

Our Mission

The St. Ignace Area Schools as an innovative leader in providing quality and equitable education will develop all individuals to their highest potential for living and contributing in an ever changing world.

Our Vision

St. Ignace Area Schools is number one in education - all resources are focused on student success.

High School Goals

Improve Reading
Improve Writing
Improve Critical Thinking

Elementary/Middle School Goals

Improve Reading
Improve Writing
Improve Mathematics

Umbrella Goals

Improve Responsibility
Improve Leadership

Expected Student Outcomes

Responsible Citizen, Cooperative Contributor, Self-Directed Learner, Critical/Creative Thinker, Effective Communicator.

District School Improvement Committee

This committee held regularly scheduled meetings. The purpose of the committee is to provide leadership/guidance to the school wide improvement process. The focus of the committee is on raising academic scores and to developing a school system that accomplishes its mission. Each individual building has its own school improvement committee that has established clear academic goals that are in concert with the overall mission of the district. Individual school improvement committees are represented on the district wide committee, members are Kathy Campbell, Gregg Fettig, Emily Fullerton, Don Gustafson, Carolyn Hamel, Kirt Stage-Harvey, Tim Idalski, Deanna Kreski, Michelle LaTocha, Bonnie Ledy, Chris Marshall, Susan Massaway, Connie Olsen, Mike Springsteen, Fred Strich, and Jane Weiss.

Professional Development

School wide Professional Development is a strategy to help meet school improvement goals. Activities that took place in the 2007-2008 school year focused on the the following: instructional strategies of Dr. Robert Marzano-August 16/17; technology-August 28; curriculum follow up on Dr. Marzano's work-August 29; Eastern Upper Peninsula wide meeting focusing on instructional strategies-October 19; Art and Science of Teaching-based on Dr. Marzano's work-December 11; Instructional strategies based on teaching similarities and differences-March 7; Curriculum-June 12.

Accreditation

St. Ignace Area Schools have been accredited by the **North Central Association** since 2003.



Student Statistics

Enrollment: Total student enrollment as of the beginning of the 2nd semester was 678. Enrollment by grades were as follows: Kindergarten – 51 • 1st – 48 • 2nd – 41 • 3rd – 53 • 4th – 44 • 5th – 38 • 6th – 45 • 7th – 56 • 8th – 52 • 9th – 65 • 10th – 56 • 11th – 62 • 12th – 58 • Alternative – 9.

Attendance: Average daily attendance was 94%.

Dropout Rate was 3% and the retention rate was 97%.

Graduation: 58 students graduated with the class of 2008. 25/58 (43%) graduated with honors (3.0 GPA or higher). 12/58 (21%) earned the LaSalle Award (3.5 GPA or higher continuously). 39/58 (67%) enrolled in higher education and 19/58 (33%) entered the military or workforce.

Curriculum Content Standards

The State of Michigan has developed model content standards for each academic area of the curriculum. The Eastern Upper Peninsula School District, working with area teachers, has taken the model content standards and developed a K-12 curriculum for each academic area. St. Ignace Area Schools adopted that curriculum in the 2007-2008 school year.

Just Desserts Academic Honors Banquet

Thanks in part to a grant from the St. Ignace Community Foundation, the ninth annual Just Desserts Honor Roll program was held in the spring of 2008. The banquet honors students who made honor roll status for each of the first three marking periods of the school year. 83 students (34%) of our student population were honored at this event. Students and parents were invited to an evening program that showcased student talent, and a dessert reception was held at the conclusion of the program.

