



The Viking Voice

October 2025

Monthly



Dear Cook County Families,

It is hard to believe we have already turned the calendar to October! The first month of school has been full of energy, learning and community, and I am excited to share a few highlights from across our PreK-12 community.

At Sawtooth Mountain Elementary, our youngest Vikings are settling into strong routines. We kicked off the year with an all school assembly in which we talked about how we can promote success for each and respect for all. Niigaanosedaa–Manaaji'didaa Gakina Awiya. We are inviting all of our students to lead together and show respect. Their enthusiasm is contagious and sets the tone for the whole building.

Our Middle School students have already had the chance to learn beyond the classroom walls. Early fall Exploratory Day trips have taken groups into the Boundary Waters, up to the end of the Gunflint Trail, and over to Grand Portage. These experiences help spark curiosity and connect students more deeply to this unique place we call home.

In High School, students are preparing for the excitement of Homecoming next week. Spirit days, pep fests, and after-school competitions all bring our community together, but what stands out the most is the leadership our older students are showing. From applying for National Honor Society to working with our younger students in the building, they're modeling what it means to be role models both inside and outside the classroom.

I also want to share a reminder that we are currently looking to add people to our great team. We currently have teacher, para, bus driver and substitute openings that we need to hire. All of these roles are vital to our school, and even a part-time commitment can make a huge difference. If you or someone else you know may be interested, please check out job postings on our school web page (cookcountyschools.org), or reach out to the District Office directly.

Thank you to all of the families for helping us get our school year off to a great start. I am grateful everyday to serve as the Principal at Cook County Schools, and I look forward to all that's ahead this school year.

All the best,
Josh Belanger,
Principal
Cook County Schools

WELCOME
BACK CCS!





LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER 4 BOND REFERENDUM

Visit our dedicated website for more information at VikingsVision.org.



Vikings Vision Referendum: Watch Your Mailbox for Your Ballot!

This fall, Cook County Schools is asking our community to consider a \$6.65 million bond referendum to support vital improvements in our arts, activities, and outdoor learning facilities. If approved, the referendum will unlock a one-time \$5 million grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), allowing our district to complete \$11.65 million in total upgrades—an opportunity that may not come again.

As a special election, all voting for this referendum will take place by mail. Registered voters can expect a ballot to be mailed to them during the second week of October. Please watch your mailbox, vote, and return your ballot as soon as it arrives. If you need a replacement ballot or prefer to vote in person, you can do so at the Cook County Courthouse on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What are we voting on? – The referendum’s proposed improvements include modernizing the Arrowhead Center for the Arts with new accessible seating, a catwalk, and projection screen; building a safe, durable track and turf field for physical education and multiple student sports/activities; upgrading our baseball field and outdoor amenities; and enhancing outdoor classrooms and nature-focused learning spaces. These changes will help our students perform, compete, and learn safely—right here at home.

Learn more at www.vikingsvision.org/vote



EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS!

Hey Cook County Schools!
Did you know we have TWO
Early Dismissal Days this academic school year?

November 3, 2025

March 9, 2026

- On these days, the school day will end two hours early at 1:15 pm
- Buses will be dropping off students approximately two hours earlier than normal
- Students in grades 6-12 will have shortened class periods that follow the schedule below:

Period 1	8:05-9:05
5 Minute Passing Time	
Period 2	9:10-10:05
5 Minute Passing Time	
Period 3	10:10-11:05
5 Minute Passing Time	
HS Advisory / MS Lunch	11:10-11:40
5 Minute Passing Time	
MS Period 3 / HS Lunch	11:45-12:15
5 Minute Passing Time	
Period 4	12:20-1:15



This month Sawtooth students are learning about color in the art room with Ms. Mila. In partnership with Ojibwe class, students have also created a mural of stars that includes the phrases "Maamaawi epaaskaakoneseyang! We all shine together!" and "Gakina awiia anang awiyang! Everyone is a star!" Ask your Sawtooth students if they can say the words for you! If you would like to say, "You shine" to them you could say "Gidepaaskaakonase" (gid-ay-pahs-kaa-ko-nay-say).

