

Inside Chippewa

From the

Principal's Desk

The halls may be quiet, but the momentum from last year is still building.

After serving as assistant principal this past year—and spending the past decade learning and growing alongside this incredible school community as a teacher—I'm honored to step into the role of principal. This building has shaped who I am as an educator, and it continues to be a place where students and staff learn, grow, and lead together. Chippewa isn't just a school. It's a community of learners.

Last year, our students didn't just meet expectations—they exceeded them. From classroom engagement to a strong performance on state assessments, the results spoke for themselves. Our district earned a 5-Star rating, but the real story was how our students showed up: confident, creative, and committed to moving forward.

That momentum didn't happen by accident. Spirit points, pep rallies, and student-centered events fueled our culture, while classrooms became places where ownership and voice mattered. This year, we're not starting over—we're building on that foundation. Our students will continue to lead—not just in events, but in how they think, collaborate, and contribute to our school community.

Behind it all is a staff that continues to show up with purpose. Their commitment and belief in our students turned goals into action—and they're entering this year ready to do it again. They're not just preparing lessons; they're building relationships, refining their craft, and creating a culture where every student can meet the high expectations we set. That shared mindset is what makes Chippewa a place where learning belongs to everyone.

I'm excited to begin this new chapter-not just as principal, but as someone who's here to lead, to grow, and to keep building alongside this community for years to come. There's meaningful work ahead-and I'm ready to get started.

With pride and purpose,



Jud Hartman Principal Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School



More Than a School—It's the Chipp Experience

Life at Chippewa goes beyond the bell schedule.

From student-led clubs and spirit points to Friday night lights and concerts, this is a place where students connect, create, and lead. Whether you're cheering in the stands, performing on stage, or organizing a themed night, you're not just part of the crowd—you're part of something bigger.

Empowering Students. Building Community.

Highlights of the Chippewa Experience:

- **Spirit Points** Show up, cheer loud, and earn points for your class. It's friendly competition—with real pride (and bragging rights) on the line.
- Bonfire Before Rittman A community-wide walk and rally that lights up the night before our most anticipated football game of the year.
- **Athletics** 20 varsity teams competing with heart, discipline, and a tradition of excellence.
- **Performing Arts** From drama to band to choir, our students bring creativity and collaboration to the spotlight.
- **Chipp Zone** A dedicated space to showcase the energy, talent, and everyday life of our students—online and in the building.
- **Robotics** An award-winning program where students design, build, and compete. It's innovation, teamwork, and high-level problem-solving in action.







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