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Substitute Teachers Needed

For the 2025-2026 school year, the CLK Schools are in need of substitute teachers . If you are looking for a flexible schedule, love working with young people and have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit, this may be the perfect job for you.

Please stop by the Superintendent’s Office to pick up an information packet, or call 337-0311 ext. 1219 for more details.



2025-2026
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CALENDAR

This calendar has common dates that have been set by the Copper Country Intermediate School District, which all local schools must adhere to:

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| Friday, August 30 | Labor Day Holiday |
| Monday, September 1 | Labor Day Holiday |
| Tuesday, September 2 | First day of school |
| Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 27 & 28 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| Mon., Dec. 22 - Fri., Jan 2 | Christmas Recess |
| Mon., Mar. 23—Fri., Mar. 27 | Spring Recess |
| Friday, April 3 | Good Friday |
| Mon., May 25 | Memorial Day |



The Mission of the Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw School District is to educate young people in a safe and orderly environment where lifelong essential learning skills are taught and mastered, initiative is encouraged and achievement is recognized.

FIRST Robotics team qualifies
for World Championship in Houston, TX



Back row left to right: Byron David, Cole Miller, Volunteer Braden Miller, Coach Todd Waurio, Sterling Fryer

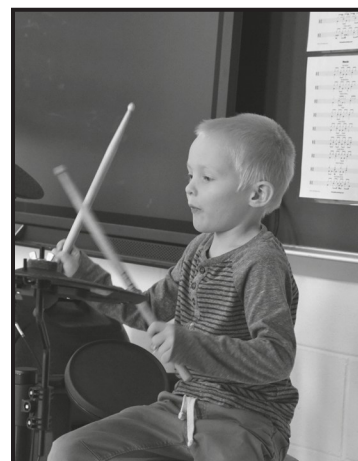
Front row left to right: Evelyn Robb, Keira Johnson, Grace Dee

The Calumet High School FIRST Robotics Team qualified for the World Championship for the 4th time. The team travelled to Houston, TX, from April 14th-20th to participate in the competition. The team extends a thank you to everyone who contributed to help make this trip possible.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Junior King and Kindergarten Registration was held on Wednesday, March 12th. Parents and students were able to tour the school, peek inside a bus and visit the Junior King and Kindergarten classrooms. If you have not registered your Junior King/Kindergartener for the 2025-2026 school year, please do so now. Children who will reach the age of five (5) on September 1st - December 1st, 2025, are eligible for the Junior King's Early Kindergarten program or may be eligible for Kindergarten with a signed waiver.

Please bring your child's state certified birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. All incoming Junior King and Kindergarten students must have a vision screening done before school starts. If you have any questions or need registration forms, please call the CLK Elementary Office at 337-0311, option 1.



CCASB AWARDS



L-R Melanie Parker, Jayna Johnson, Jason Wickstrom, Allison Bjorn, Philip Halonen and Karmen Markham

The Copper Country Association of School Boards, comprised of one representative from each local Board of Education, recently honored outstanding school district employees and volunteers. CLK awards were presented to: Senior, Allison Bjorn "Student Leadership Award," Jayna Johnson, "Outstanding Education Employee Award," and Karmen Markham, "School Service Award." Each recipient was recognized for demonstrating commitment and effort in support of education in the CLK School District.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



The Prometheus Chapter of the National Honor Society at Calumet High School welcomed 20 new members at its candlelight induction ceremony on March 17th. These students not only had grade point averages of 3.3 or higher on a 4-point scale, but also demonstrated the qualities of leadership in and out of the classroom, character, and community service.

The high school chapter, a part of the National Honor Society since 1963, sponsors blood drives, supports local charity organizations, and requires individual community service of its members. The National Honor Society Advisor is Katie Bonacorsi.



