schedules in the Middle School office starting on August 16, between 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Elsa Meyer Elementary

The Elsa Meyer Open House is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Parents/Guardians and children will be able to visit classrooms, meet teachers, learn more about the programs/services within the school system and tour the newly renovated building.

Children will learn who their teacher is at the Open House. If you cannot make it, please stop by or call the school after August 21<sup>st</sup> at (989) 743-4404.

First day of school begins at 8:25 a.m. Students who ride the bus or are having breakfast may enter the building at 8:15 a.m. and report directly to the multipurpose room. If children are dropped off by a parent, we are asking that you do so after 8:15 a.m. The school day ends at 3:30 p.m.

### Nellie Reed Elementary

The Nellie Reed Elementary Open House is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians and children will be able to visit classrooms, meet teachers, learn more about the programs/services within the school system and tour the building.

Children will learn who their teacher is at the Open House. If you cannot make it, please stop by or call the school after August 21<sup>st</sup> at (989) 743-1579.

First day of school begins at 8:30 a.m. Students who ride the bus or are having breakfast may enter the building at 8:00 a.m. and report directly to the multipurpose room. If children are dropped off by a parent, we are asking that you do so after 8:00 a.m. The school day ends at 3:35 p.m.

### 2018-2019 School Calendar

Thursday, August 23	First day of school (1/2 day for kindergarten students)
Friday, August 31	No School
Monday, September 3	No School-Labor Day
Wednesday, October 31	Early Release/Professional Development Day
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 21-23	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 24	Christmas Break Begins
Monday, January 7	School resumes from Christmas Break
Monday, January 21	No-School-Martin Luther King Day
Fri.-Mon., Feb. 15-18	No School-Presidents' Day Weekend
Monday, March 25-29	Spring Break begins – No School
Monday, April 1	School resumes from Spring Break
Fri.-Mon., April 19-22	Easter Break
Monday, May 27	No School – Memorial Day
Thursday, June 6	*Tentative Last Day of School (1/2 day for all students)