



Student of the Month “December”

Our “Student of the Month” for December is Chelsea Nowlin, Chelsea is the daughter of John Nowlin and Harmony Nowlin. Chelsea is a three year member of Alma High School’s National Honor Society, and this year’s Vice President. She attends Mt. Pleasant Community Church and also works in the nursery at the First Presbyterian Church in Alma. Chelsea is the President of Kountry Kids 4-H club, as well as an active member of Seville Superstars 4-H club. She is a competitive dancer at DuHadway Dance Dimensions, plays Varsity Soccer, and works at K-Mart during her free time.

Chelsea is planning on furthering her education at Michigan State University in the fall. She is undecided on her major, but eventually plans to enroll in MSU’s School of Veterinary Medicine.



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This is an alert system that Alma Public Schools is using for information on school delays, cancellations, early release, etc.

If you have not signed up, you need to go to New User-Parent and sign up.

Fill out the information for your profile. Afterwards you need to go to the Alert Setup. On this screen, you need to check the boxes for the information that you wish to receive.

If any of your home information has changed, you need to sign in, go to My Family, this will take you to your Parent Profile. Click on Edit Parent Profile change the information. Be sure to click the SAVE button when finished.

Any questions or for more information, please contact the Alma High School at 989-466-7501.

Alma Music Boosters

The January Music Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school band room.

Congratulations to Scott Kitzmiller on being selected for the Michigan All-State Band. Scott will perform with the band at the DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids on January 21st.

“Choir News”

The Middle School and High School Choirs’ Holiday Concert was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. The choir performed holiday carols, both old and new and finished the evening with a dessert reception and some much enjoyed socialization with our choir alumni. Friends and family members of Alma Choir Students left the auditorium with a smile on their face and a song in their heart. Thank you to all those who helped make the evening so special.

Up-Coming Choir Dates:

Saturday, February 4	District Solo and Ensemble	
Wednesday, February 22	Pre-Festival Concert	7:00 PM
March 2 and 3	District Choral Festival	
Friday, April 13	Dessert Concert	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 14	Dessert Concert	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 17	Collage Concert	7:00 PM
Monday, May 21	Music Honors Banquet	
Sunday, June 3	Commencement	4:00 PM

“January 2012” Calendar Dates

Classes Resume	January 3, 2012
Professional Development Day (No School)	January 16, 2012
End of First Semester	January 20, 2012
Teacher Work Day (No School)	January 23, 2012
High School Open House	January 25, 2012
Report Cards Mailed	January 27, 2012

ALMA PANTHER ATHLETICS

The Girl's Swim team had a strong finish this season, placing 7th overall at the D3 State Finals. They also broke two school records in the process. Alma Boy's Soccer and Football seasons have been over for awhile but the honors keep rolling in. Soccer added one more award after its record setting season by being named winners of the MHSAA Good Sports Are Winners Award. In Football, head coach Jeff Ingersoll was named the Regional Coach of the Year after leading his team to its second most successful season in school history. The Alma Panthers Football team has another accomplishment to celebrate as they were named Academic All-State, ranking fourth in Division 4 with a 3.864 GPA.

Winter sports are underway and Alma has two new faces in head coaching roles. Jennie Intveld takes over as the Girl's Basketball coach and Randy Miniard brings his experience to lead the Wrestling program. One Panther athlete has already reached a milestone this season. Jr. Liam Widman won his first wrestling match of the season to give him 100 career victories at Alma High School. Liam was named The Morning Sun Male Athlete of the Week for his accomplishments.

Last month's newsletter should have included that the Equestrian team was the Reserve State Champions in their division. Also, Adam Sanchez was mistakenly identified as Nathan Sanchez when the Cross Country All-Conference athletes were announced.

The Alma High School Athletic Department and Alma Police Athletic League will be hosting an informational presentation titled "Concussions and Head Injuries in High School Football." 2004 AHS graduate Brett Lark will be presenting the latest research of football related concussions and help the audience discover ways to prevent concussions, identify concussion symptoms, and become familiar with concussion treatment. This FREE workshop will take place from 5:30-7:00 at the AHS library on January 26th.

We would like that thank all the volunteers that have committed to helping run athletic events during the winter sports season. Strong community support is the backbone of high school athletics. If you would like to volunteer or support Alma Panther Athletics please call or email athletic director Eric Huff (466-7506, ehuff@almaschools.net). Thank you for your support. Go Panthers!

SPORTS BOOSTER NEWS

Busy Sunday, January 15th? Want to help Sports Boosters raise money for our sports teams? Volunteer to work a shift in the concession stand at the Kids' Wrestling Tournament. This is a very successful fundraising event for boosters and we could use all the help we can get. The event runs from 8:00 am to as last as 8:00 pm. So if you're free, send Jackie Loomis an email and volunteer to work a 2, 3, or even 4 hour shift. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Don't forget. This would get your name in the drawing for a fabulous prize at the end of the winter season.

Winter sports are underway and we need your help. Having the concession stand open at home events is the boosters main way of raising funds for our sports teams. If we don't have persons to work in the concession stand, boosters doesn't make money and in turn can't purchase things for our athletes that they need to be the best they can be. If you have the time to volunteer to work an athletic event in the concession stand, please email Jackie Loomis at jackielms2@gmail.com. She can send you a list of dates we need persons to work. Have a son or daughter on the JV basketball team, sign up to work the other gender's game. By doing this, you won't miss watching your child play, are helping boosters, will get your name in the drawing for a fabulous prize, and do it all in one night. How can you beat that? Already concession money has helped the following teams: Bowling, Cheer, Football, Men's Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

Alma Sports Boosters is looking for new faces to join the organization and help make the athletics in Alma the best they can be. Our membership has declined greatly in the last few years. We need you! Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at Alma High School in room A-114 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come see what Boosters is all about. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. We hope to see you there. If you cannot make the meeting, but are interested in finding out what Boosters is all about, please feel free to contact Booster President Jackie Loomis at jackielms2@gmail.com.