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MONA SHORES RADIO SHOW CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ON THE AIR

In December 2012, Mona Shores launched a new radio show called "Looking Inside Mona Shores Schools". The show features news from our district with a highlighted topic each week. It includes interviews from staff, students, parents and area leaders. Each show ends with upcoming calendar items and events. The show airs each Saturday on Sunny 97.5 FM and on WLCS 98.3 FM from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Previous shows are also posted on our website at www.monashores.net as they become available. Tune in and stay informed!



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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP COMING IN FEBRUARY

Parents of incoming kindergarteners are invited to attend Kindergarten Round-Up events scheduled at the four elementary schools at 6 p.m. on:

For the schedule and more details, see Page 15 inside.

- February 20 - Ross Park**
- February 25 - Lincoln Park**
- February 26 - Campbell**
- February 26 - Churchill**

A Message from the Superintendent



Dave Peden, Superintendent
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Happy New Year! 2014 should be another great year here at Mona Shores. This past year was filled with academic and athletic success as well as award-winning and nationally televised fine arts programs.

The new year will bring a renewed focus on long-range planning for our district. We are currently in the process of doing a facilities study so we can share with the community just what condition our buildings are in. Just like we need to make upgrades in our homes, we have roof and mechanical issues as well as safety and technology concerns, along with an aging bus fleet. This study will also help us prioritize and find funding solutions for the next five to ten years.

Separate from this study, but related in the sense that it deals with technology, will be a special county-wide election in February. More information on that can be found in this publication in the article by Lane White, our technology director.

The Mona Shores Education Foundation is seeking additional members. This is an outstanding organization that helps provide some "extras" for students at all levels. Please contact me at (231) 780-4751, extension 8201 if you want additional information or to find out about the next meeting date.

Finally, I want to thank Renee Doan who has been our editor and driving force behind the Lighthouse View. Renee is retiring at the end of 2013 and her family's gain will be Mona Shores' loss. Thank you Renee for making a difference here at Mona Shores!

As you can see, 2014 will be a busy and important year for us, please get involved. Answer our surveys, attend community meetings and express yourself. We can only be what you want us to be!

Go Sailors!

A Letter from the Board President

Happy New Year! On behalf of our Board and all employees we hope your family has a wonderful 2014!

The 2013 - 2014 school year continues to be another successful one for our Mona Shores District. Students are performing well in the classroom and on our athletic fields. We thank those of you who attended our varsity football games this fall, as we not only made the playoffs but set an attendance record for a home game as well. In addition, our Singing Christmas Tree won a Statewide Award for Excellence in Education and our holiday programs at all levels were as outstanding as ever.

The district recently received some noteworthy news. You may have read that we are in the process of recovering some of the money lost in the Ponzi scheme. We hope to recover over \$700,000. This money will go directly into the general fund as promised in 2010 to help replace dollars used to pay for work that was already completed.



If you have a student graduating this year, we hope that your family will make time to enjoy these last few months and savor all the culminating activities. I know from experience it goes by all too fast.

Linda Kelly
President, Mona Shores Board of Education



Top: Support of our varsity football games set attendance records.
Photo courtesy of Sailors Log/Yearbook Staff.

Right: Singing Christmas Tree wins Statewide Award for Excellence.



Students to Benefit from Technology and Security Enhancement Millage

Wow, how times have changed and boy has technology become an integral part of daily life. We self-checkout at the store, bank online, buy and sell our stuff online, and share our photos on Facebook. Technology is an integral part of our workplaces as well. Every career from manufacturing to healthcare to automotive repair requires the use of high-tech equipment. One statistic indicates that 85% of the jobs today's kindergartners will be working in have not yet been created or even thought of yet. Those jobs will require our students to have superior technical skills.

While times have changed, one thing that hasn't changed is school funding. The problem is that the current per-pupil funding for students is even lower than it was back in 2007 (\$7,108 in 2006-07 and \$7,026 in 2013-14). The state's school-funding formula is antiquated and does not specifically address the additional costs related to purchasing and maintaining up-to-date technology. The following graph depicts the downward trend in school funding.

MICHIGAN TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL REVENUE PER PUPIL (2011\$)

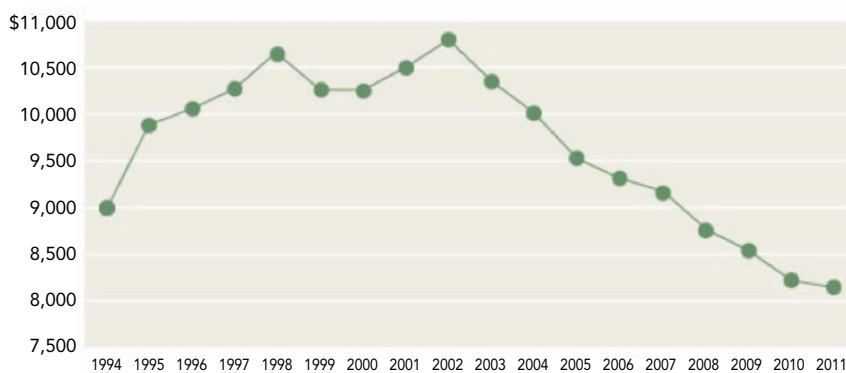


Figure shows all operating revenues for local and intermediate school districts and charter schools in Michigan, adjusted for inflation and enrollment. SOURCE: Department of Education, Bulletin 1011, state and local government price deflator from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

We have witnessed rapid changes and advancements in technology and can expect many more in coming years. Consider the fact iPads and Chromebooks are new to the market in the past three years! While we have tried our best to provide adequate technology, the lack of funding has caused us to use bond issues to address our required technology needs. The sale of bonds results in interest charges to taxpayers spread out over many years—not a great way to fund the ever-changing needs of technology. In addition, bonds are very limited in that the proceeds can only be used for technology hardware.

In order to help resolve this issue, with support from local school boards, our local school district leaders in Muskegon County have asked the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District to place a Technology Enhancement Millage of one mill for a ten-year period on the February 25, 2014, ballot. This millage would help provide our students with the technology tools needed to be competitive in the world-wide marketplace. The cost to the average homeowner would be a \$41 annual property tax increase. (The market value of the average home in Muskegon County is \$82,000.) By law, every dollar collected must be distributed to each local public school district based on student enrollment.

Because of the nature of a technology enhancement millage, each district

in the county will determine how they will use the funds for technology and safety/security needs for their respective students and classrooms.

