

PROM:
SATURDAY, MAY 4
GRAND MARCH 8PM

EARLY RELEASE:
FRIDAY, MAY 24

GRADUATION:
FRIDAY, MAY 24 7PM
FOOTBALL FIELD



Spring Concert
Monday, May 13
at 7:00pm featuring
5th, 6th, and Jr/Sr High bands



NEWSLETTER



From the desk of the Superintendent...

Wow, that late winter storm was NO FUN! I'm glad we're moving into spring, and soon summer will be here!

On that note, I'd like to keep the community updated with our district improvements this summer, and how they will impact our summer programming.

A large majority of our Indoor Air Quality projects will involve upgrading electrical and piping throughout the high school and original parts of the elementary building, as well as above the kitchen area. With that said, those areas of the building will largely be off limits for most of June, July, and August, with the goal of being ready for staff in-service on August 26. Our Bulldog Club will be able to use the kindergarten classroom, entering/exiting directly out of the classroom door there, and NOT using the main commons doors. Our 3 and 4 year old programming will also be based out of their classroom on the southwest side of the building, and again NOT using the main commons doors. (Our main gymnasium will be getting a dehumidification unit installed, and that timeline has not yet been set, but the expectation is that our main gym will be unusable for 1-2 weeks, depending upon the process. More on that timeline will be announced later this spring.) As for other community education classes, we are working at creating a reduced calendar of offerings this summer, with the majority of those offerings being held in the primary wing as well.

On another topic, we have had an active group of community participants who worked as a community task force to make recommendations to the Swanville School Board at their March board meeting in regard to exploring possible future building projects in the district, and one of the recommendations of the committee was to send out a community-wide survey to get a greater sense of the community support for/against reimagining the

Join Us! May 10, 2024



Run/Walk Cost:
FREE!

Check In:
West parking lot
starting at 12:15

Run/Walk begins:
5K - 12:45p.m.
2K - 1:00 p.m.

2K/5K
FUN RUN/WALK

Hosted by Swanville School District
A Swanville Community gathering
open to EVERYONE.

Grab your parents, family, friends, & neighbors.

Swanville School. We have just sent out a postcard across the entire district asking for your input on this topic, and we ask you to take some time to thoughtfully fill out the survey and help guide the future of our district. Please feel free to either fill out the postcard that you will receive in the mail and return it to the school, or access the web-based survey at <https://qrco.de/swan-facsurvey>, by April 19.

The school board hopes to use this data point to better make an informed decision about any possible upcoming scopes of work the district may pursue in future years.

We are committed to finding solutions that align with the priorities of our community taxpayers and meet the needs of our students, staff, and community. Understanding that a school district is a direct reflection of the community it serves, we value the voices of our community members as solutions are developed.

Thank you for your continued support of the Swanville School!

Yours in Education,

Travis Hensch

Greetings from the desk of Mrs. Johnson!

Happy Spring?!? The weather as I am writing is rather blustery, but I guess out like a lion?

It is hard to believe we are in the 4th quarter of our school year already. We have a fun, very full quarter ahead of us. Please keep up with our school website and Facebook page for up-to-the-minute information on our many events and happenings. We are also entering state testing time; please make sure that if your student is scheduled to test, they get plenty of rest, have a good breakfast, and please stress how important the tests are to not only them but to our district as a whole.

Parents of seniors, please encourage your students to apply for scholarships, especially our local Dollars for Scholars. There is quite a bit of money for further education! It's great to be a part of this very giving community!

Let's have a great, strong end to our school year!

Mrs. Sheryl Johnson, Principal

Spring Sports Schedules

all dates/times/opponents are subject to change

Varsity & JV Baseball

4/15 @ Breckenridge	5:00
4/16 @ LPGE	4:30
4/18 @ WC in Barrett	5:00
4/19 vs Br/EV @ MAC	4:00
4/23 @ Milaca	5:00
4/25 vs Parkers Prairie	4:30 (S)
4/30 @ Bord. West in Clinton	4:30
5/2 vs Osakis	4:30 (U)
5/3 @ Ogilvie	4:30 (S)
5/7 vs LPGE	4:30 (S)
5/9 @ Ashby	5:00
5/10 vs Crosby-Ironton	4:30 (U)
5/14 @ B/EV in Brow.	4:30
5/16 @ New York Mills	4:30
5/17 vs Royalton	4:30 (U)
5/23 vs BBE	4:30 (U)

