



THE KEY

Willing to Wait

By Mike Birely, MS Principal

In March of 2010, the TK Board of Education approved the Willing to Wait™ Sex and Relationship Program for use at TK Middle School. Willing to Wait™ delivers a character-based educational approach that directly encourages sexual abstinence until marriage.



The program has been used to teach abstinence in public and private schools in the greater Grand Rapids community since 1995 and is currently being used in over 45 local middle and high schools. This curriculum teaches abstinence as a positive and realistic lifestyle, promoting self-control, respect, responsibility, and good health.

Willing to Wait™ has eight sessions that are designed to help students think through the choices they are making in regards to sex and relationships. The sessions include topics such as teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, emotional and relational issues, handling pressure and setting standards, dating, and healthy and unhealthy relationships.

The Willing to Wait™ instructors are highly trained and certified by the Kent Intermediate School District to teach Reproductive Health and have completed teacher training in HIV/AIDS education. The cost of the program is privately funded and is offered to schools free of charge. All materials used in the course are research based, medically accurate, and doctor endorsed.

We believe that this program effectively teaches an awareness of current sexuality issues, as well as provides teens with the skills necessary to manage their sexuality responsibly. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to offer such a successful and comprehensive sex education program at TK Middle School.

Willing to Wait™ [Sex and Relationship Program for Middle Schools](#).

“Well Begun Is Half Done”

By Superintendent Gary Rider



This old line from the movie “Mary Poppins” certainly applied to us at TK this fall. With the many changes that were in store for us at the beginning of the school year we were intently focused on making sure we were prepared to get off to a good start – and we did. We also knew we would need to be ready to make adjustments to the changes we proposed last spring. The adults are working through issues and fine tuning our plans while the kids are doing great and hopefully seeing little, if any, affect on them in the classroom. We sometimes have to remind ourselves that we needed to make \$1.3 million dollar cuts to our budget last spring and that there would be changes this year.

All that being said, I am very pleased and optimistic about the many positive things that have already happened at Thornapple Kellogg this fall.

- Once again, our buildings received all “A’s” on our state report card.
- Enrollment is steady as we saw a slight increase in student population on count day.
- MME and ACT scores that were reported for this year’s senior class were very good and included a significant increase in the average score of students in Writing and Reading.
- We started a new “Cadet Teacher” program at the high school.
- We conducted a “Wounded Warrior” fundraiser at a home football game and a “Pink Night” fundraiser for the Mary McLellen reading room at a home volleyball game.
- Lee Elementary raised over \$13,000 at their annual “Walk-a-thon”.
- As part of a \$30,000 grant, Great Lakes Energy Service was at Lee and Page Elementaries with their mobile classroom to provide demonstration for each class.
- We refinanced the sale of our 2007 construction bonds and saved over \$269,000.
- Elementary Art Teacher Kathy Bailey received a national “Artsonia” award.
- Page Elementary has received two grants already this fall – one for \$2,000 from Dollar General, and another written by Johanna Huggins for \$2,500 to be used to help 5th graders attend “Starbase”.

DISTRICT NEWS



School Start/Dismissal Times

High School	7:40 am – 2:25 pm
Middle School	7:40 am – 2:25 pm
Page, Lee, McFall	8:55 am – 3:40 pm
Elementary	

Thornapple Kellogg Schools Directory

Administration Building

Gary Rider, Superintendent	795-5521
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High School Attendance	795-5431
High School Counseling	795-5428
Middle School Attendance	795-5469
High School/Public Library	795-5434
Community Education Office	795-3397
Transportation	795-5540

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Upcoming Board Meetings

November 8, 2010
December 13, 2010

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in Middle School Room 1616, unless otherwise noted.

School Closings and Delays

Adverse weather conditions and other emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel school, to delay the beginning of school, or to send students home early. Our transportation department is out early in the morning to check road conditions. They are in contact with neighboring school districts and the superintendent. The final decision is made by the superintendent.