Our current needs:

- Mobile laptop carts COW's (570 total) are four years old and now out of warranty
- SmartCart computers in every classroom (210 total) are seven years old and out of warranty
- Lab and media center desktop computers (600 total) are four years old and out of warranty
- Security and Safety Enhancements
 - o Lockdown button for buildings
 - o Additional cameras
 - o Additional door access
 - o System for visitor entry to building

Our future needs:

- Increase access to technology for all students. (1:1 access in some buildings, additional mobile carts in some buildings, and upgraded lab environments).
- Additional network bandwidth to support future devices
- Explore instructional technology coaches in some buildings
- Smart Classroom Enhancements - Additional instructional delivery tools, digital curriculum content, and support for HD video
- Redefine classroom space to support future learning environments
- Upgrade teacher devices
- Improve systems for assessment, curriculum, instruction, and data collection/analysis/reporting
- Address needs of the current and future technology plans

In addition to our needs, by State law, schools are required to provide online learning opportunities, online standardized testing beginning in 2015, and many other technology related programs and services. A technology millage will provide the funding needed to meet these legal requirements.

Technology helps teachers teach, students learn, and improves our future. Technology makes our schools safer. Yet, school leaders have been told not to expect more funding from the state in coming years. It is up to us to ensure our children have what is needed in the next decade to prepare them for a world full of technology--no matter what careers lay ahead for them. To learn more visit www.technology4students.org. **Please mark your calendar and remember to vote on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.**

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IS SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY? A Winter Weather Alert!

During winter we are more likely to experience school closings and/or delays. **DELAYS** postpone the start time of school by two (2) hours and therefore, cancel **MORNING** ECSE, Tuition Preschool, and Head Start classes. With a delayed start the childcare latchkey sites open at regular times in their regular locations.

CLOSINGS typically cancel all school activities for the entire day; this includes Tuition Preschool, Head Start, GSRP and latchkey program sites. With a school closing the Childcare Center located at Ross Park Elementary is open during regular hours for all students currently enrolled in the childcare/latchkey program from any building. Evening co-curricular activities may not be cancelled. Contact your school building for updated information regarding evening activities.

To quickly notify our families, Mona Shores utilizes the District Notification System. Parents and staff will be contacted via telephone/email with a message for school closings or delays. The information is also available on our Facebook page, radio, TV, or our district web site at WWW.MONASHORES.NET. You may also telephone your building of choice for a recorded message.



Energy Conservation Program Update

by Chris Smith - Energy Specialist

Mona Shores Public Schools implemented an energy conservation program in February, 2012. With the support of the Mona Shores staff, students and custodians we have made tremendous progress in lowering the amount of energy we consume, thus decreasing substantially the amount of money we spend on utilities. As of August, 2013 we have cut our energy costs by 13%, and saved over \$152,000.00! This equates to a greenhouse gas reduction of 1,468 metric tons of CO₂, which is equivalent to 306 cars not driven for one year or 37,647 tree seedlings grown for 10 years.

Ultimately, the success of our energy program will enable us to save jobs, as well as important programs. This energy program does not require us to increase our utility budget, purchase new energy equipment or upgrade our existing equipment. This is an organizational behavior-based energy program. This is not a short-term "green project", it is a comprehensive, rigorous and sustainable energy program to help us save money now and in the future.

From top to bottom, this is a complete and total commitment by our district to be good stewards of our financial resources and of our environment. Already we are seeing the benefits as we are reducing consumption and establishing an energy conservation program that will provide us financial and environmental rewards for many years to come.

If you have any questions about our program, please email Chris Smith at smithc@monashores.net.

DISTRICT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Attention Parents and Staff! In order to receive messages from the District Notification System your contact information on file must be current. Please call your building secretary whenever your home, cell or work telephone numbers change as well as your email address. Thank-you!




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INDOOR WALKING

Don't let the inclement weather keep you from your fitness routine! Community members are invited to "walk the hallways" of designated school buildings. In an attempt to reduce energy costs we have limited the building access after school hours to the locations listed below. For the safety of others, 'walking only' permitted, except on the indoor track in the Sailor Center (if walking on track please stay to the left). Building access not available on school holidays or "snow" days.

AVAILABLE DAYS AND TIMES:

BUILDING	DAYS	HOURS	NOTES	ENTRANCE
High School Hallways	M-F	5:30-8 pm	Designated Areas Only due to Building Events	Front
High School Upper Track	M & W	5:30-8 pm	Upstairs Sailor Center Gym (jogging permitted)	West
Ross Park	M-F	6:15-8 pm		Front

Building events may alter availability of this schedule.

Mona Shores Green Team Update

by Chris Smith, Co-founder



The Mona Shores Green Team is a volunteer group of students, staff and community members, dedicated to making our schools safer, healthier and more sustainable places to work and learn. The Green Team started in the spring of 2012 and has already made great progress, thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff, students and parents. Our first project was to start a district-

wide recycling program for paper, plastic and cardboard. Groups of students in every building are doing a great job of collecting and recycling paper and plastic every week. Some of the buildings are tracking the weight of the paper they are recycling. For example, Colleen Hoffer's students at the middle school collected and recycled 5,427 pounds of paper from October, 2012 to June, 2013!

We received a grant from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County that was used to purchase recycle bins imprinted with the Green Team logo. Look for them throughout the district. We then convinced the school board and our food service team, Chartwells, to change from styrofoam lunch trays and plates to healthier, compostable ones. We are now looking into composting all of our kitchen waste. Kitchen waste accounts for about 75% of the average school district's waste, so a composting program would dramatically reduce our impact on the landfills! We would like to thank the school board and Chartwells, for helping us make these changes!

We built and planted our first community vegetable garden at Ross Park Elementary this summer called The Learning Garden. Our organic garden was built with the help of donations from the Ross Park PTO, The Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council, Peaceful Valley Farm and Garden Supply (www.groworganic.com), and generous discounts on building materials and black dirt from SethCo Lumber and Summit Lawn Care. Several volunteers from the Green Team helped us build and fill the raised beds. Every classroom at Ross Park helped by growing a flat of seeds. We then planted these in our garden. Students from child care helped by watering over the summer and enjoyed eating the cherry tomatoes. It was a tremendous success and we harvested tomatoes well into October. Classes at Ross Park enjoyed the garden in many ways, such as, taking walks, eating tomatoes, harvesting purple carrots and kohlrabi and taste sampling in their classroom. One of the main goals of the garden is to teach students where their food comes from and how they can grow it themselves. We hope to make the garden bigger and better next year!

We also helped in the planning of a native wildflower garden outside of the main entrance to the new administration offices at Ross Park Elementary. Sara Busken's high school ecology students dug up the sod and planted the garden in September, and they did a great job! The Green Team will also help with the annual maintenance of the new wildflower garden.

We would like everyone to join the Green Team! If you want our schools to be healthier, safer and more sustainable, you can consider yourself a member of our team! You can follow along with the Green Team's projects on Facebook, www.facebook.com/MonaShoresGreenTeam. **If you have any questions, email Chris Smith at smithc@monashores.net.**

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

This year's annual Senior Citizens Luncheon hosted by Mona Shores Community Services will take place in April. Please look for more information and how to register in the April issue of the Lighthouse View.