Staff

Danette Andrews, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Frank Beaudoin, Bus Driver
John Beaudoin, Bus Driver
Rick Boston, Custodian
Cindy Brown, Title VII Aide, Home School Coordinator
Claudette Brown, Aide, Lunch Accounting
Anne Cowell, Cultural Technician
David Crisp, Bus Driver
David Danielson, Custodian
Kymberly Dykstra, Aide
Sara Fisher, Secretary
Theresa France, Cook
Karen Giacherio, Aide
Lorraine Graham, Secretary
Donna Grogan, Aide
Randy Gustin, Bus Driver/Mechanic
Carolyn Hamel, Aide



Darian Hughey, Custodian
Margaret Huskey, Aide
Deanna Kreski, Student/Family Advocate
Pam Mapes, Title VII Aide, Home School
Kathy Marshall, Secretary
Jack McLean, Maintenance
Deward Rickley, Cook
Judy Robinson, Secretary
Ann Marie Schlehner, Aide
Angie Spencer, Cook
Colleen St. Louis, Aide
Laurie Steiner, Aide
Carolyn Tamlyn, Cook
Charles Therrian, Custodian
Susan Huffman, Aide
Sandra Thorin, Bus Driver

St. Ignace Area Schools 2007-2008 Annual Report



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Tradition of Excellence

St. Ignace Area Schools has a long and rich tradition of striving to provide the best possible educational experience for its young people. The standard of excellence is set high and visible, where all can see what is expected and what it takes to measure up to the mark. This standard of excellence can be seen in the classroom, where a commitment has been made to offer advanced classes for students such as Physics, Chemistry II, Advanced Biology, Anatomy, Physiology and Advanced Math, even though the enrollment may be small. The results prove that LaSalle High School has a remarkably high percentage of students (65% to 75%) who go on to higher education. This tradition can also be seen on the athletic field. Over the years, LaSalle has consistently been the smallest school in its league, competing against schools two or three times larger. This is not seen as a disadvantage but as an advantage, as we believe that our students will rise to the level of the competition. This has shown itself to be true. This attitude, prevalent in the community, develops students who are self-confident in their abilities and prepared to compete at any level in the world market. Past students' success stories lead us to believe that we have a successful system. LaSalle graduates include a former governor of Wisconsin, a former U.S. and State Representative, a federal Appeals Court Judge, and a host of extremely successful businessmen and businesswomen.

LaSalle High School Curriculum

DEPT.	Credit	9	10	11	12	DEPT.	Credit	9	10	11	12
ENGLISH						Computer Appl. I	1	x	x	x	x
English	1	x	x	x	x	Computer Appl. II	1		x	x	x
FOREIGN LANGUAGE						Accounting I	1/2	x	x	x	x
French I	1	x	x	x	x	VOCATIONAL					
French II	1		x	x	x	Woods I/Metals I	1	x	x	x	x
SOCIAL STUDIES						Advanced Metal	1/2-1		x	x	x
World History & Geography	1				x	Drafting I, II, III, IV	1	x	x	x	x
U.S. History & Geography	1	x				Construction	2			x	x
Senior Social Studies	1				x	Work Experience	1				x
Civics	1/2		x			Teacher's Aides	1/2-1			x	x
Economics	1/2		x			Mentors	1/2-1		x	x	x
MATHEMATICS						PHYSICAL EDUCATION					
Algebra I	1	x	x	x	x	Physical Education	1	x			
Algebra II	1		x	x	x	Health	1		x		
Geometry	1		x	x	x	Advanced Physical Ed.	1/2-1		x	x	x
Functions/Statistics/Trig (A)	1				x	Weight Conditioning	1/2-1		x	x	x
Calculus (A)	1				x	MUSIC					
SCIENCE						Senior Band	1	x	x	x	x
Biology	1	x				Music Appreciation		x	x	x	x
Science	1		x	x	x	Jazz Band					
Chemistry I	1		x	x	x	Chorus	1	x	x	x	x
Chemistry II (A)	1			x	x	ART					
Advanced Biology	1			x	x	Art I	1	x	x	x	x
Physics (A)	1			x	x	Art II	1		x	x	x
Anatomy/Physiology (A)	1				x	Art III	1			x	x
BUSINESS						Art IV	1				x
Intro. to Business	1/2	x	x	x	x	SPED/Study Skills		x	x	x	x

District Features

Students from both Moran Township and St. Ignace Area Schools go to LaSalle High School. The district busses students from both districts (300 sq. miles). The taxable value of the district is \$140,910,067. The number of students in attendance on the count date in September was 707. The districts program included revenues of \$6,511,664 and expenditures of \$6,418,047.

