

# ANNOUNCER

## Adams Protestant Reformed Christian School

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### Administration & Staff

#### *Ready to Work?*

**Mr. Rick Mingerink**  
**Administrator**

I was 10 years old and not worth the \$1.65/hour I was paid by my uncle. It was my first “job.” Alongside my brother and two cousins, I worked on the celery harvester, picking out any yellow leaves before the celery was put into crates.

All of us have memories of our first job. They are coming-of-age moments. They are one of the first times when we step away from the direct supervision of our parents and learn that there are going to be other people in our lives that will tell us what to do.

I did not enjoy having to go to work. Even though it was only a dozen hours or so a week, it just was not the same as playing baseball with my neighbors or trading sports cards with a friend. If I were given the choice to work, I would have said “umm, no, thanks. I will just play instead.” But I was not given a choice. I do not recall any discussion. It was simply, “boys, you will be working for Uncle Jim when school gets out.” I am glad my parents did not try to follow today’s parenting advice and let me

make the decision. Surely, I would have chosen my bike any day over muck.

But just because work is not exciting, it does not mean work is degrading or harmful. There is something fundamentally fulfilling about work. I am not referring to financial fulfillment or some other material fulfillment. Rather, we were created to work. When we work, we are fulfilling a God-ordained creaturely purpose. Like a plant devoid of nutrients, without work, we develop both physical and mental problems. I have a hunch we would solve half the mental troubles in young people if they were given an appropriate diet of work.

Work is not a product of sin. While sin has certainly impacted work, it existed before the Fall. God designed and directed His creatures to be fruitful and multiply; to subdue the earth and have dominion over it (Gen. 1:28). This includes all the corresponding work that accompanies this subduing and the bearing and raising of offspring. Surely, if Adam and Eve had children before the Fall, those children would have gotten their fingers and toes dirty as they romped through the garden. Surely, Eve would have had to work at cleaning them, preparing their food, and telling them stories about God. Adam would have much work tending the garden... planting, pruning, transplanting, harvesting. As the population increased, homes would need to be built and communities developed. All this work is necessary even without the entrance of sin.

Herman Bavinck reminds us that it is important to have a proper perspective on work. He writes “God’s act of creation and his creational, natural gifts to humanity all precede the redemption begun with the call of Abraham.” I think what he is stating is that God does not give us work as a means to solve our sin problem. Sin came *after* the



command to work. God did not institute human work as His plan for salvation. Work will not save us. Its purpose is not salvific. It does not carry upon its shoulders the fruits and blessings of salvation.

That is not the purpose of work nor the “good work” that we do. I think there are three main purposes to work. First, when we engage in work, we are instruments in the hands of God as He sees to the care and governance of His creation. When the powers and complexities of God’s creation are explored and developed (which happens through human work), God is more and more exalted as the King and Creator of it all. Secondly, we are serving our neighbor when we engage in work... whether that is passing them a sack of cheeseburgers at the drive-thru or filling a cavity in a rotting tooth. Finally, we work because that is how God cares and provides for *us*. Food does not magically appear in our cupboards by means of prayer or by means of the sacraments. Even the Romish monks who devoted their lives to prayer needed to tend their own gardens and maintain their own livestock. Our daily bread is provided through the God-appointed means of your or someone else’s work. Paul reminds us “that if any would not work, neither should he eat” (II Thess. 3:10).

We do not work to be saved; we are saved and thus able to work to God’s glory. Through Christ, we are set free to work. We are set free to engage in work that serves our neighbor and serves our King.

As we begin this new school year, my prayer is that the students will learn the value and the importance of their work. Their work as a student is not field work. It does not require them to get their hands dirty or to build sweat on their brow. But it is a kind of work, nonetheless. They will be given tasks and they will be handed expectations.

We will spoil their perspective on this work if we teach them that they need to study to get an “A,” or in order to get “a good paying job.” Sure, there is often a corresponding result from such work, but that ought not be the goal or the motivation. We will deform their understanding of work (and of God) if they think they will merit something from God (or us) if they work at their studies hard enough. Indeed, they will need to work hard. They will need to focus on their task and complete it as well as they can. But not because it gives *them* value and importance, but because *work* is valuable and important in itself.

