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**Bond projects take shape: Phase 1 work is at four elementary schools**

The Buildings, Infrastructure and Equity Bond of 2019 is a six-year, multi-phased program involving the construction of a new Dublin Elementary School (on the same site), a new Early Childhood Center, and a major addition and renovations to Walled Lake Western High School, as well as significant infrastructure and classroom renovations and furnishings at all other schools.

Phase 1 projects and renovations are at Commerce, Glengary, Wixom and Walled Lake elementary schools. These projects were prioritized based on several factors: urgent projects (water line at Glengary); complexity of design; completion of similar designs; purchase of like equipment; capacity of design and construction teams, as well as maintaining community access to buildings in the summer.

Of the $316 million bond, six to eight million dollars has been allocated for each elementary school over the next several years. Each middle school will receive from nine to 11 million dollars in renovations and each high school will see about $19 million in renovations. The cost will be higher on the complete rebuild of Dublin Elementary School and the major remodel of Walled Lake Western High School.

**Bill Chatfield**, director of Operations, said: “As we prepare to complete the renovation work this summer at Commerce, Glengary, Wixom and Walled Lake elementary schools, there is a tremendous amount of planning and coordination involving a large group of stakeholders and a great deal of work and sacrifice by staff members. We have a committed team of architects, construction managers and contractors who work closely to ensure all work is done in a safe and timely manner, so that we are ready to welcome back students and staff in the fall.”

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**Governor Whitmer meets with Walled Lake Northern students, staff**

**Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer** visited students and staff at Walled Lake Northern High School recently to discuss secondary education, the education profession, the importance of the Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OSTC) offerings, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, and college opportunities for students.

During her visit, Whitmer participated in a one-on-one meeting with **Superintendent Kenneth Gutman**, a round table discussion with high school educators from all three high schools, and a round table discussion with high school students. She listened intently while staff and students shared concerns, challenges and successes.

Superintendent Gutman said: “We appreciated our time with the Governor. She is supportive of public education, and she understands our successes and challenges. She is committed to working with the legislature on creating even better schools for all children.”

Governor Whitmer expressed concern over the dwindling number of students who are selecting K-12 education as a profession and the numbers of students who are not completing the FAFSA application. She said: “I am grateful that there are people who pursue education as a profession.” She noted that public education is the foundation for a stable workforce.

About FAFSA, she said: “In Walled Lake, 40% of graduating seniors have filled out the FAFSA application to date, compared to only 29% statewide. The Governor told students: “Half the battle in finding a career is figuring out what you don’t want to do.”
Tamba, Schwind, Santavy, Gedeons, Kubler and Vogt earn Golden Apples

Lamin Tamba and Chuck Schwind, both with Enviro-Clean, received Golden Apples at the Dec. 5, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Tamba is a manager with Enviro-Clean and is in many District buildings. He was nominated by three principals because he gives everything he has to make Walled Lake a great place for kids and staff.

Schwind is a night custodian at Banks Middle School where he is always willing to lend a hand. He was nominated by the director of Twirl M’s as they consider him one of their own.

Terri Santavy, preschool assistant at Pleasant Lake Elementary, along with parent volunteers, Amy and Todd Gedeon, received Golden Apples at the Feb. 6 Board of Education meeting.

Santavy establishes strong relationships with both children and their families as well as generously mentoring new staff.

Amy and Todd Gedeon volunteer their time to support 10-25 families in Early Intervention and Special Education. They inspire and encourage by offering support to parents seeking connection, comfort and understanding.

Lauren Kubler, building sub, Pleasant Lake Elementary, and Bob Vogt, PE teacher, Glengary Elementary, received Golden Apple Awards at the March 5 Board of Education meeting.

Kubler supports students and families both during school hours and after hours by volunteering for extra curricular activities. She is always willing to help and is a true champion for the District.

Vogt has been teaching his students the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through exercise and food choices since 1999. He also teaches them to believe in themselves and do their best while reinforcing that winning isn’t everything and sportsmanship is everything.

Dubay, Gluski and Moore are the 2019-20 WLCSD Teachers of the Year

Tanya Dubay, Commerce Elementary teacher, Jamie Gluski, Walnut Creek Middle School teacher, and Timothy Moore, WL Northern High School teacher, were honored at the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting along with all Walled Lake Schools’ building Teachers of the Year.