Student Council

The Student Council at LaSalle provides opportunities for students to develop leadership and organizational skills. Members are elected by their peers yearly in the spring of the year. Students are involved in planning events for the entire year for the student body. Meetings are held weekly in seminar to plan and organize each event. Events include: homecoming, courtwarming, class election, Red Cross blood drive, staff appreciation week, parent/teacher conference greeters, cookie dough fund-raiser, spirit awards, mock olympics, yearly scholarship, recognizing students on their birthdays, Adopt-a-Family for the Christmas season, student leadership camp, and recognizing individuals who participate in extracurricular activities. Nikki Martin is the Student Council adviser.

Volunteer Honors

During commencement ceremonies, white cords are worn by students that have volunteered the equivalent of 120 or more hours of their time to a worthy civic cause. 13/58 (22%) graduations met this criteria and earned community service awards.

Elementary/Middle School Activities

- Elementary Choir - Many students attend this after school opportunity led by our certified music teacher, Ms. Terpening.
- After School Program - This program services many students in grades K-7 with tutoring, fun activities, and healthy snacks.
- Fall Festival - This annual October celebration features hayrides, an apple press, an apple toss and apple treats among many other events.
- Snow Daze Festival - Many look forward to this annual February festival that features a horse-drawn sleigh ride, sledding hill, snowshoeing, not chocolate and healthy winter treats.
- March Into Reading - This year's theme, "Road Trip", included road signs, rest stops, and different locations in every area of the school. As students reached reading goals, they traveled across the country.
- Get Moving in May - This month long activity spills out into the community and encourages everyone to focus on exercise and healthy eating habits.
- PTO - This organization meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Their fundraising efforts contribute generously to the elementary and middle schools in many areas.
- Winter Olympics - This involves students in grades 5th - 8th competing against other Eastern Upper Peninsula students for one day in basketball, volleyball, swimming, skiing, chess, and bowling.

Student Assemblies

Student assemblies last year included: Welcome assembly, Veteran's Day assembly, Mock Olympics Homecoming assembly, Christmas assembly, March into Reading assembly, Academic Honors assembly, Athletic Honors assembly, Jo Tompkins substance abuse presentation, and Senior Farewell assembly.

Teacher Certification

100% of the teaching staff met the Federal Governments Highly Qualified rules. All teachers taught in their areas of certification.

Parent Participation

Over 90 percent of all parents participate in at least one parent teacher conference. The school held two formal parent-teacher conferences last year. Parent participation at formal conferences as as follows: Fall - LaSalle 44%, Elementary/Middle School 87%; Spring - LaSalle 36%, Elementary/Middle School 79%. In August, an 8th grade orientation meeting is held with parents and teachers.

Faculty

Marcia Bishop, Kindergarten
Heather Brady, 6th Grade Lang. Arts/Science
David Brines, H.S. Phys. Ed./Weights
Jason Byma, Music Department
Phyllis Chan, Special Education
Pat Chargo, 8th Grade Social Studies/Lang. Arts
Jean Chargo, 4th Grade
Gregg Fettig, Tech. Director/Senior Social Studies
Emily Fullerton, Physical Education
Sherrie Gustafson, Kindergarten
Tom Hamel, Government/History/English
Nick Hein, Metal Shop/Social Studies
Beth Hinkson, Juvenile Detention Facility
Doug Ingalls, 7th Grade Math/Social Studies
Laura Janeczek, Literacy Groups
Michelle LaTocha, Biology/Science
Nicole Lee, 3rd Grade
Lynwood Leightner, Woods/Drafting/Construction
Andrew Long, 8th Grade Science/Juvenile Detention Facility
Elaine MacDonald, 5th Grade
Patrice Mackin, 4th Grade
Nicole Martin, Special Education
Lil McDonald, Kindergarten
Amy Metz, 3rd Grade
Carol Miller, 2nd Grade
Trudy Olsen, 7th Grade Language/Science
Jon Olsen, Special Education
Connie Olsen, Guidance Counselor
Clyde O'Rourke, 5th Grade
Mary Pope, 2nd Grade
Leon Ruder, Art
Karen Sanborn, High School Business
Kathy Schacht, High School English
Helena Shephard, 6th Grade
Pat Shiemke, 3rd Grade
Roxanne Hardy-Smith, French/English
Marty Spencer, 8th Grade Health/Math/Athletic Director
Rob Sydow, Physics/Math, Chemistry
Stephanie Terpening, Music
Kari Visnaw, 1st Grade
Kip Wiersma, Math/Science/Physics