Looking forward to another great event!

Have 401(k) questions? Let's talk.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*A Message from High School Principal
Jennifer Bustard*

Happy New Year! It seems like just yesterday when we began the 2013-2014 school year with a first day of school celebration assembly in the main gym. Our theme for the school year has again been Sailor P.R.I.D.E. The Positive Behavior Matrix continues to be a major focus for our staff and students. Throughout this school year we have been recognizing our students in grades 9-12 for demonstrating positive pride behaviors with a PRIDE pass. Students then are entered in random drawings for the chance to win prizes ranging from gift cards to local food restaurants, movie tickets, Lumberjack tickets and the list goes on. If you would like to donate to our treasure box of prizes please call (231) 780-4711, extension 8499.



In Partnership with Muskegon ALI, Norton Shores Police Department, Ramos Auto Body and Nexes Realty, Mona Shores High School is proud to present the 2nd Annual Ride with Pride positive behavior campaign. In May 2014 one lucky student will win a car! New this year - 9th and 10th grade students are eligible to win a moped! This is an opportunity to recognize safe driving behaviors and positive behaviors in our school and community. Special thanks to Lt. Jon Gale and School Liaison Officer Jared Passchier of the Norton Shores Police Department. We also thank Ramos Auto Body and Nexes Realty for their generosity in making the car and moped giveaway a reality.

We are now at the midway point of the 2nd trimester and it's hard to believe we are gearing up for the scheduling season of our high school students. Please review the Counselor's Corner article for more specific information regarding assembly dates and course selection form return dates. This is an

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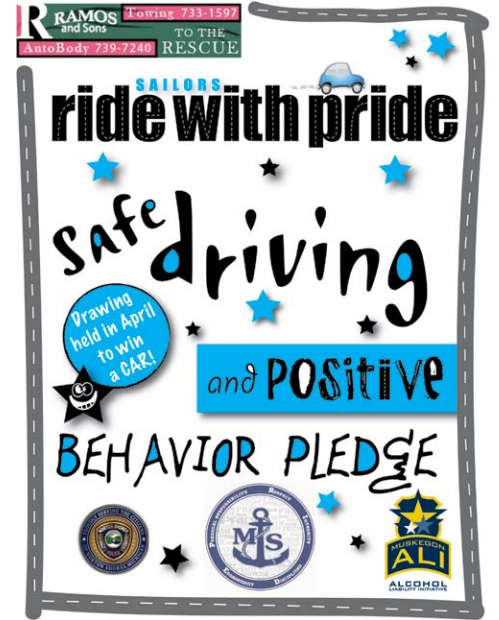
exciting time for our students as they plan for their high school schedule and post-secondary aspirations.

We continue to have much to celebrate and look forward to at the high school and would encourage you to join us at any of our events that are sure to highlight student talents and performances!

Thank you for your support, commitment, and dedication to Mona Shores. If you have any questions, please contact me at (231) 780-4711, extension 8499, or by e-mail at bustardj@monashores.net.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next event! Go Sailors!

Jennifer



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Even though winter has finally arrived, it is not too early to begin thinking about Spring and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) state assessments scheduled for the month of March. These are statewide high school assessments and are a State of Michigan legislative requirement for all eleventh grade students and those twelfth grade students, who for some reason, have not previously tested. In addition, the Mona Shores Board of Education requires participation in the MME in order to earn a diploma from Mona Shores High School (see schedule).

STANDARD TIME TESTING	ACCOMODATIONS TESTING
March 4, 2014 – ACT plus Writing	March 4-18, 2014 - Day 1 Testing Window
March 5, 2014 - WorkKeys	March 5-19, 2014 – Day 2 Testing Window
March 6, 2014 – Michigan Components	March 6-20, 2014 – Day 3 Testing Window
March 18-20, 2014 – Make-Up Dates	

The ACT plus Writing assessment is a measure of the student's college readiness. It is a curriculum-based examination. Even though this is a national assessment, the ACT plus Writing matches well with the educational standards established in the State of Michigan. Taking the ACT test can provide helpful information for all students, not just those who are planning to attend college. The test is free of charge and your son/daughter will also be able to send scores to the four colleges,

universities, or technical schools of their choice. The WorkKeys test is also a national assessment that measures the student's career readiness skills. The skills assessed include Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information.

After a survey of 16,000 occupations across the country, it has been determined that these skills are considered the most desirable by future employers. Upon successful completion of this assessment, the student can acquire a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) that will serve as a highly valued

credential of the aforementioned skills. The third and final day of testing is called the Michigan Component. While the ACT plus Writing does align with many of the Michigan Standards it is still a national test. The Michigan Component is an attempt by the State of Michigan to "fill in the blanks" and to assure that all of the Michigan Content Standards are assessed in the areas of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

There will be much more information regarding this critical testing period in the months ahead. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Walt Gawkowski, High School Assistant Principal (231) 780-4711, extension 8494.

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Counselor's Corner

STUDENT SCHEDULING FOR 2014 – 2015 BEGINS IN JANUARY

Counselors will begin meeting with students in scheduling assemblies right after the holiday break. Students will be given a copy of their transcript to review and then will be instructed to select their classes for the next school year. Parents can assist their children in this process by reviewing their choices, signing the course selection sheet, and reminding them to return the materials to school on time. Counselors and students will meet at the end of the week to review the course selections for accuracy before the student enters them online. Also, each student will have the opportunity to update his/her Educational Development Plan at that time.

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING TIME FRAME WILL BE FOLLOWED:

Class	Assembly Date	Course Selection Return Dates
2015	Monday, January 27	Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31
2016	Monday, February 3	Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7
2017	Monday, February 10	Wednesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 13
2018	Monday, February 24	Thursday, February 27

The 8th Grade Parent Night will be scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2014, in the High School Auditorium. The high school counselors and administrative staff will meet to orient the parents to the high school curriculum and scheduling process.

FAFSA

Paper FAFSA's are only available through download at the Federal Aid website or by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID. About 5% of FAFSA's are now filed by paper with the majority being filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Both the dependent student and parent must apply for a pin number that will serve as an electronic signature. This can be done at www.pin.ed.gov. Keep your pin in a safe place. It will be used every year that you apply for financial aid. Students filing online can first use the FAFSA worksheet, which will be available starting in January.

You can call the Financial Aid Office at Baker College or Muskegon Community College and get help for free on filling out the Financial Aid Form. Beware of individuals/organizations who charge for this service, or who promise to get you Financial Aid if you pay them to complete your form. When in doubt, call first for advice.

