Welcome to a new school year, Lansing!
Meet Matt Loveless, Lansing Athletic Director

Mr. Loveless stepped into the role of Athletic Director earlier this summer. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Loveless on this new role in the district!

Prior to this role, where have you worked? How have these experiences helped prepare you for working at the Lansing CSD? I have spent the last 15 years in Lansing High School as a Business Teacher. I’ve also coached Varsity Golf, JV Basketball, and Modified Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball throughout my time here.

What have you enjoyed so far about your time in Lansing CSD? The relationships that have been built with students and athletes over the years are something I cherish. On a more personal note, I’ve also made some really good friends over the years here and am fortunate to have them as my colleagues too.

What are some of your goals for the upcoming school year? I’m following a couple individuals in this role that were not only colleagues, but also close friends of mine in Stu Dean and Adam Heck. We have a tremendous Athletics program in place and a lot of that has to do with the work they have done, but also from all the assistance Tina Mallinson provides. Our community as a whole, including our partnership with the Town of Lansing Recreation Department, our coaches, parents, and most importantly, our student athletes are a big part of this too.

My primary goal for this year is to increase our communication capabilities with the public. We have set up a Twitter Account (@LCSDBobcats) for the Athletics Department and will also be transitioning to a new schedule format. More information about this will be coming out soon. These platforms will enable us to push out information in real time.

Do you have any hobbies or activities you like to do outside of work? In my free time, I enjoy spending time on our boat swimming, fishing, and cooking out. Our family has a large pond on many acres and we enjoy taking our dog there and spending quality time. I also try to catch a football or basketball on TV, especially if the Syracuse Orange or Buffalo Bills are playing.

Meet Mike Lockwood, Director of Instructional Technology

Mr. Lockwood began working at Lansing CSD earlier this summer. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Lockwood back to the district! He grew up in the area, graduating from the Groton Central School District. He later attended DeVry Institute of Technology, where he received a B.S. in Computer Information Systems. After a few jobs in the IT field, he enrolled in online courses with Keller Graduate School of Management, where he received his Masters in Network and Communications Management.

Prior to this role, where have you worked? How have these experiences helped prepare you for working at the Lansing CSD? I worked in the technology sector for Lucent Technologies after receiving my undergrad degree. I moved back to New York and started working with TST BOCES, first as a technician, then as a Network Administrator. While at TST, I was assigned to support the Lansing school district one and a half days a week. I was then hired as a Director of Technology with OCM BOCES and continued to work in Lansing in that capacity until I was promoted to Project Manager. At that time, BOCES moved me out of the district and I supported several districts in the area before landing my permanent location in Syracuse. I would like to say that all of these positions and opportunities gave me a strong foundation to do the best job I can do for the district.

What have you enjoyed so far about your time in Lansing CSD? Working with the staff. Out of all the districts and BOCES that I have worked for, this district has the most eager staff, especially when it comes to technology. They are always willing to try new things and have been great to collaborate on projects with. I look forward to continuing that work again.

What are some of your goals for the upcoming school year? To get reacclimated with the staff and programs. Now that I am a district employee, I feel more like a member of the staff than I did before. I would like to continue providing great service, while finding cost effective solutions to our technology needs.

Do you have any hobbies or activities you like to do outside of work? I love sports and the outdoors. I have been active in the community as a coach for the last 15 years and my wife and I recently joined the Groton Volunteer Fire Department.

What is one of your favorite things about coming to work each day? Getting to work with the staff, especially Adrian. I enjoy working with IT staff members that are always looking for better solutions, care about the experience of end users, and provide a fun work environment.

If you could close your eyes and be anywhere on earth when they opened, where would you be? Bellows Field Beach Park, Oahu awaai. There is nothing like waking up to white sand beaches, swimming with sea turtles in crystal clear water, with that sunrise and sunset every day. Can’t wait to visit again!