“Teachers strive to build intentional relationships with the children they serve. We honor our Teachers of the Year and all of our teachers for the meaningful relationships they cultivate with our children. By knowing their students, teachers individualize learning opportunities to ensure every child reaches their potential. We thank the 2019-20 Teachers of the Year for their selfless service to our children and families,” Kenneth Gutman, superintendent, said.

Congratulations to all of the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year (TOY) recipients.

Danner selected 2022 Honors Choir Director

Jeff Danner, vocal music teacher, Banks Middle School has been named the six-nine Honors Choir Director for 2022. Michelle Kalhorn, principal, said: “I am so proud of his accomplishment and that Mr. Danner’s colleagues have recognized him with this wonderful honor.” Jeff said: “I am truly flattered by the many mentors and fellow educators whom I have learned from, and for the years in Walled Lake where I have been able to learn and hone this craft called music education. I look forward to representing my district, colleagues and profession in 2022!”

WL teachers win Excellence in Education awards

Congratulations to Megan Sidge, ASD teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary and Mary Hulliberger, band teacher, WL Northern High School for both winning an Excellence in Education Award from the Michigan Lottery. The awards program will air on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit as well as stations in Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids. They each receive a cash prize, a grant for their school, a feature segment in the evening news on each of the partner TV stations, and an opportunity to win the grand prize. Megan was nominated by Patricia Chinn who said, “Megan is truly deserving of this honor. She is incredibly supportive of her staff and students, collaborative with her families, and always sees the positive in even the most difficult of situations!” Mary was nominated by student Anne Buller who said “Mrs. Hulliberger is very deserving of the Michigan Lottery Teacher Award and very loved by her students. She provides a welcoming environment for everyone.”

District receives Meritorious Budget Award

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recently recognized the Walled Lake Consolidated School District’s Business Services Department for excellence in budget presentation with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2019-2020 budget year. This is the 16th year the District has been recognized with this honor. “Being transparent with the District’s finances is as essential as the impeccable financial records that are kept by Teri Les, assistant superintendent of Business Services,” said Superintendent Gutman.
Board of Education officers named for 2020

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District Board of Education elected officers at the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting. The 2020 officers are:

**Greg Janicki**, president; **Peggy Casagrande**, vice president; **Stephanie Kaplan**, secretary, **Christopher Titus**, treasurer and **Denise Dunn, Marc Siegler** and **Nancy van Leuwen**, trustees. “The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education members always put children first in their decision making. Individually and as a Board, they provide intentional and reflective direction and leadership. Our Board models thoughtful, inclusive, and transparent public service. I am proud and humbled to be working with this Board of Education,” Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said.

Lakes Area Youth Assistance thanks Smart Middle School students for donation

The National Junior Honor Society, NJHS, students at Clifford Smart Middle School, recently presented the Lakes Area Youth Assistance, LAYA, with a $4,000 check for their programs.

**Nancy van Leuwen**, Lakes Area Youth Assistance chairperson, said: “We are so grateful for the Smart students’ efforts each year. LAYA prides itself on its programs to assist students and families in the District and this gift will greatly help hundreds of Walled Lake Schools’ students by funding programs like pay-to-play, holiday gifts, classes and more.”

**Kristen Berry**, Smart’s NJHS student advisor, and Smart’s three counselors, **Kathleen Hoover, Jeff Giolitti** and **Julie Braley** promoted the effort. The funds were donated by the Smart students and parents during the three weeks prior to winter break in a giving initiative called “Kids Make Change.” The purpose was to raise money but the intent was to use small amounts of currency each day to have a big impact. In all, the students and staff raised over $4,400 with the help of NJHS and the counseling staff. Some small, but immediate, needs were met for Smart families and the remaining donation went to LAYA.

Census results can support school programs

Stand up and be counted in the U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Census on April 1. Your census responses drive decisions on the annual allocation of more than $675 billion in federal funds to states and communities, which includes support for school programs and services such as:

- Special education
- Free and reduced-price lunch
- Class size reduction
- Classroom technology
- Teacher training
- After-school programs
- Head Start preschool

For more information about the 2020 Census, visit [https://2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)
Twenty two athletes from Walled Lake schools commit to colleges

Nine senior athletes from WL Northern High School and 13 from WL Western High School recently committed to colleges to play sports and continue their education at the collegiate level beginning in the fall of 2020.

From WL Northern:

Kyle Arnoldi plans to attend Western Michigan University to play football. He is the son of Ron and Elise Arnoldi.