Junior High Baseball 8th gr 4:30, 7th gr 5:30

4/13 @ Brandon-Evansville Tourn.	9:00 (Evansville)
4/16 vs LPGE (S)	
4/18 vs Crosby-Ironton (U)	
4/23 vs SJP (S)	
4/25 @ Parkers Prairie	
4/30 vs BBE (U)	
5/2 @ Osakis	
5/7 @ LPGE	
5/9 @ SJP	
5/14 vs B/EV (S)	
5/16 vs New York Mills (S)	
5/17 @ Royalton	

USA Track

4/18 @ Pierz	4:00
4/22 @ Maple Lake	4:00
4/26 @ EV-W/Kim.	4:00 (Kimball)
4/30 @ HLWW	4:00

5/2 @ LPGE	4:00
5/7 @ East Central	4:00
5/9 @ Melrose	4:00
5/15 PC Championship	10:00 @ SJU

USA Junior High Track

4/15 @ HLWW	4:00
4/25 @ Osakis	4:00
5/3 @ LPGE	4:00
5/16 @ Melrose	4:00

Varsity Softball

4/18 @ B/EV in Brow.	4:30
4/19 vs Ber.-Hew/Vern	4:30
4/23 vs Upsala	4:30
4/24 vs Bran./Ev.	1:00
4/24 vs Holdingford	3:00
4/25 @ Osakis	4:30
4/30 @ LPGE	4:30
5/2 @ Parkers Prairie	4:30
5/3 @ Benson	4:30
5/7 vs B/EV	4:30
5/9 @ Upsala	4:30
5/14 vs Osakis	4:30
5/16 vs WDC	4:30

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For all the latest, most up-to-date schedule info, download the Activity Scheduler App.




Swanville Public

School is pleased to announce the January Junior High student of the month, ninth grade student Libby Wimmer. She is the daughter of Richard and Tamie Wimmer.

She enjoys hanging out with family and friends, playing sports and shopping. She plans to go onto post-secondary education but is unsure of her career avenue just yet. Libby has participated in volleyball, basketball and softball since sixth grade. She also served on the student council during her seventh grade year. She is consistently on the A Honor roll. Her favorite thing about school is spending time with her friends and learning about things that interest her. Her advice to other students is "try your best and believe in yourself, even if sometimes it is hard." Outside of school Libby volunteers at Bible School. Visual Arts instructor Samanta Roden says "I

have had the pleasure of having Libby in various art classes this school year. Whether listening to instruction or assisting a fellow student, she has shown kindness, positivity, and patience each and every day. I have been witness to her willingness to include others, take initiative, and be a friend to all. In art class, Libby excels in her attention to detail as well as her creative ideas. She is great at problem solving while making each project her own. These are special qualities in the art room, but also in other classes, where Libby stands out and leads by example. Libby is also a very hardworking student. Her positive, can-do attitude and determination is evident every day in class. She tackles new challenges and projects with an open mind. Libby is responsible and gets her work done on time with excellent quality. Libby is also a student athlete—involved in volleyball, basketball, and softball, which even further shows her work ethic and dedication to school and sports. Libby is an asset to our school community and very much deserves being named January 2024 student of the month."

Preschool Events

Thursday, May 2nd 5-7PM
Registration Night /Open House for next year's 3 & 4 year old classes. Please come and register your preschooler for our Free programs. We will include a tour of the building/ classrooms and have a couple of fun activities too! Students must turn 3 or 4 by Sept. 1.

Friday, May 17 at 1:30PM
The Preschool will be having their End of The Year Program. Families and community members are invited to join us in the Auditorium for the Program and snacks afterward!