### **A child’ prayer as they begin the school year**

*Dear Lord, thou art the Potter and I am your clay.  
Even though I may be small, thou hast made me  
for Thy good pleasure.*

*I was not created to serve myself, but I was created  
to serve Thee, my King.*

*Thank you for giving me work to do at school  
and at home.*

*Thank you for giving me a good mind and a strong  
body to do this work.*

*Help me not to be selfish and proud or to get  
discouraged as I work and learn at school.*

*I know I am small, but thou art big.*

*Use me for Thy glory.*

*May my studies at school help me serve Thee  
better.*

*And may I more and more help my family, friends,  
and neighbors.*

*For Jesus’ sake, Amen.*

### **New Teacher**



**H**ello! My name is Jori Baas, and I am thrilled to be the new sixth-grade teacher at Adams. Some of you may know me as Mrs. Baas’ daughter, and some of you may even recognize me as the girl who once went to school with their children. (I know, it’s crazy for me to believe that I’m at this point in my life, too). For those of you who do not know me, I am the oldest daughter of Phil and Renae’s three children. Don’t let that fool you, though; I am also blessed to have three older siblings who are married with kids of their own. Because of that, I have spent



my life surrounded by nieces and nephews my own age and younger and have recently even become a great aunt. Having a large and growing family definitely keeps life interesting! In my free time, I love spending time with family and friends, going to the beach and traveling in the summer, baking, exercising, playing the piano, and of course, reading.

Adams holds a special place in my heart, because it is the school that I, too, once attended. It is crazy to think that it's already been ten years since I sat in this building, as a sixth-grader, with Mrs. Kristin Dykstra as my homeroom teacher. If you had told me back then that I would be teaching alongside not only former teachers but also my own mother at Adams, I'm not sure I would have believed you.

In my years as a high schooler at Covenant Christian, I was determined to go into the medical field. Yet, after several job shadows and observations, it became clear to me that this was not the right path. I still wasn't convinced that teaching was for me either. Watching my busy mom, I thought teaching was not all that it's cracked up to be. However, a second-grade job shadow at Heritage changed my thinking. I loved the atmosphere, the energy, and the aspect of community involved in teaching covenant youth. Fast forwarding four years, I have had amazing experiences at Cornerstone University that have prepared me well for the journey ahead. Besides the many classes of instruction, I also gained experience through my teaching-assistant practicum in a sixth-grade classroom at North Pointe Christian. Through my student-teaching placement in a kindergarten classroom at Emmons Lake Elementary, I learned patience in abundance. Though many experiences have shaped me as an educator, I've heard that you can never be too prepared.

Now it's August and the school year is quickly approaching. What a joy it is to be back and walking these halls! Even in the excitement of this first year of teaching, getting my classroom ready in the anticipation of meeting new students, and working with an amazing staff, the jitters are still present. Yet, I am confident that God will provide for me this school year, as He will also for you and your children. I am looking forward to meeting you this year and am so thankful for the warm welcomes that I have already received!

## ***From the Library***

**Julie Flikkema & Ciri Mingerink  
Librarians**

**A**s the summer is coming to an end, we look forward to another school year!

The tradition will continue with starting off the year with a root beer float party for all the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who have completed our Summer Reading Challenge. All the completed logs should be turned in the first week of school.

In addition, we plan on doing the reading program again this year. Kids earn "tallies" for how much they read, and at the end of the school year they can choose prizes based on how many "tallies" they earned. Last year some of these prizes included bookmarks, erasers, a book, candy, pop, and other small toys. The top 3 readers who logged the most minutes walked away with Barnes & Noble gift cards.

We are always looking for good books, so if you have any that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept them! In addition, we would love to hear of any suggestions you may have for books to be added to our library.