Miigwech- Ms. Mila, Ms. Margaret, and Ms. Barras



Ms. Osgood and Mr. Chandler's 3rd grade classes studied fungi in September

Sawtooth Mountain Elementary News

Sawtooth Student Council is starting off the year strong with three returning 5th grade members: Oscar Belanger, Brynn McCormick, and Brennan Sandstrom. These 5th graders were elected last November and have been honing their leadership skills already this school year! These three will be joined by four more 4th or 5th grade students in the upcoming November Sawtooth Student Council election.

Last year, the 5th grade class (current 6th graders) started the tradition of reading the pledges to the American flag (read in English) and the Grand Portage flag (read in Ojibwe) during Monday morning announcements. This year's 5th grade class wanted to continue that practice and Brynn, Oscar, and Brennan have taken on the challenge of learning the Grand Portage pledge and leading the school by saying the pledge in the month of September.

Student Council hopes to take on more leadership roles this year. They have voiced the desire to have more Grand Portage flags around school, to help lead activities again during Kindergarten Round Up, and to have an active role in Sawtooth Student Council elections this year. We look forward to making this a great school year!





Boozhoo gakina awiya! (Hello everyone!)

Amanda Barras indizhinikaaz. (My name is Amanda Barras) This is my 10th year teaching at Sawtooth and I am overjoyed to be joining Margaret Noodin as an Ojibwe teacher in Sawtooth this year. Ms. Margaret and I teach in all classes Kindergarten and 2nd-5th days every four days and preK and 1st grade every other day! It has been so much fun to meet and get to know all the students!

We have been working with school staff and community members to integrate Ojibwe Language and Culture into so many great projects!

- *Sawtooth classrooms will soon have the addition of Grand Portage tribal flags, as requested by many students and staff!*
- *Look for Ojibwe words in the hallway art mural Art teacher Ms. Mila and her students created!*
- *The Cathy's Coffee Cart crew is working with us to find ways to incorporate Ojibwe language into their signage and work.*
- *5th graders are creating posters with Ojibwe phrases we hope to hear more at school, like "Mino-gigizheb!" (Good morning!) and "Ginibwaakaa!" (You are smart!").*
- *Recognizing Boarding School Remembrance Day and Treaty Day as a school.*
- *Collaborating with Native Teaching Aids to create Ojibwe language posters for classrooms, the playground, the cafeteria, and Phy Ed classes.*
- *Meeting with North House to integrate Ojibwe language, culture, and Grand Portage history accurately into programming for 3rd-5th grades.*

Specific topics we are covering with our Sawtooth classes will be shared on social media and in a newsletter sent home with students soon.

Some words you can practice at home with any preK-5th grade students:

Boozhoo (hello), mino-gigizheb (good morning), miigwech (thank you), and Waatebagaa-giizis (September). You can find pronunciations of these words and more resources on ojibwe.net or on Ojibwe People's Dictionary at <https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>.

Miigwech!

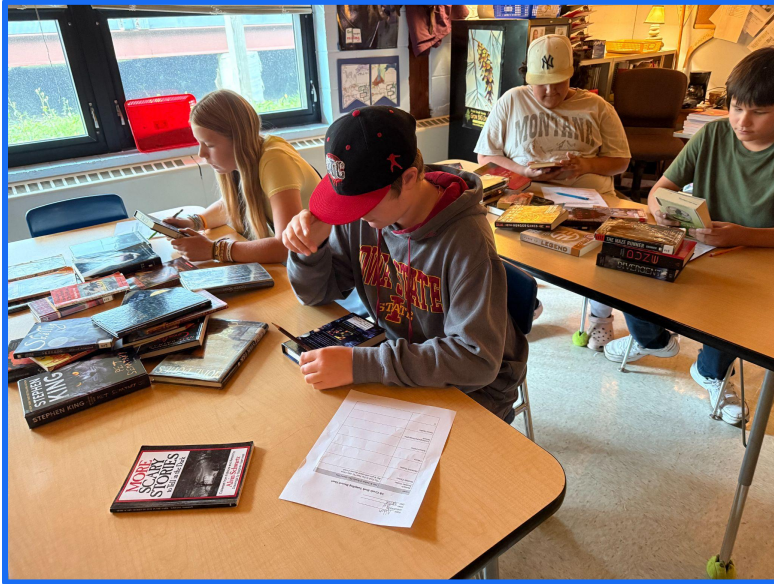
Margaret Noodin and Amanda Barras



Cook County Middle School News



Students at Cook County Middle School perused the ELA classroom library during the annual fall “book tasting event”. Each table featured a different genre. The middle schoolers are ready to take on the challenge of reading 20 books this school year!



