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Happy New Year! 2015 looks to be a very exciting year for Mona Shores Schools. There will be a change of leadership effective January 1, 2015 as I have retired and our Board of Education has selected Mr. Greg Helmer to be the next Superintendent of Schools. Greg has a strong background as an instructional leader and has been in training for this position for well over a year. There is no question in my mind that the district is poised to have great success under his leadership.

I want to thank you for all the support during my time here, we started rebounding from a difficult time and were able to regroup and get everyone pulling together in the same direction. With the quality of the staff and families here in Mona Shores, that makes for some great results and that is what we are seeing.

The one quality our district has that serves us so well is resiliency, we have experienced some difficult times these past four years but the Mona Shores family comes together and moves forward. This is an amazing place! Make your New Year's resolution to become even more involved than you have been with the schools. Public education needs the 'public' to become involved in order to reach its full potential.

Someone told me when I arrived - once a Sailor, always a Sailor and that is my plan - to always be a Sailor. Thank you again and best wishes.

Dave Peden



A Message from our New Superintendent, Greg Helmer

With a new position, my New Year's resolution will be rolling out an entry plan into my position as Superintendent. I am grateful to be working with a Board of Education that has a tremendous amount of passion and care for our district, a

district that has some of the best employees I have worked with the past 21 years in public education. Our parents, students, and school community value the asset of a strong public school and it's refreshing to work in a district in which the schools are supported and valued. Together, we will create the future of Mona Shores Public Schools while ensuring that our strong traditions continue as a beacon of excellence around West Michigan and the State of Michigan.

Moving forward, I have organized a 90 day entry plan to help serve as a guide. Serving nearly 3,800 students, 400 employees, and the community of Mona Shores Public Schools, I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders. As we focus on providing a globally recognized educational model, exceeding each student's needs, every day, as stated in our current strategic plan, working together will be the key. Mona Shores Public Schools has a strong tradition of academic excellence. Together, we will impact the future of our students by providing a rigorous academic experience while building relationships that inspire and motivate.

Mona Shores Public Schools is recognized around the State of Michigan for our supportive community, our caring and invested parents, the performing arts, and preparing students for college and career/work

readiness. As Superintendent, my commitment is to enhance the quality of our programs, transform learning as we consider 21st Century teaching and learning, and be an advocate for public education and the tremendous job our staff and faculty do with our students on a daily basis.

10 years ago, my wife and I moved into the Mona Shores School District with our children. Our three boys currently attend Mona Shores Public Schools. If it's not good enough for my three boys, it's not good enough for any student who enters our doorways. My commitment is to lead our district in a way that makes you and your children, our students proud to be a Sailor of Mona Shores.

Entering my first few months on the job as Superintendent, I will be focused on the theme that I have labeled as "3LQ." I will listen, look, learn, and question a variety of stakeholders to gain an internal and external perspective of all systems within our school district. The following plan will cover 5 focus areas:

- Mona Shores Governance Team (Board of Education & Superintendent)
- Organizational Capacity
- Student Achievement
- Operations & Finance
- School Community & Public Relations

Please consider reviewing my complete 90 Day Entry Plan at www.monashores.net under the "Spotlights" section on the main page of our district website. In addition, I hope to have your input. Please consider sharing your input on a survey that you will find linked at the end of the 90 Day Entry Plan. Access to the survey will also be on our district website under "Spotlights" as well.

Sailing Forward,
Greg Helmer, Superintendent
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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Kay Olthoff – President, Mona Shores Board of Education

The Board of Education would like to publicly express our appreciation to Dave Peden. He has been a tremendous leader and advocate for the entire Mona Shores team! His excellent communication skills and educational leadership have been appreciated by the board, the administrators, and faculty. Dave is passionate about people - all ages. He set goals for the district and worked diligently to achieve them. He was visible and approachable by everyone. A telephone call was always answered or quickly returned, complaints were dealt with, and he could be seen at many school events throughout the district. He went so far as to substitute in the classrooms, gaining a huge appreciation for kindergarten teachers! We wish Dave and his wife Sharon a happy retirement. We know both will continue to be involved in their community and in education.

A Big Sailor welcome to Greg Helmer as the seventh Superintendent of Mona Shores Schools! Greg will carry on the tradition of great leadership in the district. He believes in setting goals and everyone working hard to achieve what will be the best for students, the district, and the community. We look forward to working together.



THANK YOU MONA SHORES COMMUNITY!

On November 4th, our school community voted to renew our non-homestead and sinking fund to help take care of our school facilities. Thank you for supporting our school district. Renewing our sinking fund is the 1st of 3 phases to ensure we have facilities to support teaching and learning. The following timeline will provide an overview of our phases:

Fall of 2013 - The Board of Education hired TowerPinkster (Architects) to conduct a facilities assessment

Spring of 2014 - The Board of Education hired Triangle (Construction) to analyze the cost of the recommendations TowerPinkster presented to the Board of Education

August of 2014 - A community group (Facilities Advisory Committee) of stakeholders met to discuss the recommendations and cost allocations

October of 2014 - The Facilities Advisory Committee met to narrow the scope of work and recommended we focus on a "Safe, Warm, & Dry" millage campaign for May

November 4, 2014 - The Mona Shores Community renews our sinking fund, which will allow us to take care of general maintenance and operations of the district

November 11, 2014 - The Facilities Advisory Committee met along with parent and community representatives to agree on the highest priorities for the "Safe, Warm, & Dry" millage campaign for May 5th

November 11, 2014 - Millage campaign co-chairs are announced (Melissa Baker, Jenny McNeil, Heidi Mann, & Mark Quigg)

December of 2014 - Board of Action takes action on May 5th millage campaign

January to May - Campaign



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Office of Special Education

A Message from Mary VanderMolen, Director of Special Education

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2014 has come and gone. So far it has been a great year filled with lots of fun and learning. Our students continue to learn and grow academically, socially and emotionally through the support and guidance of all our caring staff.