## **School Board**

### ***News from the Building Committee***

**Dan Kooienga**

**Retiring Building Committee Chairman**

**W**ith another school year behind us, the halls at ACS will now be pretty quiet for the next couple months. No students talking and laughing with their friends, no teachers lecturing in front of the class, no choir or band songs drifting through the halls. This doesn't mean that there is no work going on at school during the summer. There is plenty to do. Many of the teachers will spend days this summer prepping for next September, many volunteer committees will meet throughout the summer months to discuss plans for the next school year and of course the janitor will be busy with his summer cleaning.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new janitor. Mark Ophoff started as janitor in early June and plans to have the school clean and ready for the students and teachers when school starts up again in September. Mark is a long-time supporter of Adams, and interestingly, this is not the



first time he has carried the title of janitor at Adams Christian School. He worked at Adams as janitor for a time when Adams Christian School was on Adams Street in Grand Rapids. The Building Committee is thankful for Mark's desire and ability to serve the school again in this way. When you see him in the halls next year be sure to say "Hi" and thank him for the work he's been doing all summer getting things ready for the new school year.

The summer also gives the Building Committee opportunities to do repairs and projects that cannot get done during the school year. This summer we

plan to do some flooring replacement, lighting upgrades, playground upgrades, replace an old toilet, concrete grinding, and whatever else we can fit in before September.

We give thanks to God for supplying us with a beautiful building and grounds, and for providing us with everything to maintain the building over many years. How sad it would be if we ever took these blessings for granted or if we failed to teach our children in words and actions that our school is a great blessing for us as we strive to raise our children in the fear of the Lord.

## Other News

### ***Enrollment Committee Report - New Families***

**Matt Velthouse**

**Enrollment Committee Chair**

Each year in June and July, the Enrollment Committee of ACS welcomes new parents to school (or via Zoom/Teams) to interview them regarding the enrollment of their families, who are new to Adams. This year, we had a whopping 13 families to interview, which is more than any in recent memory; perhaps ever.

During these visits, we ask them questions regarding the policies of the school, basis of belief and statement of purpose, review the tuition payment policy, and discuss any needs their child(ren) might have in the upcoming year. This is a very enjoyable aspect of Board work.

Please join me in welcoming the following families to Adams this year:

#### ***Todd and Denise Griffioen***

Hello! We are Todd and Denise (Doezema) Griffioen. We have been married for 7 years and are members of Trinity PRC. Todd owns a company called Fence Solutions and Denise is a stay-at-home mom. Our oldest son, Mason, is very excited to start Kindergarten at Adams this year! His little brother, Noah, who is 2 1/2, would really like to go to Mason's new school too. Mason tells him he needs to wait until he is 5 just like him. Our youngest is Allie, who is 4 months old. She is very loved and protected by her big brothers. We enjoy just about anything outdoors: swimming, quadding, biking, and spending time at the cottage. We are looking forward to sending our kids to Adams and getting to know all the families!







### **Charlie and Monica Hoekstra**

**W**e are Charlie and Monica Hoekstra, along with our three children: Theodore (5), Thomas (4), Millie (8 months). Charlie grew up going to Hope PRCS and graduated from Grand Valley University. He works for Kalsbeek Plumbing. Monica went to Adams, and now Theodore will be the fourth generation to do so. We are members at Southeast PRC. As a family we enjoy swimming at the pool, going to the zoo, and playing games. We look forward to sending our children to Adams!

### **Alex and Katrina Kaiser**

**A**lex and Katrina Kaiser and their three children are members at Southeast Protestant Reformed Church. Anthony is very excited to attend Kindergarten this year with lots of his church friends. His little brothers, Daniel and Jeremy, will surely miss him when he is gone at school!

Alex is a business owner and enjoys his work improving people's homes. At his own home he can be found sprucing up the lawn or building something. Katrina stays busy keeping the home and her three boys in order. She enjoys playing the piano or baking in her little bit of free time. The Kaisers are all very excited to becoming part of the Adams Christian School family this year!







### ***Tyler and Bethany Kamps***

**H**ello! We are the Kamps family, and we are excited to join the ACS family. Tyler ('06 ACS grad) works at Kamps Hardwoods doing sales and purchasing. Bethany is an elementary teacher and currently staying at home. Holland (5) is starting kindergarten in Mrs. Decker's room and loves ballet, Graham (2) keeps busy with riding his bike and playing with monster trucks, and Cohen (6 mo.) is enjoying the love of his older siblings and learning new skills every day. As a family we love traveling, hiking, and biking. We live in Caledonia and attend Grace PRC. We are looking forward to meeting more families and developing relationships at ACS.