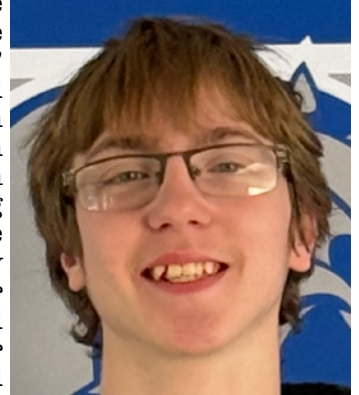
Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the January Senior High student of the month, sophomore Reese Jackson. Reese is the daughter of Todd and Stacy Jackson. Her favorite thing about school is getting to see her friends every day. Math Instructor Liza Hasse comments "Reese has been a delightful addition to my class. Her diligent work ethic and commitment to excellence are evident in the

high-quality work she consistently produces. Reese is a conscientious student who pays close attention to detail and takes pride in her work. She demonstrates kindness, respect, and courtesy towards her peers and teachers. Reese has a positive attitude, she leads by example and encourages others to do their best and to do what is right." Reese enjoys a wide variety of activities, including playing sports of all types, spending time with friends and family, and playing with her pets. She is unsure of a career path but knows that she definitely would like to go to a 4-year college. Reese has been playing volleyball, basketball and softball since sixth grade. She has been on student council since entering junior high as a seventh-grade student. Outside of school, she participates in her church youth group and volunteers with Swanville Athletic Boosters. Reese is consistently on the A Honor Roll and has been honored with Student of the Year in Physical Education, Technology, Social Studies and Mathematics. She is a former student of the month. Her advice for other students is to "always try your best! Hard work pays off!" Science Instructor Jason Lee says "Reese is a great student to have in class. She is hardworking and intelligent - a combination that leads to many successes in the classroom. Reese is also a great leader and role model for her peers both in class and in extracurriculars. She has a great outlook for the future, and I look forward to seeing her many accomplishments." Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the February Senior High student of the month, senior Travis Bellefeuille. He is the son of Molly and Kris Bellefeuille. Travis enjoys playing sports, having fun with his friends and tinkering with all sorts of things. Liza Hasse Math instructor says of Travis, "Travis is a dedicated student who deserves recognition as Student of the Month. Currently serving as the student body president, he demonstrates organizational skills and a commitment to completing tasks promptly. Also, Travis exhibits kindness towards his peers and underclassmen. Despite his involvement in numerous activities, he maintains academic success."

He plans to attend Northern Michigan University to major in criminal justice. Travis has stayed busy during his high school career, participating in football, track and theater since seventh grade. In ninth grade he added Robotics and Supermileage. He has participated in Student Council for four years and in trap for five years. His achievements include being on the President's and Dean's Lists at Central Lakes College. He was selected to be one of the 34 Minnesota delegates for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. He has also achieved the status of second degree black belt in Taekwondo and first degree black belt in Hapkido. Travis has been very involved in Boy Scouts for eight years.

Students of the Month

His favorite thing about school is all the friends that he has made and being part of the Supermileage Class. He advises other students "make sure you get your work done and that you pay attention." Industrial Arts instructor Joel Rieffer says "I have known Travis since he was in 7th grade. I have watched him grow into an impressive young adult. I am fortunate to have had him in several of my classes. He joined the super mileage team last year and showed his talent for designing, fabricating and welding on a car he and other students built from scratch. The car he drove last year had its highest run at 421 mpg and won 1st place in its class at the Super Mileage competition in Brainerd. Travis is currently in my super mileage class and will be going to the Shell Eco-Marathon at the Indianapolis Speedway for a super mileage competition this April. He has become quite an asset to me and other students in my class. He has a good work ethic and strong motivation to get things done. He is usually the first one in class and the last to leave. Travis is planning on attending Northern Michigan University next fall. He will be majoring in Criminal Justice and double minoring in Psychology and Sociology. I believe he will do his utmost best, as he does in my classes. It is comforting to know Travis and students like him will be the ones contributing to our community for many years to come."



Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the February Junior High student of the month, ninth grade student Morgan VanHeel. Morgan is the daughter of Amanda Peterson and Shawn VanHeel. She enjoys reading, running and participating and watching sports. She especially loves volleyball. She plans on continuing her education but at this point is not sure what she would like to pursue. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball, participating in all since sixth grade. Morgan is a student that is consistently on the A Honor Roll. She has helped with Vacation Bible School in the past and is active in her church life. Morgan's favorite thing about school is being with her friends. She adds that without school she wouldn't get to play as many sports. Her advice to fellow students is "don't be afraid of what others think, there are always going to be people that you necessarily see eye to eye with. That shouldn't stop you from being yourself. English Instructor Chantelle Frie says Morgan works hard for her success! Her efficiency allows her to balance being a student and an athlete with dedication and grace. Morgan adds great insight to class discussions, and she is a positive influence to her peers. Morgan is not afraid to ask for help and advice because she always wants to make the best decision."