Whenever it is necessary to delay or close school, notice will be communicated through TV channels 3, 8, 13, 17 and 41, radio stations WOOD and WBCH, and the district web site www.tkschools.org.

In the event of a two hour delay:

- There will be no a.m. preschool or a.m. ECSE.
- Busses will pick up students two hours later than normal.
- All classes will start two hours later than normal.
- No morning breakfast will be served.

In the event of school closings:

- A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding contests, evening programs and practices.
- The public library is closed during school delays and closings.

Tornado Watch

- All students will be kept at school if the watch is issued during the school day. Students will be dismissed at the regular time on regular bus routes.
- All after school activities will be moved inside or cancelled if deemed necessary by the superintendent. Should the watch expire before the event is scheduled, it may be held.

Tornado Warning

- Students will be instructed to take shelter within the building until the ALL CLEAR is signaled.
- All after school activities will be cancelled.



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- McFall Elementary received a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart for Jill Pilecki’s Cognitively Impaired class to participate in therapeutic horseback riding.
- All 8th graders attended the Spirit of America tour at Van Andel Arena.
- Middle School student, Daniel Tjoelker, had artwork featured at “Artprize”.

It’s just the beginning to another great year at TK.

Unfortunately, I also need to take some time to update you again on the continuing unstable situation with the state’s financing of schools. Last year at this time my article in *The Key* had the title “The Perfect Storm”. I talked about the uncertainty of funding for schools and that we needed to prepare for budget cuts in the spring of last year. We cut our budget and hoped that funding would stabilize.

Sadly, there was no long-term solution to our funding problems. Thankfully, we didn’t receive an additional cut we were concerned about, and in fact we had \$11 per student of the \$165 cut we had received in the fall of 2009 restored. In addition, this fall we received bailout money from the federal government. This definitely helps us in the short term today – but I’m sorry to say, the uncertainty for the future remains. There is still no structural solution to funding schools in Michigan and barring significant action in Lansing we are headed toward a huge funding “cliff” – one that Michigan Budget Director Robert Klein says will be “the most difficult in the state’s history”. As you will read below, next year we will be faced with a huge hole in revenues when three years of federal bailouts expire at the end of this year.

The election in November will be complete by the time you read this. The legislative session that opens in January will be perhaps the most important we will see in our lifetimes. The financial future of our state hangs in the balance and funding for education will need to be the cornerstone of our recovery.

Here is a synopsis of what happened this fall and some of what will affect our finances this year:

- In late September, the Senate passed their plan for the distribution of the federal Education Jobs Act dollars

to local districts and ISDs. The House almost immediately concurred and by the time you receive this it is expected the governor will have signed the legislation. The plan uses these “Edujob” dollars to restore (for one year) the funding that had been originally cut from the 2009-10 state budget. Beyond that, there were additional “Edujob” dollars to distribute. Base foundation districts (like TK) will receive an additional \$46 per student while other districts would receive some amount less per pupil based on their level of funding.

- The end result of all this is that base foundation districts will get an additional \$200 per student this year. For TK this will mean additional revenue of a little under \$600K for the year. That’s the good news – BUT - and I can’t emphasize this enough: **It is one-time money only. After this year it is gone.**
- Also gone at the end of this year will be the “ARRA” federal money schools received that helped us through the last two years. These funding pots that have bailed us out over the last three years all expire and will be gone at the end of the current school year. Without structural relief the disappearance of this money means our district could stand to lose close to \$1 million per year beginning next fall.

When you add the above to the rising costs schools are facing for retirement, insurance and everything else; we could be looking at a pretty dismal picture for next school year if nothing changes. I remain hopeful that there will be a political solution to this dilemma, but for now, we need to proceed with caution as we plan for our district’s future. Please know that whatever happens in Lansing - we stand ready to make the adjustments necessary to continue to provide the children of Thornapple Kellogg an outstanding education.