### ***Joel and Liz Koerner***

**H**i! We are the Joel and Elizabeth Koerner family! As a family we attend Southeast PRC. Joel works for the Public Works department for the City of Wyoming and Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom. We have two boys; Micah is 5 and is going into kindergarten. He loves riding his bike, cars, monster trucks, and playing with his friends. Noah is 3 and enjoys playing with his brother, riding his bike and running around the neighborhood. Elizabeth went to Heritage and Joel went to Adams, and we look forward to being part of the Adams community as parents!







### **Nic and Emily Looyenga**

**H**ello! We are Nic and Emily Looyenga. Nic and I live in Zeeland and attend Grandville PRC. We have been married for six years and have three sweet boys. Oliver is the oldest and is heading into kindergarten this year! Anthony is three years old and loves to be around Oliver laughing and playing. Our youngest is Braxton. Braxton is a year old and tries to get in on the wrestling whenever the older two boys are playing.

Nic is a detective for the Kent County Sheriff's Office, while I stay at home and watch our three wonderful kids. We are truly blessed to be a part of the communion of the saints in the Protestant Reformed Churches and look forward to sending our kids to Adams where we know they will grow not only in knowledge, but also grow in their love for our Lord.

### **Scott and Shelby Mingerink**

**H**i there! We are Scott and Shelby Mingerink, and we have been married for 8 years and have three children. Brahm (5 years), Calum (3 years), and Lennon (2 months). We attend Southeast PRC.

Scott works in sales at Lakeland Pallets and Shelby spends her days at home with the kids. As a family we enjoy spending time outdoors where Shelby enjoys gardening and the boys like collecting eggs from the chickens daily. We enjoy time spent with family and friends as well.

Brahm spends most of his time playing Legos, drawing, or riding his bike. He is very excited to start kindergarten!

We give thanks to God for Adams Christian school and the opportunity to send our children there.





### **Joe and Audra Ophoff**

Greetings from Colorado, As I write this reintroduction to the community in Michigan, we are packing up our house and saying goodbye to the church family here in Loveland. The last year has been a wild ride, but we are thankful to our Father in Heaven for his gracious provision each step of the way. After nearly ten years in Loveland, we have the joyous opportunity to come back to Michigan and follow the Lord's will for our lives. Audra and I have been married for sixteen years and have five children, four of which will be fellow students in the school this year: Isaac (14) Judah (11) Alexandra (9) Ramona (6) and Cecilia (3). A special thank you to the school board for working with us to get our kids enrolled this year with such an abbreviated timeline. I could write more about our family, but we're pretty outgoing and gregarious folk, so you'll get to know us regardless. We are looking forward to rekindling old friendships and getting to know a whole new generation of Adams supporters!



### **Eric and Annie Pastoor**

Hello! We are Eric, Annie (Kalsbeek), Fern (5) and Tyse (3) Pastoor. We were married in 2007 and were overjoyed in 2018 when God, in His good timing blessed us with Fern. Eric works for Kalsbeek Plumbing and Annie sincerely enjoys her calling as a mother in the home. As a family we love being outside as much as we can, and swimming is a favorite activity. Although sending Fern to school will be bittersweet, we cannot wait to realize the blessing of our God-given Christian schools.



**Jordan and Anna Mae Pipe**

After a warm-up with preschool, we are glad to officially be at Adams! Jordan (5) finished preschool and has been asking all summer why kindergarten hasn't started yet. Emily (4) will be attending Adams' preschool and has had her backpack packed since June 1. Marcus (2) will be happily staying home with Mom. We have thoroughly enjoyed the summer, gardening, boating, biking, going to the beach, ice cream shop, pool, library, and zoo. We have high hopes that school will be just as fun. Jordan works in sales at Packaging Corporation of America, and we are members at Southeast PRC.