Middle School “Exploratory Day” took the 6th graders to Sawbill Lake for a day in September!

Cook County High School Nordic Ski Team 2025-26 Season!



What: High School Cross Country Ski Team

Who: 7th-12th grade (there is a nordic 6th grade club, too)

Prior experience is not required

We have a great coaching staff to help beginners to advanced athletes!

When: Season runs from mid-November to mid-February

November 10th: *First day of Regular Practice*

Where: Practices are at *Pincushion Ski Trails*

Bus transportation *is provided* to Pincushion from ISD & GES

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm (Mon-Fri)

- Why:**
- * Everyone can participate and race - no cuts
 - * *Ski equipment is available - no fee*
 - * Great way to be active in the winter & make new friends
 - * It's fun: Ski Camp at Bearskin, Fun Fridays & great team spirit

Want to join? Or have questions?

Please contact:

Jeanne Wright, Head Coach: 218-370-9307 or wright@boreal.org

*** If you are planning to be part of the team, let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss/plan for any equipment needs.*






New York

Friday, October 10th, 2025
Time: 8-10:30

Sawtooth Elementary Gym
\$15.00 each, or couples are \$25.00

HOCO DANCE 2025

CCHS Homecoming Week
Oct 6-10, 2025

Spirit Week:

- Monday Oct 6: Jersey Day
- Tuesday Oct 7: Twin Day
- Wednesday Oct 8: Tropical Day
- Thursday Oct 9: Spirit Day
- Friday Oct 10: Pink out





Counselor Kelly's Corner

Every student is “college material.” This core belief is the driving idea behind the Office of Higher Education’s Direct Admissions program.

This program notifies graduating high school seniors from participating Minnesota high schools that there are multiple partner colleges and universities who are eager to admit them based on their academic records and their projected graduation date. This program will allow students to apply with confidence, knowing that the “will I get in?” question has already been answered with a “YES!”

Early in the school year, seniors at participating high schools who are on track to graduate in the spring will receive personalized acceptance letters from the Minnesota colleges and universities participating in the program. A student’s acceptance into the college is based on their unweighted GPA, courses taken and the colleges general admissions requirements. All participating colleges and universities waive application fees as part of the Direct Admissions program.

Also, October is College Knowledge Month where students can apply to Minnesota postsecondary institutions without paying an application fee during the month of October.

Juniors and Seniors



- Tuesday, October 15th in school. See Ms. Kotowicz to register. DEADLINE to register Tuesday, October 8th.



- Saturday, October 18th. Register at act.org DEADLINE to register is September 12th.
- Saturday, April 11th. DEADLINE to REGISTER is Friday, March 6th.
- Saturday, June 13th. DEADLINE to REGISTER is Friday, March 6th.



- Tuesday, March 10th. District ACT ONLY sign up with Ms. Kotowicz. The District ACT will be taken during the school day. Cost is \$69.50. Payments can be made on the Campus Parent portal under School Store. See Ms. Kotowicz if you need assistance. **Registration deadline is February 27th**



- Saturday, November 8th. Register at act.org DEADLINE to register is October 24th.
- Saturday, March 8th. DEADLINE to REGISTER is Friday, February 27th.



- Thursday, February 6th in school. See Ms. Kotowicz to register. DEADLINE to register Thursday, January 30th



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**COOK COUNTY
ECFE PRESENTS:**

GIGGLES AND WIGGLES *Open Playdate* AT THE YMCA

For Children Birth-5 years
Giggles and Wiggles drop-in
sessions provide an opportunity
for gross motor skills, as well as
social, emotional, and
cognitive skills.