Administration

Michael Springsteen, Superintendent
Donald P. Gustafson, High School Principal
Bonnie Ledy, Elementary Principal
Bonnie Ledy, Middle School Principal
Kathy McLeod, Business Manager

Board of Education

Jane Anne Weiss, President
Rick Litzner, Vice-President
Kathy Campbell, Secretary
Mike Grogan, Treasurer
Sean Arthur, Trustee
Dave Latva, Trustee
Ann Massey, Trustee

Technology

Two-Way Instructional TV

Currently, all Eastern Upper Peninsula high schools (12 districts), along with two colleges, Lake Superior State University and Bay Mills Community College, share program offerings over Interactive Television. Classes offered include Spanish I and II, French I and II, Advanced Math and Calculus, Accounting, and Advanced Biology. Eight LaSalle students were enrolled in Calculus over the ITV system in the 2007-2008 year.

PowerSchool

In the 2006-2007 school year one of the district's goals was to improve communication between school, teachers, students, and parent/guardians. One way our district improved this line of communication is by implementing a new student information system called PowerSchool. In this student information system all teachers use the same grade book to post grades. Each student then has a both a separate student login and parent/guardian login where grades can be accessed online. As teachers post grades into their grade books, students and parents/guardians can be updated on the students academic progress.

5 Year Technology Plan

In the 2007 - 2008 school year our school district developed a five year technology plan. This plan serves as a guide to update and implement the highest levels of technology for our students and staff. The plan's goal is that by 2012 every student from grades 6-12 will be provided with a laptop for a "one to one" learning environment. Additionally the plan also establishes an updated working computer for each teacher and provides each school will have a working computer lab for teachers to utilize.

Michigan Virtual High School (MIVHS)

In the 2007-2008 school year, nine students were enrolled in MIVHS courses. They completed courses such as AP Macroeconomics, Spanish I, Spanish II, Psychology, and Forensic Science. MIVHS continues to expand our curriculum, assist with scheduling conflicts and provides our students with a diverse way of learning.

Pride of LaSalle Productions

St. Ignace Area Schools published two yearbooks in the 2007-08 year. Betsy Wheeler was in charge of the high school yearbook, and Emily Fullerton was in charge of the elementary/middle school yearbook. Both publications were high quality and were well received by parents and students.

Music

The St. Ignace Area Schools Music Department educates our students in numerous facets of music and fine arts. Our students musicians performed throughout the community and state with the Jazz Band, Steel Band, Pep Band, and Beginning, Middle and High School Concert/Marching Bands. The Music Department held various fundraisers for the program culminating with "A Night of Jazz, Pop, and Steel". The High School Band traveled to Chicago at the end of March for a field trip. Choir students likewise have performed in many different venues. The Youth, Chamber, and High School choirs continue to grow in popularity.

Student Mentors

This program matches high school students with elementary students. Mentors and mentees meet regularly as part of the student schedule. In a pilot program in 1997, four student mentors were placed with four elementary students. The initial success has resulted in expansion over the years. During the 2007-2008 year, 52 high school students served as student mentors. The program is monitored by Deanna Kreski.

Scholarship Opportunities

Each year graduating seniors are awarded local, state and national scholarships. Thousands and thousands of dollars were awarded in local scholarships. Local sources for scholarships include Kiwanis Club, St. Ignace Education Association, Chamber of Commerce, Fred Stearns Memorial, St. Ignace Area Schools, Lions Club, Jeannette Tamlyn DARE Memorial, Loryce Dyer Memorial, Alice M. Becker Memorial, St. Ignace Area Community Foundation, Bob Bucholz Memorial, Erin Springsteen Memorial, McKinnon Foundation and Student Council. Additionally, seventeen graduates earned the Michigan Promise Award.