**Chad and Naomi Vanderveen**

Hello! We are the Canadian Vanderveen family! Chad and Naomi and our 4 blessings, Makayla, Reed, Lucas and Silas. We started an exciting new chapter in life living in Michigan this summer! Chad works for Walinga as a supply chain manager and I, Naomi, spend my days at home with the kids. Makayla, 7th grade, loves all things animals and spends many hours reading books and creating art pieces. Reed, 5th grade, and Lucas, 3<sup>rd</sup>, are all hockey, soccer, baseball, video games and dirt bikes. Silas, preschool, is found playing with his tractors or trying to keep up to his big brothers!

We come from a small Canadian Reformed church and school community, and look forward to the new larger God-glorifying community we are joining here at Adams!





***Tyler and Lexi Wassink***

**H**i! We are Tyler, Lexi, KayLeese & Margaret Wassink! We are excited to officially begin our school career at Adams! KayLeese attended Adams Preschool last year, and Lexi is an Adams graduate from many years and many changes to the school ago!

A little bit about us... Tyler is a diesel mechanic, working at his shop in Jamestown or on the road for his customers. He enjoys all things diesel and powered, and rises to the challenge of owning a business and being a very involved husband and father. Lexi stays home with the girls (with the occasional home office day for the business) and enjoys gardening, baking, cooking, going for walks, thrifting and reading. KayLeese (5 years) also loves many of the same things as her mom does, and she is a very creative, smart, and helpful girl! She is looking forward to being in class with her cousin, Holland, and really looks forward to learning to read! Margaret (1.5 years) loves to follow everyone around, ride the Gator with KayLeese, and look at books.

As a family, we really enjoy boating, camping, gardening, truck & tractor shows/pulls, and just being together.

We attend Georgetown PRC and live in Byron Center. We look forward to finding our place here at Adams, serving and growing alongside all the other families here!

***Jared and Karli Zandstra***

**H**ello! We are the Zandstras. Our oldest, Maylee, is starting kindergarten this year. We have a two-year-old, Grayden, who will miss her quite a bit on school days and we're expecting our third child in October. We are so thankful for Adams and are looking forward to many years of being a part of this school.





## Class Lists

Total of 120 families and 280 students

### Kindergarten

**Mrs. Nancy Decker**

**KA – 15 students**

Bodbyl	Josie
Hanko	Travis
Kaiser	Charlotte
Kamps	Holland
Kooienga	Jayla
Kregel	Eloise
Looyenga	Oliver
Lubbers	David
Miersma	Miriam
Mingerink	Isaac
Postma	Tate
Schipper	Rose
Van Overloop	Davis
Vander Kolk	Michael
Wassink	KayLeese

**Mrs. Sara Kalsbeek**

**KB – 18 students**

Dijkstra	Isaiah
Elzinga	Samuel
Griffioen	Mason
Hoekstra	Theodore
Kaiser	Anthony
Koerner	Micah
Koole	Caleb
Kortering	Colin
Langerak	Josie
McKinney	Tillie
Mingerink	Brahm
Oosterbaan	Logan
Pastoor	Fern
Pipe	Jade
Pipe	Jordan
Spriensma	Remy
Van Til	Sally
Zandstra	Maylee

### First Grade

**Mrs. Karen Ensink**

**1A – 15 students**

Dykshorn	Milo
Elzinga	Alice
Jabaay	Jacob
Kamps	Wyatt
Karsemeyer	Jack
Langerak	Eleanor
Langerak	Hayden
McKinney	Holten
Mingerink	Clara
Ophoff	Luke
Schipper	Jacob
Thalen	Eden
Van Solkema	Leo
Vanden Toorn	Bridget
VanRee	Blair

**Mrs. Annica Kuiper**

**1B – 15 students**

Bodbyl	Asher
Bruinsma	August
Brummel	Gabriel
Dykstra	Mason
Elzinga	Kayla
Griffioen	Ashlyn
Kalsbeek	Simon
Karsemeyer	Emmalyn
Knott	Theodore
Kortering	Remi
Lehnert	Roman
Van Donselaar	Kenneth
Van Til	Jude
Vander Kolk	Everly
Westhuis	Olivia

