

News Around School

August 28, 2026 www.nilesadventistschool.org 269-683-5444 *Like us on Facebook, please!*

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Aug 28- 7th/8th Grade Vespers/Potluck Crawford Cottage 6:30pm
- ❖ Aug 28-30 - Pathfinder Leadership Camp Au Sable

Future Events:

- ❖ Sept 1 - Butter Braid fundraiser starts
- ❖ Sept 1 - Gift Card Orders Due
- ❖ Sept 4 - Noon Dismissal
- ❖ Sept 7 - Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Sept 11 - Weko Beach Vespers 6pm
- ❖ Sept 11 - Yearbook Club Starts
- ❖ Sept 14 to 18 - MAP Testing
- ❖ Sept 15- Tuition #2 Due
- ❖ Sept 15- Gift Card Orders Due
- ❖ Sept 18 - 7/8 Bake Sale
- ❖ Sept 24-27 - Pathfinder Camporee
- ❖ Sept 25 - 7/8 Float Sale
- ❖ Sept 28-Oct 2 - Fall Spirit Week
- ❖ Oct 2 - Skating at Galaxy 11:45-1:45

Lunch Menu

Mon, Aug 31- Pizza, Carrots, Juice
Tue, Sept 1 - Haystacks
Wed, Sept 2- Lentil Veggie Bowl
Thurs, Sept 3- Chickpea Curry
Fri, Sept 4- Noon Dismissal



August

3 rd Josie	20 th Pastor Alex
5 th Mat	22 nd Shiloh
6 th Luna	27 th Mrs. Payne
6 th Zakhari	31 st Emaliina
8 th Samuel	
9 th Zoey	
20 th Gabby	

► **Lunch Card/Tuition payments:** Lunches are **\$4.50 each** or you can purchase a **Lunch card at \$36 per card (8 lunches)**. All lunches are vegetarian, but not necessarily gluten, dairy or nut free. You can purchase in the office with cash/check, or through our website, under the "tuition rates & payments" tab. This online system can also be used for tuition payments throughout the year. The options online are credit card or electronic check. **The electronic check fee (paid by the school) is much, much lower than the credit card fee, so an electronic check is much preferred as it saves NAS large fees.**

► **7th/8th Vespers @ Crawford Cottage:** Friday, August 28th at 6:30pm-8pm. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck. Enjoy some swimming and relaxing by the lake. 50920 3rd St. Dowagiac, MI 49047. *This address is for our neighbor's house. We are the driveway to the right of their driveway.* Bring chairs, towels, bug spray and food to share.

► **Butter Braid Fundraiser:** Starts September 1st and runs throughout the month of September. All orders will need to be turned in by September 30th. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase some much needed new/used bells for the music program. Orders will be available for pickup October 8th.

► **School Hours/Aftercare:** Regular school hours are Monday- Thursday 8:15am-3:15pm, Fridays 8:15am- 2pm. Kindergarten always dismisses at 11:30am, but may use Kindergarten aftercare until school dismisses. On half days (noon dismissal), Kindergarteners with older siblings may stay until the noon dismissal (no aftercare on half days). On regulars days After School Care begins at 3:25, and runs until 4:30pm. All Aftercare is charged at \$2 per half hour. Please let your teacher know if your student will be in aftercare on a specific schedule, or let them know ASAP that your child will need it for the day. You may also contact the office at 269-683-5444.

► **7th/8th Pickle ball Fridays:** We have scheduled pickle ball practice on the following Fridays. Sept 18th, Sept 25th, Oct 16th and Oct 23rd is what we have scheduled so far. Students should bring or wear tennis shoes, and a water bottle (hat for sun or sun glasses are also appropriate).

► **Worship/Potluck Supper at Weko Beach:** Weather and beach conditions permitting, Friday, September 11, at 6 PM, NAS families are invited to join us for a potluck meal and worship at Weko Beach (5239 Lake Street, Bridgman, MI). Please bring vegetarian food to share. Extended family is also welcome. There is no entrance fee after Labor Day.

► **Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up:** Please enter the school/Church parking lot from the first entrance off of the dirt road. We will line up along the far right side parking spots, leaving space for vehicles to park in the center parking spots. The line will proceed to the front of the school, and exit out of the parking lot on the west side of the church (onto Grant St.)

► **One Call Now" Phone System:** We use a phone alert system to instantly provide important notifications to our families during the school year. You will be able to hear all of the really important news that it has for you. **To opt into text messaging, text ALERT to 22300.**

► **Galaxy Roller Skating:** Friday October 2nd, 11:45pm-1:45pm. **Many APPROVED drivers will be needed for this event.** More information will be coming soon. The link to Sterling Background check/child safety training is found on our website homepage. Please choose "driver" under the volunteer role, while completing the information. The online volunteer forms & training take about an hour total, and must be done several days ahead of time. Contact the teachers or office ahead of time if you can volunteer to drive.

► **26-27 Music Schedule:** All performances are held at Niles Westside Church during 2nd Svc, unless noted otherwise below.

October 3rd - 1st/2nd & 3rd/4th
November 14th - K & Special Choir
December 12th - Christmas Program
February 6th - 1st/2nd & 3rd/4th

March 6th - Bells 5th/6th & 7th/8th
April 10th - K & Special Choir
May 8th - Bells 5th/6th & 7th/8th

May 20th - Spring Program (NAS Gym 6:30pm)

► **Absent/Tardy:** If your child will be absent or tardy, please contact their teacher or the office ASAP. See "Feeling Sick" below for more info.

► **Feeling Sick?** Just a reminder, if your child is having any flu, stomach flu or covid like symptoms, please keep them home. *We are required to report to the Health Department how many students per week have the above symptoms, so please be specific when notifying school staff.* Please see page 14 of the school handbook for more information on our sick child policy. When students are picked up during the school day for appointments, illness, etc. please sign them out in the office. Thank you!

► **Teacher's Amazon Wish Lists:** Welcome back to school! Looking for a way to help your child's classroom this year? We've had many people ask about wish lists for classrooms. Scan your child's classroom QR code if you would like to make a wish list donation.



► **Gift Cards Make Shopping Easy:** Buying shopping/gift cards for groceries, gas, restaurants, travel, etc. from NAS helps with tuition, and it helps the school through rebates from the retailers. We typically place orders on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. eCards and reloading cards are always available. Order online www.raiseright.com, pay by cash/check in the office or contact Gina (call/text 269-845-8870 or gmeekma@gmail.com). There is now an app to use to order gift cards—it's called RaiseRight. We hope that you will try it out!

► **Check out Rada Cutlery!** Help Niles Adventist School raise money for playground equipment, outdoor education, science and art supplies, etc... Rada Cutlery sells quality knives and other kitchen needs at a competitive price. These make great, practical gifts. You can place online orders anytime during the year, using this link: <http://bit.ly/2RF6m72>. Online orders will be shipped directly.

► **Harding's Rewards Program:** Do you shop at Harding's? If so, you can sign up for their Community Rewards Program to benefit NAS. Go to <https://www.hardings.com/savings-and-rewards/community-rewards/> for more information.