

# The Lighthouse View

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## What's NEW with the Lincoln Park CREW?

Lincoln Park students and staff started off 2016-17 with a few new items and procedures. This fall a Buddy Bench was installed on our playground thanks to the efforts of Lincoln Park students, Jack and Liam Smith. Last winter, Jack submitted the request for a Buddy Bench to the Lincoln Park PTO. Jack and Liam had a Buddy Bench at their previous school and thought having one at Lincoln Park would "help kids make friends" and "create a positive atmosphere for the school." The PTO supported the idea and ordered the Buddy Bench. During the September CREW assembly, Jack and Liam presented the Buddy Bench to the school and reviewed the steps for using the bench to find, meet, and invite friends to play. The brothers were recognized by the Mona Shores Board of Education for their efforts at the November 14th board meeting.

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## A Look Ahead:

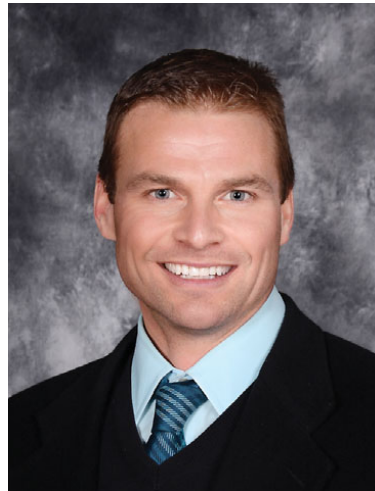
January 3	Classes Resume (after Holiday Break)
January 16	No School Preschool - 12th Grade Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17-20	No School Preschool - 12th Grade Mid-Winter Break
March 31-April 7	No School Preschool - 12th Grade Spring Break



## A MESSAGE FROM MR. HELMER, SUPERINTENDENT, MONA SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Happy Holidays!

As I enter my 3rd year as your Superintendent, I would like to offer a few different opportunities for the community to meet with me in person through what I like to call "Coffee Chats". A few years ago, I found value in connecting with a variety of stakeholders in simply listening to their viewpoint about our District. Because we are a Public School District, I do not want to lose sight that public opinion greatly matters! Mona Shores Public Schools exists to serve the educational needs of our over 4,000 PreK - 12th grade students. How do we prepare our children, our students, for college, career, and life? We ensure that we provide highly educational experiences in 21st century learning spaces.



In addition, I do not want to lose sight that it is up to us as public educators to accurately inform the public about our schools, with factual information, that is shared through positive relations. Please know that this information is not only the good, but I am not too proud to also share the bad and ugly of what our schools face on a daily basis. If we as a community do not face the brutal facts, improvements will never occur. Lack of improvement is a direct result of "Smoke and Mirror" communication.

To help build relationships and communication, please consider attending a "Coffee Chat" with me. If interested, please review the outline below containing the details:

### Purpose of "Coffee Chats"

- Simply connect, develop relationships, and make time to seek understanding and clarity about matters related to Mona Shores Public Schools.
  - Listen to the community about what is going well, and what is not going well, in regards to the services and functions of Mona Shores Public Schools.
  - Obtain feedback on a variety of school related matters.
  - Share how Mona Shores Public Schools is utilizing bond, sinking, and technology funds.
- Funds acquired by the support of our taxpayers. I would like the opportunity to tell the story, and show you firsthand how we are utilizing these non-general budgeted funds.
- Share information about our final phase of our Master Facility Plans, phase 3 of 3, potentially May 8, 2018.

### Coffee Chat Locations, Dates, & Times

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration Offices<br/>121 Randall Rd., Door #15<br/>Tuesday, January 3rd<br/>9:30-10:30 a.m.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brooklyn Bagel<br/>3007 Henry Street<br/>Wednesday, January 4th<br/>8:00-9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Offices<br/>121 Randall Rd., Door #15<br/>Tuesday, January 10th<br/>9:30-10:30 a.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hodgepodge Bakery<br/>3361 McCracken Street<br/>Friday, January 13th<br/>8:00-9:00 a.m.</li> </ul> |

### How Do I RSVP for a Coffee Chat?

- Please contact Amy Sparks by phone at (231) 332-8205, or by email at [sparksa@monashores.net](mailto:sparksa@monashores.net).
- Please provide number of guests, names, date of "Coffee Chat" that you will be attending, and email and/or phone.

### Please Note

- Due to number of RSVP's for the January 4th and January 13th "Coffee Chats", we may need to house these in our Administrative Offices for the sake of space.
- If this is necessary, we will notify those that are signed up of the location change.

Thank you for supporting Mona Shores Public Schools! Together, we will continue to be the premier PreK-12 educational destination in county, state, and nation!

Sailing forward,

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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Happy New Year. I hope you are enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. You will find many informative articles in this issue of The Lighthouse View regarding the continued use of Warm, Safe & Dry bond funds to make needed improvements at all of our building sites. You will also read of the great



strides in curriculum and the continuing growth in academic, arts and athletics, as well as the positive behavior outcomes in our students.

In this article I would like my comments to focus on our board trustees, especially on Kay Olthoff, who has served on the Mona Shores Board of Education since 1999. To put Kay's first year into perspective, September 11 was no different than any other day of the year. The world was anticipating the outcome of Y2K. "The Sopranos" and "The West Wing" made their television debuts and "Star Wars Episode

I - The Phantom Menace" hit the theaters. We all remember when Michael Jordan retired from the NBA, the first time, but do you recall that 1999 is the year that Boris Yeltsin resigned as the president of Russia? As President Bill Clinton was nearing the end of his 2nd term, Donald Trump threw his hat into the presidential race for the first time. We were paying a buck-fourteen for gasoline. Given all these facts, I would say that the Mona Shores School District was the BIG winner because Kay Olthoff started her years of service with the

intent of continuing in the "direction of being concerned about the total education of each child, meeting their individual needs, and moving them in the direction of becoming valuable citizens." This is a quote from her bio on our district website. Kay, you have been a mentor to many of us who have sat with you in the board room. Thank you for your years of service, and for putting students first.

I also want to congratulate Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper and Jay Keessen for their successful elections in November, and I want to welcome Wesley Wilson, who won the open seat. Each of the seven trustees brings unique perspectives and worthy comments to board discussions. I for one would never want seven like-thinking people making extremely important decisions for our school district. We take our board jobs very seriously as we are responsible to the students and the employees of the district, and to you, the tax-paying citizens of Norton Shores and Roosevelt Park.

In closing and in all fairness, I want to thank Board of Education Vice President, Stan Miller, for contributing to this article. As I write this piece in early November, I have been on an extended stay in PA to help my parents as my mother has been dealing with a very serious illness. I called Stan and told him my idea for the article. He provided the facts of the year 1999. Thank you Stan.

Kandace Boysen  
President, Mona Shores Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION
January 9, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Combined Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
February 6, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
February 13, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Regular	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
March 6, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
March 13, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Regular	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 10, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Combined Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 18, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Churchill
April 18, 2017	7:20 p.m.	Building Reports	Ross Park - PLC
April 20, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Lincoln Park
April 20, 2017	7:20 p.m.	Building Reports	Campbell
April 25, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Middle School
April 27, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Building Reports	High School
May 1, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
May 8, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Regular	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 5, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 12, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Regular	Judith L. Wilcox PLC



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# Superintendent's Drive

**THIS PAGE IS A REPRESENTATION OF OUR WEB PAGE.**

You can visit this web page at:

[www.monashores.net/our-district/bond-fund-transparency](http://www.monashores.net/our-district/bond-fund-transparency)

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## Master Facility Plans for the Future

### Bond, Sinking, & Technology Fund Transparency

Mona Shores Public Schools utilizes 3 funding sources to address our facilities, sites, operations, and technology needs. Each of these funding sources are essential to help provide suitable teaching and learning environments for our staff, faculty, students, and community. Listed below are the 3 funding sources:

- Muskegon County Technology Millage
- Mona Shores Public Schools Sinking Fund Renewal
- Mona Shores Public Schools Bond, Debt Levy

### The 3 Phase Process

In 2013, as the result of 63 community members (Facility Advisory Group) meeting to narrow the focus of how Mona Shores Public Schools would best fund capital projects and address the needs of our aging buildings, a long term plan was developed to fund the overhaul and remodeling of our facilities and sites, focusing on improvements in the areas of academics, arts, and athletics.