**Tuesday
Mornings
Sept. - May
9:00-9:45
except
12/30 and 3/24**

Sept. and Oct

Meet at the YMCA
playground , if its raining
we'll play in the YMCA
gym.

Nov-March

Meet in the YMCA gym.

April-May

Meet at the YMCA
playground , if its raining
we'll play in the YMCA
gym.

**Free No Registration
Required**



PROGRAM QUESTIONS? CONTACT LACEY SMITH LSMITH@ISD166.ORG 218-387-2271 EXT. 408
<https://www.cookcountyschools.org/o/ce/page/ecfe>



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FALL/Winter ECFE ZERO TO THREE PRENATAL-3YEARS OLD

**Now offering
Sept. - May
opportunities**



Join us for a supportive and enriching experience where you can build connections and gain valuable insights into your child's early years! This class is designed for families with children from prenatal to age 3. Parents and caregivers will engage in meaningful discussions and activities focused on early childhood development, guided by a licensed parent educator. Topics are flexible to meet the needs of participating families.

What to Expect:

- Parent Education Time – Engaging discussions led by a licensed parent educator using research-based curriculum.
- Parent-Child Time – Interactive play and learning activities for parents and children together.
- Child Time – Children (ages 1-7) enjoy play and activities with peers, led by a licensed early childhood teacher. (Thursday Evening Class)

Income Level	Fee per 4 week Session (all 0-3)	Fee for each child over 3 (Thursday evening)
120000+	\$44	\$22
\$95,000-119,000	\$34	\$17
\$75,000-94,000	\$30	\$15
\$40,000-74,000	\$24	\$12
\$25,000-39,000	\$12	\$6

**Tuesday Morning 10:30-11:30 AM
at Cook County Schools
Nov. 11, 18, 25 Dec. 2, 9, 16 Jan. 6, 13, 20**

- This class is a non-separating class. While the parent portion is tailored for prenatal through age 3, children ages 0-7 are welcome to attend. Class size is limited to 6 families.



**Thursday Evening 5:00-6:30 PM at
Cook County Schools
Nov. 13, 20 Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan. 8, 15, 22**

- While the parent portion is tailored for prenatal through age 3, childcare is available for children ages 1-7.
- Class size is limited to 8 families. Includes a light evening meal prepared and provided by the Cook County Culinary Arts Students



**Future 2025-2026
Sessions:**

Quarter 3: Jan. - March
Quarter 4: April - May



Register Today! Registration closes 10/31
<https://bit.ly/ecfefallwinter2025>

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Looking for Coaches Late Fall/Winter Activities



Step Up. Inspire. Make a Difference.

Cook County Community Education is seeking volunteer coaches and assistant coaches for our fall youth sports programs. This is a great opportunity to support local kids, build community, and have fun!

We are looking for volunteer Head and Assistant Coaches for:

- **Elementary Basketball Programs (Grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6)**

Most programming starts in mid to late-November (We will share the schedule with you upon interest). No experience needed – we can provide support and training (coaching clinic on Nov. 8 @ 10 am)!

Interested?

Scan the QR code to sign up or email Jens Jacobsen @ jenjacobsen@isd166.org



We are also looking for an esports or drone racing coach to try to establish a middle and/or high school-age program!! Email Jens if interested (jenjacobsen@isd166.org)

Interested in leading a different program for youth or adults this winter? Email Jens!

GRADES K-2 BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 21

Registration
Opens on
Oct. 6

Practice Dates: Saturdays (Schedule will be passed out at first practice)

Season Starts: Dec. 6, 2025 (5:00- 6:30 pm - first week)

Season Ends: Feb. 7, 2026 (No practice on Dec. 27 & Jan. 3)

Key Details

Activities will include warm-up drills, basics of the game of basketball, dribbling, offensive fundamentals, defensive fundamentals, scrimmages, and competitive drills. Parents are responsible for their child(ren)'s transportation to and from practice.