Work Experience

Students choose their work experience according to their career interests. Students are required to complete employability skill assignments, keep an organized notebook, communicate with employers, be responsible for all tasks assigned, learn individual job skills for the chosen career, and learn to work with others in a work environment. Partnerships are formed with community employees for the school year. During the 2007-2008 year, 18 seniors were enrolled in work experience assignments.

Thirty high school students attended Job Fair and Career Day held at Little Bear East Arena. This program was co-sponsored by the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Works. Students were able to apply for employment opportunities and received information on career options.

Drama

Last year, the LaSalle High School Players, under the direction of Kathleen Schacht, presented the musical "Crab Apple Academy."

Student Recognition

Outstanding student accomplishment is recognized and honored in a variety of ways. Throughout the year students are "Caught Doing Something Right" and two senior students are selected each month by faculty as Students of the Month. An academic and an athletic assembly are held in the spring. Honors include: Academic All-State, Alpha Beta Award, Athlete of the Year, college scholarships, Curly Nelson Workhorse Award, DAR Good Citizen Award, David Frazier Good Citizen Award, EUP Principals' Awards, Honor Roll, individual classroom awards, Jim Brown Scholar/Athlete Award, Jim Vaughn Award for Dramatic Excellence, and the John Phillip Sousa Award, LaSalle Academic award, MHSAA Scholar/Athlete Award, national Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship, Perfect Attendance, Principal's Award, and the Ross Kanitz Memorial Award.

Construction Class

The construction class completed their seventh 1000 square foot home in the 2007-2008 school year under the direction of instructor Lynwood Leightner. This home was purchased by Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Athletics, Drama Club, Art Club, Shop Club, Biology Club, Physics Club, French Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Europe Club, National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Student Council, Class Officers, Pep Band, Ski Club

2007-2008 ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

LaSalle High School is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and participates in the Straits Area Conference

Athletic Director: Marty Spencer		
Varsity Girls Basketball Coach: Dorene Ingalls	Boys Basketball Coach: Doug Ingalls	Softball Coach: Bill Pechta
Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach: Robin Kissinger	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach: Jason Marshall	Cheerleading Coach: Janet Warren
Varsity Football Coach: Marty Spencer	Golf Coach: Ben Brown	Boys Track Coach: Angela Abercrombie
Junior Varsity Football Coach: Chris Marshall	Wrestling Coach: Harvey Bentley	Girls Track Coach: Diane Huskey
Volleyball Coach: Gracia Marshall	Cross Country Coach: Diane Huskey	Bowling Coach: Terri Allen
Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach: Cayla Cowell	Baseball Coach: Lou Grondin	Dance Coach: Mary Ribble

POINTS OF PRIDE 2007-2008

Alpha Beta Award: Audrey Wyers
Principal's Award: Megan LaRocque
Most Improved Student Award: Matt Taylor
Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award: Audrey Wyers
Easter Upper Peninsula Principals Award: Caysey Brown, Shawn Cowell, Megan LaRocque, Shane Spring, Brendon Steiner, Audrey Wyers
Outstanding Musician: Megan LaRocque, Audrey Wyers
James Vaughn Award for Dramatic Excellence: Audrey Wyers

LEADERSHIP

Class Presidents - Shane Spring (grade 12), Nickole Lanczak (grade 11), Christi Therrian (grade 10), Austin St. Louis (grade 9)
Student Council President - Nick Montie

ATHLETICS

Football: Playoff Qualifier

Wrestling: District Championship
Girls Track: Regional Championship & Upper Peninsula Championship

13 seniors earned **Straits Area Conference Scholar Athlete Awards** for maintaining a 3.25 or better GPA and earning a varsity letter in their senior year.

