

From the desk of the Superintendent. ~



Dear Tawas Area Students, Staff and Community:

With the school year recently coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments achieved by our students and staff. Once again, students and staff have met the challenges and expectations that the community has for them.

- Tawas Area High School has been rated as a “BEST” high school by the US News and World Report. Tawas High School ranked 4024 in the Nation, and 134 in the State.
- The high school science olympics team took second in the region, capturing eight first place finishes, and ten second place finishes.
- The middle school science olympics team finished fifth in the region.
- In March, our high school choir program competed in the District Choir Festival and received a first division rating in sight reading and received an overall second division rating.
- We had 20 high school students and 12 middle school students qualify for the District 9 All-Star Band.
- In February, our middle school and high school bands received first divisional ratings at the District 9 Band Festival.
- In March, our high school band qualified and participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival where we received eleven first division ratings and five second division ratings, and our jazz band received a second divisional rating at the State Jazz Festival.
- Jack Busch signed to play football at Adrian College.
- Colleen Kubisiak signed to play soccer at St. Clair Community College.
- Taelyn Eberline signed to play volleyball at Alpena Community College.
- Abigail Herbolsheimer signed to play soccer at North Central University in Minnesota.
- Audrey Alexander qualified for the State Bowling Competition and placed 57th.
- Luke Martin, Lukas Herrick, Isabella Urban, and Trace Reay qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament. Trace Reay placed 7th, and Lukas Herrick placed 6th.
- Our boys basketball team won a District Championship.
- Our boys relay team placed 17th in the state, and our girls relay team placed 14th in the state.
- Reese Cadorette placed 12th in the state for the 100 and 200 meter races, and 14th in the 400 meter race.
- Addison Cota placed 5th in the state for the 100 hurdles and 4th in the state for the 300 hurdles.

Along with the academic, athletic, and fine arts accomplishments this year, Tawas Area School District is also continuing to improve its safety features in all buildings. Throughout the summer, both buildings are having the secured entrance software updated and additional door fobs added. We have also added vape detectors in strategic locations in our high school/middle school building for the health and safety of our students. And finally, some staff members will be participating in a county-wide safety practice being hosted at Hale Area Schools in August.

Other projects that we are accomplishing over the summer include: boiler and unit ventilator updates, ceiling tiles are being upgraded, kiosks are being replaced, the new gym floor is being resurfaced, and a new high school/middle school sign is being installed.

Tawas Area Schools has a long history of excellence in academics, athletics, and fine arts. As professional educators we continually strive to improve individually and as a district. During these unprecedented times, Tawas Area School District is working to establish plans on how to continue providing a quality education as we adapt to the challenges presented by the Coronavirus. Collectively, we remain committed to preparing our students to be career and college ready and to providing our students an excellent educational opportunity.

In closing, I would like to thank the community and families for your support during the school year, and the joint effort, and teamwork that it takes to educate our students. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Sincerely,
John Klinger, Superintendent*