And finally, let’s get back to some good news. Our staff continues to do a great job with our kids in the classroom. We are blessed with great teachers, a wonderful learning climate and fantastic facilities. I want to thank everyone who joined us for the dedication ceremony for our newly renovated spaces at the High School, Lee Elementary and McFall Elementary. It was a wonderful opportunity for the staff and students at TK to thank the community for again investing in the future of our kids. It was also a fantastic opportunity for our community to see all the good work that had been done to improve the learning environment. I continue to be grateful to be part of a community that is so committed to its children and their future. Thanks to everyone in our community, learning at TK will never be the same.

ELEMENTARY NEWS



Lee Elementary students, staff and parents participated in the 2nd annual walk-a-thon.



The students raised over \$13,000 for TK Schools. Our students had a lot of fun with the high school football players and cheerleaders who participated in the event.



Students in Mrs. Reifinger's class read the book "Mouse Paint" and then explored mixing primary colored finger paints.



Mrs. Keizer's 4th grade class is working on "Words Their Way" spelling.



Mrs. Meredith's 4th grade class is doing a free writing assignment.



The fall therapeutic horseback riding session for Miss Pilecki's class began mid September at Camp Manitou-Lin.

7th Grade Digital Art

There is a new class in Digital Art being offered at TKMS this year. Students are using cutting edge animation software along with traditional techniques to create hand drawn original animations. This class is a great opportunity for students to acquire real world problem solving and technical skills in an open ended, supportive and challenging environment. Students are becoming proficient with complex technology while at the same time exercising their story telling and design skills. The experience that the students are gaining through this class will equip them for a future as creative and efficient problem solvers.



Spirit of America

On Friday, September 24, the 8th graders attended the Spirit of America presentation at Van Andel Arena. Students enjoyed a powerful performance of over 300 active duty soldiers from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington acting out key moments of American history. The program engaged students through historical reenactments based on soldiers' letters and diaries, musical entertainment, and precision military drills. As students reflected in writing about the performance, their enthusiasm for it was captured with statements like the following:

"Friday's presentation made me truly appreciate all that soldiers do for us. It really opened my eyes to see what they do. Seeing all the pictures during the performance and knowing soldiers overseas right now, I actually cried. It really impacted me!" -TKMS 8th grader

It was a memorable field trip for students and staff alike.



Important Dates to Remember

November 3	Picture Retakes
November 18	Activity Event
December 7	7th & 8th Grade Band Concert
December 9	6th Grade Band Concert
December 13	Choir Concert

HIGH SCHOOL

Exchange Students at TKHS

This year at TKHS there are six exchange students all from different countries. They are pictured here with their mentors: Morton Hemmingsen from Denmark; Fernando Hernandez from Brazil; Max Jonas from Germany; Youn-Jun Seo from Korea; Greta Silvotti from Italy; and Chutimon Sombonge from Thailand.



TK School Store

Small business and the spirit of the entrepreneur have played major roles in the growth of the American free enterprise system. Participating in the development and operation of a school store bring to life for students skills and concepts required for survival in the real world of small business management.

By starting and operating a school store, the high school has taken the first steps to help students become successful entrepreneurs. Having a school store is the link that helps students in the Marketing and Entrepreneurship class bridge the gap between the classroom and industry to make small business management concepts come to life.



Project Save Our Children Visit TKHS

Did you know that crash rates for teens are doubled in rural areas? There are 51.5 per 100,000 teens involved in motor-vehicle crashes compared to 25.4 in metro areas (NHTSA 2009). The TKHS Freshman PE/Health classes were honored to have the staff from Project Save Our Children (PSOC) visit on September 20 and 21. This program is a proactive approach to preventing distracted teenage driving for students in high school. The students were able to drive a golf cart while wearing fatal vision goggles, complete a Safe Sim driving simulation, a field sobriety test, and more! This was such a great opportunity for hands-on learning and an eye-opener for the dangers of distracted and drunk driving.