The new members are: Braylinn Antilla, Cameron Bessner, Chaice Binder, Serenity Cane, Chloe Coppo, Aster Davis, Grace Dee, Claire Goss, Paxtyn Goulette, Nynna Jarvi, Nathan Londo, Millie Loukus, Ted Loukus, Tessa Meneguzzo, Lewis Nagel, Drake Niemela, Kailyn Pennala, Evelyn Robb, Axl Schneiderhan and Jordyn Wendling.

Message from the Superintendent

As we close out the school year, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, families, and the entire community for your continued support and partnership. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and many proud moments across CLK Schools. I'm especially grateful for the dedication of our educators and staff, the resilience and determination of our students, and the unwavering support from our families. Together, we are building a strong foundation for continued success.

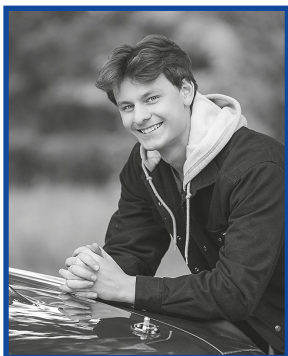
Commencement 2025

Top academic honors in the class of 2025 have been earned by Valedictorians Adrienne Kangas, Jackie Kiilunen, Carter Worm and Liisa Ylitalo. They will join their classmates at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd for the 142nd commencement exercises.



Adrienne R. Kangas (4.0) is the daughter of James & Sara Kangas. Adrienne participated in the senior class play and HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America. After graduation, she plans to attend Michigan Technological University to major in Nursing.

Jackie C. Kiilunen (4.000) is the daughter of Erik and Janine Kiilunen. Jackie participated in volleyball, basketball, track and yearbook & digital publishing. After graduation she plans to seek full time employment.



Carter J. Worm is the son of Jeremy and Jennifer Worm. Carter participated in track, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, SkillsUSA and Bio-Athlon. After graduation he plans to attend Michigan Technological University to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Liisa J. Ylitalo is the daughter of Ross and Mari Ylitalo. Liisa participated in National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Robotics, the senior class play, Student Senate, Poetry Out Loud, JROTC Drill Team, JLAB, Raiders Skating Color Guard & Vex Robotics and was a class officer. After graduation she plans to attend the CLK-Gogebic Community College 5th year program to major in Flight Science.



Class Song

"Slipping through my Fingers" by Amanda Seyfried & Meryl Streep
(from the Mama Mia 2008 Soundtrack)



Graduation Speaker

The graduation speaker for the Class of 2025 is Dr. Timothy LaBonte. Dr. LaBonte is a 2001 graduate of Calumet High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2005. While at MTU he was inducted into the Blue Key National Honor Society, best known for organizing Winter Carnival.



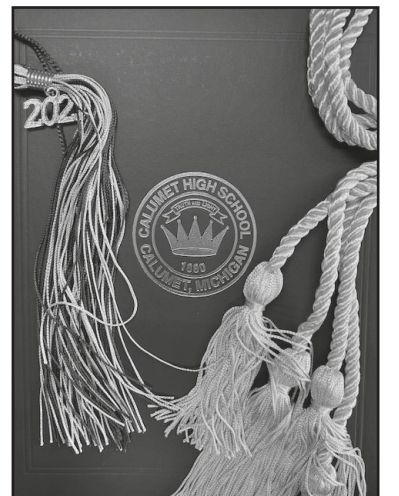
With a passion for healthcare and a desire to serve the people of the Keweenaw, Dr LaBonte pursued a Doctor of Medicine (MD) at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, graduating in 2011. During his time at Michigan State he contributed to a landmark study highlighting the high rates of suicide among medical students. The research gained national attention and led to significant changes in medical education.

Following medical school, Dr. LaBonte completed his Family Medicine Residency at Marquette General Hospital (now UP Health System – Marquette) in 2014. Since completing residency, Dr LaBonte has completed additional fellowships in physician leadership and executive leadership through the Michigan Hospital Association.