Go to www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov for an early estimate of federal aid eligibility. A pin number is not required and the information can transfer directly to your FAFSA. Additional information is available at www.STUDENTAID.ED.GOV.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

On Thursday, January 9, we will have a Financial Aid Workshop at 6:00 pm in the High School Media Center. A financial aid officer will be here to go over the financial aid process and the FAFSA worksheet. Any questions that you have concerning completion of FAFSA and financial aid documents will be discussed.

DO THE FAFSA

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY: February 9 from 2:00–4:00 pm at Muskegon Community College. Get help filling out the FAFSA. Bring your family's completed 2013 tax forms (or W2s and 1099s), social security numbers, driver's licenses, and 2013 untaxed income records to complete the form right there. Students/parents can sign up for personalized message reminders. Also, students who attend the event and complete the Student/Family Survey are entered for a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship, an iPad Mini, and other awards. For more information, please visit www.micolllegegoal.org.

ACT

JUNIOR REGISTRATION: The State of Michigan will pay for all juniors to take the ACT plus Writing test on March 4th during the school day. The ACT plus writing will be the first phase of the Michigan Merit Exam. Juniors will be able to send their scores to four colleges that they are considering attending. They should give this some thought ahead of time as they will be asked to give that information during a February registration process here at the high school.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Students needing tutoring can get assistance every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in the Media Center. National Honor Society students are available to tutor in core subjects from 3:00-3:45 pm. In addition, there is an after-school

or before-school schedule for tutoring in the core subject areas with teachers. Have your student check out these very valuable resources!

THE MICHIGAN COLLEGE ACCESS PORTAL

There is a new statewide initiative that is free and easy-to-use for Michigan students and families to help in the process of planning, applying, and paying for college. It is the Michigan CAP—the Michigan College Access Portal, a web-based system located at www.michigancap.org. For students, it can help organize information, provide free test prep tutorials, research Michigan colleges, plan for careers, research and apply for financial aid, and eventually track and submit college applications online.

SCHOLARSHIPS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MUSKEGON: Offering a number of scholarships, most for seniors going away to a four-year school. Some are for students going to a vocational or technical program. They do offer a few merit-based scholarships worth more money. Last year 14 Mona Shores seniors were selected. Financial need is often a consideration. Deadline: March 1. The application is now online at the Foundation website, www.cffmc.org. Please note that applicants must complete the FAFSA by March 1 and list the school they plan to attend so the Financial Aid Officer will have the necessary information to complete the financial information form by the Foundation's deadline.

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2013/14 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/7/14	Jenison High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	Orchard View High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/14/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/17/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/24/14	Muskegon High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/18/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	2/21/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/25/14	Holland High School	Home	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/27/14	Fruitport High School	Home	7:00 p.m.
Monday	3/3/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
Wednesday	3/5/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
Friday	3/7/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/7/14	Jenison High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	North Muskegon High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Monday	1/13/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/16/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/23/14	*Muskegon High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths Puffer High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Monday	2/17/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/20/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/25/14	Holland High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/27/14	Fruitport High School	Home	4:00 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/7/14	Jenison High School	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	West Ottawa High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/14/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	1/17/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/21/14	Rockford High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	1/24/14	*Muskegon High School	Away	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Home	6:00 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/18/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	6:00 p.m.
Friday	2/21/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	6:00 p.m.
Monday	2/24/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
Wednesday	2/26/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
Friday	2/28/14	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/7/14	Jenison High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	Orchard View High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/14/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/16/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	1/24/14	Muskegon High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Home	5:30 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	2/18/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/20/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/25/14	Holland High School	Home	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	2/27/14	Fruitport High School	Home	5:30 p.m.

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2013/14 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/7/14	Jenison High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	West Ottawa High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Monday	1/13/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	1/16/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/21/14	Rockford High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	1/23/14	*Muskegon High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Monday	2/17/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	2/20/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:30 p.m.

GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Friday	1/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	West Ottawa High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Monday	1/13/14	*Zeeland East High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/16/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Away	5:30 p.m.
Friday	1/17/14	Calvin Christian High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/21/14	Rockford High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/23/14	*Muskegon High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Zeeland East High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	*Reeths-Puffer High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	Fremont High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*Muskegon High School	Home	4:00 p.m.
Monday	2/17/14	*Grand Rapids Union High School	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/20/14	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:30 p.m.

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

Saturday	1/4/14	Fruitport Invitational (@ Northway Lanes)	Away	12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/8/14	Grand Haven High School (@ Starlight Lanes)	Home	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	1/9/14	Lowell HS (@ Lowell Lanes)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/11/14	OK Black Pre-Conference	Home	9:00 a.m.
Monday	1/13/14	Reeths-Puffer High School (@ Northway Lanes)	Home	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1/15/14	Zeeland East HS (@ Zeeland Lanes)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1/21/14	Grand Rapids Union High School (@ Westgate Bowl)	Home	3:30 p.m.
Thursday	1/23/14	Muskegon High School (@ Sherman Bowling Center)	Home	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/25/14	Zeeland Baker Invitational (@ Northland Lanes)	Away	9:00 a.m.
Monday	1/27/14	Kenowa Hills HS (@ AMF Lincoln Lanes)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1/29/14	Reeths-Puffer High School (@ Northway Lanes)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Monday	2/3/14	Zeeland East High School (@ Zeeland Lanes)	Home	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/5/14	Grand Rapids Union HS (@ Westgate Bowl)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Monday	2/10/14	Muskegon High School (@ Sherman Bowling Center)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/12/14	GMAA Tournament @ Northway Lanes	Away	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/13/14	Kenowa Hills HS (@ AMF Lincoln Lanes)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	2/15/14	OK Black Post Conference @ Northway Lanes	Away	TBA
Friday	2/21/14	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA
Saturday	2/22/14	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday	1/4/14	Mona Shores Invitational	Home	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	1/11/14	West Ottawa Invitational @ WO North HS	Away	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/22/14	OK Black Jamboree @ Kenowa Hills HS	Away	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/25/14	LMCCOA @ East Kentwood	Away	TBA
Wednesday	1/29/14	OK Black Jamboree @ Zeeland East HS	Away	6:30 p.m.
Monday	2/3/14	TK Invite @ Thornapple-Kellogg	Away	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/5/14	OK Black Jamboree @ Muskegon High School	Away	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	2/8/14	PR Cheer Invitational @ Deltaplex	Away	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	2/15/14	MHSAA Districts @ Kenowa Hills	Away	TBA
Wednesday	2/19/14	GMAA Tournament @ Mona Shores HS	Home	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/22/14	MHSAA Regionals @ Kenowa Hills	Away	TBA

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2013/14 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

GIRLS JV COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday	1/11/14	West Ottawa Invitational @ WO North HS	Away	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/22/14	Kenowa Hills Jamboree	Away	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1/29/14	Zeeland East Jamboree	Away	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/5/14	Muskegon Jamboree	Away	6:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