TKHS Cadet Teachers

The School to Careers Program is expanding this school year to include a new student opportunity – the Pre-Teacher Program (a.k.a. Cadet Teacher). The Pre-Teacher Program will give senior students interested in a career in education a chance to explore the teaching profession.

The major goal of this program is to give pre-teaching students as much direct contact with students as possible. The students will be able to go out into a field classroom and work with a mentor teacher in the district. Pre-teaching students will be involved in performing teacher-like tasks, such as reading a story to the entire class, helping students with their handwriting, practice/drill spelling with a large group, etc. The possibilities are many.

Another goal for this program is to give senior students classroom and field experiences, which will enable them to make informed decisions regarding careers in education.



NHS Induction Ceremony

The NHS Induction Ceremony will be held in the new high school auditorium November 1st at 7:00 p.m. Please join us to help our existing members welcome inductees to the Elizabeth Thurber Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Important Parent Dates at TKHS

Parent Advisory Meetings:

8:00 a.m. in the high school main office – November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 11, April 15, May 6, and June 3

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

January 26 & 27 and April 21

“Back on Track” Credit Recovery Program

“Back on Track” is a credit recovery program at TKHS utilizing a computer program called E2020. It is designed to allow students to gain additional instruction in specific content areas that have not been met during the school year because they have failed a course(s) or are just behind. Dates that this program is being offered for the 2010-11 school year are September 27 – November 18, December 6 – February 17, and March 14 – May 19. Please see a high school counselor or check out the high school website if you are interested in this credit recovery program.

NHS Food Drive

The National Honor Society will be collecting food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from October 18 – November 16. Every TK student and staff member is invited to bring in food items for our local families. Simply drop off the food items to Mrs. Nelson in room 611 or Mrs. Hubers in the library. The food items will be displayed in the Cafeteria Lobby showcase. The food items will be distributed through First Baptist Church, on M-37, in Middleville and the United Methodist Church, on Main Street, in Middleville.



NHS Holiday Toy Drive

The National Honor Society will be collecting toys for their annual Holiday Toy Drive from November 16 – December 16. Every TK student and staff member is invited to bring in a \$10 or more toy to be distributed to local children. Simply drop off the toys to Mrs. Nelson in room 611 or Mrs. Hubers in the library. The toys will be displayed in the Cafeteria Lobby showcase.



2010-2011 THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL WINTER ATHLETICS

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/1	QUAD	5:00 PM
12/4	@ Grandville	9:00 am
12/11	@ Howell	9:00 am
12/15	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	6:30 PM
12/30	TK DUALS	9:00 am
1/5	@ Wayland	6:30 pm
1/8	@ Musk Orchard View	9:00 am
1/12	@ Hastings	6:30 PM
1/19	FHE	6:30 PM
1/26	CALEDONIA	6:30 pm
1/29	@ Saline	TBA
2/2	@ Ottawa Hills	6:30 pm
2/5	@ Conference Tourney	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

12/1	QUAD	5:00 PM
12/4	@ Lakewood	9:00 am
12/11	@ Lakewood	9:00 am
12/15	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	6:00 PM
1/5	@ Wayland	6:00 pm
1/8	@ Kentwood	9:30 am
1/12	@ Hastings	6:00 PM
1/15	@ Cedar Springs	9:00 am
1/19	FHE	6:00 PM
1/22	CALEDONIA	6:00 PM
1/29	@ Grand Haven	9:30 am
2/2	@ Ottawa Hills	6:00 pm
2/5	@ Conference Tourney	TBA