Phase 1: Renewal of Sinking Fund

- November of 2014 (Success)

Phase 2: .75 millage increase to address highest priorities - Warm, Safe, & Dry

- November 2015 (Successful proposal after failed attempt in May)

Phase 3: Final phase, addressing completion of facility assessment plan and preparing Mona Shores Public Schools for 21st century facilities and sites

- Projected - May 8, 2018
- Bond proposal knowing we have 5.8 mills that expire in 2019
- Potential of 85 million without increasing taxes or raising our debt levy

Phase 3: Planning Ahead... [Click here for What's Next?](#)

Our district has 6 buildings, built in the 1950's and 1960's, that are aging. The Mona Shores Board of Education hired TowerPinkster, an architectural firm with a team of engineers, to conduct a comprehensive facility assessment. Based on the results of this assessment, a plan was introduced to remodel and upgrade our existing buildings rather than demolish and build new facilities. In 2013, a Facility Advisory group, consisting of 63 community members, narrowed the focus of how our District would best fund these projects. A long term plan was developed to fund the upgrades and remodeling of our facilities and sites, focusing the improvements in the areas of academics, arts, and athletics.

Please click on the document links below to help "Tell the Story" of how we will enhance our facilities and operations to provide safe, secure, and physically comfortable teaching and learning environments based on fiscal responsibility.

As stated in our District Strategic Plan, Mona Shores Public Schools will continue to be the premier PreK - 12 educational destination in the county, state, and nation by improving our aging facilities and sites.

### The History

The purpose of this study is to provide a baseline benchmark for determining a comprehensive facilities plan for at least the next 15 years. In the fall of 2013, the Mona Shores Board of Education hired TowerPinkster and their team of engineers to provide a facilities assessment for each building and site in the school district.

[Facilities Assessment Plan \(Study\)](#)

## PHASE 3 TIMELINE *Shown: Fall of 2016 - July of 2017*

### Step 1 - Education & Listen

#### Fall of 2016

- Communicate current projects & future needs on websites, newsletters, etc...
- Review April 4, 2014, Facility Assessment Study
- Administration draws initial conclusions
- November 7th, 2016, Board of Education Discussion

### Step 2 - Facilities Advisory Committee, Master Planning - Community Forum

#### January 18, 2017

- Location: High School Media Center
- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Review Phase 1 & 2 accomplishments
- Review April 4, 2014, Facility Assessment Study
- Phase 3: What do we want on the

ballot? What can we afford?

- Academics, Arts, & Athletics - 21st Century

### Step 3 - Discovery Tour Groups

#### April 21, 2017

- Time: 7:30 a.m. - 4:50 p.m.
- Tour renovated schools in West Michigan - Academics, Arts, & Athletics
- Create a video to showcase the vision
- Research and show community

renovated and newly constructed school facilities

- Comparison Data: Facility & site data with county/conference/West Michigan
- Debriefing, gather notes, thinking, record discoveries
- Inform and involve Board of Education - Facilities & Finances Team
  - o Captain, Crewmate, and Board of Education Liaison

### The Process for Communication & Decision Making

[Bond Fund Flow Chart](#)

[Sinking Fund Flow Chart](#)

[Technology Fund Flow Chart](#)

### The Comparisons

How does our debt levy compare to other districts?

[Local Districts - 12 Year Bond Rate Comparison Chart](#)

### The Budgets & Projects

Each budget is "Live" and will continue to be updated, revised and adapted as the process for communication and decision making evolves.

[Bond Projects](#)

[Bond Fund Budget Spreadsheet](#)

[Sinking Fund Budget Spreadsheet](#)

[Technology Fund Budget Spreadsheet](#)

### The Accountability Partners & Schedule for Bonds

Bond Fund Transparency Committee Update

Distribution List

Schedule of Events

### The Drawings

[Middle School Parking Lot](#)

[Churchill Elementary Playground](#)

[Ross Park Elementary Playground](#)

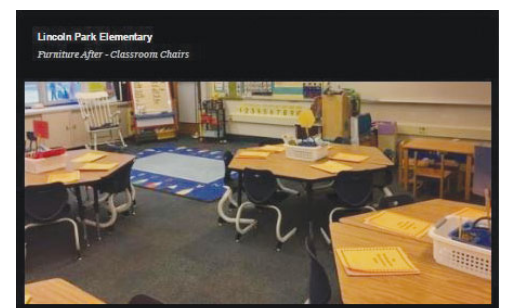
### Coming Soon...

Campbell Elementary Playground

Lincoln Park Elementary Playground

### The Results

The purpose of this digital gallery is to show artifacts and evidence of before, during, and after results of our projects.





# to be Transparent

## Know the Financial Health of Your District...

# Bonded Construction UPDATE

*By Robert Jonker, Director of Finance*

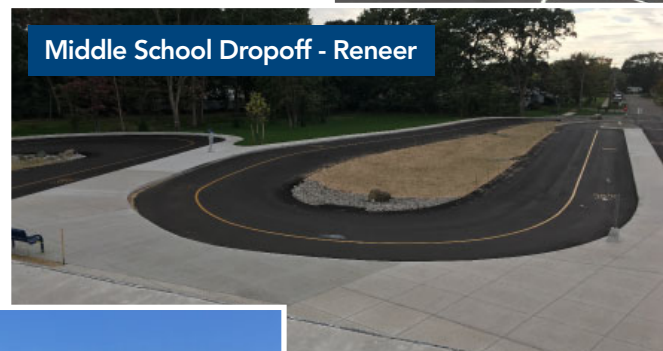
I am pleased to report all our summer bond projects were completed on time and on budget. Churchill Elementary and Ross Park Elementary received new playgrounds. The High School and Lincoln Park Elementary had their roofs replaced. Two new drop-off loops and a parking lot were installed at the Middle School. We purchased six buses and two 12-passenger vans to address our transportation needs. Additionally, most of the classrooms received new carpet and furniture as well. It was definitely an exciting and productive summer.

Currently we are in the process of seeking bids for the final phase of the project to be completed over the summer of 2017. The bid opening is scheduled



Churchill Playground

- Roof replacement at Churchill.
- Connecting corridor window wall replacement at the High School.
- Security vestibules at all buildings except at the High School (which currently has one.)
- Wall tile replacement in selective hallways at the Middle School and Ross Park.



Middle School Dropoff - Reneer

- Soffit and fascia replacement at the Middle School and Ross Park.
- Selective doors and door frames at all buildings.
- Carpet at Lincoln Park and Campbell.



Ross Park Playground

for December 8, 2016 with recommendations to be presented to the Board of Education at the board meeting on January 9, 2017. Planned upgrades include:

- Boiler replacement at Lincoln Park, Churchill and Campbell.
- Window wall replacement at Lincoln Park and Campbell.

Please see our Master Facility Plans web page for continuous updates on projects including budgets and actual expenditures. <http://www.monashores.net/our-district/bond-fund-transparency>.



