



CHIPPEWA REPORT

SPRING 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Chippewa Community,

How is it already summer? It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students back to school, and now another fantastic year has flown by, filled with moments worth celebrating across academics, athletics, the arts and beyond.

This year, our students gave us countless reasons to celebrate. From championship runs and state-level accomplishments to powerful performances, classroom success and national robotics recognition, Chippewa students showed talent, grit and passion every step of the way. Read on to enjoy some of these highlights and many more stories from across our schools.

This year also marked the end of an era as Hazel Harvey Elementary prepares to close its doors and our new building prepares to welcome students soon. For generations, Hazel Harvey Elementary has been more than a school building. It has been a place where lifelong friendships were formed, foundations were built and memories were made. Our recent Hazel Harvey Open

House provided a wonderful opportunity for former students, families, staff and community members to walk the halls one more time, reconnect with old friends and share stories from years gone by. It was incredible to see so many people come together to celebrate the lasting impact Hazel Harvey has had on our community.

Finally, I want to personally thank our families, staff, students and community members for making my first year as superintendent such an unforgettable experience. I have valued the relationships, the conversations, and the supportive nature of this community. Chippewa is a place that always puts students first.

It has been an honor to serve this district, and I am incredibly proud to call Chippewa home. Thank you for your trust and support of our schools. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together in the years ahead.

Tim Adams
Superintendent, Chippewa Local Schools

Building the Future

Construction progress is moving quickly across campus, with new spaces taking shape inside and out. Recent highlights include the new script CHIPPEWA sign, generously donated by the Spry Family, who also donated the matching sign at the Jr./Sr. High School. Thank you to B&K and ARRC Excavating for their outstanding work as well. Inside the building, new spaces are quickly taking shape, and it looks more and more like a school each day. We can't wait to welcome students back this Fall!



From the Treasurer's Chair



Over the past several months, property taxes and school funding have become topics of increased public discussion across Ohio. As communities navigate these conversations, it can be helpful to understand how public schools are funded and why local property taxes continue to play an important role.

Recent school finance data indicate that Ohio ranks near the bottom nationally in the percentage of K-12 education funding provided by the state, placing it approximately 45th among states in state support of public education. Over time, Ohio schools have increasingly relied on local funding sources to support educational programs and operations. As funding formulas and revenue sources evolve, districts continue balancing rising costs with available resources.

For Chippewa Local Schools, local property taxes play a significant role in district operations, accounting for approximately 42% of the district's total revenue. These locally generated dollars help support day-to-day operations, educational programming, transportation, staffing, and student services. Like many school districts, Chippewa depends on a combination of local, state and federal funding sources to provide educational opportunities for students.

Like many districts across Ohio, Chippewa continues to experience rising costs for staffing, transportation, utilities, insurance and student services. As part of its ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility, Chippewa Local Schools has taken a proactive approach to managing costs and maximizing the value of every taxpayer dollar. District leaders regularly review expenditures, staffing needs and operational practices to identify efficiencies while

maintaining high-quality educational opportunities for students. These efforts help ensure resources are directed where they have the greatest impact on student learning and success.

To remain fiscally responsible while maintaining educational opportunities, the district has taken several steps:

- Purchased two late-model used buses for a total of \$30,000 rather than purchasing new buses costing approximately \$150,000 each.
- Reviewed and reduced purchased service costs, including contracts for equipment and outside services.
- Participated in the Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) to support long-term facility planning, including additions and renovations at the Intermediate School, in an effort to reduce future operating and maintenance costs.
- Reduced 10 positions through retirements and voluntary leaves, including administrative, teaching and classified positions.

Chippewa Local Schools remains committed to being a responsible steward of taxpayer resources while providing students with a high-quality educational experience. We are grateful for the support of our community and the dedication of our students, staff, and families. As we move forward, we will continue to carefully evaluate our operations, pursue efficiencies where appropriate, and make decisions that support both fiscal stability and student success. Should you have any questions about district finances or operations, I welcome the opportunity to connect with you.

Ken Gasser
Incoming Treasurer, Chippewa Local Schools

★ Spring Sports Roundup ★



TRACK & FIELD

Chased Glory

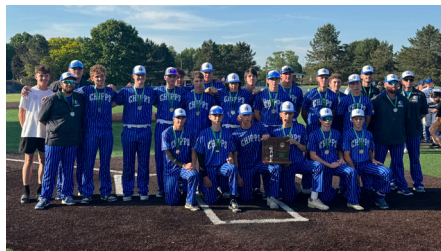


The road to Ohio's biggest track and field stage has been paved with determination, grit and countless hours of preparation, and now Cam Hall and Ian Goodrich are among the state's best. Hall earned his place in the 110-meter hurdles while Goodrich soared in the pole vault, capping remarkable seasons and carrying Chippewa pride onto one of high school athletics' grandest stages.