"B" TEAM WRESTLING

12/1	@ Unity Christian	6:00 pm
12/4	@ Niles Invite	10:00 am
12/12	@ South Haven	9:00 pm
12/15	@ Allendale	5:30 pm
1/5	@ Allendale	5:30 pm
1/8	@ Bangor	10:00 am
1/12	@ Comstock Park	TBA
1/15	@ Northview	8:00 am
1/19	@ Kelloggsville	5:30 pm
1/22	@ Cedar Springs	TBA
1/26	@ Hopkins	TBA
1/29	@ Lakewood	8:00 am
2/3	@ Comstock Park	6:00 pm

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

12/11	CCCAM Invite @ Otsego	TBA
12/15	BC Invite @ Lakewood	6:30 pm
1/5	@ Caledonia	6:30 pm
1/8	@ Grandville	TBA
1/12	@ Wayland	6:30 pm
1/15	TK INVITE	TBA
1/19	@ Hastings	6:30 pm
1/22	@ Mattawan	TBA
1/26	@ Catholic Central	6:30 pm
1/29	@ LMCCOA @ EKHS	TBA
2/2	TK JAMBOREE	6:30 PM
2/5	@ Falcon Fest @ EKHS	6:30 pm
2/9	@ Snow Day Make-up	6:30 pm
2/12	@ PR Tourney @ Deltaplex	6:30 pm

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/7	@ Ionia	6:00 pm
12/14	@ South Christian	7:00 pm
12/17	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	6:00 PM
12/27	@ Cedar Springs Tourney	TBA
12/28	@ Cedar Springs Tourney	TBA
1/4	@ Wayland	7:00 pm
1/7	@ Hastings	6:00 pm
1/14	FHE	6:00 PM
1/18	KELLOGGSVILLE	7:00 pm
1/21	@ Hamilton	6:00 pm
1/25	CALEDONIA	7:00 PM
1/28	@ Ottawa Hills	6:00 pm
2/1	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	6:00 pm
2/4	@ Catholic Central	6:00 pm
2/8	WAYLAND	7:00 PM
2/11	HASTINGS	6:00 PM
2/18	@ FHE	6:00 pm
2/22	@ Caledonia	7:00 PM
2/25	OTTAWA HILLS	6:00 PM
3/1	LOWELL	7:00 pm

FRESHMAN/JV BASKETBALL

12/6	@ Ionia	5:30/7:00
12/14	@ South Christian	4:00/5:30
12/16	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	4:30/6:00
12/27	@ Cedar Springs Tourney	TBA
12/28	@ Cedar Springs Tourney	TBA
1/4	@ Wayland	4:00/5:30
1/6	@ Hastings	4:30/6:00
1/13	FHE	4:30/6:00
1/18	KELLOGGSVILLE	4:00/5:30
1/20	@ Hamilton	5:30/7:00
1/25	CALEDONIA	4:00/5:30
1/27	@ Ottawa Hills	4:30/6:00
2/1	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:00/5:30
2/3	@ Catholic Central	4:30/6:00
2/8	WAYLAND	4:00/5:30
2/10	HASTINGS	4:30/6:00
2/17	@ FHE	4:30/6:00
2/22	@ Caledonia	4:00/5:30
2/24	OTTAWA HILLS	4:30/6:00
3/1	LOWELL	4:00/5:30

JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

12/11	CCCAM Invite @ Otsego	TBA
12/15	BC Invite @ Lakewood	6:30 pm
1/5	@ Caledonia	6:30 pm
1/8	@ Grandville	TBA
1/12	@ Wayland	6:30 pm
1/15	TK INVITE	TBA
1/19	@ Hastings	6:30 pm
1/26	@ Catholic Central	6:30 pm
1/29	@ LMCCOA @ EKHS	TBA
2/2	JAMBOREE	6:30 PM
2/5	@ Falcon Fest @ EKHS	TBA
2/9	@ Snow Day Make-Up	6:30
2/12	@ PR Tourney @ the DeltaPlex	TBA