Seamus Conway plans to attend Northwood University to play football. He is the son of Thomas and Shelly Conway.

Allisa DiPrima plans to attend Oakland University to play softball. She is the daughter of Lisa Byrnes and Albert DiPrima.

Alexandra Jerore plans to attend Grand Valley State University to play soccer. She is the daughter of David and Laura Jerore.

Jenna Kroll plans to attend University of Toledo to play softball. She is the daughter of Karen and Kevin Kroll.

From WL Western:

Sam Ahern plans to attend Michigan Technological University to play football. He is the son of Michael and Christine Ahern.

CJ Brown plans to attend Northern Illinois University to play football. He is the son of Calvin and LaShon Brown.

Austin Budai plans to attend Grand Valley State University to play lacrosse. He is the son of Bob and Kerry Budai.

Brandon Camfield plans to attend Albion College to play football. He is the son of Todd and Lisa Camfield.

Justin Collier plans to attend Independence Community College to play football. He is the son of Donna and Jesse Collier.

MacKenzie Elebra plans to attend Lawrence Technological University to play football. He is the son of Rogers and Charissa Elebra.

Eric Hieber plans to attend Grand Valley State University to participate on the swim team. He is the son of David and Ann-Margaret Hieber.

Ryan Kachnowski plans to attend Ferris State University to participate in track/cross country. He is the son of John and Kristin Kachnowski.

Braxton Kern plans to attend University of Michigan Dearborn to play lacrosse. He is the son of Charles and Melinda Kern.

Noah Megyesi plans to attend Lansing Community College to play baseball. He is the son of Jim and Alexis Megyesi.

Andrew Ramos plans to attend University of Michigan Dearborn to play soccer. He is the son of Michael and Eileen Ramos.

Anthony Williams, Jr. plans to attend Western Michigan University to play football. He is the son of Finiece and Anthony Williams, Sr.

Abd-Rahmaan Yaseen plans to attend Purdue University to play football. He is the son of Khalid Yaseen and Fatimah Abdur-Rahman.

WL Western hosts Districtwide Day of Strings

Walled Lake Western High School (WLW) hosted over 500 orchestra students from across the District for the 19th Annual Day for Strings celebration in January. The event featured two separate performances with students sharing what they learned with friends, family members, and the entire community. Over 700 spectators were in attendance to enjoy the students’ performances. Esteemed guest conductors and coaches from around Michigan were brought in to work with our students including: Jim and Joanna VanEizenga, Erin Zuchniewicz (WL alumni), Gabe Paese, Sam Hickey, Larry Hutchinson, Daniel Dade (WL alumni), Candace Chappell, Steven Fernandez, Linda Trotter, Olivia Zang, and featured artist, Rodney Page. The District would like to thank Michael Edwards, WLW; Heidi Tigges, Walled Lake Central High School and Walled Lake Northern High School; Nina White, Clifford H. Smart Middle School; Jennifer Forgoros, Walnut Creek Middle School; Jennifer Boutin, Sarah Banks Middle School and MaryAnn Burdek, James Geisler Middle School, for organizing another successful Day for Strings. Michael Edwards said, “I look forward to this event every year. It is amazing to see our students work hard throughout the day. They focus in on the finest details and take the music to the next level. Day for Strings exemplifies what it means to play in one of the Orchestras in Walled Lake.”

The combined Symphony Orchestras, 117 students, rehearse for Day of Strings.
Walled Lake Northern student chosen to sing with the best of the best

Congratulations to WL Northern High School student, Jamie Stopczynski, who was selected to be one of 16 students from across the entire state to perform in the Michigan Youth Arts Honors Ensemble for Musical Theatre after her performance in the regional festival which earned her a nomination and moved her adjudicator to tears. Ashley Ward, choir director, Northern High School said: “This is an incredible accomplishment; being selected out of over 560 performances statewide. I am so proud of Jamie!” Jamie and the other 15 students will prepare a medley from HAMILTON to perform at the Gilmore Theatre Complex on Western Michigan University’s campus on May 8.

Help hospitalized kids by attending Blanket Event

The District encourages the community to take part in Fleece & Thank You (F&TY), Michigan’s largest provider of comfort care to hospitalized children, during their community blanket-making event called Mission Comfort. This event will engage the entire Walled Lake School District. It’s scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from noon to 5 p.m. at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, MI.