The Mona Shores Special Education Team continues to work hard on our goal to provide a high quality education for all students. Our focus for the 2014-15 school year is on building relationships as these are the key to progress in any setting. Positive, strong relationships benefit students, school staff, parents and families.

Building positive relationships and rapport with students leads to higher levels of success both inside and outside of the classroom. Students feel safe and secure within the classroom when teachers build those relationships. This in turn will lead to higher levels of self-esteem and confidence for students.

Positive relationships between adults in a school building also lead to better outcomes. These collaborative relationships serve as models for students for teamwork and cooperation as well as showcasing the importance of respect between all members of an organization.

Relationships between school personnel and parents are also critical. Developing these relationships builds trust and opens critical lines of communication that support student learning. Research has shown that increased parent involvement in schools is associated with positive development and academic performance (School Psychology Review, Vol 28(3)).

Positive relationships within the home are also important to school success for children. Consider the Five L's. According to D. Wayne Matthews, Ph.D. there are five things which contribute to strong family relationships. These are Learning, Loyalty, Love, Laughter, and Leadership. Children thrive on feelings of belonging and affection that come from having caring and supportive families. Here is the link to Matthews' article on what makes families strong and successful (<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/1229-strengthening-family-relationships>).

2015 certainly brings with it a sense of anticipation and excitement as we continue to strive for excellence in all we do as Sailors. Let's continue to work together for the benefit of all. Our journey is not always clear but seeing the results of our work in our children each and every day makes it worth every step. Taking the time to build those relationships is worth it. Mona Shores is a great place and it's the relationships that make the difference!



IS SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY? A Winter Weather Alert!

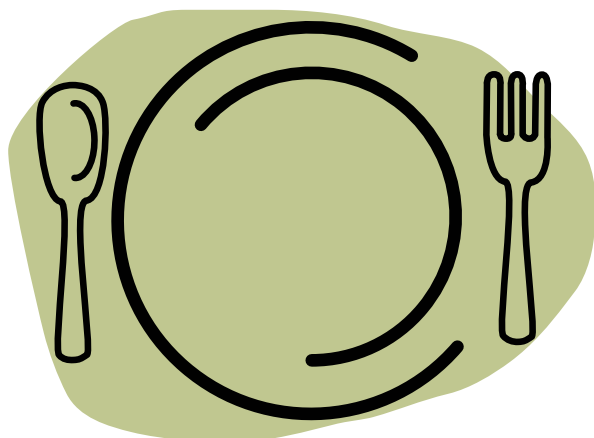
During this time of year we are more likely to experience school closings and/or delays. **Delays** postpone the start time of school by two (2) hours and therefore, cancel **morning** ECSE, Tuition Preschool, and Head Start classes. With a delayed start the childcare latchkey sites open at regular times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

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!



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!

CURRICULUM CORNER

A Message from Greg Helmer

State Assessment

With no MEAP testing this fall, the assessment schedule will be busy this spring. In June of 2014, legislation was passed requiring the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop a new summative assessment for use in the Spring of 2015. Students will take the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). Unlike the previous MEAP assessments, the new M-STEP assessment will be aligned to Michigan standards, administered in the spring, and measure current year versus previous year student knowledge. English language arts and mathematics will be assessed in grades 3-8 and 11. Science will be assessed in grades 4, 7, and 11; and social studies in grades 5, 8, and 11. Mona Shores Public Schools will be using an online version.

Back in September, the legislation also required the Department of Education to issue a "Request For Proposal" for a new summative assessment system to begin in the 2015-16 school year. We have continued to focus our work on the Common Core in our daily lessons, units, and assessments in preparation for the summative assessment in 2015 - 2016. Depth of knowledge, literacy skills, and critical thinking across the curriculum will be the driving force behind what is essential regardless of content being taught.

The high school college entrance ACT and WorkKeys will be in March and the 3rd grade through 11th grade state assessment window will begin on April 13th and conclude on May 29th with make-ups to follow.

You may learn more about our state assessment at www.michigan.gov/mde and stay abreast on current news in education around the State of Michigan.

DISTRICT FOCUS AREAS

Earlier this year, the Board of Education adopted 7 focus areas that have been embedded into each of our administrative team's goals for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Each of the goals will continue to be our focus with specific strategies being rolled out to guide our practices, beliefs, actions, and organizational drive strength.

1. To inspire excellence, build character, and impact the future through a successful passage of the facilities (Safe, Warm, & Dry) millage on May 5, 2015.
2. To build capacity and prepare for a smooth rollout of Chromebooks and Tablets (Fall of 2015) across the district (Google Drive/Google Docs/Chrome Boxes).
3. To increase the quantity and quality of feedback across the district. Reshaping of evaluation processes for teachers designed to simultaneously improve teacher growth and student learning as well as hiring, growing, supporting and retaining a high-performing faculty and staff.
4. To provide leadership for learning in all school programs, focusing on culture and climate, as best practices of effective teaching and learning strategies are expected and supported.
5. To assess the current quality of curriculum and common assessments in all grade levels, common courses and common grade levels, and to develop an action plan for guaranteeing a consistent educational experience for all students.
6. To continue our efforts with continuous school improvement plans and processes across the district.
7. To develop long-range financial goals and maintaining high standards of financial stewardship and accountability.