Middle School Dropoff - Woodside

In addition to the bonded construction, we will be utilizing Sinking Funds for other construction projects around the District. The Board has approved the demolition of the remaining McCracken Street building to be replaced with a new bus garage. This was to occur this past fall, but due to circumstances beyond the District's control, this project will now occur after spring break. We also will be utilizing Sinking Funds for drainage and landscaping at the Soccer Complex to occur this spring. The Sinking Fund levy generates approximately \$800,000 annually to fund these projects in addition to our \$13.1 million 2016 Bond levy.

I'd like to again thank the staff, parents and community of Mona Shores in their continued support of the district. I hope you have a wonderful holiday with family and friends and I wish you a prosperous and joyful 2017.

### Step 4 - Facilities Advisory Committee, Master Planning - Community Forum

**May 24, 2017**

- Location: High School Media Center
- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Review debriefing notes, thinking, and discoveries from Tour Groups
- Present revised concepts and findings from brainstorming session in April

- Present and confirm findings for each area of Academics, Arts, & Athletics

### Step 5 - Request Department of Treasury Meeting

**July of 2017**

- Request Michigan Department of Treasury Preliminary Qualification Meeting
- Via School District's bond counsel attorney

*More to come... stay tuned!*



# Mona Shores

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*By Jennifer Bustard, Walt Gawkowski, and Shannon Glinski*

### Mona Shores Education Foundation Hall of Fame Inducts 10 New Members

The Mona Shores Education Foundation held its third annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 20, 2016. The Mona Shores Education Foundation established the Hall of Fame in 2013. The mission is to recognize individuals who have made exceptional achievements in their respective field and/or significant contributions to Mona Shores Public Schools and the lives of its students.

The following Educators and distinguished Alumni comprise the 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Class.

#### **Arlene Bisson**

Arlene Bisson was a beloved educator who served the Mona Shores Public Schools as a classroom teacher for 45 years, before her retirement in 2003. She was one of the kindest and most compassionate educators ever to grace our school district. Arlene was best known and admired for her love of children, her quick wit, and her tremendous sense of humor. The news of Arlene's passing in April of 2015, shocked and saddened everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Those who knew Arlene best have said that teaching was not a job to her, it was her vocation. It is what she was meant to do and she did it exceptionally well. Arlene always treated her students with love and respect. She was especially concerned with those students who struggled, both in school and at home. Her colleagues often said that she had a sixth sense when it came to knowing when a student needed special attention and additional nurturing. Her motto was "Live the Joy". Not only did she live her own life just that way but she brought that belief into her classroom each day. One former colleague paid Arlene perhaps the highest compliment an educator can receive when she said that Arlene Bisson never met a child whose life was not made better for knowing her.

#### **Loree Chase**

Loree Chase served the Mona Shores Public Schools as an elementary teacher for 40 years, in a career that dates back to 1952. During that time she influenced countless lives of students at Lincoln and later Lincoln



*Pictured from left to right: Jack Frizzell (brother of Skip Frizzell), Dr. Michael Morykwas, Jim Tanis, Dick Jelier, Loree Chase, Gayla Powers, Patrick Thompson, Chantal Grey (daughter of Arlene Bisson), Jeffrey Kahn, Ron White*

Park Elementary Schools. Loree has been described by a colleague as the humble and unsung hero of Lincoln Park Elementary. Her efforts in the classroom have been well documented. Loree is best known for her passion for literature. She loved teaching writing and poetry to her students. She not only shared that passion with countless students during school but after school as well as part of her after school program. Perhaps most importantly, she was able to infuse a love of learning into her classroom that was unparalleled. Loree also served as a mentor to many of her fellow staff members, long before mentors became the norm. Whether it was assisting them with curriculum, classroom management issues, or reassuring a young probationary teacher who found themselves struggling with the evaluation process, Loree could always be counted on to provide counsel and advice. Her colleagues would tell you that like all outstanding educators, Loree always put children and their needs first.

#### **Guy "Skip" Frizzell**

Skip Frizzell served the Mona Shores Public Schools from 1975 to 1990. He is credited with creating the legendary 67-foot Singing Christmas Tree. Skip was also responsible for the wildly popular Pop Goes the Sailors annual concert and variety show which is a fixture in our community each spring. The current Mona Shores High School Choir Director, Shawn Lawton who began his career in education as a student teacher under Skip Frizzell, once said that "Skip Frizzell had a pizzazz about him that was truly unique. He went out on a limb and did big things and never looked back and they always seemed to work out." While the Singing Christmas Tree and Pops Concert are two of the most well-known programs initiated by Skip, he is also credited with beginning the school's large

and very successful overseas choir program that still continues today. As a result of this program, thousands of students have had the opportunity to visit abroad... likely an opportunity that they otherwise would not have experienced. Following his retirement from Mona Shores, Skip Frizzell moved to Independence, Missouri where he continued to make music until his passing in 2012.

#### **Dick Jelier**

Dick Jelier retired from Mona Shores Public Schools in 1990 as one of the most significant leaders in our district's history. His leadership of 30 years was instrumental in navigating much of the change that shaped the district that we have come to know today. During Dick's tenure as an administrator he witnessed multiple closings of older buildings and the subsequent opening of new and more modern facilities. These types of changes, while necessary and exciting, also brought about many challenges. Chief among them was the need for strong and positive leadership that could effectively blend diverse teaching staffs together while working to maintain a common focus. Among Dick Jelier's many skills as an educator was the ability bring people together and ensure that they work together as a team to provide a building culture where students always come first. One would be hard pressed to find anyone better suited to help navigate our district through the turbulent waters of change. Dick's skills as an educator were well recognized and leaned upon beyond our district as well. Dick served on the MASSP Board of Directors and was heavily involved in the Muskegon County Principals Association. In 1987 Dick was selected as the MASSP and NASSP National Middle School Principal of the Year.



### Gayla Powers

Gayla Powers dedicated 36 ½ years of her life to the teaching profession. For 35 of those years the children of Lincoln Park Elementary School were the recipients of her kindness, compassion, and skills as an educator. While Gayla's skills in the classroom were highly regarded, her contributions to our school district that indirectly impacted the classroom were noteworthy as well. She led the effort to establish the very first school improvement team in our district and was a member of the Lincoln Park Blue Ribbon Schools Team. The work of this team was rewarded in 1996 when Lincoln Park Elementary was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School and subsequently honored in Washington DC. Gayla was an integral part of the Lincoln Park Teacher Consultant Program and coordinated the school's child study groups. In 2001, she was honored by the Mona Shores Education Foundation with the Excellence in Education Award. In addition, she unselfishly gave her time to lead and represent our district's teaching staff as president of the Mona Shores Teacher Education Association.

### Jim Tanis

Jim Tanis served the Mona Shores Public Schools for 36 years as a teacher at Mona Shores Middle School. Over those 36 years he taught over 8,900 students in his woodshop. He is best known for his sense of humor, lively lessons, and enthusiasm for each day. Jim once described his classroom with these words "in this atmosphere of airborne sawdust, there always seemed to be the sound of laughter, a sense of excitement and fun, and of course the knowledge that the woodshop was simply a cool place to hang out." So cool in fact, that Jim would open the shop 3-4 nights a week after school for one hour, and sometimes on Saturday for up to four hours. It never failed - he would always have around 15-30 students there on school days, and sometimes up to 50 students on a Saturday. Further proof of his impact lies in the number of homes that are graced with family heirlooms built in Mr. Tanis' shop. There were two rules that everyone who entered Mr. Tanis' woodshop lived by; always be safe and maybe even more importantly, never violate the dignity of another person. Today Jim Tanis is often called upon to share his life experience and wisdom with others as a gifted public speaker. He has had the pleasure to speak at commencement and Baccalaureate ceremonies, Sailor Pride Day, the Muskegon County Leadership Forum, and multiple retirement gatherings for teachers and administrators. Perhaps, we can sum up Jim Tanis in his own words. Jim had this to say: "There is a sign hanging below our mail box that says The Fourth Quarter. I am in the fourth quarter of my life and at 78 years of age I am still out there giving life my best shot! I am up at 4 am every day and do two hours of exercise, eat a good breakfast, spend 3-4 hours in my fully equipped woodshop, and then spend the afternoon calling on the elderly, the sick and the dying. I fully intend to go out into eternity with the flags flying high - just like I did when I left teaching in 2003."

