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## South Walnut Elementary

### Making Memories at the Mother and Son Dance



South Walnut boys had fun dancing the night away with the mother figures in their lives during a Mother and Son dance, held on March 10. The event was organized by the Bangor High School student council. Bangor senior Abel Muñoz (stage name DJ Eulove) provided the music.

### Second Graders Sing for Seniors and Special Guest, Radio Host Paul Layendecker



Ms. Dawn Wade's second grade class sang to attendees of the senior luncheon this month, and were also recorded by Cozy 103.7 morning Radio host Paul Layendecker. The event was broadcast on the radio that following Saturday of the same week. Mr. Chris Measzros directed the students' musical performance.

### Reading Month Activities



South Walnut celebrated Reading month with several fun activities. Students participated in a family Scavenger Hunt in which the students and their families search around town to find Peter Rabbit at various local places. Those who found all the pictures were then entered into a drawing to win a prize. Other reading month activities included celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday, reading with a flashlight (Flashlight Friday) and more.

### February Students Of The Month



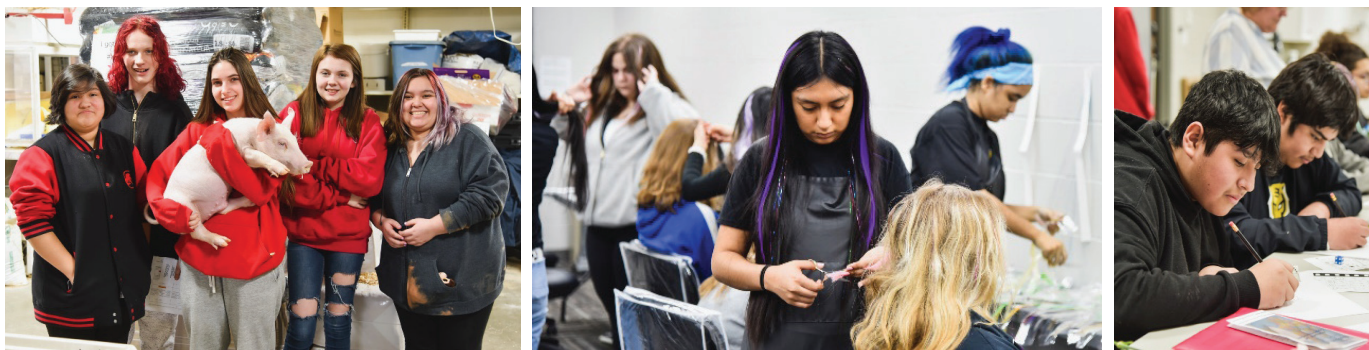
## Bangor Middle School

### Middle School Band Receives a Division 1 Rating



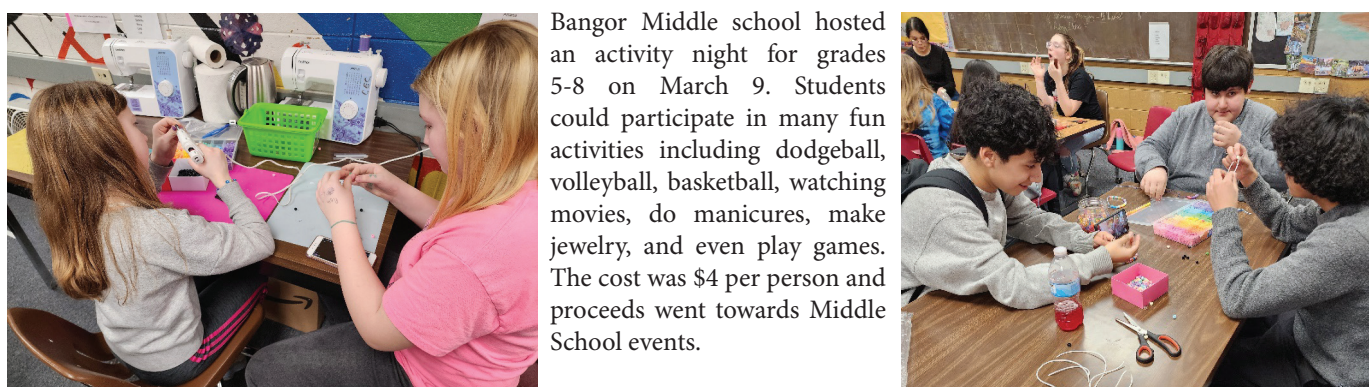
The Bangor Middle School Band received a 1 Rating for band festival from all judges at the MSBOA District 6 festival in Paw Paw. "The band really had a shining moment in sight reading," stated Band Director Tiana Doe.

### 8th Graders Visit The Van Buren Technology Center



8th graders took a trip to the Van Buren Technology Center this month, to experience what the Center has to offer. Students may begin taking VoTech classes in high school.

