COMET CONNECTION

Friday, October 30, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2026-2027 School Calendar
- November Lunch Menu
- **November 5 & 6 -** Online Auction Begins
- **November 7 -** Annual Building the Future Auction - 6pm
- **November 25-27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
- **December 10 -** All school Christmas Concert
- **December 21 - January 1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

A Note from Superintendent Scott Curell

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe how quickly the school year is going! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner.

I'm asking for your grace and understanding as we continue working through our transition from Sycamore to Educate. We've experienced quite a few hiccups over the past several weeks, and the transition has not gone as smoothly as we had hoped.

On behalf of our teachers and office staff, thank you for your support as we continue troubleshooting issues and becoming more familiar with the new system. We appreciate your understanding as we work through these challenges together.

Thank you, and it truly is a great day to be a Comet!

Scott Curell

Prayer Requests

The NMCS School Board would encourage our school community to pray for the following items this month:

- The upcoming Building the Future Auction and the Major Drive Campaign.
- We would encourage you to pick a staff member, a school program and a student (or group of students) and diligently pray for them this month.

Trip Updates

Just a friendly reminder to **send in your Pink Vouchers and Account Transfer Form to the school office. The deadline is November 13 for all vouchers and account transfers.** So in order for us to apply them to the December 2026 payout, we need them asap.

Email: trip@nmcs.us or call Tash or Jessie @ 231-825-2492 ext. 3909, leave a message anytime. There will be **NO TRIP** the week of November 23 (no school Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). Please be thinking ahead for Christmas shopping since some cards will be in high demand and we may need to backorder them.

NMCS Annual Auction

SAVE THE DATE! The NMCS Building the Future Auction is Saturday, November 7 at 6pm. We will have the same format as last year with an online (November 5 & 6) and a live auction. If you are interested in donating, you can find a letter and donation sheet here. Please keep an eye out for emails and social media updates with more information.



Class Baskets for Auction

In the last few years the school has decided to have each grade put together an auction basket based on a certain theme. These items are compiled into a "class basket" that is put up for bid at the school auction to raise money for the school. This is always a highlight of the auction.You are not required to participate or donate, but every small item/gift helps reach our total goal. **Please drop off items or cash donations at the front office labeled with the grade and donor name. We would like all baskets completed by October 30.** If you have any questions, please text Lynn-Marie Kinkema at 231-388-4260.

Pre K/Young 5s: Playdough/Sensory play
Kindergarten: Pizza Night
1st Grade: Reading Together
2nd Grade: Chili Night
3rd Grade: Breakfast
4th Grade: Football Sunday
5th Grade: Pasta Night
Middle School: Treat Yourself
High School: Dinner Out

HIGH SCHOOL

CTC Awards

Congratulations to Braylin Stahl on being named Student of the Quarter in his Heavy Equipment Technology Program and Gavin Beck for being named Student of the Quarter in his Career Skills Program at the Career Tech Center!



ATHLETICS

Uniforms

Reminder, all uniforms should be turned into the Trey Reed once the season is done. Thank you!

Children at Games

Students and young children are **NOT ALLOWED** to be left unsupervised and are **NOT ALLOWED** to be running through the lobbies, cafeteria or parking lot during athletic events. Lately, there have been a lot of students running through the school. Please remember that they are required to be in the gymnasium during the game. This has become a safety and cleanliness issue.

Winter Sports Signup



3rd - 12th Grade winter sports signup is now open! If your child is interested in playing basketball, please fill out the 2026 Winter Sports Signup Form

Elementary/Travel Girls Basketball Information

The 3rd/4th grade team will be coached by Amber Schnitker and the 5th/6th grade team will be coached by Ally Brinks.

The **3rd/4th grade team** will start practice in the practice gym on 10/27 and 10/29 from 5:30pm to 7:15pm.

The **5th/6th grade team** is starting practice on 10/29 from 3-5 also in the practice gym. They will also practice on the following days...
- Oct. 30 from 3pm to 5pm in the practice gym
- Nov. 2 from 3pm to 5pm in the practice gym
- Nov. 4 & 5 from 5pm to 7pm in the practice gym.

These teams are open to all 3rd through 6th grade girls at NMCS.

Games start on Nov. 7 in Evart.

Further schedule and practice information will be shared by your coaches so please make sure you get on their communication chain.

Please sign up for these teams via nmcs.us/athletics.

Schedules

Individual practice schedules are communicated through each individual coach. Game and contest schedules can always be found at nmcs.us/athletics. When events are changed, the schedules are updated in real time.

NOVEMBER FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

- Nov. 6: 1 PM - 4 PM
- Nov. 13: 1 PM - 4 PM
- Nov 20: 1 PM - 4 PM

Office hours may be canceled or changed this month with short notice.

Please email any questions to cgommesen@nmcs.us and allow 24 hours to respond.

COMET COMMUNITY

Dick Family Farm Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

Fall fun is here! **Dick Family Farm Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze** will be open **September 25–October 31** at Cannon Corner!

Regular Hours:
Fridays: 4:00PM – 7:00 PM
Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Come have a blast with us and enjoy all kinds of fall activities, including a **hay bale mountain, duck race, corn bin, petting zoo, nature scape, wall ball,** and more! Pick out the perfect pumpkin and see if you can find your way through the corn maze.

Moonlight Corn Maze:
October 3, 16 & 30 • 6:00 PM –10:00 PM

While you're here, enjoy delicious fall treats like **donuts, cider, ice cream, roasted almonds,** and more! **7710 S 7 Mile Road, McBain**

Cleaning Services Available

Good news! I have two openings for new clients starting in November (just in time for the holidays)!

- Over 10 years experience
- Thorough and detailed
- Consistent and dependable

Call or text me at (406) 589-2396 so we discuss your cleaning needs and see if we are a good fit.
Giselle Vanderlaan

Trunk or Treat

Highland Christian Reformed Church is hosting Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 31 from 3-5pm**. Come and enjoy soup, cider, donuts and of course, candy!
9034 23 Mile Rd. Marion. Corner of 90th Ave. and 23 Mile Rd. (North Parking Lot).

Christmas Worship Extravaganza

Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5 at 7pm.

Lake City CRC is hosting its 5th year of the Christmas Worship Extravaganza! Over 75 musicians from 35 local churches coming together worship this holiday season. Plan now to be a part of this special evening. Lake City CRC is located at 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.