### Ron White

Ron White served Mona Shores Public Schools with great distinction for over 30 years. A science teacher at Mona Shores Middle School, Ron White was a fixture in room number one throughout his tenure at Mona Shores. Ron White is remembered for many things. A former student recently shared that his most distinct memory of Mr. White was the famous "Rock of the Year Award" that was held annually. He shared with me that every time he visits the Middle School and sees the huge rocks that grace the grounds of that building he is reminded that the legend of Mr. White lives on. But his legacy extends far beyond this example. Like all outstanding educators, he encouraged his students to reach high levels of creative thinking and problem solving. He did this by creating a classroom where imagination, sharing, and discovery were the norm. Furthermore, Ron White did this to ensure that all students achieve their highest potential, no matter their backgrounds, abilities, or learning styles. Beloved by his students and respected by his peers, in 1997 Ron White was honored for his exemplary service to our district's students by being awarded with the Mona Shores Education Foundation's Excellence in Education Award. Today, Ron spends his time doing those things that he cherishes the most - downhill skiing, enjoying time at the beach, and most of all travelling extensively in not only the United States but across Europe as well.

### Jeffrey Kahn

Jeffrey Kahn graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1990 and later earned degrees from such prestigious institutions such as Yale College, Oxford University (where he won the award for Best Dissertation for his doctoral work on Russian Federalism) and later the University of Michigan Law School. A noted author, his first book based on that dissertation, was published by Oxford University Press while he was still a law student. After law school, Jeffrey was a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and he served as a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice from October 2003 until April 2006. In 2006, Jeffrey joined the law faculty at Southern Methodist University where he currently teaches and writes on American Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Russian Law, human rights, and counterterrorism. In 2007-2008, he received the Maguire Teaching Fellow Award for his seminar, "Perspectives on Counterterrorism." In 2008-2009, he was named a Colin Powell Fellow of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies. In 2010, he received SMU's Outstanding Faculty Award, a university-wide award given each year to a tenure-track faculty member for excellence in teaching, curricular development, and scholarship. In 2011, the year in which he was tenured and promoted to associate professor, he received the Law School's Excellence in Teaching Award.

### Dr. Michael Morykwas

Dr. Morykwas and his family settled in Muskegon when he was 7 years old. After attending Lincoln Park Elementary,

Maple Grove Middle School, and North Shore Junior High, Dr.

Morykwas graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1974. Well known for his exemplary work in the classroom, he also made his mark outside of the classroom where he excelled as a member of the Mona Shores Track Team. It was there that he earned three varsity letters and in his senior season was honored by his teammates and coaches by being named the team's Most Valuable Runner. After his graduation, Dr. Morykwas continued his education at Michigan Tech University where he majored in pre-dentistry before continuing his dental education at the University of Detroit Dental School. It was at that time that he developed a keen interest in biomaterials and soon began pursuit of a degree in Bioengineering from the University of Michigan. In 1988 he received his PhD in Bioengineering with a focus in polymeric biomaterials. Later in 1988 he became the Director of Research for the newly created Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Wake Forest University. Soon after arriving at Wake Forest in 1988, Dr. Morykwas, along with a close colleague, developed the Vacuum Assisted Closure Wound Healing Technology. This technology has been used to treat over fifteen million patients worldwide, many of them United States military personnel who were wounded in Iraq. Dr. Morykwas is internationally recognized as one of the leading experts in his field. In 2015, he was awarded the highest honor bestowed by Wake Forest University when he was awarded the Medallion of Merit Award.

### Patrick Thompson

Patrick Thompson, a 1985 graduate of Mona Shores High School, earned his undergraduate degree in comparative literature from the University of Michigan. Following his graduation in 1989, with high honors, he enrolled at the prestigious Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. While in law school, Patrick continued to pursue his love of literature and shared that passion with others by teaching literature to undergraduates at Harvard College. One of the major influences during his time here at Mona Shores, was time spent as a member of the Mona Shores Debate team. Patrick once said that that experience and the efforts of his coach, the late John McKendry, was an enormous influence on his life. It was through this experience as a member of the Mona Shores Debate Team that he began to view a career in law as a very real possibility. That career became a reality. Patrick is currently an antitrust litigator with the international law firm of Perkins Coie in San Francisco. He is a respected leader in the legal community at the national, state, and local levels. Patrick recently concluded a term as the presidential appointee to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight. He has been recognized as one of America's Top African American Lawyers. Patrick's civic commitments are also notable. He is a former chair of the board of trustees of Grace Cathedral and serves on the board of the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

# Office of SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Submitted by Jennifer Briggs Russell, Director of Special Education and Student Services*

## PBIS in the Classroom

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Classroom PBIS includes preventative and responsive approaches designed to be effectively implemented with all students in a classroom and intensified to support small groups or a few individual students. Classroom PBIS strategies are important tools to decrease disruptions, increase instructional time, and improve student social behavior and academic outcomes, which is critical as schools are held to greater accountability for student outcomes and teacher effectiveness. Although individual teachers may implement PBIS in their own classrooms regardless of the broader school context, the effects of classroom PBIS strategies are maximized by (a) implementing within a school-wide multi-tiered behavioral framework like school-wide PBIS; (b) directly linking classroom and school-wide expectations and systems; (c) merging classroom PBIS strategies with effective instructional design, curriculum, and delivery; and (d) using classroom-based data to guide decision making. When in place, the following school- and classroom-level supports optimize the fidelity and benefits of implementation.

### School-level supports

- Implementation of school-wide tier 1 practices, including strategies for identifying and teaching expectations, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and responding to inappropriate behavior
- School-wide implementation guided by Tier 1 school-wide discipline data
- Appropriate supports for staff provided, including leadership teaming, supporting policy, coaching, and implementation monitoring

### Classroom-level supports

- Tier 1 classroom system for teaching expectations, providing acknowledgments, and managing rule violations linked to school-wide expectations
- Classroom management decisions are based on classroom behavioral data
- Effective instructional strategies implemented with fidelity
- Curriculum matched to student need and data

<http://www.pbis.org/school/pbis-in-the-classroom>

Classroom strategies are intended to be useful to all educators to achieve positive outcomes for all students, including students who have various abilities, are from diverse backgrounds, and who are educated in a range of settings. Although positive and preventative strategies are emphasized, some students may require additional behavior supports. As such, a number of important assumptions must be considered:

- Students and behaviors are not “bad.” Instead, students engage in behaviors that are inappropriate or problematic for a given context or culture.
- Students engage in behaviors that “work” for them (i.e., result in desired outcomes or reinforcement).
- Educators must act professionally; that is, use planned and established school and classroom procedures in manners that are calm, neutral, business like, and contingent.
- Academic and social behaviors are taught, changed, and strengthened by similar instructional strategies (i.e., model, prompt, monitor, and reinforce). (p.25, Simonsen, B. et al)

THESE RESOURCES AND MORE CAN BE FOUND AT [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org)

The Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is established by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to define, develop, implement, and evaluate a multi-tiered approach to Technical Assistance that improves the capacity of states, districts and schools to establish, scale-up and sustain the PBIS framework. Emphasis is given to the impact of implementing PBIS on the social, emotional and academic outcomes for students with disabilities.

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## Is School Closed Today?