Each of these goals will be embedded in a new long-term district strategic plan that will be completed by July 1, 2015. We will be seeking input from a variety of stakeholders within our school community during this process.



District Technology UPDATE

By Lane White – Director of Technology

Exciting technology improvements are taking place at Mona Shores Public Schools! With the passage of the "Technology Enhancement Millage" this past February, 2014, school districts in Muskegon County have been busy visioning, planning, and developing long range plans and budgets for technology. Your support of the millage has provided much needed technology funding for the next ten years!

Listed below is a short summary of the major technology projects that have been completed recently at Mona Shores. These were the first projects funded with the proceeds from the "Technology Enhancement Millage".

- Video phones have been installed at the main building entrance at:
Campbell Elementary
Lincoln Park Elementary
Middle School
Ross Park Elementary
- Lock-down buttons have been implemented at each building. This button will contact 911 and immediately lock all exterior doors when depressed.
- We have purchased additional Google Chromebooks and Android Tablet devices as part of our ongoing pilots. We now have a total of (850) Google Chromebooks and Tablets for student use throughout the district.
- High School - (6) carts
- Middle School - (9) carts
- Campbell Elementary - (1) cart and additional chromebooks
- Churchill Elementary - (2) carts and (10) android tablets
- Lincoln Park Elementary - (2) carts and (10) android tablets
- Ross Park Elementary - (1) cart, (40) chromebooks, and (10) android tablets
- The High School Auditorium received \$20,000 towards lighting upgrades.
- The gym at Churchill Elementary has a new video presentation and audio system.
- The High School Cafeteria has a new audio system in place.
- There are more projects yet to take place this year in the area of security camera upgrades and door access enhancements.

Finally, we are currently in the process of putting the finishing touches on a "Digital Learning Plan" for the District. This plan will provide the vision, goals, and strategies for how technology will look at all levels at Mona Shores. We have been conducting pilots the last two years which have provided excellent feedback and input to the creation of this plan. The district is now ready to provide students a device for their personal learning. The plan will provide how this will look at various grade levels. Stay tuned for the sharing of this plan!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*A Message from High School Principal
Jennifer Bustard*

What an amazing 1st trimester for our entire school community! There were extraordinary performances in the classroom, on the stage, playing courts and on the fields. Our theme Sailor P.R.I.D.E. ...Sailing to New Horizons has proven to be a perfect fit for the 2014-15 school year. Our Student Senate has taken on a new platform by rolling out the Be Nice program to our school. This program is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Mental Health and has a focus on promoting a positive school culture through an anti bullying message. The Positive Behavior Matrix continues to be a major focus for our staff and students.

Throughout this school year we have been recognizing our student's grades 9-12 for demonstrating

positive 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. The Data is in for 1st trimester and once again there has been a dramatic increase in positive behaviors and a significant decrease in negative behaviors.

- Over 2,000+ Pride passes were distributed by HS staff and received by student's grades 9-12 during the 1st trimester.
- Discipline referrals for the 2014-15 1st trimester have seen a decrease by 30% from the previous year. Important to note that in the 2013-14 school year there was a 50% reduction in discipline referrals.

The Sailor PRIDE behavior matrix is more than just words. It has become a system of beliefs for our students and staff and has proven to impact our entire school culture. If you would like to donate to our PRIDE pass student recognition system, please contact Anne Brainard at 231-780-4711, extension 8352.

RIDE WITH PRIDE CAMPAIGN

In Partnership with Muskegon ALI, Norton Shores Police Department, Ramos Auto Body and Nexes Realty, Mona Shores High School is proud to present



the 3rd Annual RIDE with Pride positive behavior campaign. In May 2015 one lucky student will win a car! Again this year our 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 thank you goes to Chief Jon Gale and School Liaison Officer Jared Passchier of Norton Shores Police Department, as well as 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 for 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 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 to look forward to here 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! You can also follow our many events on the official MSHS Twitter account @MSHSPRIDE.

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!

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Counselor's Corner

By Danielle Smith-Walker
Director of Guidance

time to review their scheduled course selections for accuracy and planning. 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
2016	Thursday, January 22	Monday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 28
2017	Thursday, January 29	Monday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 4
2018	Thursday, February 5	Monday, February 9 and Wednesday, February 11
2019	Monday, February 23	Thursday, February 26

STUDENT SCHEDULING FOR 2015 – 2016 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 will be instructed to select their classes for the next school year. Parents can assist their sons and daughters in this process by reviewing their choices, signing the course selection sheet, reminding them to return the materials to school on time and finally scheduling with them online at home. Last year, our students embarked upon online scheduling at home and it was a smooth transition. This is an added benefit as it allows the parents to have more active participation in the scheduling process. Counselors and students will meet individually during this

The 8th Grade Parent Night will be scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 in the High School Auditorium. All parents of incoming 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. There will be a presentation to review graduation requirements and the 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 online 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 this in a safe place. It will be used every year that you apply for financial aid.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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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 people who want to charge you 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 Wednesday, January 7, 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 8 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Muskegon Community College. Get help filling out the FAFSA. Bring your family's completed 2014 tax forms (or W2s and 1099s), social security numbers, Driver's licenses, and 2014 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 3 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 because 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.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTICES

Please go to our scholarship page to see many more available scholarships at: <http://www.monashores.net/schoolbuildings/highschool/departments/counseling/>

scholarshipsandfinancialaid. The following is a sampling of some of our local scholarships. 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 announcements. Seniors receive personal emails monthly to their school Gmail accounts indicating scholarship availability, requirements and due dates.