### Second Grade

**Miss Heidi Gritters**

**2A - 18 students**

Bodbyl	Asher
Bruinsma	August
Brummel	Gabriel
Dykstra	Mason
Elzinga	Kayla
Griffioen	Ashlyn
Kalsbeek	Simon
Karsemeyer	Emmalyn
Knott	Theodore
Kortering	Remi
Lehnert	Roman
Ophoff	Ramona
Van Donselaar	Kenneth
Van Til	Jude
Vander Kolk	Everly
Westhuis	Olivia

**Miss Lynnae Miedema**

**2B – 17 students**

Essenburg	Rosalie
Flikkema	Violet
Hall	Grayson
Kooienga	Adalynn
Kregel	Bennett
Kuiper	Addilyn
Kuiper	Jude
Maatman	Calvin
Medemblik	Bentley
Mingerink	Daniel
Pipe	Abigail
Schipper	Breck
Sleda	Raelle
Van Til	Roman
Vander Kolk	Lilah
VanMeeteren	Weston
Westhuis	Levi



**Third Grade****Miss Marissa Holstege****3 – 23 students**

Bodbyl	Levi
Bodbyl	Quinton
Buiter	Quinn
De Vries	Lucas
Dijkstra	Ka'Mya
Elzinga	Derek
Engelsma	Piper
Feenstra	Brynlee
Hekstra	Bristol
Jabaay	Mason
Kalsbeek	Hazel
Kamps	Jonah
Kerkstra	Stella
Kuiper	Nash
Lehnert	Gabriella
Miersma	Titus
Schipper	Alaina
Van Solkema	Stella
Vanden Toorn	Kate
Vanderveen	Lucas
VanMeeteren	Hudson
VanRee	Danica
Velthouse	Emerson

**Fourth Grade****Mr. Phil Wigger****4A – 19 students**

Brummel	Rose
Deemter	Maddox
Dijkstra	Lachlan
Dykshorn	Kenna
Engelsma	Zoe
Griffioen	Alexander
Hall	Everett
Hanko	Zachary
Kamps	Amos
Kortering	Beckham
Kuiper	Nolan
McKinney	Maximus
Medemblik	Kaden
Mingerink	Selah
Mingerink	Sylvia
Van Overloop	Kenslee
Van Til	James
VanDenBerg	Olive
Velthouse	Isabel

**Miss Brianna Meulenberg****4B – 20 students**

Bleyenbergh	Malia
Doezema	Joseph
Dykstra	Addison
Flikkema	Olivia
Kamps	Genevieve
Karsemeyer	Derek
Kooienga	Liam
Koole	Josie
Kuiper	Cody
Landheer	Landon
Langerak	William
Miersma	Caleb
Mingerink	Caleb
Mingerink	Elijah
Oosterbaan	Cole
Ophoff	Alexandra
Schipper	Mary
Spriensma	Saydie
Van Donselaar	Connie
Van Til	Bennett

**Fifth Grade****Mr. Mike Feenstra****5A – 16 students**

Bodbyl	Ellie
Dykshorn	Hunter
Dykstra	Jade
Elzinga	Kent
Kamps	Jenna
Kooienga	Samantha
Kortering	Evelyn
Kuiper	Hailey
Lubbers	Michael
Mingerink	Weston
Pipe	Claire
Postma	Reegan
Schipper	Willah
Van Overloop	Joash
Vanderveen	Reed
Velthouse	Jade

**Mrs. Renae Baas****5B – 16 students**

Bodbyl	Sofia
Dykstra	Wyatt
Kaiser	Chloe
Kamps	Morgan
Kamps	Sadie
Key	Robyn
Knott	Sydney
Kortering	Tarrin
Kuiper	Collin
Looyenga	Grant
McKinney	Gibson
Mingerink	Kameron
Ten Broeke	Lance
Van Donselaar	Audrey
Vanden Toorn	Evelyn
Vander Kolk	Penelope

**Sixth Grade****Mr. Jon Mingerink****6A – 15 students**

Brummel	Olive
De Vries	Clara
Dykstra	Kadence
Hekstra	Allie
Kuiper	Elsie
Kuiper	Jonah
Kuiper	Quinn
Lubbers	Carter
Mingerink	Willem
Pipe	Macie
Schipper	June
Schipper	Reeve
Van Overloop	Ty
Van Til	Amelia
Vander Kolk	Mya