## Winter Weather Alerts!

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, Head Start and GSRP 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](http://www.monashores.net). You may also telephone your building of choice for a recorded message.

## DISTRICT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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# Teaching AND Learning

*A Message from Bill O'Brien, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment*

## STEAM IN MONA SHORES

STEAM is a very popular term in education these days in education and beyond. STEAM stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath. There is much research that points to these fields as critical for the future. Schools are constantly looking for ways to increase our student's exposure, expertise, and knowledge in these vital areas. While our Science, Arts, and Math departments have always focused on the important areas of STEAM we are currently expanding our Robotics program in multiple ways at all levels.

### Elementary

**Coding:** Elementary students begin learning coding (computer programming) as early as Kindergarten.

**Digital Citizenship:** From day one in Technology class students are taught how to be a good citizen in the online world. They are consistently reminded of their "digital footprint" and the impact their online behavior can have on themselves and others.

**Robotics:** We are currently piloting Lego Robotics Clubs at each of our elementary buildings. Currently there are 10 fourth and fifth grade students in the program. We hope to expand these opportunities next school year and ultimately compete in the elementary FIRST Robotics Competition. Look for more on this in the future as we expand this program.

### Middle School

**Tech Ventures:** This is a course that students take in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Each grade level exposes them to different parts of the "world of technology". From coding to presenting to appropriate use of social media, these courses do it all.

**Robotics:** An elective course that involves not only building robots but also programming them to perform specific actions, battle one another, navigate a maze, or move in sync with others. This program looks to expand into the world of robotics competitions in 2017-18.

**Industrial Arts:** Everything from design to manufacturing is experienced in the course through woods, metals, and more.

### High School

**Robotics Club:** The Mona Shores Robotics Club has been around for several years and competes annually in the FIRST Robotics Competition. You may have seen this club at football games firing t-shirts from the robotic t-shirt cannon they built, flying the drone they built, or displaying a variety of student made robots in the Homecoming Parade.

**Robotics Class:** New for the 2017-18 school year. This class will focus on introducing engineering to students through the world of competitive robotics.

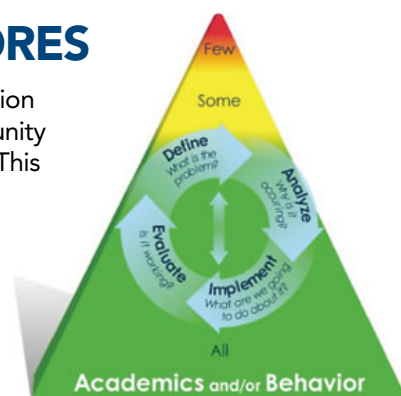
**CAD:** The design side of engineering and architecture.

**Industrial Arts:** Everything from design to manufacturing is experienced in the course through woods, metals, and more.



## MTSS IN MONA SHORES

One of the many acronyms in the education world that students, parents, and community members may hear frequently is MTSS. This acronym stands for Multi-Tiered System of Supports and applies to our method of individualizing instruction for every student in Mona Shores. In simple terms it means we work to provide exactly what every student needs at exactly the time he or she needs it in every subject.



The tiered system is broken into 3 layers. As a school community we look at academic and behavior data to help determine the appropriate tier of support for every kid in our District. Tier I typically works for 80%-85% of our kids and comes from the classroom teacher or teachers. Tier II is an additional level of support on top of Tier I that approximately 10% of our kids need and it comes from the classroom teacher and possibly another person. Tier III is another additional layer of support on top of Tier I and Tier II that approximately 5% of our kids need in order to be successful in a given area. This support typically comes from a person other than the classroom teacher or teachers. With each of the tiers of support there is an increased focus on specific skill support for individual students.

In Mona Shores we pride ourselves on knowing exactly what each individual student needs to be successful. When we plan for individual student success and are able to provide the tiered instruction each student needs, we all grow. Student success happens when the entire school community (students, parents, community members, staff, teachers, and administrators) work together to ensure every student is receiving the level of support he or she needs. After all, our number one job is to support kids to be the best they can possibly be, as a Sailor, and beyond.

### Keep Your Student Healthy With Regular Scheduled Check-ups



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# Happy New Year!



## A Message from High School Principal Jennifer Bustard

Our theme 'Sailor P.R.I.D.E. .... be your best self!' has proven to be a great fit for the 2016-2017 school year. The Positive Behavior Matrix continues to be a major focus for our staff and students. This system now in its 5th year of implementation has had positive impacts on both academic and behavior student performance. Throughout the school year we have been recognizing our students in grades 9-12 for demonstrating positive actions 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 1,000+ Pride passes were distributed by HS staff and received by students in grades 9-12 during the 1st trimester.
- 96% of our students in grades 9-12th have had less than 1 behavior referral. Absolutely fantastic!

The Sailor PRIDE behavior matrix is more than just words; it has become a system of beliefs and core values for our students and staff. It 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 780-4711 extension 8352.



## Ride with Pride Campaign

In partnership with Muskegon ALI, Norton Shores Police Department, Ramos Auto Body, and Nexus Realty, Mona Shores High School is proud to present the 5th Annual RIDE with Pride positive behavior campaign. In May 2017, 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 thanks

to Chief Jon Gale and School Liaison Officer Jared Passchier of Norton Shores Police Department, as well as, Ramos Auto Body and Nexus 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 Counselors' Corner 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. **New courses for the 2017-2018 include Advanced Placement Computer Science and Robotics.** For more information please visit the Counseling Department web page.

We continue to have much to celebrate and to look forward to here at the high school. We would encourage you to join us at any of our events that are sure to highlight student talents and performances! You can also follow the many events on the official MSHS Twitter and Facebook account @MSHSPRIDE.

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

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

*Jennifer Bustard, Principal*



The High School is proud to announce another community partnership in support of the building's PRIDE initiative which focuses on positive behavior supports for our students. The Muskegon Best Buy management team nominated our school for Intel's 'Score with Intel Core' competition. Best Buy's nomination was chosen for the \$5,000 reward. It is community partnerships such as this that allow our school to support our students with our building initiatives. Initiatives such as these have a positive impact on school culture, behavior and increased academic performance.

## Register now!

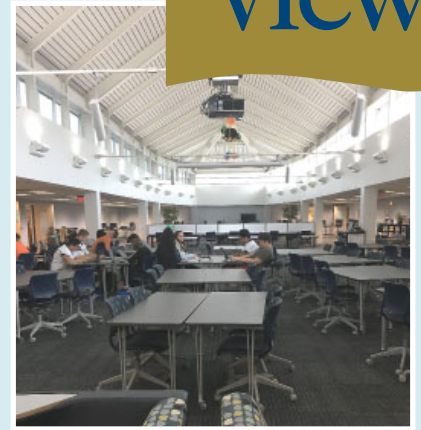
Classes start January 9.

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## HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER TRANSFORMED

Our LMC, or new Learning Commons, is the core of learning at Mona Shores High School. This past summer the room went through a transformation. The LMC design fosters individual and group work to support the learning of our students at MSHS. The intentional design models what most universities and colleges have put into place. Decisions on space, layout, and furniture were made to provide an area which would:

- be a vital and dynamic space
- foster a spirit of collaboration
- stimulate creativity
- develop a community of learners
- encourage project-based learning in which students learn how to question and solve problems
- allow for student management of own learning
- enhance relationships and stimulate engagement between staff and students
- provide flexible learning spaces for both solitary study and collaborative work
- provide print and online resources for both pleasure and academic needs



Last school year, students were able to test out different pieces of furniture and give their input so that the furniture purchased would be functional and liked by students.

Another function in the LMC is the huddle tables. These tables allow groups to work collaboratively and project their Chromebook to a wall-mounted screen. Students are using the projection system to learn, share, create, and present information.