The community charity event brings together individual and corporate sponsors to support hospitalized children and their families. Attendees from Walled Lake, Novi and surrounding communities will make colorful, no-sew fleece blankets, each one with an inspiring video messages from the maker.

“This is a chance for the entire Walled Lake area to come together and make a difference for kids facing hospital stays who really need to feel the love,” said Nancy Kattoula, teacher at WL Central High School.

Anyone interested in participating should call 313-451-3665 or contact info@fleeceandthankyou.org.

Student’s art will grace your “I Voted” sticker

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the women’s right to vote, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners held an “I Voted” sticker contest for students in grades 9-12. Penelope Blanchard, WL Western freshman, won with her design showcasing women from all walks of life. Penelope was sponsored by Jane Culling, art teacher, who said: “Penelope is a passionate, creative and detail-oriented artist who successfully depicted the diversity we celebrate in Walled Lake Schools in her entry. She spent many hours on her piece and we are proud of her accomplishment being recognized at the county level. We look forward to the Presidential Election when everyone in Oakland County will be wearing these stickers after they cast their ballots.”

Walled Lake Western wins regional football championship

Walled Lake Western High School football team, led by their defense and complimented with explosive offensive plays, defeated a determined Livonia Churchill team 21-14 on Nov. 15 to become regional champions. They were defeated in the state semi-final by one point in a very tight game. “We are beyond proud of how our student athletes conducted themselves on and off the field this season. I have no doubt that the coaching staff and players will continue to work hard and we will be back,” said Ali Hamka, WL Western principal.

Community Calendar

Mar. 9: Middle School Orientation - Fifth grade parents/students, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 16: Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 - 8 p.m., All 12 elementary schools.
March 18: 1/2 day students. Staff PD.
Mar. 23: WL PTSA Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Glengary Elementary.
Mar. 28: Jim Gill Sing-a-Long (fun and free event) sponsored by WL Preschool, 10 - 11 a.m., Geisler MS
Mar. 30: PTSA Reflections Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Smart MS.
Apr. 2: Board of Education Meeting, Golden Apple Awards, Winter Sports Recognition, 7 p.m., Educational Services Center (ESC), Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 3: Spring break - final day for students & staff.
Apr. 13: School resumes.
Apr. 14: Testing day (grades 8-11).
Apr. 24: 1/2 day students. Staff PD.
Apr. 27: WL PTSA Council Elections, 6:30 p.m., Geisler MS.
Apr. 29: Real Life Choices, Dangerous Consequences (LAYA), 6 - 8:30 p.m., Smart MS
May 7: Board of Education Special Meeting, Student Art Work, 7 p.m.
Retiree Recognition, 7:30 p.m., ESC.
May 18: PTSA Installation & Awards, 6:30 p.m., Geisler MS.
May 21: Board of Education Meeting, Golden Apple Awards, Kindness Matters Award, Earth Day Poster Recognition, 7 p.m., Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESC.
May 25: No school for students & staff.
May 28: WL Central prom.
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May 31: Commencement, WL Central 1 p.m.; WL Western, 4 p.m.; WL Northern 7 p.m., Eastern MI University
June 4: Board of Education Meeting, Golden Apple Awards, Student Art Work, 7 p.m., Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESC
June 12: 1/2 day - final day for students.
Walled Lake Schools students, staff, give generously, help those in need

Walled Lake Schools staff and students supported hundreds of families, community groups, their own schools and other District schools with a variety of outreach efforts.

Commerce Elementary sponsored local families in need through its Giving Tree program and created holiday cards to spread cheer at the Westlake Senior Center. It also supported the Caleb White Project by making decorations and desserts for events at the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Dublin Elementary collected and donated 200 plus pairs of new pajamas for the Open Door Outreach Center. Scholastic Books partnered to match the number of pajamas with books for the school. It also provided Thanksgiving Dinners for five of its families and five families participated in White Lake Township’s Shop with a Cop.

Glengary Elementary sponsored 11 local families in need through its Giving Tree program. Families were gifted food, clothes, toys, games, books, and more. Additionally, the student council organized a food drive and donated 454 pounds of food and $150 to Hospitality House.

Mary Helen Guest Elementary, in partnership with E & E Manufacturing, donated 25 holiday meals, gift cards, and pantry fillers to Guest families.