**Miss Jori Baas**  
**6B – 15 students**

Deemter	Elle
Dijkstra	Pippa
Essenburg	Annabeth
Flikkema	John
Flikkema	Kinley
Hall	Blake
Hanko	Lauren
Kuiper	Logan
Kuiper	Lucas
Langerak	Charlotte
Miersma	Hannah
Ophoff	Judah
Overbeek	Abigail
Steenwyk	Grace
Zandstra	Noah

**Seventh Grade**  
**Mr. Ryan Kregel**  
**7A – 17 students**

Buiter	Lance
Feenstra	Rylee
Kaiser	Tyler Jon
Kalsbeek	Ava
Kamps	Autumn
Kamps	Hannah
Kamps	Noah
Key	Allison

Knott	Justin
Kooienga	Gweneth
Looyenga	Evan
Mingerink	Eloise
Schipper	Jadelyn
Ten Broeke	Ethan
Ten Broeke	Owen
Van Donselaar	Wyatt
Van Til	Annie

**Mrs. Kristin Dykstra**  
**7B – 18 students**

Doezema	Holly
Elzinga	Leah
Engelsma	Dexter
Kamps	Olivia
Kooienga	Dominic
Kooienga	Madison
Kuiper	Finley
Medemblik	Avery
Mingerink	Noah
Postma	Maddilyn
Van Baren	Chase
Van Dyke	Garret
Van Dyke	Kayla
Van Overloop	Sailor
VanDenBerg	Adalyn
Vander Kolk	Ella
Vander Meulen	Tyce
Vanderveen	Makayla

**Eighth Grade**  
**Mrs. Susan Van Koevering**  
**8 – 23 students**

Baas	Addyson
Bleyenbergh	Dana
Dykstra	Natalie
Dykstra	Nicholas
Flikkema	Elaina
Flikkema	Greyson
Hanko	Avery
Hekstra	Joshua
Jabaay	Jack
Kerkstra	Quinn
Koole	Abbie
Kortering	Caleb
Kuiper	Kendra
Lubbers	Brooke
Lubbers	Lucas
McKinney	Graylynn
Mingerink	Sadie
Ophoff	Isaac
Potjer	Laci
Schipper	Violet
Velthouse	Carmen
Velthouse	Hailey
Zandstra	Kaylee



# Just a few reminders!

- School starts Tuesday, September 5 at **8:10a**. Students are dismissed after **3:05p**. Buses leave at **3:15p**. Kindergarten will have half days that first week of school.
- New Bell Schedule:
 

8:10	First Bell
8:15	Tardy Bell
10:00 – 10:15	Recess
10:20	Start of Class Bell
11:55 – 12:35	Lunch
12:40	Start of Class Bell
2:05 – 2:20	K-5 Recess
(2:10 – 2:20)	(6-8 Recess)
2:25	Start of Class Bell
3:05	Final Bell
3:15	Buses leave
- **School Entry:** Just a reminder that during the school day, all school doors will be locked. All visitors can enter the building through Door A.
- If a student stays home because of an illness or any other reason, the **office must be informed prior to 9 AM** by a phone call or parent signed note. Otherwise, they will be issued an **unexcused tardy**.
- **Tardy:** Please be reminded that any student who arrives at school after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell has run (8:15a) will be issued a tardy. If the tardy is due to a legitimate reason, the parents must notify school that morning and it will be considered an **excused tardy**; otherwise, they will be given an **unexcused tardy**. Students cannot excuse themselves.
- If a student must leave during school hours, the student needs to obtain a **“check-out slip”** from the teacher. This slip must be given to the office before leaving school. The student will remain in the office area until a parent arrives. If the student returns the same day, he must stop at the office to get a **“check-in slip”**. The student will not be allowed back into the classroom without this slip.
- **Dress Code reminders:**
  - Please send students to school with good sturdy footwear that covers the toes. No slippers, flip-flops, or sandals.
  - Some changes have been made to the dress code policy to add clarity. Note especially the following:  
*For 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> students, shorts or skirts must be **longer than their fingertips**. Cutoffs and spandex are not appropriate. Leggings and yoga pants are not considered pants and, therefore, must be covered with a **top that is longer than their fingertips**.*