One of the highlights of the area is the Anchor Cafe which currently sells both hot and cold drinks, and is open before and after school. The cafe is run by the marketing students in the business department. Students are

learning entrepreneurial skills such as marketing, advertising, financial, and hospitality skills.

We are excited to offer once again the extended day program located in the LMC. This program is open from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This is an opportunity for students to work individually on course work as well as receive additional support from teachers in each of the core subjects. National Honor Society students are also available for peer tutoring.

*Mark Your Calendars! You're invited to...*

### ANCHOR CAFE GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Tues., January 10, 2017 • 6:00pm • Mona Shores High School Library Media Center

We're celebrating the grand opening of our student run coffee shop. Watch for more details at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ MonaShoresPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/MonaShoresPublicSchools).

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# Counselor's CORNER

by Danielle Smith-Walker, Director of Guidance

The mission of the Mona Shores High School Guidance and Counseling Program is to provide support for student achievement in partnership with parents, staff and community. Counseling services will be provided in a safe and positive environment with a focus on college, career and life readiness.

## STUDENT SCHEDULING FOR 2016-2017 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 child 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. Two years ago, our students embarked upon online scheduling at home and it has been 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 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
2018	Thursday, January 26	Monday, January 30 - Wednesday, February 1
2019	Thursday, February 2	Monday, February 6 - Wednesday, February 8
2020	Thursday, February 9	Monday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 15
2021	Monday, February 27	Thursday, March 2

The 8th Grade Parent Night will be scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017, in the High School Auditorium. All parents of 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. There will be a presentation to review graduation requirements and the scheduling process. Also, the 8th Grade EXPO is scheduled for March 16.

## FAFSA

Students are now able to submit a FAFSA earlier. Students have been able to file a 2017-18 FAFSA since October 1, 2016, rather than beginning on January 1, 2017. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The FAFSA became available January 1 in previous years.)

Students now report earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) must report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please Note: 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 of people 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](http://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](http://www.STUDENTAID.ED.GOV).

## SAT

Junior Registration: The State of Michigan will pay for all juniors to take the SAT test on April 11th during the school day. April 12th the students will take the ACT Workkeys, and then on April 13th the MSTEP will be administered. Juniors will be able to send 4 free scores to colleges that they are considering attending. They should give this some thought ahead of time because they will be asked to give that information. Parents please be mindful that this is two days after Spring Break (State Mandated Date) and it is important that your student be present. Also, please note that this exam is required for graduation.

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Students needing tutoring can get assistance every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in the Media Center. There are teachers and National Honor Society students available to tutor in core subjects from 3:00-3:45 pm. Have your student check out these very valuable resources! Please contact your student's counselor if you are interested.

## CAREER CRUISING

A county-wide portal system (Career Cruising for K-12) will be offered to districts allowing students, parents, counselors and adult learners easy-to-use web based, personalized tools to ensure that each step in the process of career exploration and applying for college is successful! Our district will develop Educational Development Plans (EDP) for students in order for them to understand their skills,

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## 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.

**The Muskegon Area Promise:** The Muskegon Area Promise makes a unique commitment to the young people of our community – if they work hard they will be able to earn at least a two-year college degree tuition free. The Promise Scholarship is an award promised to resident graduates of high schools within the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District boundaries. It provides the financial assistance necessary to obtain a two-year degree or equivalent at an eligible partnering institution when used in conjunction with federal, state and institutional grants. The Promise Scholarship will promote post-secondary education and prepare students for future success in college and career choices. Students must graduate with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher from a high school located within the boundaries of the MAISD. Please go to: <http://www.muskegonisd.org/career-college/promise> for more information.

**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. They do offer a few merit-based scholarships worth more money. Last year 14 Mona Shores seniors were selected in this program. Financial need is often a consideration. Deadline: March 1. The application is now online at the Foundation website, [www.cffmc.org](http://www.cffmc.org). Please note that applicants must complete the FAFSA by March 1 and list the school they plan to attend so that the Financial Aid Officer will have the necessary information to complete the Financial Information form by the 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. You can fill out a scholarship application at <http://www.mea.org/mea-scholarship>. The deadline for application is February 23, 2017. Contact Barb Hitchcock at [bhitchcock@mea.org](mailto:bhitchcock@mea.org) for additional information.

**MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP:** Starting with the Class of 2017 the ACT will not be considered. Any senior who attained a qualifying score of at least a 1200 on the SAT 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.

**AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS:** American Legion gives a number of \$500 scholarships to children and sometimes grandchildren of Veterans. Go to [www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships](http://www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships) and [www.michalaux.org](http://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](http://www.womensdivision.org). Deadline March 10.

**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.

# Sailor Athletic News

## *A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics*

When an organization or business shifts gears or changes philosophies, doing so can sometimes upset the applecart – so to speak. While our department really didn't do either, there have been a number of changes within our programming over the past few months that will affect our student-athletes. Most of these changes have been quietly made – and some not so subtle.

For starters, Shelly Marine – my dear friend and longtime district employee – retired this past November. Sometimes people move on in our business and – unless you work in the same office or building as them – we don't know until well after the fact... too late to send them a quick note or pick up the phone to wish them well. Considering the countless lives this woman has touched during her time with our department, inside the Sailor's Cove (which Marine will continue to own and operate), and beyond, I thought it appropriate to let Sailor Nation know in case you wanted to send her a note. Like me, many of you know Shelly as prompt, professional, communicative, caring, and thorough – kid- and community-centered. While we're all excited for her as a new chapter in life is turned, we are certainly going to miss her help and leadership within educational athletics.

Second, we have a new four-year department plan that includes...

- a) the addition of cross-country, wrestling, swimming, and tennis for sixth graders
- b) bringing on high school bowling and power lifting as school funded programs
- c) a partnership with ADIDAS that provides one set of uniforms for each of our middle and high school programs (as well as 35-40% list price on footwear and apparel for our general public)
- d) opportunities to purchase varsity jackets for \$95 through our athletic department (with the letter already sewn on)
- e) full funding for Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Coaches Advancement Program training for all of our coaches
- f) the reestablishment of "b" teams for basketball at the middle school level
- g) new vans for transporting teams to away contests (that seat 11 students instead of only 7)
- h) financial incentives for programs that win state district, regional, and state competitions (and even for teams who simply qualify for the state finals in certain sports)

These are huge things for our programs as we attempt to take the next step. Similar to our school district's District Strategic Plan (DSP), this is a four-year plan that we will stick to and evaluate after the 2019-20 school year.

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 do for our department. My hope is that we're doing our part to establish more opportunities for our student-athletes and generate pride within this great community.