### Students Enjoy Activity Night



Bangor Middle school hosted an activity night for grades 5-8 on March 9. Students could participate in many fun activities including dodgeball, volleyball, basketball, watching movies, do manicures, make jewelry, and even play games. The cost was \$4 per person and proceeds went towards Middle School events.

## Bangor High School

### Bangor Robotics Competes In St. Joseph



On March 10 and 11 the Bangor High School Robotic team traveled to St. Joseph to compete in their first competition of the school year.

### High School Band Receives a Division 1 Rating



On March 8, the Bangor High School Band performed at the MSBOA District 6 Band and Orchestra Festival, held at Paw Paw High School. Bangor earned a Division 1 rating from all judges, including in sight reading. "I am so proud of this fantastic group of students. They worked very hard for this performance," stated Band director, Tiana Doe

### Bangor Alum Kate (Skarrit) Swanborg to be Guest Speaker at Graduation



The Guest Speaker for the 2023 Bangor High School graduation will be Bangor Alum Kate (formerly Skarrit) Swanborg, whom is the current Senior Vice President of Technology Communications and Strategic Alliances for DreamWorks Animation. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the studio's worldwide technology communications and business-to-business alliance efforts on behalf of the studio's technology partners. Kate also works with the producers and filmmakers of DreamWorks' feature films such as *Shrek*, *Kung Fu Panda*, *How To Train Your Dragon*, *Trolls*, and most recently, *Puss In Boots*, *The Last Wish*.

Through collaboration with DreamWorks' world-class engineers and technicians, Kate identifies technology innovations that enable the artists at DreamWorks to bring their imaginations to life. Mrs. Swanborg is a proud graduate of Bangor High School's class of 1988, and is also a graduate of Western Michigan University and the University of California, San Diego.

### Black History Month Program Features Dancers and Several Speakers

A Black History month program was held on Monday, February 27 at Bangor High School. The evening included a performance from Bangor senior Abel Muñoz of the National Anthem and a Barry White song, followed by history trivia with prizes, Spoken Word performances from Charles Peterson aka the Poet, a dance performance from the Benton Harbor based group "The Ones," another Spoken Word performance from Danny Jennings, a song performance by Joyce Peterson and Son, a history reading from Samara Russell, family spotlight speech from Farah Abdul-Haqq Green, a poetry reading from 3rd grader Hamzah Green, and Keynote speech/song from school board member Dwayne Johnson. Attendees then enjoyed a soul food meal following the performances. Bangor alumni Cam London was the MC of the event.



## Bangor Career Academy

**CLASS OF 2023**  
You are a **GRADUATE!**  
CONGRATULATIONS **ISAIAH LAFOND**  
on passing your 4th GED Test!

### SAT and PSAT Testing Starts in April

**11th & 12th GRADERS:** We will be administering the SAT testing series here at the high school immediately following Spring Break on **April 11, 12, and 13** starting each day at **8:00 AM**. All Michigan GED students who are enrolled as 11th graders are required to take this 3-day **IN-PERSON** exam series, as well as any 12th graders who did not take the SAT last year. We will be sending out full details in early March.

**9th GRADERS:** All 9th grade GED students will be scheduled to take the **PSAT Test IN-PERSON** here at the high school on **Wednesday, April 12th** at **8:00AM**.

**10th GRADERS:** All 10th grade GED students will be scheduled to take the **PSAT Test IN-PERSON** here at the high school on **Thursday, April 13th** at **8:00AM**.



### PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Students must be age 5 on or before September 1, 2023 to register for Kindergarten. Students must be age 4 on or before December 1, 2023 to register for Preschool.

**Parents MUST bring:**

- Birth Certificate
- Valid Picture I.D.
- Immunization Records
- 2 proofs of residency
- Proof of last year's dental exam (kindergarten only)
- Last year's tax records (preschool only)

**Wednesday, April 12th**  
12:00 - 6:30 PM (Kindergarten)  
3:00- 6:00 PM (Preschool)

**Kindergarten Location:** South Walnut Elementary (269) 427-6863  
**Preschool Location:** Apple Tree Preschool (269) 427-6840

### SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

**JOIN US**

**BOND PROPOSAL COMMUNITY PRESENTATION**  
Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 pm  
Bangor High School  
Learn more at [www.bangorvikings.org](http://www.bangorvikings.org)

On May 2, 2023, our community will vote on a school bond proposal for Bangor Public Schools

If approved by voters, this bond will provide \$7,250,000 for district-wide improvements with **no tax rate increase** expected over the current tax rate

The proposed projects focus on:

- Safety
- Educational Improvements

**NO TAX RATE INCREASE EXPECTED OVER THE CURRENT RATE**

### Senior Luncheon

12:30 p.m. at the Bangor High School Cafeteria

**Senior Citizen Luncheon Schedule:**

- Mar. 29th, 2023
- April 26th, 2023
- May 31st, 2023

Free lunch for any senior citizen aged 62 years and up, residing within the Bangor School District. Come out and have lunch, enjoy student entertainment, and updates about great things happening at Bangor Public Schools!