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

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, 2015

MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP: Any senior who attained a 23 composite on the ACT is eligible for this scholarship. This is 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 1. Social security numbers are required. See your counselor for details.

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 selected on basis of overall academic record, recommendations, leadership qualities, and involvement in curricular, extracurricular, and community activities. Preference given to those with little scholarship support. Essay and financial statement required. Deadline: to Gerber Foundation by February 28 (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 16.

TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP): This is an incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services. If you think your student may be eligible please contact their high school counselor.



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2014/15 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

* Designates League Event.
Events subject to change,
check website for updates.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Tuesday	1/6/15	Jenison High School	Home	6:00PM
Friday	1/9/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Away	7:00PM
Friday	1/16/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	6:00PM
Friday	1/23/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	1/30/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	6:00PM
Friday	2/6/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	2/10/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	7:00PM
Friday	2/13/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	6:00PM
Tuesday	2/17/15	Fremont High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	2/20/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	6:00PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	7:00PM
Friday	2/27/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	6:00PM

Thursday	1/29/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	2/5/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	2/12/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	2/17/15	Fremont High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	2/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	2/26/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	5:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Tuesday	1/6/15	Jenison High School	Home	7:30PM
Friday	1/9/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Home	7:00PM
Friday	1/16/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	1/20/15	Rockford High School	Home	7:00PM
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Friday	1/30/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	7:30PM
Friday	2/6/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:30PM
Tuesday	2/10/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	5:30PM
Friday	2/13/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	7:30PM
Friday	2/20/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	7:30PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00PM
Friday	2/27/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	7:30PM

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Tuesday	1/6/15	Jenison High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	1/8/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	1/15/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	7:00PM
Thursday	1/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:45PM
Thursday	1/29/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	2/5/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	7:00PM
Monday	2/9/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	7:00PM
Thursday	2/12/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/17/15	Fremont High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	2/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	5:45PM
Thursday	2/26/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	7:00PM

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Tuesday	1/6/15	Jenison High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	1/8/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	1/15/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	1/20/15	Rockford High School	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	1/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	5:45PM
Thursday	1/29/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	5:30PM
Thursday	2/5/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:00PM
Monday	2/9/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	2/12/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	7:00PM
Thursday	2/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:45PM
Thursday	2/26/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	7:00PM

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Tuesday	1/6/15	Jenison High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	1/8/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30PM
Friday	1/9/15	North Muskegon HS	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	1/15/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	1/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:00PM

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GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Thursday	1/8/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	1/13/15	West Ottawa HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	1/15/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	1/20/15	Rockford High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	1/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	1/29/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	5:30PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	2/5/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	2/12/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	5:30PM
Thursday	2/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	5:30PM
Tuesday	2/24/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	2/26/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	5:30PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

Saturday	1/3/15	Fruitport Invitational	Away	12:00PM
Saturday	1/17/15	Pre-Conference Tournament @ Muskegon (Sherman Bowling Center)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	1/20/15	* Zeeland East HS	Home	3:30PM
Thursday	1/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS @Westgate Bowling Lanes	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	1/24/15	Zeeland Baker Invitational @ Northland Lanes	Away	9:00AM
Monday	1/26/15	* Muskegon High School @Sherman Bowling Center	Away	3:30PM
Wednesday	1/28/15	* Kenowa Hills High School @Westgate Bowling Lanes	Away	3:30PM
Monday	2/2/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	2/4/15	* Zeeland East HS @ Zeeland Lanes	Away	3:30PM
Monday	2/9/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	2/11/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	3:30PM
Monday	2/16/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	3:30PM
Wednesday	2/18/15	GMAA Tournament @ WMC	Away	TBA
Thursday	2/19/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS @ Northway Lanes	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	2/21/15	Post-Conference Tournament @ Union (Westgate Lanes)	Away	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday	1/10/15	Brighton Tournament	Away	TBA
Friday	1/16/15	Caledonia Invitational	Away	6:00PM
Wednesday	1/21/15	* Jamboree @ Mona Shores	Home	6:30PM
Saturday	1/24/15	LMCCOA @ East Kentwood	Away	TBA
Wednesday	1/28/15	Jamboree @ Muskegon	Away	6:30PM
Wednesday	2/4/15	Conference Finals @ Union	Away	6:30PM
Monday	2/9/15	Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational	Away	5:30PM
Saturday	2/14/15	PR Cheer Tournament @ Deltaplex	Away	9:30AM
Saturday	2/21/15	MHSAA Districts	Home	10:00AM
Wednesday	2/25/15	GMAA Tournament @ Montague	Away	TBA
Saturday	2/28/15	MHSAA Regionals @ TBD	Away	TBA

GIRLS JV COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday	1/10/15	Brighton Tournament	Away	TBA
Friday	1/16/15	Caledonia Invitational	Away	6:00PM
Wednesday	1/21/15	* Jamboree @ Mona Shores	Home	6:30PM
Wednesday	1/28/15	Jamboree @ Muskegon	Away	6:30PM
Wednesday	2/4/15	Conference Finals @ Union	Away	6:30PM
Monday	2/9/15	Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational	Away	5:30PM