## Admissions Reminder

Athletic passes for the Winter and Spring campaigns are once again on sale in the Athletic Office and are good for the 2016-17 school year. These passes get you into any Mona Shores athletic event other than 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, Athletic Director*

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## 2016/17 MONA SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOLS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/06/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/10/17	*Jenison High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	01/13/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/17/17</b>	<b>Byron Center High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Friday	01/20/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	6:00 PM
Tuesday	01/24/17	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/27/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/31/17</b>	<b>Western Michigan Christian HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Friday	02/03/17	*Muskegon High School	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/07/17</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/10/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/14/17</b>	<b>Coopersville High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/17/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/21/17</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Friday	02/24/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:00 PM
Tuesday	02/28/17	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	7:00 PM
Monday	03/06/17	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/14/17</b>	<b>Coopersville High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Thursday	02/16/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/21/17</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Thursday	02/23/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:30 PM

### GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/06/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/10/17</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Friday	01/13/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	7:30 PM
Tuesday	01/17/17	Byron Center High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	01/20/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/24/17</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/27/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday	02/03/17	*Muskegon High School	Away	7:30 PM
Tuesday	02/07/17	*Jenison High School	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/10/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/17/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	02/21/17	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	02/24/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	7:30 PM

### BOYS JV BASKETBALL

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/05/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/10/17	*Jenison High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	01/12/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/17/17</b>	<b>Byron Center High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/19/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/24/17	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/31/17</b>	<b>Western Michigan Christian HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

### GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Thursday	01/05/17	*Muskegon High School	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/10/17</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/12/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/17/17	Byron Center High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	01/19/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/24/17</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Monday	01/30/17	Grand Rapids Catholic Central	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/02/17</b>	<b>Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	02/07/17	Jenison High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	02/09/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	7:00 PM
Tuesday	02/14/17	Grand Rapids Christian HS	Away	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/16/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	02/21/17	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	02/23/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	4:00 PM

### BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/05/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/10/17	*Jenison High School	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday	01/12/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/17/17</b>	<b>Byron Center High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/19/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/24/17	*Kenowa Hills HS	Away	4:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/31/17</b>	<b>Western Michigan Christian HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Thursday	02/02/17	Muskegon High School	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/07/17</b>	<b>Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/09/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

### GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Thursday	01/05/17	*Muskegon High School	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/12/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/17/17	Byron Center High School	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday	01/19/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/24/17</b>	<b>*Zeeland East HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>

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# 2016/17 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday	01/26/17	Zeeland West High School	Away	5:00 PM
Friday	01/27/17	Newaygo HS	Away	4:00 PM
Monday	01/30/17	Grand Rapids Catholic Central	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/02/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Thursday	02/09/17	*Fruitport HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/10/17</b>	<b>Allendale High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	02/14/17	Grand Rapids Christian HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/16/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Friday	02/17/17	Covenant Christian HS	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday	02/21/17	*Zeeland East HS	Away	4:00 PM

## BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

Saturday	01/07/17	Fruitport Invitational @ Northway Lanes	Away	12:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/09/17</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Wednesday	01/11/17	*Fruitport HS (@ Northway Lanes)	Away	3:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/17/17</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/19/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/23/17</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Wednesday	01/25/17	Jenison High School (@ Hudsonville Lanes)	Away	3:30 PM
Saturday	01/28/17	Zeeland East Baker Invitational	Away	8:30 AM
Wednesday	02/01/17	*Muskegon High School (@ Sherman Bowling Center)	Away	3:30 PM
Saturday	02/04/17	Reeths-Puffer Invitational @ Northway Lanes	Away	12:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>02/06/17</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Wednesday	02/08/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS (@ Northway Lanes)	Away	3:30 PM
Tuesday	02/14/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS (@ Lincoln Lanes)	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	02/15/17	GMAA Tournament @ Muskegon (Sherman Bowling Center)	Away	2:00 PM
Thursday	02/16/17	*Kenowa Hills High School (@ Westgate Bowling Lanes)	Away	3:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/18/17</b>	<b>Post-Conference Tournament @ Mona Shores</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## GIRLS VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday	01/07/17	Grandville Invitational	Away	9:30 AM
Wednesday	01/18/17	Jamboree @ Muskegon	Away	6:30 PM
Friday	01/20/17	West Catholic Tournament	Away	TBA
Wednesday	01/25/17	Jamboree @ Jenison	Away	6:30 PM
Saturday	01/28/17	LMCCOA Invitational @ East Kentwood	Away	10:00 AM
Wednesday	02/01/17	Conference Finals @ Fruitport	Away	6:30 PM
Saturday	02/04/17	Kenowa Hills Invitational	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday	02/11/17	Delta Plex Tournament	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday	02/18/17	MHSAA Districts @ Kenowa Hills	Away	10:00 AM
Wednesday	02/22/17	GMAA Tournament @ Reeths-Puffer	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/25/17</b>	<b>MHSAA Regionals @ Mona Shores</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Saturday	03/04/17	MHSAA State Finals @ Delta Plex	Away	10:00 AM

## BOYS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/06/17</b>	<b>Konrad Tournament - GR Christian vs. Portage Central</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/06/17</b>	<b>Konrad Tournament vs. E. Kentwood</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/07/17</b>	<b>Konrad Tournament-Consolation Game</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/07/17</b>	<b>Konrad Tournament-Championship Game</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/11/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Catholic Central</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday	01/13/17	*Rockford High School (@ Griff's Ice House)	Away	8:00 PM
Wednesday	01/18/17	*Reeths-Puffer HS (@ LC Walker Arena)	Away	7:30 PM

Saturday	01/21/17	Forest Hills Central HS (@ Patterson Ice Arena)	Away	3:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/25/17</b>	<b>*Grandville HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday	01/27/17	Chelsea Showcase	Away	TBA
Saturday	01/28/17	Chelsea Showcase	Away	TBA
Friday	02/03/17	Trenton Showcase @ Kennedy Ice Center	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/04/17	Trenton Showcase @ Kennedy Ice Center	Away	TBA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02/08/17</b>	<b>*Rockford High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
Friday	02/10/17	*East Kentwood HS	Away	6:00 PM
Friday	02/17/17	*Grand Rapids Catholic Central	Away	7:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/25/17</b>	<b>Traverse City Central HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

## BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Saturday	01/07/17	Spring Lake Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	01/10/17	Holland High School	Away	6:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/12/17</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/19/17</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	01/24/17	Manistee HS	Away	6:00 PM
Thursday	01/26/17	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:00 PM
Thursday	02/02/17	Wayland Union High School	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	02/04/17	Ottawa Hills Invitational	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	02/07/17	GR Christian Quad	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/09/17</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Friday	02/10/17	MISCA Meet @ EMU	Away	TBA
Saturday	02/11/17	MISCA Meet @ EMU	Away	TBA
Thursday	02/16/17	West Catholic H.S.	Away	6:00 PM
Friday	02/24/17	Conference Dive Prelims @ Hastings	Away	12:30 PM
Friday	02/24/17	Conference Swim Prelims @ Hastings	Away	4:00 PM
Saturday	02/25/17	Conference Dive/Swim Finals @ Hastings	Away	1:00 PM
Thursday	03/02/17	MHSAA Regional Dive @ TBA	Away	TBA
Friday	03/10/17	MHSAA State Meet @ TBA	Away	TBA

## BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/04/17</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Wednesday	01/11/17	Fruitport Quad	Away	5:00 PM
Wednesday	01/18/17	Reeths-Puffer Quad	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	01/21/17	GMAA Tournament @ Reeths-Puffer	Away	10:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/25/17</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Saturday	01/28/17	Lakewood Tournament	Away	8:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02/01/17</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Saturday	02/04/17	Conference Tournament @ Jenison	Away	9:00 AM
Thursday	02/09/17	MHSAA Team Districts @ TBD	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	02/11/17	MHSAA Individual Districts @ TBD	Away	9:00 AM

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# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*A Message from Middle School Principal, Doug Ammeraal*



I cannot help but to reflect on the first part of the school year and on the climate and culture at Mona Shores Middle School. I continue to be inspired and **grateful** for our talented students, excellent educators, and a collective focus on being our very best in all that we do. I am **grateful** for a student body that demonstrates Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Engagement (PRIDE) in all they do. I am **grateful** for young people that strive to make good choices, are compassionate towards others, and are eager to impact lives. I am **grateful** for a team of educators that put students first, that put their heart and soul into their craft, and are committed to doing whatever it takes to help students succeed. I am **grateful** to be a Mona Shores SAILOR!

Our families and community should be **proud** of the students and staff that enter this building every day! They should be **proud** of the academics, behavior, and of the high-character young people that fill our hallways.

Here are just a few things that I am **proud** of regarding some of the positives happening at Mona Shores Middle School.