Dr. LaBonte currently practices as a Hospitalist at UP Health System – Portage specializing in intensive care (ICU) and medical-surgical care. Additionally, as a Clinical Assistant Professor at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, he actively contributes to training the next generation of physicians.

Beyond clinical medicine, Dr. LaBonte has held numerous leadership roles. He currently serves as President of the medical staff at UP Health System – Portage, Chair of the Medical Executive Committee, and actively participates on several other committees where he plays a key role in advancing healthcare quality and safety. He has also served on the Board of Trustees as Chairman (2020-2022) and currently as Chief of Staff. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Portage Holding Company, the Joint Venture between Portage Health and LifePoint Health.

Outside of medicine, Dr. LaBonte leads an active lifestyle and enjoys the great outdoors. He is an avid downhill skier, wake surfer, water skier, runner, cyclist, and pickleball enthusiast. Spending time on the lake is one of his favorite pastimes. Among his many adventures, skydiving stands out as the most thrilling experience he has ever had—one he highly recommends to anyone seeking an unforgettable rush. Dr. LaBonte is happily married to his wife, Natasha, and together they share the joy of raising their 10-year-old daughter, Harper.



Class Officers

President - Isabella Coppo
Treasurer - Byron David

V. President - Waylon Spelich
SSN Delegate - Lillian Lammi

Secretary - Sydney Cummings



Calumet High School, CLK Elementary School & Washington Middle School named National Showcase Schools by Capturing Kids Hearts

We are proud to announce that CLK Elementary School has been named for the fifth year in a row a Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase School. This year, they are joined by Calumet High School and Washington Middle School, who have earned this award for the 3rd year in a row. The Showcase School Award displays both high aspiration and an exemplary recognition of excellence that Calumet High School, CLK Elementary School and Washington Middle School display. This is also the 3rd year in a row that CLK Schools have been named a National Showcase District.

ATHLETIC ALL-STATE AWARD WINNERS

Volleyball - Sienna Anderson (Academic All-State); Allison Bjorn (All-State 1st Team, Academic All-State); Jackie Kiilunen (All-State 3rd Team, Academic All-State); Madelyn Torola (All-State 1st Team) Team - Academic All-State - GPA 3.60

Football - Trent Halonen (Academic All-State); Viktor Haugland (Academic All-State); Emmett Kaurala (Academic All-State); Kent Koskela (Academic All-State); Nels Loukus (Academic All-State); Ted Loukus (Academic All-State); Micah Pieti (Academic All-State); Nathan Thyron (Academic All-State); Team - Academic All-State - GPA 3.785

Hockey - Nathan Londo (All-State 2nd Team); Nels Loukus (Academic All-State); Ted Loukus (All-State 2nd Team, Academic All-State); Team - Academic All-State - GPA 3.414

Boys Basketball - Team - Academic All-State - GPA 3.34

Girls Basketball - Jackie Kiilunen (Academic All-State); Team - Academic All-State - GPA 3.50

STATE & NATIONAL COMPETITORS

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the State and/or National level of their respective activities.



Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference

Ava Lis Advisors: Elsa Green
Kayla Standridge Darin Goke
Nathan Thyron
Kristen Ylitalo



Science Olympiad—State Finals Calumet H.S. & Washington M.S.

Advisors: John Asiala, Darrell Hendrickson and Timothy Porter

Top Row: Keira Johnson, Josie Johnson, Byron David, Lorelei Fryer, Merisa Lishinski, Gwen Skoog, Quinn Alldredge, and Jack Jones.