BOYS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

Wednesday	1/7/15	Big Rapids High School @ Ewingleben Ice Arena	Away	TBA
Friday	1/9/15	Konrad Tournament (GH vs PC)	Home	6:00PM
Friday	1/9/15	Konrad Tournament (MS vs EK)	Home	8:00PM
Saturday	1/10/15	Konrad Tournament-Consolation Game	Home	2:30PM
Saturday	1/10/15	Konrad Tournament-Championship Game	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	1/14/15	* Rockford High School	Home	7:30PM
Saturday	1/17/15	* Forest Hills Central HS @ Patterson	Away	3:00PM
Wednesday	1/21/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS @ LC Walker Arena	Away	7:30PM
Friday	1/23/15	* Grand Rapids Catholic Central @ Southside	Away	7:30PM
Saturday	1/24/15	Hartland High School @ Harland Sports Center	Away	TBA
Wednesday	1/28/15	* East Grand Rapids HS	Home	7:30PM
Friday	1/30/15	Midland HS	Home	7:00PM
Saturday	1/31/15	Midland Dow HS	Home	2:00PM

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2014/15 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY (CONT.)

Wednesday	2/11/15	* East Kentwood HS	Away	7:00PM
Friday	2/13/15	Plymouth High School @ Plymouth Cultural Center	Away	8:30PM
Saturday	2/14/15	Kenowa Hills High School @ Walker Ice Center	Away	3:00PM
Friday	2/20/15	Grand Rapids Christian HS @ Eagles Ice Center	Away	8:00PM
Saturday	2/21/15	Traverse City Central HS	Home	2:00PM
Friday	2/27/15	* Forest Hills Central HS	Home	7:30PM
Saturday	2/28/15	Rockford High School @ Griff's Ice House	Away	7:00PM

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Thursday	1/8/15	Ludington High School	Away	6:00PM
Saturday	1/10/15	Spring Lake Invitational	Away	9:00AM
Thursday	1/15/15	Holland High School	Away	6:30PM
Tuesday	1/20/15	* East Grand Rapids HS	Home	6:30PM
Tuesday	1/27/15	Forest Hills Northern HS	Away	6:30PM
Tuesday	2/3/15	* Grand Rapids Christian HS	Away	6:30PM
Tuesday	2/10/15	* Jenison High School	Away	6:30PM
Tuesday	2/17/15	* Northview High School	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	2/26/15	* Conference Diving @ TBA	Away	TBA
Friday	2/27/15	* Conference Swimming Prelims @ TBA	Away	TBA
Saturday	2/28/15	* Conference Swimming Finals @ TBA	Away	TBA

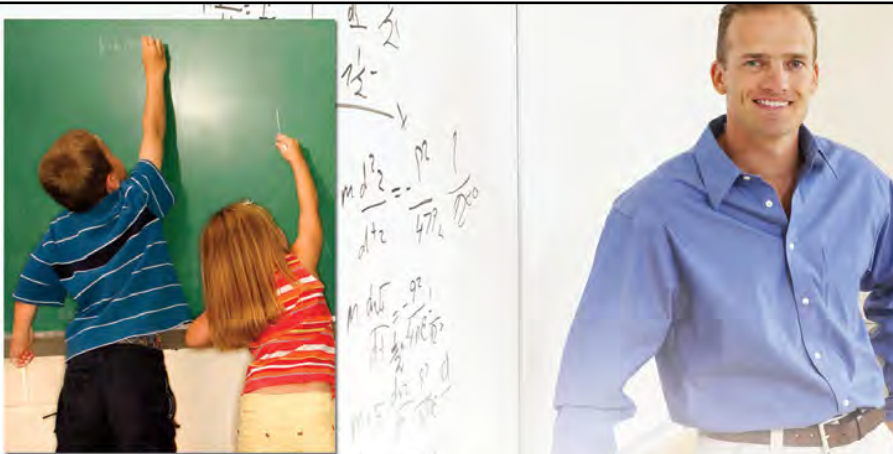
BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Saturday	1/3/15	Grand Haven Invitational	Away	9:30AM
Wednesday	1/7/15	* Hamilton Quad	Away	5:00PM
Saturday	1/10/15	Holton Invitational	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	1/14/15	* Muskegon Quad	Away	5:00PM
Wednesday	1/21/15	* Mona Shores Quad	Home	5:00PM
Saturday	1/24/15	GMAA Tournament @ Orchard View	Away	TBA
Wednesday	1/28/15	Union Quad	Away	5:00PM
Wednesday	2/4/15	Unity Christian Quad	Away	5:00PM
Saturday	2/7/15	Black Division Tournament @ Mona Shores	Home	10:00AM
Wednesday	2/11/15	MHSAA Team Districts	Home	6:00PM
Saturday	2/14/15	MHSAA Individual Districts @ TBD	Away	TBA

BOYS JV WRESTLING

Saturday	1/10/15	East Kentwood Invitational	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	1/31/15	Grand Haven Invitational	Away	9:30AM
Friday	2/6/15	Green-Black Tournament @ Hamilton	Away	4:30PM

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Sailor Athletic News

A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics

Considering the current amount of pride within our school community, I was reminded these past few months how much of an impact a school's athletic program can make. Granted, from girls swimming to boys' tennis to sideline cheerleading, Mona Shores has a lot to be proud of and thankful for. Yet, when a team makes a run to the state finals – like football's Team 52 did this past November – let's just say I don't mind shopping at Meijer during peak hours as much.

In particular, there are two moments amid the football circus we enjoyed this past sports season that stand out and make me incredibly proud to serve and live in this school district.