Friday	1/3/14	Konrad Tournament (GH vs PC)	Home	6:00 p.m.
Friday	1/3/14	Konrad Tournament (MS vs EK)	Home	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	1/4/14	Konrad Tournament - Consolation Game	Home	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/4/14	Konrad Tournament - Championship Game	Home	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1/8/14	Forest Hills Eastern	Home	7:30 p.m.
Friday	1/10/14	*East Grand Rapids HS	Home	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/15/14	*Grand Haven High School	Home	6:30 p.m.
Friday	1/17/14	Marysville High School	Home	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	1/18/14	*Grand Rapids Catholic Central (@ The Edge - Grand Rapids)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/22/14	*Rockford High School	Home	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/25/14	Hartland High School	Home	1:00 p.m.
Friday	1/31/14	Midland HS (@ Midland Civic Arena)	Away	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/1/14	Midland Dow HS (@Midland Civic Arena)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	2/5/14	*Reeths-Puffer HS (@Lakeshore Sports Centre)	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	2/7/14	Trenton HS (Trenton Showcase @ Kennedy Ice Arena)	Away	TBA
Saturday	2/8/14	Trenton HS (Trenton Showcase @ Kennedy Ice Arena)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	2/12/14	*East Kentwood HS	Away	7:00 p.m.
Friday	2/14/14	*East Grand Rapids (@ Patterson Ice)	Away	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/15/14	Traverse City Central High	Away	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	2/19/14	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	6:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Saturday	12/28/13	Curt Pals Invitational @ Jenison	Away	11:30 a.m.
Thursday	1/9/14	Ludington HS	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1/11/14	Spring Lake Invitational	Away	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	1/14/14	*Northview HS	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/21/14	*East Grand Rapids HS	Away	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/28/14	*Forest Hills Northern HS	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/4/14	*Grand Rapids Christian HS	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2/11/14	*Jenison High School	Home	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	2/20/14	Conference Diving @ EGR	Away	TBA
Friday	2/21/14	Conference Prelims @ EGR	Away	TBA
Saturday	2/22/14	Conference Finals @ EGR	Away	TBA
Tuesday	3/4/14	Diving Regionals @ TBD	Away	TBA
Friday	3/7/14	MHSAA State Finals @ TBD	Away	TBA
Saturday	3/8/14	MHSAA State Finals @ TBD	Away	TBA

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Saturday	12/28/13	Frederick Invitational @ Grandville	Away	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	1/4/14	Grand Haven Invitational	Away	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	1/8/14	*Kenowa Hills HS	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1/11/14	Red Devil Duals @ Holton	Away	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	1/15/14	Mona Shores Quad	Home	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	1/18/14	GMAA @ Muskegon	Away	TBA
Wednesday	1/22/14	Reeths-Puffer Quad	Away	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/29/14	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/1/14	OK Conference Meet @ Unioin	Away	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	2/6/14	MHSAA Team Districts @ Grand Haven	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/8/14	MHSAA Individual Districts @ Grand Haven	Away	9:00 a.m.

BOYS JV WRESTLING

Saturday	12/28/13	Frederick Invitational @ Grandville	Away	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	1/4/14	East Kentwood Invitational	Away	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	1/25/14	Grand Haven Invitational	Away	9:30 a.m.

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Sailor Athletic News

A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics

I thought the 2012-13 school year couldn't be topped. Talented athletes, exciting contests, tremendous results, and plenty of scholarship dollars earned at the end... it was an amazing school year.

Then, our boys soccer – with average expectations having lost so many seniors from last year's squad – digs itself out of a hole in conference play to win the league championship in double-overtime in the last game of the season on a Destin Morley header. Two weeks later, having started their conference schedule with two home losses to Zeeland East and Kenowa Hills, our varsity volleyball team rallied on the road – twice – to avenge these teams in five sets (by a score of 15-13 each time) to win a league championship of their own. From sophomore Jackie Seward's cross-country run to the State Finals to another State Finals appearance by our girls golf team to boys tennis' conference and county championship to our divers getting a crack at the swimming State Finals, the fall just kept getting better. Oh yeah, some may have heard that our gridiron heroes knocked heads to qualify for the MHSAA Playoffs for the first time in school history and have some phenomenal players coming up.

Simply put, Mona Shores High School's athletic programs are firing on all cylinders! It's a great time to be a Sailor!

Scholarships

Starting right back up to where we left off in 2012-13, our athletes are earning megabucks to continue competing at the collegiate level. Already, Connor Hurley has signed to play ice hockey at the University of Notre Dame, while Janik Moeser has inked his name to play for the Buckeyes of Ohio State University. Jasmyn Walker signed with Valparaiso University of the Horizon League to play basketball and Asantay Brown will graduate this December and enroll early at Western Michigan University to play football. We've got a few senior wrestlers (Adam Pawlowski and Taylor McPhail) in the mix for some college scholarships, an underclassmen midfielder (Nate Hoover) who has verbally committed to Western



Above: Janik Moeser, signing with Ohio State University

Michigan University's soccer program, and two more senior football players (Logan Smith and Marquon Sargent) who have been offered full-ride scholarships to continue catching passes at the next level, but none of these have inked yet. In summary, hundreds of thousands of dollars in college tuition have been scooped up by our Sailors and plenty more is to come. How exciting for these dedicated student-athletes and their families!

Below: Connor Hurley signing with the University of Notre Dame

Possible Adult Fitness and Recreation Opportunities

This past November, an inquiry went out in an email to the Sailor community asking whether or not individuals would be interested in getting on a list regarding expanded public use of our high school's Sailor Center. Possible fitness classes and training time with our friends at Mercy Health Partners are in discussion as well. First and foremost, Mona Shores High School is designed as an academic institution for high school aged students. Considering the number of evening



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events that we have in the winter, the weekend activities, and the security measures we have taken in the last year, there are still some hurdles to get over. However, as our building leadership strives to strengthen our community and connect fitness with all ages within our taxpaying base, our athletic department is taking major steps and having discussions with numerous parties to try and expand the use of our building's athletic facilities.

If you would like to get on an email list regarding upcoming possibilities, please send me a note at portengr@monashores.net and I will get you hooked up. My goal is that our athletic venues become a center for building physical and mental strength whether the Sailor is in elementary school or an athlete of yesteryear.... #Momentum #Success #MonaShores



Above: Jasmyn Walker signing with Valparaiso University

Admissions Reminder

Athletic passes for the Winter and Spring campaigns are once again on sale in the Athletic Office and are good for the 2013-14 school year. These passes get you into any Mona Shores athletic event other than hockey games and county/state tournaments and the information is also posted on our athletic website. The cost remains \$40 for student passes, \$80 for a single adult pass, and \$180 for a family pass. Even if you have not already purchased them, they are a bargain if you intend to be at numerous Winter events.