Front Row: Chloe Myhren, Alli Kesanen, Tenley Goldsworthy, Vivian Robb, Marshall Baker, William Goss, and Justin Weber



VEX Robotics State & World Competition

Zoe Robinson Advisor Cara Wightman
Edward Diepen Assistant Advisor,
Caleb Ely Major Michael Farley
Jack Jones

National Academic Bowl Championships JLAB Academic Team

Aster Davis, Claire Goss, Melody Woods, Axl Schneiderhan Missing: Julia Heflin & Evelyn Robb

JROTC Leadership Team

Lorelei Fryer, Annika Haugland, Saima Erickson, Kate Probst & Lewis Nagel Missing: Natalie Chapoton



JROTC Academic Team



JROTC Leadership Team



C.H.S. Athletics



Volleyball

**WestPAC Conference Champion
District Champion**

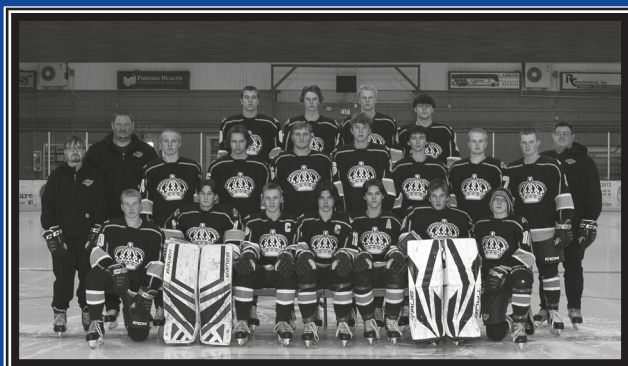
Back: Coach Katie Bonacorsi, Jess Anderson, Millie Loukus, Chloe Coppo, Amina Tarnowski, Grace Keranen, Molly Erkkila, Khloe Carlson, Mgr.
Front: Lillian Lammi, Jackie Kiilunen, Madelyn Torola, Allison Bjorn, Isabella Coppo, Sienna Anderson



Girls Basketball

**District Champion
Regional Champion
State Semi-Finalist**

Back L-R Mgr. Ava Giachino, Vol. Ass't Coach Julie Giachino, Coach Charlie Kemppainen, Cara Halonen, Allison Bjorn, Neva McParlan, Jackie Kiilunen, Bailey Strom, Maretta Kangas, JV Coach Adel Riutta, Vol. Ass't Coach Sarah Hampton.
Front L-R—Mgr. Abigail Hampton, Millie Loukus, Gracie Coppo, Maija Keranen, Jenna Yohe, Jess Anderson, Kiirsi Johnson, Mgr. Kyla Strom



Hockey

**Great Lakes Hockey Conference
Co-Champions**

Back Row L-R Jax Carlson, Liam Pomroy, Nels Loukus, Kobe Solomonson
Middle L-R Vol. Ass't Coach Levi Erkkila, Ass't Coach Josh Frantti, Oskar Loukus, Dylan Crouch, Matthew Frantti, Drake Niemela, Luke Hamlin, Erik Loukus, Nathan Keranen, Coach Dan Giachino
Front Row L-R Ben Anderson, Jacob Garrow, Ted Loukus, Brendan Boberg, Nathan Londo, Beau Jukuri, Brady Boberg

RETIREEES



Mr. Clay Cotey
Washington Middle School
23 Years



Mrs. Joan Darnell
CLK Elementary School
36 Years



Mrs. Trista Soumis*
Washington Middle School
23 Years



Mrs. Jennifer Torola
CLK Elementary School
23 Years

*Congratulations
and best wishes in
your retirement!*

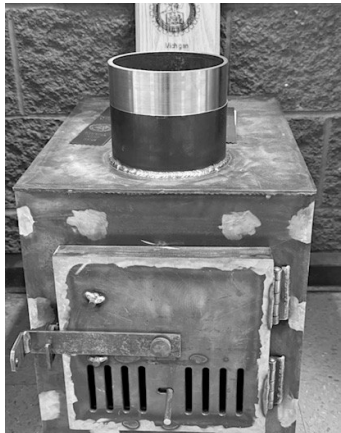
2025 PAC Awards



The 7th grade girls basketball team won the Dream Team Award and Mrs. Trista Soumis* received a Special Recognition Award (Retiree) from the Copper Country Intermediate School District's Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education. Members of the 7th Gr. girls basketball team are Abigail Anderson, Kayla Eskola, Quinn Goulette, Ellie Halonen, Alexa Hermanson, Pearl Loukus, Gwenyth Skoog & Elsie Sturos.

Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society State Competition

Calumet High School Industrial Technology students submitted projects to the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society State Competition held in Gaylord in May. The MITES was established in 1928 with the founding principle of promoting and maintaining Michigan's strong and long history of industrial education of various types. Nine students earned to three finishes in the state with their projects. Sawyer Berg - Wood Stove: Regional 1st; State 1st; Matthew Frantti - Rod Holders & Base: Regional 1st; State 1st; Tyler Halonen - Outdoor Table & Benches: Regional 1st; State 1st; Dirk Koskela - Gun Cabinet: Regional 1st; State 2nd; Owen Loukus - Lamp (CAD/CAM/Weld): Regional 1st; State 2nd; Liam Pomroy - Fishing Graph Mount: Regional 1st; State 2nd; Liam Pomroy - Live Scope Mount for trolling motor: Regional 1st; State 2nd; Jordan Trevethan - Lake Superior Table: Regional 1st; State 2nd; Owen Peterson - Lamp (CAD/CAM/Weld): Regional 3rd; State 3rd. Fifty-six total projects were entered into the competition, earning a total of 21 top ten (10)



Library News

The Library has much to offer our patrons. We have a great selection of books in house and if there is a title we don't have, we can borrow it from another library through an inter-library loan. You also can borrow e-books and audiobooks through our library from the Great Lakes Digital Library. Now that we are partnered with other libraries there are more than 100,000 titles to browse.

Digital Magazines are also available to our patrons. There are 100s of magazine titles to choose from. Download them to your device and enjoy reading your selection anywhere!

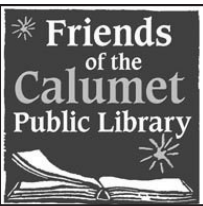
Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Calumet Library we also offer Mango Language, with over 70 languages to explore, including Finnish, Spanish, French, Russian and even Pirate. It's easy to use and once lessons are downloaded on your device you can enjoy learning anywhere.

The Calumet Public School Library has 23 public computers for patron use and wireless access. Computers are shut down 1/2 hour before closing.

Don't have a card? Just stop by the library or call (906) 337-0311 ext. 1107 for details. We will be happy to help you.

FRIENDS OF THE CALUMET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Calumet Public Library is a volunteer organization formed to increase public awareness of the library's resources and services, expand its programming and materials, and raise money to supplement the general library budget. Buy your \$10 yearly membership or a lifetime senior membership for \$100 by visiting the library or mail a check to the library with the designation "Friends of the Library membership." Check out our Facebook page at "Friends of the Calumet Public Library" for the latest news including upcoming used book sale information.



Upcoming Events

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| May 20 | Senior Class Night | 7:00 p.m. | CLK Gymnasium* |
| May 22 | Senior Awards | 8:00 a.m. | CLK Gymnasium |
| May 22 | CHS Baccalaureate | 7:00 p.m. | CLK Gymnasium* |
| May 23 | CHS Commencement | 7:00 p.m. | CLK Gymnasium* |
| May 29 | HAHS Commencement | 6:00 p.m. | Calumet Theatre |
| June 4-6 | Final Exams | | Calumet High School |
| June 6 | Last day of school for students | 12:00 p.m. 3:46 p.m. | Dismissal - CLK Elem. & WMS Dismissal—Horizons |
| June 9 | Records Day | | |
| June 9 | Drivers Ed Course Begins | 8:00 a.m. | Calumet High School |

*Will be live streamed on NFHS.



Student workers Myra Yohe and Jenna Yohe

SPRING LIBRARY HOURS

BEGIN May 27th
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

BEGIN June 9th
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed:

May 26th
July 4th
July 28th - Aug. 8th
August 29th
September 1st