

Saugatuck Public Schools Community Recreation Directors Report September 26, 2023

Current Advisory Board Members:

Anthony Grech – SPS Administrator
Andy Diaz – SPS Coaching Staff
Kelly Roche – City Of Saugatuck
Neil Seabert – City of Douglas
Jessica Ruthsatz – Saugatuck Twp.
Garrett Gomley – Laketown Twp.
Ashley Little Rea – Community At Large Member #1
OPEN- Community At Large Member #2

Summer 2023

Little League

- Start Smart – 18 participants
- Girls Minor 1 =20 participants
- Girls Minor 2=13 participants
- Girls Majors = 14 participants
- Girls Middle School= 3 participants
- Boys Minor 1 = 24 participants
- Boys Minor 2 = 27 participants
- Boys Majors = 21 participants
- Boys Middle School =22 participants

Summer Youth SHS Sports Camps

- Boys Basketball = 17 participants
- Girls Basketball = 18 participants
- Track = 61 participants
- Soccer = Youth Camp 62 participants
- Soccer = MS Camp 16 participants
- Volleyball = Youth Camp 37 participants
- Football = 24

Hiking Club

- Participation Numbers = Great
- Monday Mornings 8am – Frank Lamb = 30+ Participants
- Open Enrollment - FREE

Swimming Lessons

- Three Levels/Three Sessions = 48 participants
- Kerri Prince Instructor/ Safe Harbor Tower Marina

Tennis Lessons

- Three Levels/One Session = 18 participants
- Kip Klinge and Nick Betts Instructors/ SHS Courts

SMS Summer Volleyball

- Girls 7/8 Grade = 16 players
- Lakeshore League with Holland and West Ottawa

Lakeshore Track Meet – Zeeland Stadium

- Grades 3-8 = 175 participants
- Saugatuck = 12 participants

Adult Outdoor Fitness Classes

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

Fall 2023

Rocket Football

- Boys K-2 Flag Football = 13 players
- Boys Flag 3/4 = 13 players
- Boys Tackle 5/6 = 21 players

Soccer

- Under 6 years old Coed = 54 players
- Under 8 years old Coed = 55 players
- Under 10 years old Girls = 26 players
- Under 10 years old Boys = 30 players
- Under 12 years old Girls = 29 players
- Under 12 years old Boys = 23 players

Cheerleading

- 3-6 grade = CANCELLED

Pickleball

- Courts at Schultz Park are still going strong.
- Comm Rec Funded the resurfacing of the courts/ Spring 2023
- Youth Camp = 25 participants

Bridge Walk 2023

- 275 participants

Ski Club:

- Bittersweet announced changes to their Ski Club program for 2023/24. This is not good. Limited dates (two evenings), times and increased cost make this program pointless and of no value.

- Participants can only use discount on one specific evening (pre-determined) during the week and only in the evening on Sunday.
- The Sunday evening option will be very crowded.
- If we get a snow day and it does not land on our scheduled day of the week you cannot get the discount.
- School needs to sell lift tickets and rentals in advance. School needs to provide a bus etc. Bittersweet does nothing.
- You used to get two free group lessons, now only one
- I feel that this is their way of phasing out the program
- They also raised their season pass to \$700 from \$400
- Unfortunately, unless they change it this is not worth the money or time.
- Families are better off going to Timber Ridge (same distance) or look into the MSIA Passes. White Gold/ Cold is Cool.

Adult Basketball

- Adults = Open enrollment
- Sunday Nights = Nov 5 – March 24

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 (Feb 1 completion deadline)
- Saugatuck
- Douglas
- Laketown Twp.
- Saugatuck Twp.
- SPS Athletics (Anthony Grech new AD)

2023 Scholarships

Sport	Gender	Age	Amount
Soccer 9 scholarships out of 217 @\$45	Boys/Girls	4-16 years old	\$405.00
Football 2 scholarships out of 47 @ \$60	Boys/Girls	3-16 years old	\$120.00
Summer Youth Camps 8 scholarships out of 235 @ \$20	Boys/Girls	3-16 years old	\$160.00
Swim Lessons 3 scholarships out of 48 @ \$50	Boys/Girls	4-16 years old	\$150.00
MS Volleyball 3 scholarships out of 16 @\$45	Boys/Girls	12-15 years old	\$135.00
TOTAL			\$970