I look forward to seeing Sailor Nation at the upcoming winter events!

Yours in competitive spirit,
Ryan Portenga

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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MEA SCHOLARSHIPS: Last year 36 scholarships totaling \$30,000 were awarded based upon leadership, community service, and academics. Preference is given to children of MEA members. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. Deadline: February 8, 2014.

MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP: Any senior who attained a 23 composite on the ACT is eligible for this scholarship. Renewable and worth up to \$1300 per year. Students must attend a Michigan public college and show financial need. You must file the FAFSA, and it must be received by March 1st. Social security numbers are required.

GERBER FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP: At least one \$2,000 scholarship for a Mona Shores senior—five Mona Shores High School students earned these scholarships last year with a maximum 3.7 GPA in order to target the average to above average student. Winners will be selected on basis of overall academic record, recommendations, leadership qualities, and involvement in curricular, extracurricular, and community activities. Preference is given to those with little scholarship support. Essay and financial statement required. Deadline: February 28 to Gerber Foundation (online application required at www.gerberfoundation.org).

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS: American Legion gives a number of \$500 scholarships to children and sometimes grandchildren of Veterans. Go to www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships and www.michalaux.org for more information.

WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and reside in Muskegon County. Applicants must also plan to attend either Muskegon Community College, Baker College or a Muskegon County Technical school in Muskegon full time. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or online at www.womensdivision.org. Deadline: March 15.

FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP NOTICES: Please go to our scholarship page to see many more available scholarships at: <http://www.monashores.net/schoolbuildings/highschool/departments/counseling/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/>. Students will receive scholarship notices for Muskegon Community College and Baker College in March and April. Scholarship notices are posted throughout the building, on our website, and on the announcements. Seniors will also receive emails monthly to their school Gmail accounts indicating scholarship availability, requirements and due dates.

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Middle School Calling All Colors

On November 8, 2013, middle school students experienced the Be Nice presentations. The Be Nice program is sponsored by The Mental Health Foundation and is a positive approach to addressing bullying. The importance of treating others with respect and civility was stressed. The presentation featured students from the Calling All Colors group at the middle school. This group is dedicated to setting an example of tolerance and acceptance of all students.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT

For the safety of our students, we placed no parking signs and painted lines and arrows on the south side of the building (Woodside Street entrance). While the snow might cover up our lines and markings, please adhere to our parking lot traffic expectations:

- No parking, pick-up, or drop-off along the south side sidewalk.
- Please use the parking lot, parking spots for picking up and/or dropping off students
- Do not park along the curb, directly outside of the office - please use parking lot spots
- Continue with the flow of traffic, drive slowly, and keep our student safety in mind at all times
- Picking up and dropping off students when not in a parking spot creates a bottleneck of traffic - please use an area that is safe for students and does not disrupt the flow of traffic
- Please consider using the East side parking lot for picking up and dropping off students - students may enter and exit the cafeteria doors.

MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 12/23-1/3 No School/Winter Break
- 6 School Resumes
- 8 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 15 No Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 20 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 22 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 29 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg

FEBRUARY:

- 5 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 7 Sailor Celebration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Count Day
- No Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 14-17 No School, Mid-Winter Break
- 19 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Conferences, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. (by invitation)
Make-Up Date: Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 24 8th Grade Scheduling Assembly at MSMS
8th Grade Parent Night, 7 p.m. – MSMS Auditorium
- 26 No Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 27 8th Grade Scheduling During the Day at MSMS

MARCH:

- 5 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
- 6-8 School Play - MSHS 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Choir Concert (6th grade at 5:00 p.m. - 7th/8th grades at 7:30 p.m. - MSMS)
- 12 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Records Day
- 13 8th Grade Visitation to the High School
- 14 End of 2nd Trimester
- 19 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:40 a.m.
Science Fair, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., MSMS Cafeteria
- 19-20 Choir Festival, TBA
- 26 No Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.



Churchill Rock Star Behavior Expectations

This school year at Churchill has been a successful one with many social and academic events, thus far. The Harvest Sale, Walk-To-School Day, Spirit Week, and Halloween parties were big hits for our students. The third, fourth, and fifth grade students did an excellent job with MEAP testing. Our teachers at Churchill are truly maximizing student learning by utilizing a variety of instructional strategies, providing an intentional focus with each lesson, differentiating instruction, challenging students with rigorous assessments, establishing positive relationships with students, and creating positive learning environments.

Our first Rock Star Hall of Fame Assembly was held in October as part of the Rock Star Behavior Expectation System we use here at Churchill. Our positive behavior support system is built on the idea that recognizing positive behavior is a great way to build a positive community, and is a key ingredient to our positive school culture. We intentionally teach our school-wide expectations to every student multiple times throughout the school year. This helps so they know what we expect their positive behavior to look like and sound like in all areas of the school. Individual students get recognized with Rock Star Slips. All staff members recognize positive behavior with these slips outside and inside the classroom. Staff members may also recognize an entire class that has exhibited positive behavior with our Bravo Awards. These can be seen hanging outside of every classroom. The greatest reward is that every student has the opportunity to get recognized for the good things they do every day.

The "Rock Star" Assemblies that are held each month recognize a number of students in each grade level, for following the Rock Star Behavior Expectations: Show Kindness, Take Responsibility, Act Respectfully, and Ready to Learn. Students recognized are announced at the school-wide assembly in front of their peers and teachers, pick a reward, and have their picture taken with the other "Rock Star" students that month. The pictures are sent home for personal use and one hangs in the hallway by the office. Look for our Rock Star Hall of Fame as you visit the building.



TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Recent legislation has changed the entry age for students to enroll in kindergarten. The entry age is gradually changing to require children to be 5 years old by September 1st rather than the old cut-off date of December 1st. This transition began last year. Again this year it will change by one month. In 2014-15 a child must be 5 on or before October 1, 2014 to register for kindergarten. In 2015-16 the date will move permanently to September 1st. To learn more about this change and specifics of this legislation, please visit our website at www.monashores.net for a link to the State of Michigan, Act. No. 198, effective 6/26/12.

Parents can learn more about kindergarten at our upcoming parent meetings. The building principal, teachers and other district staff will relate details of a typical kindergarten day, what students will learn and be expected to have mastered prior to first grade and questions about transportation. This year kindergarten round-up meetings are scheduled in each building on the following dates:

Ross Park Elementary:

Thursday, February 20, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. (798-1773)

Lincoln Park Elementary:

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. (755-1257)

Campbell Elementary:

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. (755-2550)

Churchill Elementary:

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. (798-1276)

In Mona Shores the enrollment process begins with your elementary building secretary. She will provide you with an enrollment packet to complete and return to the school prior to round-up. Please feel free to call or drop by your home building and to pick up this enrollment packet today. Along with the completed packet you will be asked to provide birth certificate (original), immunization record (including hearing and vision screening results), and proof of residency (i.e., warranty deed to mortgage, most recently paid property tax statement, rental lease or agreement, mortgage payment receipt, or affidavit of residency with property owner).