Hickory Woods Elementary, in partnership with the Student Pantry, donated 21 pantry packs with a holiday meal and gift cards to its families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, 30 Christmas holiday meals, gift cards, and pantry fillers were provided to families in partnership with E & E Manufacturing, the Student Pantry and donations collected during its Holiday Care Spirit Week.

Keith Elementary, in partnership with the Theriault family, provided four families with a Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally, the student council spread holiday cheer to hospitalized patients and their families through “Operation Snow Pile” which resulted in gifts for children at Children’s Hospital in Detroit. The Keith Caring Community Club students sang for the residents of Sunrise Senior Living and provided them with homemade holiday cards during its visit.

Loon Lake Elementary hosted a canned food drive for the Hospitality House. Additionally, it collected new blankets to donate to children facing serious illnesses. The staff provided household items, food, clothing, winter wear, toys, games, to local families in need during the holiday season. Students made Winter Wishes cards for the senior citizens who live at Abbey Park.

Meadowbrook Elementary held a school wide food drive to support Hospitality House. It coordinated efforts with local churches, the police department, Lakes Area Youth Assistance (LAYA), and other organizations to assist local families in need.

Oakley Park Elementary staff and PTA sponsored five local families, providing household items, food, winter clothing, toys, games and more.

Pleasant Lake Elementary’s student council provided local families in need with $100 gift cards.

Walled Lake Elementary provided Thanksgiving dinners to local families in need in partnership with the Walled Lake Police Department and the Lakes Area Rotary Club. In partnership with Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Lakes Bible Church, and Walled Lake Elementary PTA, it provided several families with gifts, clothes, toys, games and books. Third grade classes organized a Scholastic Pajama Drive, bringing in 35 pairs of new pajamas for children in need.

Wixom Elementary’s student council sponsored a toy drive for the Hospitality House Santa Shop in cooperation with the Wixom Stuff the Squad Car program. Kindergarten students collected over 300 pounds of food for the Hospitality House. Wixom Staff adopted a family for the holidays and provided the family with holiday gifts for the children. The Student Pantry provided food and clothing to ten families. In partnership with the Lakes Area Rotary Club and local businesses 25 families were provided with a Thanksgiving meal.

Clifford Smart Middle School staff and students collected $4,000 in the Making Change for Kids campaign to support LAYA.

James Geisler Middle School students collected cash and hundreds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families. The counseling office staff organized a Coat Drive to collect warm coats for students during the winter months.

Sarah Banks Middle School donated 1,380 winter accessories (hats, gloves, mittens, socks) to Hospitality House through its annual Project Warm Drive. Banks staff adopted three families and provided toys and necessities for Christmas.

The Operations Staff made a monetary generous donation to Hospitality House.

Walnut Creek Middle School collected toys to be donated to children who spent the holiday season in the hospital in cancer units. The NJHS sold suckers, profiting the Make a Wish Foundation and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The Walnut Creek band collected toys and winter gear that was donated to local families.

Walled Lake Preschool staff ensured that every child in the early childhood program had a happy holiday in partnership with: St. William Catholic Church, Commerce Elementary PTA and school staff, Oakley Park Elementary PTA and school staff, Tuffy of Walled Lake, Walled Lake Schools Transition Program, Learning Rainbow Preschool, Walled Lake Schools Information Systems Department, Walled Lake Schools Employees Federal Credit Union, Walled Lake Schools Human Resources Department, Lena’s Kitchen, local community members, Walled Lake/Commerce Goodfellows, and OLHSA Optimist Club.

The staff also participated in Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak on Dec.13.

Educational Services Center staff donated 200 pounds of food and $350 to Hospitality House. Additionally, it sponsored four families providing gifts and necessities during the holiday season.

Walled Lake Central held a school wide canned food drive raising $15,514 for Hospitality House. The staff adopted Joy Prep school in Detroit for the fifth year, providing gifts for 185 kids grades K-5.

Walled Lake Northern provided 5,300 gifts to over 930 children at Detroit’s Priest Elementary and Middle School for the holiday season. It was the largest donation to date for the school.

Walled Lake Western held its annual canned food drive to support the Hospitality House with a donation of 10,583 pounds of food. Western staff sponsored 6 families and provided gifts for the holidays.

Lakes Area Youth Assistance held its annual Adopt a Family on Dec. 12, providing the opportunity for 53 families to Shop with a Hero at local Meijer stores. LAYA was the recipient of donated funds from Walled Lake United Methodist Church Advent Tea as well as Huron Valley Hospital Giving Tree.