VARSITY SWIMMING

12/9	BYRON CENTER	6:00 pm
12/11	@ GRCC Raider Sprints	TBA
1/6	@ Catholic Central	6:00 pm
1/13	OTTAWA HILLS	6:00 PM
1/27	WAYLAND	6:00 pm
2/3	@ West Catholic	6:00 pm
2/10	FHN/FHC/FHE	6:00 PM
2/17	CRESTON	6:00 pm
2/24	Conference @ FH	TBD

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

11/30	CALVIN CHRISTIAN	7:00 pm
12/7	@ Ionia	7:30 pm
12/14	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	7:00 pm
12/17	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	7:30 PM
12/21	LAKEWOOD	7:00 PM
1/4	WAYLAND	7:00 PM
1/7	@ Hastings	7:30 pm
1/14	FHE	7:30 PM
1/18	@ Kelloggsville	7:00 pm
1/21	@ Hamilton	7:30 pm
1/25	@ Caledonia	7:00 PM
1/28	@ Ottawa Hills	7:30 pm
2/1	@ South Christian	7:00 PM
2/4	@ Catholic Central	7:30 pm
2/8	@ Wayland	7:00 pm
2/11	HASTINGS	7:30 PM
2/15	HOPKINS	7:00 PM
2/18	@ FHE	7:30 PM
2/22	CALEDONIA	7:00 PM
2/25	OTTAWA HILLS	7:30 PM

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1/6	HASTINGS	4:30/6:00
1/13	@ FHE	4:30/6:00
1/18	@ Kelloggsville	4:00/5:30
1/20	HAMILTON	4:00/5:30
1/25	@ Caledonia	4:00/5:30
1/27	OTTAWA HILLS	4:30/6:00
2/1	@ South Christian	4:00/5:30
2/3	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	4:30/6:00
2/8	@ Wayland	4:00/5:30
2/10	@ Hastings	4:30/6:00
2/15	HOPKINS	4:00/5:30
2/17	FHE	4:30/6:00
2/22	CALEDONIA	4:00/5:30
2/24	@ Ottawa Hills	4:30/6:00

VARSITY BOWLING

12/11	@ Pre-Conference Tourney	TBA
12/13	@ Byron Center	3:30 pm
1/6	@ Caledonia	3:30 pm
1/11	OTTAWA HILLS	3:30 PM
1/13	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	3:30 PM
1/17	@ Catholic Central	3:30 pm
1/20	WAYLAND	3:30 PM
1/27	@ FHE	3:30 pm
2/1	CALEDONIA	3:30 PM
2/3	@ Ottawa Hills	3:30 PM
2/8	@ South Christian	3:30 pm
2/10	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	3:30 PM
2/15	@ Wayland	3:30 pm
2/22	FHE	3:30 PM
2/24	Conference Tournament	TBD
2/25	Regional Tournament	TBD

*Last Updated: 10/4/2010

*Schedule Subject to Change

*For schedule updates, please go to
www.tkschools.org/athletics or
www.highschoolsports.net

SENIOR CITIZENS

Happy fall greetings to our senior community! Please contact Shar at the Community Education office, 795-3397 for more information and to register for the activities listed below. We look forward to hearing from our senior friends.

High School Fall Play

Senior citizens residing in the TK school district are invited to attend the dress rehearsal performance of the high school play "Little Women" on Thursday, November 11 in the new TK auditorium. The performance begins at 7:00 pm. Pre-show refreshments will be served at 6:15 pm in the high school cafeteria. There is no cost for this fun evening of theatre but pre-registration is a must to plan for refreshments. Please park in the west parking lot (by the athletic stadium) and use the new main entrance. Deadline to register is November 8. Call Shar at 795-3397 to pre-register. If leaving a message please leave your name and phone number.

Bus Trip – Cornwell’s Dinner Theatre - “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Join us on our holiday bus trip to Cornwell’s Dinner Theatre in Marshall to see their holiday show “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Monday, November 22.