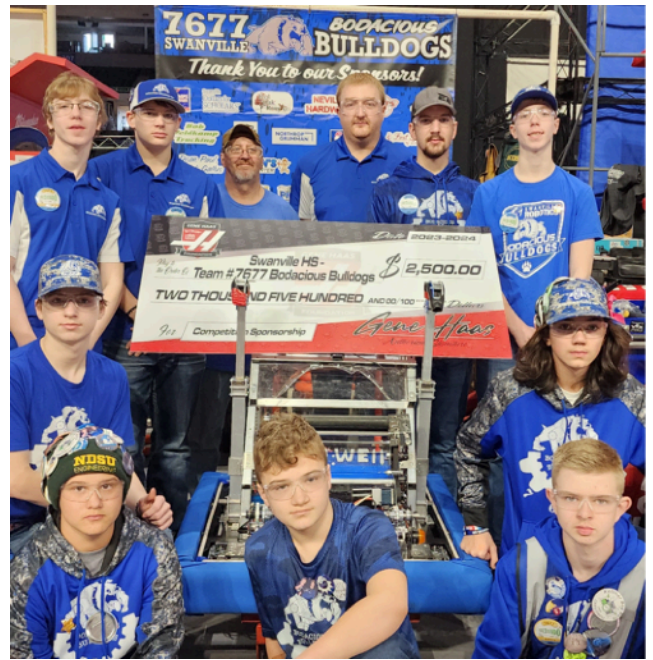


Bodacious Bulldogs Robotics

The Swanville Robotics Team has been working hard since January on building a robot capable of playing this year's game, Crescendo. A video to the game details can be found on YouTube by searching "FRC 2024 game reveal." The team has tried and built several systems that are new to us including a drive system called "swerve drive" - it is definitely a game changer for our robot! We have undergone many growth challenges this year, and we'll be able to use those same ideas going forward.

The team competed in the Great Northern Regional in early March. The team had to overcome several obstacles while at the event. We managed to end up middle of the pack even with those difficulties—a testament to the students' resilience. We've prepared for those obstacles happening again at our next event which is in early April. It will take place in St. Cloud at the River's Edge Convention Center from April 5-7. Our goal is to make playoffs for the first time.

A special thank you to all of our sponsors - we could not run this program without your donations. It's always amazing to see such support from a small community.



Kindergarten celebrated with 11th and 12th grade friends.



100th Day



February Athletes of the Month

Varsity Boys Basketball: Caden Beseman

Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer, "Caden Beseman is the February Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball. Caden is one of our captains this season and has been a great leader for us! Caden has done a great job bringing the ball up the floor and is the team leader in assists and steals. Congratulations Caden!"



JV Boys Basketball: Gavin Shutter

Assistant Coach Colten Kruzel, "Gavin Shutter is the JV February Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball. Throughout the season, Gavin has shown relentless hustle and work ethic toward the C-team and JV levels. As a guard for the team, he has continued to progress in many aspects of his game including his vision, ball handling, and becoming a more confident shooter. Gavin has rallied the team and displayed leadership skills, especially against some of our tougher opponents. We're excited to see Gavin and the team finish off the year with a strong tone. Congratulations Gavin!"

JH Girls Basketball: Maycee Becker & Isabella Miller

Coach Chris Kircher, "7th Grader Maycee Becker is one of my choices for junior high athlete of the month. Macy is a hard worker and continually works to improve both her offensive and defensive skills and it has shown in the games. She is a great team player who works to get everyone involved in every game. Congratulations Maycee!"



8th grader Isabella Miller is my other choice. Bella, as her teammates call her, has worked hard on improving her basketball skills every day. Bella is also a great teammate and a very unselfish player that would rather get her teammates a shot than take one herself. Congratulations Bella!"

Varsity Girls Basketball: Reese Jackson

Head Coach Chad Brever, "Reese Jackson is the February Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball. Reese has developed into a true leader by her example on and off the court. She controls the pace of the game and has expanded her abilities to a new level. Congratulations Reese!"

JV Girls Basketball: Allie Bernadot

Assistant Coach Luke Peterson, "Allie Bernadot is the JV February Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball. Allie has had steady improvement throughout the season. She has been very coachable and has been shooting the ball very well. Congratulations Allie!"



