

# Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

### District Accreditation

- ◇ Accreditation is a **voluntary method of quality assurance** developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools.
- ◇ District accreditation will **engage all the school communities** in meeting high quality standards, implementing a continuous improvement process, and engage in quality assurance through internal and external review.

### What Does Accreditation Mean To Parents?

A commitment to accreditation assures parents and the community that the school is focused on

- ◇ **raising student achievement**
- ◇ **providing a safe and enriching learning environment**
- ◇ **maintaining an efficient and effective operation**

**Accredited schools adhere to high quality standards based on the latest research and successful practices.**

### What Are The Benefits To Children Attending Accredited Schools?

- ◇ **Qualified teachers** who are working to improve practices and teaching methods in order to increase student performance
- ◇ **Access** to a rich, diverse, and sound curriculum
- ◇ **Access** to a range of student activities and services
- ◇ **Transferability** of credits from school to school
- ◇ **Greater access** to federal loans, scholarships, post secondary education, and military programs that require accreditation

Accredited schools are recognized by schools, colleges, and universities globally.

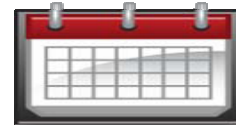
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## CHARACTER EDUCATION Trait of the Week Cooperation



Cooperation means to work together and help each other. Cooperation usually makes things go easier and more successfully...

*"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up!"*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| October 16     | CIP due to Ms. Bailey         |
| October 22     | Parenting Day 4:00pm-7:00pm   |
| October 26     | Weather Day (school closed)   |
| November 11    | Veteran's Day (school closed) |
| November 17    | Progress Reports Released     |
| November 25-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday          |



### District-Wide Accreditation

**Our district's vision is "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today." We have to prepare our students for the 21st century. This provides focus for all stakeholders throughout St. Clair County. As I stated at Institute, we are committed to do "Whatever It Takes". Remember, failure is not an option. Our 2009-2010 district goals are :**

- ◇ **To increase reading in all core subjects**
- ◇ **To engage students in all classes**
- ◇ **To increase awareness of the special education student's academic goals**