Transportation is provided to resident kindergarten students who reside beyond the 1.5 mile walk out distance. For the safety of your kindergartener, you or a guardian must be present at both pick-up and drop-off locations. Additional information will be provided regarding transportation at a later date.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact your building principal.

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Ross Park Math Mania

All Kids, One Team!

If a Ross Park teacher says, "It's time for Math Mania" there will no doubt be an echo of "Yeah!!!" from the students in the classroom. Math Mania at Ross Park has grown into a favorite time of day for many of our students and staff.

What is Math Mania?

Math Mania is a specific 30 minute period of time each day that focuses on math skills at 3 different levels. An entire grade level is broken into three separate groups which means students often head to a different classroom for their Math Mania, and they love going to another classroom. Once in their Math Mania classroom students participate in enriching math activities at their level (below grade level, at grade level, or above grade level).

Why Math Mania?

Math Mania allows students to work on skills at their level. If a student is below grade level, Math Mania allows them the opportunity to practice skills that he or she was not able to master in a previous grade level. If a student is above grade level, Math Mania time allows him or her to work on enriching activities that push their thinking to a higher level. If a student is at grade level then he or she has the opportunity to continue to work towards mastering the skills of their current grade level.

Ross Park staff loves Math Mania for the fact that it provides them the opportunity to focus on one specific skill at a time with a group that is at a common place in terms of understanding. They also love the opportunity to get to know other students in their grade level that are not in their classroom. When we say, "All Kids, One Team" this is an essential piece.

How Math Mania?

Having 70 to 80 kids move into three different classrooms based on individual needs for 30 minutes each day is an organizational feat. Teachers are constantly looking at current classroom data to determine exactly what a student needs in terms of math support. Once an individual student is placed in one of the three distinct Math Mania classrooms he or she has a constant opportunity to move to another once they achieve a certain level. Teachers are always collecting data on each individual student and they meet regularly regarding Math Mania placement to ensure that each student is in the classroom that is best for him or her.

The success of our Math Mania time has been outstanding. Our kids continue to exceed State achievement levels in Mathematics. Ross Park students have an excitement for learning math that is an absolute joy to see and be a part of. Math Mania is one of the definitive pieces in our "All Kids, One Team" mindset here at Ross Park. It's great to be a Super Sailor!



Recently a special presentation was made to Lincoln Park Looping teacher Kris McKinley. Parents Megan Bell and Joel Johnson submitted an essay to WZZM TV-13, expressing their appreciation for all of the academic and social encouragement Mrs. McKinley has been providing their 3rd grader, Keegan.

LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to the great leadership and commitment of parent volunteers, Lincoln Park students continue to benefit from The Box Tops for Education program. For several years, parent volunteer Deb Sowa ran the program for us. This year, we are appreciative of parent volunteer Ryan Dove stepping in as program liaison.



Annually, the collection of box tops earns our school \$4000 - \$5000. That money is used to recognize the positive efforts of our students with the funding of Crew Shirts, Lunch with the Principal, and other prizes. Box Tops also fund our annual March is Reading Month activity of One Book, One School. This is just a small sampling of some of the student services and family connections that would not be possible without Box Tops for Education.

You can find the fuchsia and yellow Box Tops for Education tab on a wide variety of products, including Pillsbury, Green Giant, Hanes, Old El Paso, Progresso, Yoplait, Nature Valley, and most cereals and crackers. If you would kindly continue to clip them off, put them in a Ziploc, and send them to our office, we would appreciate it.



Lincoln Park Third Annual PTO Walkathon

Thanks to the involvement of the Lincoln Park community, the third annual PTO walkathon was once again hugely successful.

After all of the pledges were collected, over \$16,000 was raised, including sponsors. The PTO has many ideas on how to use that money to enhance the school day, from even more playground improvements to classroom resources available to teachers through PTO grant procedures.

The day of the Walkathon was a great day for our school. We all wore our matching walkathon shirts that the PTO gave us free of charge, while walking for over 45 minutes each! The atmosphere on the walking loop was one of happiness and joy.

The PTO provided music and water to help us keep our pace up! It truly was a fantastic day.

We appreciate the support each of you has provided Lincoln Park Elementary School.



2014-2015 MONA SHORES TUITION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open Registration begins on March 24, 2014



The Mona Shores Tuition Preschool Program will provide a positive, safe, nurturing environment that promotes physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth. We offer three and four-year old programs, including our popular PreK Class. All classes are held at Ross Park. Our teaching staff is selected by considering academic qualifications, experience and the desire to teach and work with preschool age children. All teachers have a bachelor's degree with elementary certification and additional credits in early childhood education.

To request an enrollment package, please call **(231) 780-4748** or visit our website at http://www.monashores.net/districtoffices/Community_Services/Preschool/. The Preschool office is located in Ross Park Elementary at 121 Randall Road in Norton Shores, MI 49441. Registration begins on March 24, 2014 and continues until full. A non-refundable registration fee with one-month's tuition as a deposit is required at the time of registration. Students currently enrolled in our three-year-old program will automatically receive a four-year-old enrollment package during closed enrollment period.

Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs at Ross Park Elementary

Mona Shores is in consortium with Fruitport Community Schools to provide free preschool programs to eligible families. Both follow curriculum guidelines from the State of Michigan.

Call Fruitport Early Childhood Center at (231) 865-4102 for more information about these programs.