Athletes of Year: Derek Marshall & Marcie Rickley

ACADEMIC HONORS - CLASS OF 2008

Just Desserts: (Honor Roll all 3 marking periods during Senior Year) **43%**

Honor Cords: (3.0 or better cumulative GPA) **43%**
Community Service Cords: (120 or more volunteer hours) **22%**

LaSalle Award: (3.5 or better GPA all four years of high school) **21%**

Salutatorian: Audrey Wyers

Valedictorian: Brendon Steiner

Michigan School Report Card

The Michigan Department of Education issues a report card on each public school district. The primary basis for the report card is how well students score on MEAP tests. For the 2007/2008 school year the following grades were issued to St. Ignace Area Schools:

LaSalle High School: C St. Ignace Middle School: A St. Ignace Elementary School: A

MEAP Scores

The data listed is the percentage of students in the grade level who scored either Level 1 or 2 on the MEAP test (met or exceeded state standards).

		ST. IGNACE AREA SCHOOLS		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
		2006-07	Fall 2007	2006-07	Fall 2007
3rd Grade	Math	98%	89%	88%	90%
	Reading	91%	85%	87%	86%
	Writing	69%	62%	52%	57%
	English/Lang. Arts	85%	85%	79%	81%
4th Grade	English/Lang. Arts	79%	83%	78%	76%
	Reading	87%	88%	85%	84%
	Writing	55%	60%	45%	44%
	Math	91%	98%	84%	86%
5th Grade	Math	89%	87%	76%	74%
	Reading	87%	86%	84%	82%
	Writing	58%	49%	57%	59%
	English/Lang. Arts	87%	70%	77%	78%
	Science	89%	90%	83%	82%
6th Grade	Math	84%	89%	69%	73%
	Reading	82%	91%	83%	82%
	Writing	65%	78%	74%	73%
	English/Lang. Arts	76%	87%	78%	80%
7th Grade	Social Studies	67%	85%	74%	73%
	Math	74%	89%	64%	73%
	English/Lang. Arts	83%	87%	75%	74%
	Reading	83%	78%	80%	72%
8th Grade	Writing	55%	87%	66%	77%
	Math	68%	87%	67%	72%
	Reading	73%	65%	76%	77%
	Writing	59%	65%	67%	70%
9th Grade	English/Lang. Arts	68%	63%	71%	75%
	Science	64%	77%	30%	79%
	Social Studies		63%		71%

MME Results

The 2006-07 school year was the first year that MME was administered in its current format which includes ACT, Work Keys, and MEAP Subject Specific Tests. Prior to this time, MEAP testing was conducted in a completely different format that did not involve ACT and Work Keys. 2006-07 number of students tested=66 and 2007-08 number of students tested=61.

		LASALLE HIGH SCHOOL		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
		2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
11th Grade	Math	30%	26%	46%	46%
	Science	62%	57%	56%	57%
	Social Studies	84%	72%	83%	80%
	Reading	50%	64%	60%	62%
	Writing	30%	39%	40%	41%
	ELA (R+W)	45%	56%	51%	52%

GLAD Scores

		ST. IGNACE			EUPISD	
		Language Arts	Reading	Math	Language Arts	Math
Grade						
1		71	66	57	75	67
2		72	68	69	68	65
3		69	64	72	67	65
4		70	72	66	68	59
5		84	82	82	70	64
6		67	76	69	69	58
7		70	71	65	64	60

ACT

		TOTAL TESTED		ENGLISH		MATHEMATICS		READING		SCIENCE		COMPOSITE		
Grade Year	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State
2004	41	73,434	21.0	20.5	20.3	21.1	22.1	21.8	21.3	21.5	21.3	21.4	21.3	21.4
2005	45	74,307	20.4	20.7	19.6	21.2	20.4	21.8	21.3	21.6	20.5	21.4	20.5	21.4
2006	42	72,751	18.2	20.7	19.2	21.2	20.7	21.8	20.5	21.7	19.8	21.5	19.8	21.5
2007	38	78,135	19.3	20.7	18.9	21.3	20.7	21.8	20.5	21.7	20.0	21.5	20.0	21.5
2008	68	123,918	17.2	18.7	17.9	19.5	18.9	19.8	19.2	19.9	18.5	19.6	18.5	19.6