Swanville Summer Bulldog Club

Who: **Ages 4/5 (must be 5 by Sept. 1st, 2024) - Age 10**

When: **Beginning Wednesday May 29th -Friday August 16th**

Time: **7:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday-Friday**

Cost: **\$23/day per child or \$95/week per child**

****Staff will assist in getting students to and from Swanville On-site Summer rec activities.**

- *Indoor/outdoor physical activities
- *Educational activities
- *Art projects/creative activities
- * Pop-up field trips
- *Weekly library program



Includes:

**** Breakfast**

**** Snack**

A cold lunch must be supplied from home!!

For any questions please contact Diane Schleicher at 320-248-4090 or email bulldogclub@swanville.k12.mn.us



Thank you to the Innovative Schools Project Grant! First graders were granted lap desks to take learning to other areas, not just the classroom! Pictured is Mrs. Waltman's first grade class working on social studies outdoors.

This grant was made possible by generous donations from Swanville community members, along with our partnership with Sourcewell.

Winter Activity Senior Spotlight: Robotics

Jayden Barber

- Role on the team: Drive team member and lead robot designer.
- Future plans: I am going to Alexandria Tech for small engine, marine, and powersports technician. After my first year of college I plan on working with Polaris in their research and development program.
- What has robotics taught you that you will use in the future? Through the robotics program I have learned how to use the CNC plasma table, the CNC milling machine, basic electrical knowledge, and how to work with others effectively.
- What is your favorite memory from robotics? My favorite memory is when we learned how to use the CNC milling machine and build the first parts for the robot out of plexiglass.
- Advice to underclassmen? Don't fall behind in school, kids.
- Why should other students try robotics? It is a fun way to learn mechanical/technical skills that can be applied later in life.

Morgan Bellefeuille

- Role on the team: Drive Team, Build team, and comic relief.
- Future plans: I plan on attending Michigan Technological University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I also plan on participating in the ROTC program.
- What has robotics taught you that you will use in the future? Robotics has taught me Mechanical design, basic wiring, how to use cnc programs, and how to lead other kids.
- What is your favorite memory from robotics? I have a lot of great memories, but my favorite one is when our arm got crushed

against a wall, and we had to work together as a team to fix it before the next match.

- Advice to underclassmen? Work hard and stay in school.
- Why should other students try robotics? It's a unique program that utilizes more than just athletic abilities. It works on problem-solving and critical thinking.



Travis Bellefeuille

- Role on the team: Team Captain
- Future plans: I plan to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall. I am majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in psychology and sociology. I also plan on doing the Army ROTC program in college.
- What has robotics taught you that you will use in the future? Robotics has taught me a lot about STEM and how to work with a team, but it has really helped me with my leadership skills.
- What is your favorite memory from robotics? Being able to complete against teams from all over the country and world at competitions.
- Advice to underclassmen? I really recommend checking robotics out, especially if you want to go to school for anything mechanical/technical. It's a real cool experience that gives you a hands on perspective.

Congratulations to our AAA winners, Morgan Bellefeuille and Karley Loven!



Congratulations to our ExCEL winners, Ethan Wimmer and Lily Peterson!



Swanville High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

7th Grade

A Honor Roll

Lexis Brever
Dawson Hasse
Brannon Karjala
Chloe Leyendecker

B Honor Roll

Zoe Giese
Marshall Hollermann
Violet Peterson
Emmitt Phillips
Payton Priebe
William Schafer
Charlei Van Zee
Noah Van Heel

8th Grade

A Honor Roll

Ali Barthel
Olivia Bobick
Clare Bryce
Addison Hudalla
Lydia Hudalla
Hannah Johnson
James Kraska
Ayla Sandelin
Morgan Van Heel

B Honor Roll

Maci Allen
Milo Hutchins
Brookelynn Johnson
Kinzie Johnson
Isabella Miller
Morgan Pechan-
Klemish
Nathaniel Van Heel

9th Grade

A Honor Roll

Matea Allen
Delaney Chuba
Isaac Gapinski
Ronelle Hasse
Hannah Kruchten
Cristian Ledesma
Carrillo

Braydon Loven
Isaac Miller
Maranda Mollner
Claudia Pechan-
Klemish
Macallister Van Zee
Abby Wimmer
Libby Wimmer