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING:

- CLEAN GYM SHOES
- PROPER ATHLETIC WEAR

GET READY FOR BASKETBALL

LOCATION: SAWTOOTH GYM

REGISTER ONLINE

FEE: \$40
(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

Register through ISD #166 Community Ed:
<https://www.cookcountyschools.org/o/ce>
Email kradeneisd166.org for payment information or call 218-387-2271 ext. 606



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GRADES 3 & 4 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 14

Registration Opens on Oct. 6

Practice Dates: Tuesdays (5 - 6:30 pm) & Thursdays (3:30 - 5 pm) - *Subject to change due to enrollment.* Schedule will be passed out at first practice
Season Starts: Nov. 18, 2025
Season Ends: Feb. 10, 2026 (No practice on Nov. 27, Dec. 23 through Jan. 1)

Key Details
 Activities will include building on the fundamental skills learned and becoming a team player. A practice schedule will include warm-up drills, offensive fundamentals, defensive fundamentals, scrimmages, and competitive drills.

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING:

- CLEAN GYM SHOES
- PROPER ATHLETIC WEAR

GET READY FOR BASKETBALL

LOCATION: SAWTOOTH GYM

REGISTER ONLINE

FEE: \$50
 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

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GRADES 3 & 4 BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION
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- CLEAN GYM SHOES
- PROPER ATHLETIC WEAR

GET READY FOR BASKETBALL

LOCATION: SAWTOOTH GYM

REGISTER ONLINE

FEE: \$50
 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

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GRADES 5 & 6 BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 4

Registration
Opens on
Oct. 6

Practice Dates: Mondays (3:30-5 pm), Wednesdays (5-6:30 pm), & Fridays (Alternating practice times on Fridays 3:30-5 or 5 - 6:30 pm) - *Subject to change due to enrollment.* Schedule will be passed out at first practice

Season Starts: Nov. 10, 2025 (3:30- 5:00 pm - first week)

Season Ends: Feb. 25, 2026 (No practice on Nov. 26, 28, Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, Jan. 19, Feb. 13 & 16)



Key Details

Activities will include warm-up drills, offensive fundamentals, defensive fundamentals, scrimmages, and competitive drills. Athletes will also participate in Saturday games around the Arrowhead (About five Saturdays of 2 games) games! Athletes are responsible for their transportation after practice and for games. Game schedule to be announced at a later date.

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING:

- CLEAN GYM SHOES
- PROPER ATHLETIC WEAR

**GET READY FOR
BASKETBALL**

LOCATION: SAWTOOTH GYM

FEE: \$55

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

REGISTER ONLINE

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GRADES 5 & 6 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 4

Registration
Opens on
Oct. 6

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**GET READY FOR
BASKETBALL**

LOCATION: SAWTOOTH GYM

FEE: \$55

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

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COOK COUNTY CODERS

GRADES 3-6

Registration
Opens on Oct. 6

Open to All Youth in Cook County

(YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR BOTH SESSIONS)



**DATES: SESSION 1 - TUESDAYS OR
SESSION 2 - THURSDAYS**
(NOV. 4, 2025 - FEB. 26, 2026)
(EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND BREAKS)



**TIME & LOCATION: 3:30-4:30 SAWTOOTH
MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER**



COST: \$20 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

FACILITATOR: AMANDA BARRAS

WHAT KIDS WILL LEARN:

Students will learn foundational computer science skills by creating games and animations, solving puzzles, and participating in hands-on activities that will strengthen problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration.

Cap of 15
Participants Per
Session

Made possible through funding support from the Susan Goodell Youth Access and Enrichment Fund & Kids Plus Funds

REGISTER ONLINE



QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION (DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 13)

Register through ISD #166 Community Ed: <https://www.cookcountyschools.org/o/ce>
Email kradeneisd166.org for payment information or call 218-387-2271 ext. 606

BRICK BOTS: INTRO TO LEGO ROBOTICS

GRADES 1-3

Practice Dates: Thursdays (Oct. 23 - Dec. 4)

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1st Season Starts: Oct. 23 **Season Ends:** Dec. 4

Open to ALL Youth in Cook County!