You won’t want to miss this heartwarming story of George Bailey of Bedford Falls. We will travel by school bus, departing at 9:45 am from the Learning Center parking lot and returning by 5:30 pm. Cost is \$47 and includes the show, a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings and transportation. Call today to reserve your spot, 795-3397.

Holiday Luncheon and Choir Concert

The TK Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, sponsored by Thornapple Kellogg Schools, will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 1 at the Middle Villa Restaurant. Senior citizens living in the TK school district are invited to a festive holiday lunch in the Meadows Banquet Room. Attendees are asked to park in the rear parking lot of the restaurant for easy access to the banquet room. Doors will open at 11:30 am. The TK Honors Choir will provide seasonal music following lunch. A \$5 donation per person at the door is appreciated. Registration deadline is November 29. Call Shar at 795-3397 to pre-register. If leaving a message, please leave your name and phone number.



TK COMMUNITY POOL

Minimum participation is needed to keep the pool open. Please call the Pool Hotline, 795-5400 ext. 4442 for all pool information and updates. Schedule may change without notice. In case of tornado watches or warnings, pool events will be automatically cancelled without further notice.

ADULT LAP SWIM

Monday – Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

OPEN/FAMILY SWIM

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Swimmers must be 8 years old or accompanied by an adult.

AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm
This is a fun, low impact, high intensity workout for adults.

SWIM LESSONS

In conjunction with the YMCA of Barry County, swim lessons are offered for children at the Thornapple Kellogg pool on Saturdays. You may go to the YMCA website www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org to view the different swim lessons and times.



POOL RENTAL

Pool rentals available on Friday and Saturday with prior approval. Please contact the Operations Department at (269) 795-5535.

POOL FEES

Per Visit Pass:

TK district children and senior citizens \$1.00
TK district adults \$2.00
Out of district children and senior citizens \$2.00
Out of district adults \$3.00

Passes:

TK children and senior citizens \$18/20 visits
TK adults \$38/20 visits
Out of district children and senior citizens \$38/20 visits
Out of district adults \$56/20 visits

You can register on the YMCA website or call them directly at 269-945-7436.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Pre-registration is required for classes with registration deadlines listed. Classes are offered on a first come-first served basis. A class may be cancelled on the deadline if the minimum number to hold a class is not met so please call promptly to register. Payment is due one week prior to first class except where noted otherwise. Classes are self-supporting; therefore no refunds can be made after the first night of class. You will be notified, and a full refund will be given if class is cancelled or filled. Make checks payable to TK Schools and mail to TK Community Ed, 10375 Green Lake Rd, Middleville, MI 49333. Please call 795-3397 to register.

Please note: When school is closed due to inclement weather, enrichment classes are automatically cancelled and a make up date will be scheduled.

Youth Classes

Youth Self-Defense/Karate Session #2

This self-defense and karate class emphasizes developing awareness, power of the voice, handling aggressive situations, safety on the street and at school, personal safety and basic escapes. The class is for children 5-10 years of age. This is the second of three classes offered each school year.

Dates: Mondays 11/15-1/17

No class 12/20, 12/27

Duration: 8 weeks

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Cost: \$50

Min: 10 Max: 20

Location: McFall Elementary Cafe. (please use entrance off Main Street)

Registration Deadline: Nov. 8

Instructor: Nancy Hammond



Snowmobile Safety

A person who is at least 12, but less than 17 years of age, may operate a snowmobile if they have a valid snowmobile safety certificate in their possession. The safety certificate allows 12 – 16 years of age to cross roads, drive the snowmobile into a public parking area, including gas stations & motels. This also includes operating on the plowed edge of country roads that have been open by the county. Persons that are 11 years of age are welcome to take the course if they will be turning 12 during the snowmobile season.