First, while others looked to move their regional final football contest to facilities with artificial turf due to the heavy snow that fell along the lakeshore, our community rallied to give our seniors one last chance to play a home game in Sailor Stadium. The funny thing is that it wasn't just parents who answered the cry for help – the aide came in all forms... taxpayers, alumni, non-residents, and elementary students. Everyone wanted to be a part of the effort. Considering the fact that Shores had only hosted one other playoff football contest – two weeks earlier (against Caledonia) – Sailor Nation was not about to take the opportunity to host another for granted.

Second, in between Middle School and High School rallies for the football team on Wednesday, November 26, almost 70 players and cheerleaders walked the hallways of their former elementary schools... high-fiving students, hugging their former teachers, and posing for photos with fans. Such action reduced so many people – including me – to tears.

Simply put, Mona Shores is a wonderful and proud school community – always has and always will be – but, for some goofy reason, high school sports makes communities like ours even stronger. Thank you, Sailor Nation; for all that you did for our school community these past few months. You were Team 52's inspiration.

HIGHLIGHTS

Many within and around our school community will remember this past autumn sports season for our football program's state championship run to Ford Field. Considering the program's history, the number of people involved, and the emotional journey that started in Saline and ended in Detroit (taking us through a rainstorm in Rockford and a snowstorm against Battle Creek Lakeview in between), I don't blame them. However, this past October was thick with highlights all over the athletic spectrum.

On October 8, after a year of transition, our girls' golf program returned to the MHSAA State Finals by blasting their regional competition at Lincoln Golf Club – besting runner-up Forest Hills Central by 25 strokes. Rylee George (81) capped a terrific senior year by earning medalist honors at the event while Coach Scott Volkmann hoisted our school's 6th



MHSAA Regional trophy in the sport with his team. Despite the cold and windy conditions, it was a warm moment for Sailor Nation.

On October 9, sophomores Nick DeBruin and Kobe Gossett (#2 Doubles) upset top-seeded Rockford in straight sets in an early round of MHSAA Regionals and cruised through the rest of the bracket to a flight championship – adding their names to an already proud list of Mona Shores regional tennis champions. Their feet were quick throughout the day and the ball thunderously exploded off their racquets throughout each game... it was amazing to see these two youngsters compete with and defeat the best of West Michigan.

On October 14, with the game scoreless and the clock winding down, junior Eric Conley buried a crossing pass by senior all-state player Nate Hoover to knock off West Ottawa in the opening match of the MHSAA Tournament. Those of us that were a few yards away leaning on the north fence saw a thing of beauty when Conley tucked the header just under the crossbar. As Coach Jeremy Leffring steps down after over a decade of leading our boys' soccer program, that emotional goal and victory was more than fulfilling.

On October 18, Coach Dan Potts had his volleyball squad rolling in the county tournament. His girls crushed the competition – besting Fruitport in the finals, 25-20, 25-13, 25-14 – never dropping a set. Eventually, the girls would also win their fourth straight conference championship and witness senior all-state hitter Courtney Brewer set a school record in kills (519) and junior Kennedy Potts set a school record in digs (538). No matter the contest, those girls played with an intensity unmatched on the opposite side of the net.

On October 22, although perhaps overlooked or viewed as irrelevant, over 100 girls participated in our annual Powderpuff Football contest and provided plenty of entertainment for our school community. For goodness sakes, freshman Ryleigh Wehler nearly quarterbacked the freshman squad to two victories! On a serious note though, it is just amazing to see our school pride shine through in events like this. Lifelong memories were certainly made!

On October 24, under the historic lights of Hackley Stadium – a venue Mona Shores had not won at since 1968 – our football team decimated the powerhouse Big Reds of Muskegon High School en route to their first conference championship in football since... well, the same year. With a shared vision, a unique blend of skill and leadership, and plenty of resilience (considering the program's 1-8 record in Coach Koziak's first year at the reigns), it was a magical night.

On October 25, junior Jackie Seward earned a repeat trip to Michigan International Speedway – annual site of the MHSAA State Finals in Cross-Country – by finishing 14th (19:32) at Regionals in Traverse City. Despite a tough course – along with wet and muddy conditions – this gritty student-athlete (4.0 GPA!) rose to the top of the competition to keep Shores Cross-Country relevant among state programming.

Finally, on October 28, longtime girls swimming coach Margie Collison cheered her girls on for the last time in a conference match as our program's figurehead. Coaching swimming at Mona Shores – without a pool, without respectable equipment, with fragmented youth and feeder programs – is not easy. Collison was head of the program when Muskegon High School ran our swimming cooperative and continued to stay on when the organization took a different shape. For over a decade, Collison has run things professionally and with unmatched enthusiasm – considering the challenges.

We have tremendous coaches within our athletic department, but Shores is losing two solid leaders in Leffring and Collison. Thank you both for your efforts over the years!

ADMISSIONS REMINDER

Athletic passes for the Winter and Spring campaigns are once again on sale in the Athletic Office and are good for the 2014-15 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*

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Singing Christmas Tree Celebrates 30th Anniversary

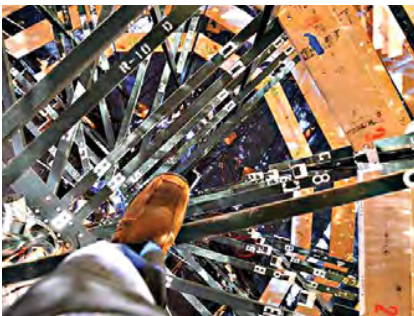
The directors, students, location, and tree's appearance have all changed in the 30 years since the Mona Shores Singing Christmas Tree's first performance back in 1985, but it remains a community highlight and a showcase of talented students. It is a source of pride for alumni and volunteers; bringing back fond memories of a *Good Morning America* spotlight, constructing that first tree (fluffing greenery for hours), of Tree Monkeys and magic. The more things change, the more they stay the same...and this is a Sailor Tradition that continues to connect Mona Shores and the community in the spirit of the season.