Key Details

Students will explore the basics of robotics by building small creations with LEGO bricks and programming simple movements. This hands-on class introduces problem-solving and creativity while making robots come to life!

REGISTER ONLINE

Register through ISD #166 Community Ed:
<https://www.cookcountyschools.org/o/ce>
Email kradeneisd166.org for payment information or
call 218-387-2271 ext. 606



Location:

- Sawtooth Mountain Elementary - Room 424

Instructor:

- Mindy Jacobsen (for questions about the program, feel free to email Mindy - mjacobsen@isd166.org)

Made possible through funding support from the Susan Goodell Youth Access and Enrichment Fund & Kids Plus Funds

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Cap of 10 youth (Sign up before it fills up).
Registration Opens Oct. 6



FEE: \$35

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCT. 22



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Today's Youth Solving Tomorrow's Challenges

GRADES 6-8

Practice Dates: Tuesdays (Oct. 14-Nov. 18)

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

1st Season Starts: Oct. 23 **Season Ends:** Nov. 18

Open to ALL Youth in Cook County!

Key Details

Students will use science, technology, engineering, and math to solve real problems in our community. Together, we'll brainstorm issues that matter most to us, research solutions, and design creative projects. Along the way, students will practice problem-solving, collaboration, and presentation skills to help make a difference in our Cook County community.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge

Solve for Tomorrow is Samsung's annual STEM competition that challenges students to develop real-world innovations to solve problems in their communities.

Location:

- Sawtooth Mountain Elementary - Room 424

Instructor:

- Mindy Jacobsen (for questions about the program, feel free to email Mindy - mjacobseneisd166.org)

Made possible through funding support from the Susan Goodell Youth Access and Enrichment Fund

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY EDUCATION ISD #166
**Cap of 10 youth (Sign up before it fills up).
Registration Opens Oct. 6**



FEE: \$25

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCT. 13

REGISTER ONLINE

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6TH GRADE NORDIC SKI CLUB REGISTRATION



This ski club is for 6th graders only and is **limited to 4 participants** due to coaching ratios. Intermediate to advanced skiers are encouraged to join

Key Information

Practice Days: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Start Date: Nov. 10 (Season is Nov. - Feb). The schedule will be passed out at practice

Practice Location: Pincushion

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Equipment: All needed equipment will be available for use

Register ASAP to get team info and equipment needed! (Deadline Nov. 6)

FEE: \$40

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

REGISTER ONLINE

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**Aambe Ojibwemodaa Gichi-biitoobiigong!
Come Speak Ojibwe in Grand Marais!**

Would you like to learn some of the Ojibwe language students in Cook County are learning in school?

Room 117 Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 September through May

Ojibwe Language Classroom at Sawtooth Elementary

All ages and levels are welcome.

Email mnoodin@isd166.org with any questions.



**Free
Tutoring!**



- All ages welcome
- myCCHE.org/request-a-tutor

LEARN MORE:

