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Saugatuck Public Schools Community Recreation

Directors Report
October, 2025

Current Advisory Board Members:

Anthony Grech – SPS Administrator

Andy Diaz – SPS Coaching Staff

Kelly Roche – City of Saugatuck

Neil Seabert – City of Douglas

Ashley Little Rea – Saugatuck Twp.

TBA– Laketown Twp.

Spring / Summer 2025

Little League (March – June): DES Gym, Beery Field, Shultz Park, SHS Softball Field and DES High School Field

- Start Smart – 14 participants
- Tee Ball - 43
- Girls Minor 1 =30 participants
- Girls Minor 2=14 participants
- Girls Majors = 13 participants
- Girls Middle School= 4 participants (Holland Rec)
- Boys Minor 1 = 27 participants
- Boys Minor 2 = 24 participants
- Boys Majors = 21 participants
- Boys Middle School = 23 participants
- Total 213

Summer Youth SHS Sports Camps (June- August): SHS Gym & SHS Stadium

- Boys Basketball = 23 participants
- Girls Basketball = 20 participants
- Track = 71 participants
- Soccer = Youth Camp 59 participants
- Volleyball = Youth Camp 29 participants
- Football = 30
- Total = 232

Swimming Lessons (June-August): Safe Harbor Tower Marina

- Kerri Prince Instructor
- Three Levels/Three Sessions
- Session 1 = 16 participants
- Session 2 = 17 participants
- Session 3 = 14 participants
- Total = 44

Tennis Lessons (July): SHS Tennis Courts

- Three Levels/One Session = 26 participants
- Instructors Julie Sowa, Karris Moerler and Kip Klinge

SMS Summer Volleyball (July & August): SMS Gym

- Girls 7/8 Grade = 20 players
 - Lakeshore League with Holland, West Ottawa and Fennville
- Lakeshore Track Meet (July): Zeeland Stadium
- Grades 3-8 = 175+ Regional athletes
 - Saugatuck = 18 participants

Adult Outdoor Fitness Classes (June-August): Beery Field

- Adults = 25 participants
- Free classes sponsored by Blue Star Gym
- Instructor Kathryn Norman

Pickleball Youth Camp (August): Schultz Park

- Partner with the Saugatuck/Douglas Pickleball Club
- Ages 10 – 14 = 25 participants (with waiting list)

Pickleball (April – November): Schultz Park

- Courts at Schultz Park are still getting a lot of use
- Saugatuck/Douglas Pickleball Club
- Comm Rec helped fund the resurfacing of the courts/ Spring 2023

Fall 2025

Rocket Football (August – October): Beery Field, SHS Softball Field & SHS Stadium

- Flag football plays in our Lakeshore League and Tackle is in the SWM 8 man league.
- Boys K-2 Flag Football = 11 players
- Boys Flag 3/4 = 26 players
- Boys Tackle 5/6 = 13 players
- Total = 50

Soccer (August – October): Schultz Park & SHS Stadium

- Under 6 years old Coed = 37 players
- Under 8 years old Coed = 49 players
- Under 10 years old Girls = 28 players
- Under 10 years old Boys = 22 players
- Under 12 years old Girls = 24 players
- Under 12 years old Boys = 18 players
- Total = 178

Cheerleading (August – October): SHS Stadium

- 3-6 grade = 23 participants

Volleyball Grades 5th/6th (October - November): DES Gym & SHS Gyms

- Girls Play in the Lakeshore Volleyball League
- Grades 5th & 6th = 39 participants

Winter 2025

Youth Basketball (November – February): DES Gym, SMS Gym, SHS Gym

- Start Smart – 12 participants
- K-2 = 61 participants
- 3-4 Girls = 17 participants
- 3-4 Boys = 18 participants
- 5-6 Girls = 17 participants
- 5-6 Boys = 30 participants
- 7-8 Girls = 14 participants
- 7-8 Boys = 20 participants
- Total = 177

Hiking Club (All year): Local hiking trails

- Monday mornings – Frank Lamb = 30+ Participants
- Open Enrollment – FREE
- They have added several more hikes during the week

Adult Basketball (November – March): SHS Gym

- 10 – 25 participants nightly
- Sunday nights
- \$3 per night or \$25 for season for non-residents

Ski Club: (December – March): Timber Ridge Ski Area

- I work with Timber Ridge Ski Resorts to provide discounted rates for skiing and snowboarding
- All ages = 26 participants
- Maybe looking at Bittersweet again for 2026? Still not as good of a value as in the past. Very expensive and inconvenient.

Boys High School Volleyball (November – May): DES Gym & SHS Gym

- Boys 9-12 Grade = 1 team / 11 players
- Third year as a club sport
- Conference Champions 2024

SPS Community Recreation Needs

- Full Size Soccer Field (2 acres)
- Full Size Football Field (2 acres)
- Recreation Center – Indoor Pickleball, Basketball, Soccer, Track etc.

Marketing - How does Community Recreation promote its programs?

- Facebook: Saugatuck Recreation
- Twitter: Saugatuck Recreation
- Instagram: SPS Recreation
- Website: saugatuckps.com (community recreation)
- Saugatuck Recreation Blue Sombrero Online Store.
- Registration forms are sent home with every student at SPS. Registration forms are also located at every SPS office.
- Flyers- Promotional flyers are put up at each school.
- Info is sent out via email to every parent through the bi-weekly DES Newsletter.
- Announcements are made at schools when deadlines are drawing near.
- DES Marquee:
- Using the school alert system, we can notify past participants of upcoming registration deadlines.

Community Updates

- 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan (complete)
- Saugatuck
- Douglas
- Laketown Twp.
- Saugatuck Twp.
- SPS Athletics

Scholarships (Grant Rogers Burd Fund)

Sport Gender Age Amount

Basketball Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$480.00

10 scholarships out of 177
@\$48
Little League Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$1248.00
26 scholarships out of 214
@ \$48
Summer Camps Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$46.00
& Lessons
2 scholarships out of 257
@\$23
Soccer Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$192.00
4 scholarships out of 178
@\$48
Volleyball Boys/Girls 11-14 years old \$192.00
4 scholarships out of 70
@\$48
Swimming Lessons Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$315.00
5 scholarships out of 44
@\$63
Football Boys/Girls 3-16 years old \$126.00
2 scholarships out of 50 @
\$63
TOTAL