PHOTO CUTLINES:

- The top row, first 3 photos, show the progression of the 1st Singing Christmas Tree. Last photo shows the Singing Christmas Tree in this year's performance.*
- Middle photo shows Shawn Lawton directing a performance of the Singing Christmas Tree program.*
- Bottom row, left: Shows the climb up into the Singing Christmas Tree.*
- Bottom row, right: Looking down from the scaffolding of the tree.*



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A Snapshot for our New Year

*A Message from Middle School Principal
Doug Ammeraal*



Since the start of the new school year, Mona Shores Middle School has been intentionally focused on recognizing positive behavior, developing character traits, and helping all students reach their level of academic success. Not only have our students done a phenomenal job, but our teachers have been equally phenomenal in recognizing positive behavior and supporting our students success.

Here is just a snapshot of the data and initiatives for the new school year.

- **POSITIVE RECOGNITION** – staff members have given out over 7,500 SAIL Slips to our students for positive behavior, for meeting expectations. This does not include the 100 Shout Outs that have been given out for going above and beyond (students can win Jimmy Johns or Texas Roadhouse for these). Additionally, we have recognized students through Jimmy John's, Texas Roadhouse, Ride with Pride, and our Students of the Month. It is truly inspiring to work with such high caliber students and teachers.
- **DISCIPLINE NUMBERS** – through the first Trimester, we have 245 fewer discipline write ups than last year and 291 fewer than two years ago. Through many conversations, I believe this is evidence of all the positive recognition from teachers, implementation of CHAMPS building-wide, focused character traits for the building, and a great group of students at MSMS.
- **ACADEMICS** – through the hard work of our students, parents, and teachers, along with a variety of supports here at school (SOS, tutoring, lunch work, etc.), we had only 2.7% of our student population receive a failing grade ("F"). I am very proud of the collective responsibility, effort, and commitment towards academic success. As we move into a new Trimester, our goal shifts to drop that percentage even lower.
- **SCHOOL STORE (THE LIGHTHOUSE)** – last month we had our grand opening of The Lighthouse, our school store. This allowed students to purchase Sailor-items using their SAIL Slips from positive behavior, or to save them up for a larger prize next Trimester. Many items available were purchased or donated for students to choose from. If you'd like to help support The Lighthouse, please contact Mr. Ammeraal. A special 'Thank You' to our parent volunteers that helped us over the two days!

As you can see, our staff and students are having an incredible year. Thank you to our students and their families for the continued behavior and academic support at home.



MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 5 School Resumes
- 7 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 14 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 19 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 21 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 28 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Ski Club, Cannonsburg

FEBRUARY:

- 4 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 6 Sailor Celebration, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 11 COUNT DAY
No Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 13/16 No School, Mid-Winter Break
- 18 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Conferences, 4-7 p.m., by Invitation
Make-Up Date: Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 19 6th Grade Orchestra Solo Festival, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- 23 8th Grade Scheduling Assembly at M.S.
8th Grade Parent Night, 7 p.m. - **MSHS Auditorium**
- 25 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 26 8th Grade Scheduling During the Day at MSMS
6th Grade Band Concert, 12 - 1 p.m.

MARCH:

- 3 7th Grade Band Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- 4 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
8th Grade Career Day, Career Tech Center, Noon-2:45 p.m.
- 11 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Records Day
- 12-14 Drama Production @ **MSHS**
- 12 8th Grade Visitation to the High School
- 13 2nd Tri Ends
- 18 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
Science Fair, 6:30-8 p.m. Cafeteria
- 18-19 Choir Festival, TBA
- 24 6th Grade Choir Concert, 7-8 p.m.
- 25 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.



CAMP Campbell Elementary School

The staff at CAMP Campbell has adopted a theme for this school year and beyond.

2014-2015 School Year: DREAMS BEGIN HERE...

- This is the theme for the 2014-2015 school year.
- This important theme may be imbedded in all that we do.
- This will be our overall school theme for possibly the next 3 years.

The following quotes and monthly themes will be incorporated into classrooms & building-wide:

September: **Work Hard, DREAM Big! (Welcome Back)**

October: **If your DREAMS don't scare you, they are not big enough!**

November: **Thankful for the DREAM!**

December: **Don't forget to believe in your DREAMS. (Peace/Hope/Dreams)**

January: **I have a DREAM...Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

February: **Never underestimate the power of a DREAM.
(Black History Month)**

March: **You are off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting...so go dream away. (MIRM - March is Reading Month)**

April: **Believe in the beauty of your DREAM.**

May: **If you can DREAM it, you can do it! (I believe I can fly)**

June: **Keep the DREAM alive!**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Over the past few years, legislation has changed the entry age for students to enroll in kindergarten. In 2015-16 a child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2015 to register for kindergarten.

Parents can learn more about kindergarten at our upcoming parent meetings. The building principal, teachers and other district staff will relay 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:

Lincoln Park Elementary:
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. (755-1257)

Campbell Elementary:
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. (755-2550)

Churchill Elementary:
Thursday, March 12, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. (798-1276)

Ross Park Elementary:
Thursday, March 12, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. (798-1773)

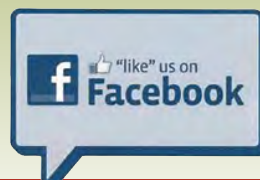
In Mona Shores the enrollment process begins with your elementary building secretary. She will provide you with an enrollment packet to complete and return to the school prior to round-up. Please feel free to call or drop by your home building and to pick up this enrollment packet today. Along with the 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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Super Sailor Expectations!