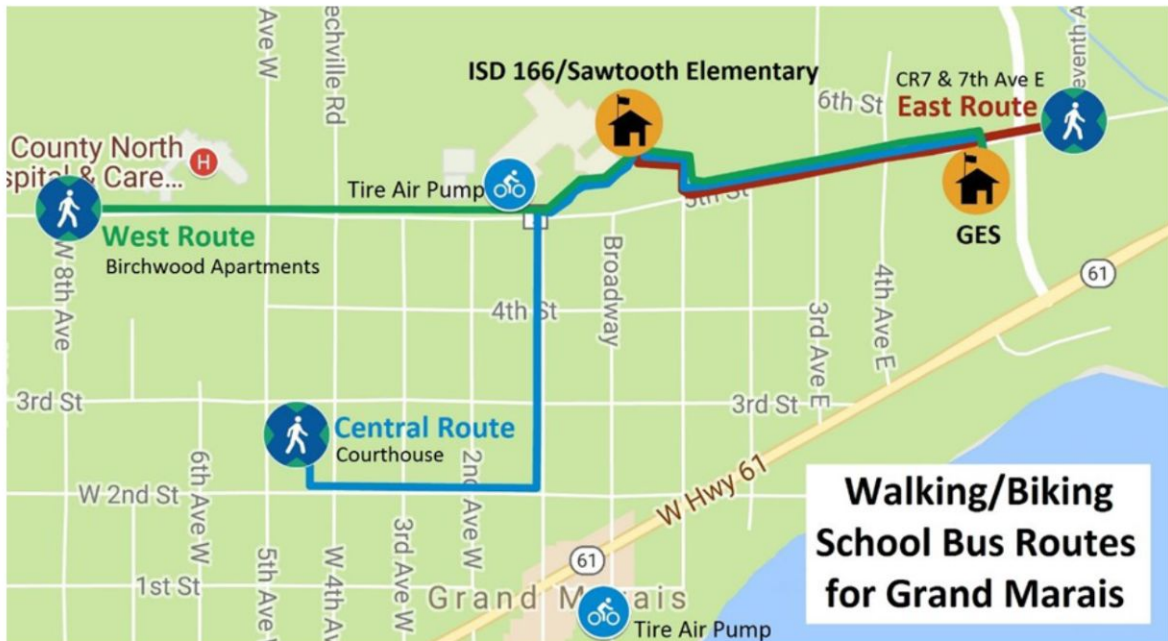


For questions contact
Lenna Stever-Sobanja:
support@myCCHE.org
218-831-3305

National Walk to School Day

Wednesday October 8th

Join the fun and start your day with movement!



Catch a Walking School "Bus" in Grand Marais!

A Walking School Bus is a group of students walking to school together with adult volunteers. It's a fun, safe, and active way to get to school!

Central Route - Departs Courthouse at 7:40am

Community Center - Departs Community Center parking lot at 7:40am

West Route - Departs Birchwood Apartments at 7:30am

East Route - Departs County Rd 7 & 7th Ave. at 7:40am

Questions or want to volunteer?

Scan this QR code --->

<https://tinyurl.com/GMWalktoschool>

Contact : Kristina Campbell Mattson SHIP Coordinator
218-264-9129 or Kristina.mattson@co.cook.mn.us



Calendar October 2025

Thursday, October 2nd

Girls Volleyball @ Fond du Lac Ojibwe

Friday, October 3rd

Boys Football vs. Bigfork, 6pm

Saturday, October 4th

Cross Country @ Duluth

Girls Volleyball @ Moose Lake / Willow River

October 6th-10th

CCHS Homecoming Week

Tuesday, October 7th

Girls Volleyball @ Two Harbors

Wednesday, October 8th

Girls Volleyball vs. Barnum, 6:30pm

Walk to school day

Thursday, October 9th

Boys Football vs. North Woods

Cross Country Pincushion invitational

Friday, October 10th

Homecoming Dance at CCHS, 8:00-10:30pm

Monday, October 13th

Girls Volleyball vs. Silver Bay, 6:30pm

Indigenous People's Day

Stone Soup Day

Tuesday, October 14th

Cross Country @ Proctor

Elementary Special Lunches

Girls Volleyball vs. Moose Lake / Willow River

Wednesday, October 15th

Boys Football @ Littlefork-Big Falls

Elementary Special Lunches

Fourth Grade to Chik-Wauk

Saturday, October 18th

ACT

Thursday, October 16th-Friday, October 17th

NO SCHOOL-MEA

Monday, October 20th

NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Development

Thursday, October 23rd

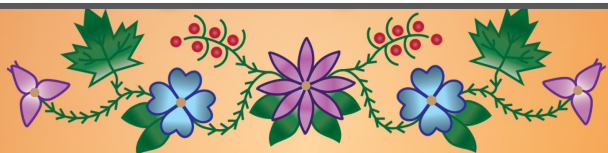
Cross Country @ Sectional Tournament South Ridge

Tuesday, October 28th

ATV Safety Day 6th Grade

Friday, October 31st

End of Quarter



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Monday, October 13th, 2025



Would you like to be more involved in your student's school experience? Are you interested in being a supporter of teachers?

Join the PTA!

Email pta@isd166.org

The ACT test is
Saturday,
October 18th!



Reminder:
There is **NO SCHOOL**
October 16-20!