What’s your favorite thing to do on weekends? Spend time with my family. Our family has a large pond on many acres and we enjoy taking our dog there and swimming, fishing, and cooking out.
Did you hear? Lansing High School students took home multiple awards in The New York Times Podcast Contest

“Imagine yourself — or, perhaps, you and your friends — as hosts of your own podcast. What would you talk about?”

This was the challenge that students from Lansing High School were issued for a project in Andrea Huskie’s English 11 classes. The students were asked to find a new way to tell their stories through a podcast. What started as a project exploring new ways to tell a story with her classes, turned into LHS students winning The New York Times “First-Ever Student Podcast Contest.”

The idea for a unit on podcasts started earlier last year, when Andrea Huskie, Kim Gryko, and Ithaca College student teacher Zoe Sheehan were working on unit plans and discussing their favorite podcasts.

In a unique case of excellent timing and “incredibly fortunate coincidence,” said Huskie, during the unit planning process The New York Times announced their first ever student podcast contest. As a result, Huskie, Gryko, and Sheehan were able to incorporate some of the resources and suggestions from The New York Times into their lessons, introducing students to the process involved in planning, writing, recording, and editing podcasts.

Through the podcast unit, students were able to try out several different formats for their podcasts. These formats included personal narratives, one-on-one interviews, and reporter style interviews. Students were quick to experiment with different recording styles and recording devices, and used the Soundtrap website to record and edit their audio files. From here, they added music and sound effects to enhance the listening experience.

Ms. Huskie encouraged the students to enter a mini podcast, ranging from three to five minutes, into The New York Times contest. Over half of the 11th grade students submitted a podcast to the contest. Ten winners were selected from the 675 entries. Two podcasts from LHS students were chosen among the ten winners. The LHS winners were Abby Overstrom for her podcast “When I’m Older” and Quinn Page and Bailey Osborne for their podcast “Should Your Significant Other Be Your Best Friend?” In addition to this success, Sisi Stallmann received Honorable Mention and six other students had their podcast make it to the second round of judging: Dakota Edwards, Caleb Spencer, Lulu Coates, Ellie Howell, Claire Dowell and Ishika Gupta.


Congratulations to our LHS students on this wonderful recognition!

PBIS Comes to Lansing Middle School!

For the upcoming 2018-19 school year, Lansing Middle School will be launching the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative.

What is PBIS? PBIS is a framework that helps with the teaching and reinforcement of positive social expectations and behavior across all school settings. With PBIS, LMS aims to teach students the importance of how to respect themselves, others, and the environment. Using the PBIS evidence-based framework provides the level of support needed to accomplish this goal. Implementing PBIS at LMS will help foster a caring and respectful school climate, conducive to learning, while also stressing the importance of behavior and social interactions.

LMS is PAW-Some To bring PBIS to LMS, a representative group of teachers from LMS attended training this past June. The teachers then worked hard all summer to create a PBIS system specifically designed for LMS. The PBIS system for LMS involves behavior expectations for all common areas of the school, such as the cafeteria and bathrooms, as well as for each classroom.

Students will be introduced to the new initiative on the first day of school. They will then be led through a variety of lessons to teach them the behavior expectations for all of the common areas and each classroom they will be in throughout the year. The motto of the initiative that will be used throughout the school year is “LMS is PAW-Some.”

Throughout the school year, reinforcements for meeting the positive behavior expectations will be given on a continuous basis by all of the faculty and staff in LMS. As the year progresses, celebrations and continuing education will occur to keep the momentum of PBIS going. Stay tuned for more information on the school website and on the website and in the LMS newsletters.

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Calling all good news!
Hey Bobcats! Have a story, picture, or event you would like to share? We'd love to hear about it! Email us at communications@lcsd.k12.ny.us or share it with us using #LCSDBobcatPride

**October**

1-5  Lansing CSD Spirit Week

8  **Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL**

9  Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

12  **K-12 Early Dismissal**

22  Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

25  **K-12 Early Dismissal**

26  **Superintendent’s Conference Day - NO SCHOOL**

**November**

7-10  LMS Musical - Annie

9  **K-12 Early Dismissal**

12  **Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL**

13  Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

21-23  **Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL**

26  Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.