Mona Shores Community Services Winter/Spring 2014 Enrichment Classes

ADULT ENRICHMENT

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT
Furniture Painting Courtney Leibrandt Vintage Redefined	Learn how to paint furniture with a chalk based paint that is easy to use and will make your finished piece extraordinary! Learn paint techniques, waxing and distressing. Additional info at Vintage-Redefined.com .	Thursday 6:30-8:30p Ross Park Room 39	2/6	\$45/1 class. All supplies included.
Photography Beginning/Intermediate Dave Carlson	Learn to use your digital camera and get techniques to improve action, portrait, scenic, travel, outdoor and wildlife shots. Dave Carlson is a former Chronicle Photographer.	Mondays 6-8:30p Ross Park Room 39	1/27-2/24 No Class on 2/17	\$55/4 classes. Digital camera (or 35mm). Bring zip drive to store photos. (Note 1 less class and longer sessions.)
Photography-Advanced Dave Carlson (former Chronicle Photographer)	Hands on class! Travel each week to a different location. Great photo opportunity. Learn expert techniques to improve composition & develop new skills to make all your photos look better!	Mondays 6-8:30p Ross Park Room 39 & On Location. Due to travel time classes may end later.	4/21-5/19	\$69/5 classes Digital Camera (or 35mm) & Zip Drive to store photos. Bring tripod, lenses and related equipment.
Zumba 30 Tuesday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Hip Hop and Latin Dance moves to great music for a fun, fast & fantastic workout! Please note start/end times.	Tuesdays 6:25-6:55p Lincoln Park Gym	1/21-5/13 No Class on 4/1 & 4/8	\$38/15 classes. Exercise shoes & water bottle
Circuit/Intervals Tuesday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Circuit/Interval Training. Cardio warm-up, then hit the circuits. Bring own mat and hand-weights. Fast, fun and productive!	Tuesdays 7:00- 7:30p Lincoln Park Gym	1/21-5/13 No Class on 4/1 & 4/8	\$38/15 classes. Mat, hand-weights, exercise shoes & water bottle.
Yogalates 45 Tuesday Becky Moll	45 minutes of Yogalates that incorporates Yoga and Pilates. Great for strength, flexibility and muscular endurance. Please note start/end times.	Tuesdays 7:35p-8:20p Lincoln Park Gym	1/21-5/13 No Class on 4/1 & 4/8	\$55/15 classes. Mat, towel, water bottle. NOTE EXTENDED TIME!
Zumba 30 Thursday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Hip Hop and Latin Dance moves to great music for a fun, fast & fantastic workout!	Thursdays 6-6:30p Lincoln Park Gym	1/23-5/15 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	\$38/15 classes. Exercise shoes & water bottle
Total Body Conditioning Thursday Becky Moll	A multi-functioning workout that utilizes multiple muscle groups, all at the same time. Please note start/end times.	Thursdays 6:35-7:05p Lincoln Park Gym	1/23-5/15 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	\$38/15 classes. Mat, hand-weights, exercise shoes & water bottle.
Triple Threat Thursday Becky Moll	10 minutes each of Cardio, Abs & Strength Training. You are going to look and feel fantastic! Please note start/end times.	Thursdays 7:10-7:40p Lincoln Park Gym	1/23-5/15 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	\$38/15 classes. Mat, hand-weights, exercise shoes & water bottle.
Yogalates 45 Thursday Becky Moll	45 minutes of Yogalates that incorporates Yoga and Pilates. Great for strength, flexibility and muscular endurance. Please note start/end times.	Thursdays 7:45-8:30p Lincoln Park Gym	1/23-5/15 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	\$55/15 classes. Mat, towel, & water bottle NOTE EXTENDED TIME!

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

Each student activity has a separate flyer and additional info at www.monashores.net

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT
ACT Prep Workshop Grades 10th – 12th All Squared Away	Strategies, mini-tests, tips, information & manual all leading up to the test. Replace your child's anxiety with confidence!	Saturday 9 am - 12:00 noon High School Media Center	1/25	\$65/1 class. Bring scientific calculator, pen and pencil.
Baseball Clinic Grades 3rd-6th Bill Lent, Varsity Coach	Fundamentals of the game, proper mechanics with emphasis on instruction not recreational.	Saturdays HS Gyms	1/18-2/8 9-10:15a – 3rd-4th 10:15-11:30a – 5th-6th	\$35/4 classes. Bring glove, wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes. Bring bat if possible.
Drawing & Painting Grades 6th – 8th MS Teacher Tom Jordan	An introduction to the basic elements of drawing and watercolor techniques. Class will discuss line, value, composition, color & perspective.	Thursdays 3-5p Middle School Art Room 39	4/17-5/22	\$50/6 classes. Bring watercolors, pencils and drawing/sketchpad. Snack provided. Wear old clothing.
Elementary Dance Grades 1st-5th HS Dance Squad	Join HS Dance Squad for a little Hip Hop and FUN! Performance for parents at 1:45p. Pizza lunch included.	Saturday 9a-2p Ross Park Auditorium Performance @ 1:45p	3/1	\$35/1 clinic Includes pizza lunch. Comfortable clothing & tennis shoes.
Real Food Cooking Class Grades 4th-8th Green Team Members Chris Smith & Sherry Essenberg	Students will learn how to cook using fresh products. Learn cooking skills that will enable you to create fast, nutritious and delicious meals. Separate form available online with more info.	Tuesday 5-7:00p HS Room 402	2/4	\$10/1 class. Includes supplies. Bring an apron or wear old clothes.
Tennis Classes K-5th MS Team Coaches & Players	QuickStart Tennis...Specialized equipment, shorter courts, modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. Sign up by location!	Tuesdays @ LP Gym Wednesdays @ CA Gym Thursdays @ CH Gym Fridays @ RP Gym	T 2/18 – 3/18 - LP Gym W 2/19 – 3/19 - CA Gym TH 2/20 – 3/20 - CH Gym F 2/21 – 3/21 – RP Gym	Grades K-2 - 4:45-5:30p - \$38/5 classes. Grades 3rd-5th - 3:40-4:40p - \$50/5 classes+team tournament on March 22nd. Bring your own 19-23" racquet and wear tennis shoes.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FORM

TO REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
 Mona Shores Community Services, 121 Randall Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441
 Register by phone at (231) 780-4748 or by fax (231) 798-8741 with a credit card.

Additions occur after printing. Visit our website at www.monashores.net for class updates.

To reduce printing costs, MSCS no longer distributes printed forms. All forms are available online or distributed through our Notification system. If you do not have email/internet please contact our office.

Refunds: A full refund will be issued if the class is canceled by MSCS. If you cannot attend a class as planned, a refund (less a \$10 non-refundable fee) will be issued. Refunds will not be made after the first day of class or due to inclement weather. No credits issued for one-session classes.

Weather Cancellations: Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled (refunds will not be issued).

Name: _____ Self Child Child's Age _____ Grade _____

T-Shirt Size (If Applicable to Class): Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL

Address: _____ Zip _____ Resident: Yes No

Email for class updates/changes: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Any health problems/allergies? _____

Class Title _____ Amount \$ _____

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On condition of this registration form being accepted, I hereby state that myself/my child is in a state of good health and I assume all risks associated with participation in this activity. Having read this waiver, I, for myself, my child and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Mona Shores Community Services and Mona Shores Public Schools and any other agents from all claims of liabilities of any kind arising out of myself/my child's participation in this activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Fee Enclosed: _____ Credit Card Cash Check Check # _____

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Mona Shores Education Foundation

"A Taste of Mona Shores"

The 7th Annual "A Taste of Mona Shores" Fundraiser featuring The Cheese Lady and beverages from Ladd's & Co. held on Thursday, March 27th from 6-9 p.m. at the Mona Lake Boat Club. Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased through any Mona Shores Education Foundation member, Mona Shores Community Services or Ladd's & Co.

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