B Honor Roll

Shelby Barber
Allison Bernadot
Logan Gallus
Asher Johnson
Beau Thieschafer
Colby Twardowski
Jonah Urman

10th Grade

A Honor Roll

Madelyn Buchanan
Reese Jackson
Brody Kircher
Corinne Notermann
Harlee Schultz

B Honor Roll

Ethan Barthel
Cody Czech

Avery Douglas
Christopher Harrison
Alex Karnes
Frank Meagher
Abraham Notermann
Alexander Notermann
Warner Pechan-
Klemish

11th Grade

A Honor Roll

Nikole Cichon
Abigail Morris
Ethan Wimmer

B Honor Roll

Caden Beseman
Trevor Hanson
Autumn Hinton
Tanner Hoffman
Zachariah Johnson
Lakiesha Kuhl
Emma Kurowski
Ingrid Meza
Hunter Moore
Sahara Muellner
James Reece
Isaac Van Zee

12th Grade

A Honor Roll

Landon Baggenstoss
Morgan Bellefeuille
Travis Bellefeuille

B Honor Roll

Carter Natvig
Colton Villnow

3-year-old Preschool Winter Fun



Building a snowman!



Christmas pajama party!

Below: 3Yr student, Vivian Terhaar, "noticed" how Ms. Sara and Ms. Michelle buy coffee from the coffee cart on Thursdays. One day Vivian brought in a \$1 for Ms. Sara's and Ms. Michelle's coffee. What a kind and generous heart! Coffee served by Crosby Peterson and Corbin Brown.



Elementary Students of the Month

January

- Gr. 6 - Aubree Schafer
- Gr. 5 - Manuel Carrillo
- Gr. 4 - Miles Peterson (Hintz)
Allie Giese (Weisz)
- Gr. 3 - Myla Miller
- Gr. 2 - Harry Sibul (Hannah)
Jackson Johnson (Wimmer)
- Gr. 1 - Brody Hauck (Novak);
AJ Johnson (Waltman)
- Kindergarten - Carson Cash
- STEM K-3 - June Schafer
- STEM 4-6 - Rylan Johnson
- PE Dept. K-3 - Easton Bollin
- PE Dept. 4-6 - Gabe Silgjord
- Art K-3 - Luke Dempsey
- Art 4-6 - Clara Johnson

February

- Gr. 6 - Jason Karnes
- Gr. 5 - Crosby Peterson
- Gr. 4 - Karsen Gorka Bollin (Hintz)
Emma Ritter (Weisz)
- Gr. 3 - Ella Sanders
- Gr. 2 - Elenie Ambriz Valencia (Hannah)
Adamari Juarez (Wimmer)
- Gr. 1 - Evie Lenore (Novak);
Alanna Tucker (Waltman)
- Kindergarten - Zoe Sutton
- STEM K-3 - Mikayla Silgjord
- STEM 4-6 - Crosby Peterson
- PE Dept. K-3 - Hannah Romero Juarez
- PE Dept. 4-6 - Crosby Peterson
- Art K-3 - Harmony Menne
- Art 4-6 - Gabriel Silgjord

SWANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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Come ready to laugh at just how ridiculous we can all be in this compilation of entertaining scenes.

Written by
Brian D. Taylor

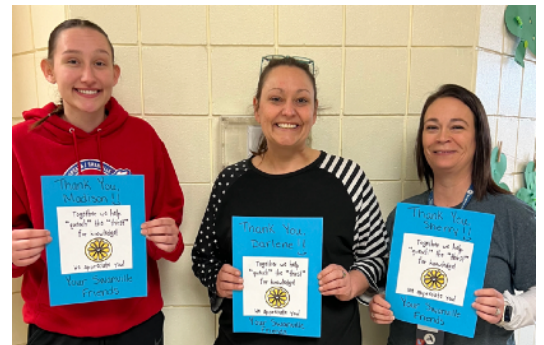
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Sunday & Monday
April 28 & 29 at 7pm

Swanville School
Auditorium

Adults: \$5 Students: \$3
Senior Citizens: Free

Thank you to our Ampact members (Math and Reading Corps) Madison Doherty, Darlene Olson, and Sherry Johnson.



Lions Club
Senior Banquet
Monday, May 6
at the Hub