The Dean Transportation employees adopted a family at Guest Elementary. Additionally Kellie Dean, owner of Dean Transportation, gave a $750 check to Hospitality House on behalf of Walled Lake Schools.
Kristen Adamowski graduated from Walled Lake Central in 2010. Throughout her time at Central, Kristen was the captain of the varsity poms team, a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in Student Council.

After earning her diploma, Kristen studied finance and accounting at the University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business, where she graduated with a bachelor of business arts in 2014. While on campus in Ann Arbor, Kristin was a member of the Michigan Dance Team, and was named captain her junior and senior year. The team competed nationally, and placed in the top ten all four years during her tenure. In addition, she was involved in a professional business fraternity on campus and completed an internship at Merrill Lynch.

Her career in finance began with private equity firms in New York City, where she gained valuable experience consulting with retail banking companies, focusing on mobile and digitization strategies. Over the past two years, Kristen has climbed the corporate ladder working for Uber Technologies. She is currently a Virtual Restaurant Lead, where she and her team of more than 30 partners focus on finding cuisine gaps in the Northeast marketplace. Recently, Uber Eats’ Virtual Restaurants have been featured in the New York Times, Eater magazine, Bloomberg, NBC, and many other publications.

In her spare time she still loves to dance! Kristen spends 4-6 hours per week rehearsing, and performs bi-annual shows with a dance company called Danceworks, in Queens, New York. She also practices yoga and has earned her yoga teacher training certificate.

Kristen says, “Walled Lake was a great place to grow up! It’s big enough and offers opportunities to help one grow, but small enough to stay grounded.” She credits Ms. Traci Banjanin for teaching her about hard work paying off, Mr. James Malott for showing her that learning can be fun, and Dr. Mary Jo Hecker for encouraging her to dream bigger. She is thankful for all of the countless educators who have supported her over the years.

Josh Lipshaw is a 2010 graduate of Walled Lake Central. During his educational experience at Central, he was a member of both the Walled Lake Central Marching Band and Walled Lake Percussion.

Upon graduation from Central, Josh studied at the University of Michigan, earning his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering in 2014 and then his graduate degree in space systems engineering in 2015. As a U of M College of Engineering student, Lipshaw was involved with the Michigan Exploration Laboratory (MXL). There he collaborated with a team of students to work on high altitude ballooning and small satellite design. During his free time on campus he played various intramural sports.

To begin his career, Josh spent three years in Sunnyvale, California as a Solar Array Engineer for Lockheed Martin. There he designed solar arrays for satellites, two of which are currently in orbit. Quickly advancing, Josh recently took a new position with the company moving him to Denver, Colorado. His new challenge is to help design, and build the next generation of GPS satellites.

When Josh is not in the laboratory he enjoys snowboarding, playing disc golf with friends, and reading new material. He travels back to Michigan as often as possible to visit family, and attend Michigan Wolverines’ football games. He has also experienced some global travel having visited Japan and Australia.

Lipshaw added that he made lifelong friends, and had some amazing experiences while attending Walled Lake Schools. “I really enjoyed my time as a member of the Walled Lake band programs, and credit my incredible teachers (Ms. Leslie Bielis-Volkers, Mr. Dave Rogers, Mr. Nick Pourcho, Ms. Traci Banjanin, and Ms. Judy Davis) who really set me up for my current successes.” Lipshaw concluded with advice for current students, “Enjoy your time in Walled Lake Schools, and make sure you keep in touch with your friends when you all go to separate colleges, as it is great to be able to just pick up where you left off every time you come home.”
Register now for Passion for Life Run/Walk

Passion for Life is proud to announce its 12th annual Passion for Life 5K & 5 mile Run/Walk at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 28, 2020. The race will take place in downtown Walled Lake and start at The Beach Tiki Bar & Boil (formerly Bayside). Registration is open, visit www.passion-for-life.org for more information and to register. The Passion for Life 5K & 5 mile Run/Walk benefits University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital and its selected Inspirational Families. This year’s Inspirational Family is the Erickson family. William Erickson is a fourteen month old boy from Brighton, MI who has been recently diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 1, a rare degenerative neuromuscular disorder that robs children of the ability to move without any effect to their mind. There is currently no cure although there is a new type of therapy that could result in slow strength improvement.

Tickets: www.wlcstickets.com

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