BASEBALL

Diamond Dreams



The final score may have closed the book on the season, but the legacy this Chipps team leaves behind will be remembered long after the last out. Fueled by grit, resilience and a relentless competitive spirit, they delivered a spring packed with memorable victories, championship-caliber moments and countless reasons for Chippewa to cheer with pride.



SOFTBALL

Made Its Mark



The Lady Chipps battled their way into postseason play, turning determination and teamwork into a season filled with memorable moments and hard-earned success. Their strong campaign was highlighted by Kyleigh Gartin and Emma Frazee earning Second Team All-WCAL honors, a fitting recognition for two athletes whose talent, dedication and relentless effort helped power the Lady Chipps throughout the season.

Hazel Harvey & CIS Celebrating What Makes Us Chipp

Next Stop: First Grade

The final days of kindergarten were a whirlwind of wonder, discovery and celebration as students raced through First Grade Boot Camp, engineered creative solutions during STEAM Day, glowed with excitement on Glow Day, cheered through Game Day and crossed the finish line with Field Day fun. Beneath the laughter and excitement, these young learners were sharpening their reading and math skills while celebrating a year filled with remarkable growth, newfound confidence and memories as bright as their futures. The kindergarten chapter may be coming to a close, but a brand-new adventure is just around the corner. First grade awaits!



Sprinkled with Smiles

The halls of Chippewa Intermediate School were filled with warm smiles and meaningful moments during Donuts with Grownups, hosted by the CIS Student Council. Families took a break from their busy schedules to share a donut, a conversation and a few special moments together during the school day, creating memories that were every bit as sweet as the treats. Thank you to our incredible families for showing up and supporting our students!



Third Grade Traditions

Every great school year deserves a storybook ending, and for our third graders, that ending included two favorite traditions: the Sweet Shop and the library. Students celebrated a year filled with learning, growth and adventure, enjoying delicious treats, discovering great books and making memories that will last long after the final bell.



Music Filled the Air

The auditorium came alive earlier this month as students in grades 5-12 took the stage for an evening of music, talent and unforgettable performances. From the fifth- and sixth-grade choir to the junior high and high school ensembles, each group dazzled the audience, while a powerful combined performance by the seventh- and eighth-grade and high school choirs created a breathtaking finale that brought the house to life. Congratulations to all of our talented performers on an outstanding concert!



Hazel Harvey: More Than a Building

Some buildings hold classrooms. Others hold generations of memories.

On the final day of school, Hazel Harvey staff paused to honor a place woven into the fabric of the Chippewa community. From first-day jitters to milestone achievements, the building has been the backdrop for countless stories, friendships and moments that will be cherished for years to come.



Chippewa High School Closes the Curtain on an Unforgettable Year

The final chapter of the 2025-2026 school year wasn't quietly written. It arrived with standing ovations, championship celebrations, unforgettable memories and a graduation ceremony that marked the beginning of countless new journeys. From graduation to national competitions and a show-stopping musical, Chippewa students finished the year in remarkable fashion.

A Week to Remember

For the Class of 2026, the final days of high school were packed with unforgettable moments. Senior Week brought spirit activities, opportunities to give back and emotional final walkthroughs of the building they called home. Earlier in the spring, seniors traveled to Washington, D.C., exploring historic landmarks and paying tribute to American heroes at Arlington National Cemetery.

Students also celebrated a memorable Prom before taking center stage one final time at graduation on May 22. Surrounded by family, friends and staff, the Class of 2026 was honored for its resilience, leadership and accomplishments as graduates stepped confidently into their next chapter.

Building Champions

This spring, Chippewa Robotics once again proved that innovation thrives here. Competing against some of the nation's best teams, Chippewa students earned top honors at the National Robotics Competition through impressive engineering, programming and teamwork. Their success showcased not only technical skill, but also the determination and creativity that define Chippewa students.

One Final Bow

The stage came alive this spring as students delivered an unforgettable production of *Les Misérables*. From powerful vocals to moving performances and seamless backstage work, the ambitious musical captivated audiences and became one of the year's defining highlights. The production showcased the incredible talent, dedication and collaboration of students across the junior and senior high school.







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Important Back-To-School Dates

- August 17 – Teacher PD Day: No School
- August 18 – Convocation
- August 19 – First Day for Students
- September 7 – Labor Day: No School
- September 14 – Fair Day: No School

Thanks for the Memories, Hazel Harvey