The first half of the school year has been incredible for our Super Sailors at Ross Park. Our behavior expectations focus on Super Sailors being "Kind,

Respectful, Responsible, and Safe". Students get recognized with Super Sailor tickets. All staff members recognize positive behavior with these tickets outside and inside the classroom. All staff members also recognize whole class positive behavior with our Crew Awards that you will notice hanging outside of every classroom. The greatest piece is that every student has the opportunity to get recognized for the good things they do every day.

Our behavior data demonstrates the success this focus on positive behavior has on our Ross Park environment:

- We have given out over 500 Crew Awards this year
- 97.3% of our students have not had one Kid Call or S.O.S (office discipline referrals)
- Our 1st - 5th grades have only 12.2 referrals TOTAL per grade so far this year.

As you can see our focus on positive behavior is successful. It is clear that the more you recognize positive behavior the more positive behavior you will see. Kids love to be recognized and at Ross Park we love to recognize them for their positive behavior. It is great to be a Super Sailor!



LINCOLN PARK NEWS

3rd Annual LP Walkathon

We are very appreciative of all the efforts you've taken to make our annual Walkathon a success. It is not possible for a school to achieve the heights that Lincoln Park has without a strong partnership between staff and parents. Your support is crucial to the success of all of our programs! We have a wonderful PTO that does the 'behind the scenes' work to make events like these a success. Please consider participating with future events by attending our monthly PTO meetings.

"Six Words You Should Say Today"

In an article by Rachel Stafford (a special education teacher and best-selling New York Times author) she talked about how children are the true experts when it comes to grasping what really matters in life. Ms. Stafford quoted a recent study of college student-athletes. The student-athletes were asked what their parents said that made them feel great, that amplified their joy during and after athletic competitions. Their overwhelming response: "I love to watch you play!" No constructive criticism, no analysis, no over the top praise. Simply, "I love to watch you play". This is an incredibly powerful statement for us to simply share in the joy of our children's interests, and not to turn them into something more serious than joyful play.

Volunteers Needed

We welcome you into LP at all times! Please don't be put-off by our new security entrance. We are always looking for parents to help in classrooms in a wide variety of ways, from listening to children read to putting up bulletins. Please reach-out to your teacher if you would like to become more involved.

Head Start: A federal preschool program that provides three and four-year-olds an early boost in their education. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Great Start Readiness Program: A state sponsored preschool experience for 4-year-olds. Classes are taught by state certified teachers.

Classrooms are located in Ross Park Elementary.
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Together at Churchill

Here at Churchill Elementary, our common theme is "Together!" As a staff, our collective goal is to be the highest performing and most welcoming, inviting elementary school building in Michigan, and we are working hard to achieve this goal over the 2014-2015 school year.

Our building strives to provide our students with the best education and opportunities possible. Academically, all kindergarten through fifth grade teachers have successfully implemented the new Math Expressions curriculum with fidelity. Thank you to the Mona Shores Education Foundation for their generosity in helping to purchase our new math curriculum.

Our Churchill Walk-a-thon efforts raised a whopping \$8,000.00 this fall. An enormous thank you goes to our amazing Churchill PTO for their efforts in planning such a successful and fun event. Our school was then able to use \$5,000.00 to purchase a new drop down projector screen to utilize during our monthly MiBLSi Churchill ROCK STAR Assemblies. Together, we have had a strong and solid start to our school year!



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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. Non-resident students enrolled in Mona Shores Early Childhood programs will be given first preference for identified Schools of Choice openings.

To request an enrollment package, please call **(231) 780-4748** or visit our website at www.monashores.net/departments/community-services/early-



childhood/preschool. The Preschool office is located in Ross Park Elementary at 121 Randall Road in Norton Shores, MI 49441. Registration begins in March on a first come first serve basis and continues until classes are 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 the 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.**

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CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT TO BRING
Baseball School Grades 3rd-6th Walt Gawkowski, Varsity Coach	Fundamentals of the game, proper mechanics with emphasis on instruction not recreational.	Saturdays HS Gyms 9-10:15a 3rd-4th 10:15-11:30a – 5th-6th	1/17-2/7	\$35/4 classes. Bring glove, wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes. Bring bat if possible.
Basketball Basics Grades K-5 Coach Jim McGannon	A great introduction to the basics of basketball! Sign up by location. Basics will assist kids in need. Please inquire with coach at (616) 402-1600.	Mondays @ 2:15-3:35 pm Thursdays @ 3:40-5:00 pm Fridays @ 3:40-5:00 pm	M 1/26-2/9 – CA Gym TH 1/29-2/12 – LP Gym F 1/23-2/6 – RP Gym	\$40/3 classes.
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	4/16-5/21	\$50/6 classes. Bring watercolors, pencils and drawing/sketchpad. Snack provided. Wear old clothing.
Tennis Classes Grades 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 Wednesdays-CA Thursdays-CH Fridays-RP Grades K-5 - 3:45-4:30p	T 2/17 – 3/10 – LP Gym W 2/18 – 3/11 – CA Gym TH 2/19 – 3/12 – CH Gym F 2/20 – 3/13 – RP Gym	Grades K-5 - \$35/4 classes Bring your own 19-23" racquet and wear tennis shoes.

CA=Campbell, CH=Churchill, LP=Lincoln Park, RP=Ross Park

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 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: _____ 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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