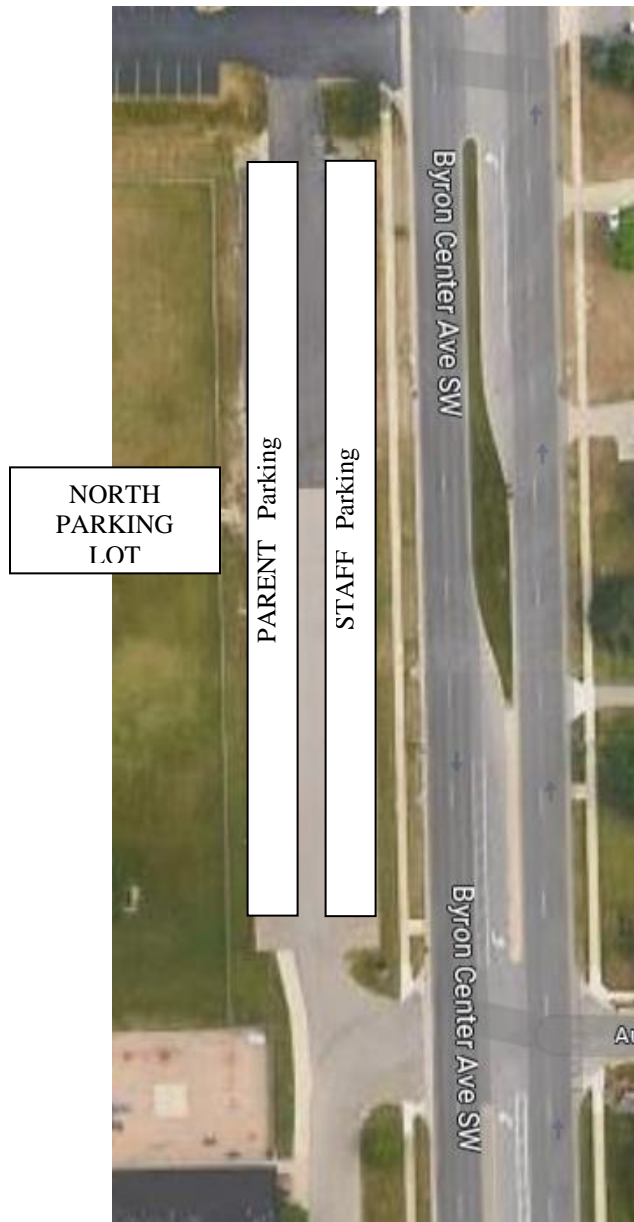
If a dress code violation occurs, your child will be issued a violation slip requiring your signature.
- **Pick up and drop off:** Morning drop-off can occur in either parking lot. If you have younger students, it is best to use the north parking lot (by the playground and baseball field area) since it prevents them from walking around school. Please pull into a parking spot to drop off your children. Stopping your car where other cars are coming and going is a safety problem and will cause congestion if everyone else starts to do it. End of day pick up will occur in the north parking lot.

**Thank you!**



## END OF DAY STUDENT PICKUP: MOVED TO THE NORTH PARKING LOT

For improved safety, car riders will need to be picked up in the **NORTH** parking lot. Please park in the spots along the playground/baseball field so that students don't need to walk across the parking lot to load into your car. Staff will park in the row along the road. Bus loading area will remain the same.





**School Year 2023-2024**

Sept. 5-----First day of school  
15-----School pictures  
Oct. 13-----Field Day  
18-----Grandparents Day Open House  
(half day of school)  
19-20-----PRTI Convention in WI  
27-----Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 23-24-----Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2-----Christmas Break  
Jan. 3-----First day of school in 2024  
Feb. 23-----Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Mar. 22-----Spring Program  
Mar.29-Apr. 5-----Spring Break  
May 1-----Kindergarten Program  
May 24-----Graduation