Please note that the safety certificate does not become valid until their 12th birthday. To receive your safety certificate you must attend both nights of class. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Dates: Mon. 11/29 & Tues. 11/30

Duration: 2 classes

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Please check in by 5:45 pm

Cost: \$3.00 payable when you check in at first class

Location: TK Middle School Room 1616

Instructor: Terry Barton, DNR Certified

Registration Deadline: Nov. 23

Adult Classes

Aqua Aerobics

Water fitness is an almost perfect means to condition the body. Techniques used in this class not only benefit the body, but stimulate the mind and rejuvenate the spirit. Low impact for joints yet a high intensity workout.

Dates: Tues. & Thur. through school year (Except when school is closed for holidays and inclement weather)

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Cost: 12 visit pass-\$35 or \$5 per visit

Register and purchase pass from instructor at pool

Age: Adults

Instructor: Tammy Sirk

Adult Karate/Beginner – Advanced

Missing your old dojo? All styles welcomed to join. Accepting new adult students throughout school year. For more information please contact Nancy Hammond, 948-8245.

Dates: Mon. & Wed.

Time: Mon. 6:30-8:00 pm

Wed. 6:00-7:30 pm

Cost: \$35 per month

Location: McFall Elementary Cafe. (please use entrance off Main Street)

Instructor: Nancy Hammond

Anusara-Inspired Yoga Level 1

This class introduces breathing exercises, meditation and physical postures and is based on a unique style of hatha yoga; where heart oriented themes integrate with the scientific principles of biomechanics. The focus is on developing concentration and awareness, as well as stretching and strengthening. Emphasis is put on detailed instruction, basic alignment principles, and introducing standing poses. Great for beginners or those with some yoga experience. Please note: You must be able to attend the first class of the session. Class is for registered participants only.

Dates: Tues. 11/23 – 1/25

No class 12/21, 12/28

Time: 7:30-8:45 pm

Cost: \$64/8 weeks

Age: Adult

Min: 15 Max: 25

Location: McFall Elementary Cafe.

Instructor: Rachel Carter/Certified Anusara-Inspired Yoga Teacher

ZUMBA “Exercise in Disguise”

ZUMBA is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements, which create a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system! This class format combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic/fitness fashion to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits. No dance background required-just a willingness to have fun!

Dates: Mon. 11/22 – 1/24

No class 12/20, 12/27

Duration: 8 weeks

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost: \$48 for 8 classes

Age: Adult

Min: 20 Max: 45

Location: Page Elementary Cafe.

Instructor: Rachel Carter



NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 McFall Picture Retakes	2 Lee & Page Parent/Teacher Conferences	3 MS Picture Retakes Josten's Cap & Gown Mtg. 10 am	4 Lee & Page Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 T/Th Kdg.	6
7	8 School Board Meeting MS 1616 7 pm	9	10	11	12 HS Fall Play 7 pm M/W Kdg.	13 HS Fall Play 7 pm
14	15	16	17	18 MS Activity Event 2:30-4:30 pm	19 T/Th Kdg.	20
21	22 HS Exams	23 HS Exams MS Parent Advisory Meeting 9 am	24 No School – Thanksgiving Break	25	26	27
28	29 Start of 2nd Trimester					

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Hall Walking

The halls of TK High School are open for walking Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:30 pm, until April 1. Come in from the cold and walk for your health. Walkers should enter the athletic lobby on the south side of the high school off of Bender Road. Halls are not open for walking if school is closed due to holidays, in-service days or inclement weather. No need to pre-register.



BOXHOLDER

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	M/W Kdg. 3	4
5	6	7th & 8th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm TK Aud.	8	6th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm TK Aud.	T/Th Kdg. 10	11
12	School Board Meeting MS 1616 MS Choir Concert TK Aud. 7 pm	9th Grade Vision Testing	Page Winter Concert 6 pm & 7:30 pm	16	M/W Kdg. 17	18
19	No School - Winter Break	20	21	22	23	24
26	No School - Winter Break	27	28	29	30	31
						JANUARY 1



Happy Holidays