- **New Classes** -- Throughout the first trimester we have explored a new class (one hour), titled "Leadership and Wellness." Our goal is to offer a variety of aspects connected to our title. Students engage in different types of exercise (Bootcamp, yoga, pilates, etc.), learn and listen to speakers on leadership, participate in healthy cooking, and spend time learning about financial wellness. Not only have kids been enjoying this class, but it continues to be extremely impactful. Additionally, we will be piloting a new STEM class for the second and third trimester. Students will apply Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to real-life challenges. This includes the Egg Drop Challenge and a Volcano Explosion unit. We are excited for the possibilities of this class and the opportunities for learning that it will provide for our students. I am proud of our teachers for going outside of their comfort zones and providing new learning experience for our students.



- **Makers Day (2.0)** -- Last Spring all 900 students participated in the Marshmallow Challenge, creating the tallest structure possible, with spaghetti and limited materials, that could support a regular marshmallow on top.

Prior to Thanksgiving, our students participated in another Makers Day Challenge. Students used Strawbees to imagine, create, and market a structure to solve their grade-level problem. Students were engaged, collaborating, creating, and building. They also created a "rapid fire" presentation to highlight their design and invention. I was extremely

proud of our teachers for facilitating and our students for their engagement and creativity!

- **Be Nice. Assemblies** -- Our Calling All Colors team, in partnership with be Nice., put together another incredible assembly! They taught our students how to handle bullying, encouraged our hearts and minds, shared personal stories, and challenged us to give positivity in all situations. This group of students challenged every one of us to do our part in making our school, our community, and our world a better place. I am **proud** of their hard work, bravery, and commitment.

- **Monthly Character Traits** -- Our students, staff, and families continue to reflect, learn, and grow with our character traits. Mrs. Mogdis continues to do a phenomenal job of creating lessons for students and staff at the beginning of each month.

Teachers are intentional in recognizing, discussing, and tying the focus trait into their curriculum. Administrators work hard to remind our students each week of our focus trait, challenging them to consider what it might look like, how it might impact their lives, and in what ways might they be able to model that trait. I am proud of our staff and families for intentionally focusing on these traits with our students.

At Mona Shores Middle School, we will continue to learn, grow, and strive to be the **best** Middle School in America. We must continue to challenge each other to be the best version of ourselves that we can possibly be, our **best** as students, educators, parents, friends, and community members. No matter what role we assume in the education of our students, we must keep making the conscious effort to be our very **best** every day, regardless of ability, situation, or circumstances. I believe that if we continue, together, to embrace

Sophomores & juniors, before registering for fall classes...

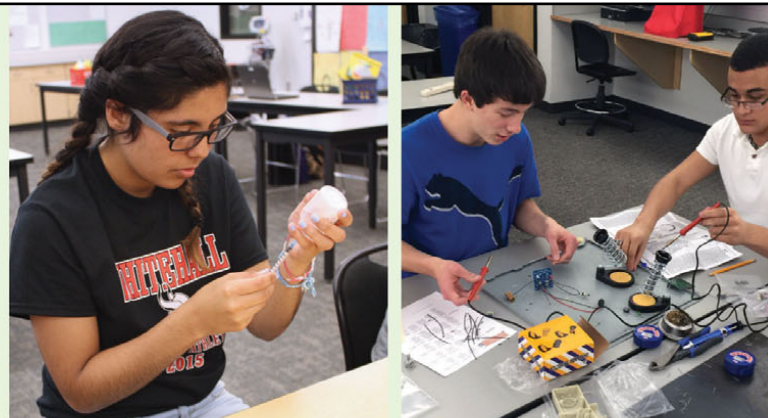
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this collective responsibility and focus, Mona Shores Middle School will be the BEST middle school in America, through academic success, high-character, positive behavior, and in creating a memorable middle school experience for our students!

With the back half of the year right around the corner, please know that our team of high-quality, passionate educators will continue to strive for excellence

in all that we do! We will stay focused on our students, their success, their failures, and their experience at Mona Shores Middle School!

With *SAILOR PRIDE*, Doug Ammeraal -- Principal

MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 3 School Resumes  
Ski Club, Cannonsburg
- 4 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 11 Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 16 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 18 Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 25 Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 27 Sailor Celebration, 5-7 p.m.

FEBRUARY:

- 1 Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**  
Conferences, 4-7 p.m. by invitation only
- 2-4 Drama Production @ MSHS, 7 p.m.

- 8 Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
COUNT DAY  
**No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 10 Orchestra Pre-Festival, 3-6 p.m.
- 11 Middle Fiddles, 9-10 a.m.
- 15 **Make-Up Date:** Ski Club, Cannonsburg  
Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 16 6th Grade Orchestra Solo Festival, 5 - 8 p.m.
- 17/20 No School, Mid-Winter Break
- 22 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 23 7th/8th Grade Band Rehearsal, 3 - 3:45 p.m.
- 25 Middle Fiddles, 9-10 a.m.
- 27 8th Grade Scheduling Assembly at M.S., 8:50 a.m.  
8th Grade Parent Night, 7 p.m. - MSHS Auditorium  
7th/8th Band Rehearsal, 3-3:45 p.m.
- 28 7th/8th Grade Band Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

MARCH:

- 1 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**  
Orchestra Festival, TBA  
Battle of the Books Kick-Off
- 2 8th Grade Scheduling During the Day at MSMS
- 3 6th Grade Band Concert, 12:05 p.m.
- 8 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 11 Middle Fiddles, 9-10 a.m.
- 15 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**  
7th/8th Grade Choir Rehearsal, 3-4 p.m.
- 16-17 Choir Festival  
8th Grade Visitation to the High School
- 17 2nd Tri Ends
- 21 6th Grade Choir Concert, 7 p.m.
- 22 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:40 a.m.
- 24 Half-Day (Dismissal at 11 a.m.)
- 29 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 30 Spring Assembly
- 31 No School, Start of Spring Break

APRIL:

- 3-7 No School/Spring Break
- 10 School Resumes

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# Mr. Hogston Shares Family Tradition with 1st Graders at Campbell



On Monday, October 17th, the first graders at Campbell Elementary participated in their annual Apple Day. However, this year there was a new opportunity given to them by their Principal, Mr. Andy Hogston. Grandpa Hogston's passion for his cider press was passed on to his grandson Andy. Now Andy shares the family cider making tradition with his wife and daughters.

Mr. Hogston decided that he wanted to share this family



tradition with his first grade family on their Apple Day. The first graders at Campbell were able to wash, grind and press two bushels of apples into cider alongside their principal. The cider was delicious, but the hands-on learning and time spent with their principal was priceless!

*Left, top: Mr. Hogston explaining the cider making process*

*Left, bottom: Mr. Hogston helping 1st Graders grind apples*

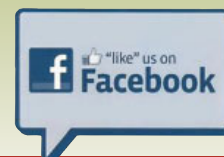
*Above: Fresh squeezed cider pours from cider press into pot.*

*Right: Grandpa Hogston built the cider press in 1962.*



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# Churchill Elementary Take Pride in School Culture

Community Members,

We are excited for many reasons this year at Churchill, but one that "tops the cake" is our school culture. We take a lot of pride in establishing a positive learning environment



on a daily basis. The team is committed to engaging our students in conversation around social responsibility. We make it a priority to provide our students with many opportunities to take ownership of their learning. Below are PBIS programs we have in place in order to consistently teach, model, and recognize positive behavior:

**Hall Of Fame Assembly:** Once a month students are recognized in front of their peers at an all school assembly. They are recognized for following our Rock Star Expectations and exhibiting outstanding behavior.

**Ride With Pride:** We work with the Norton Shores Police Department to set goals for our students regarding personal safety (helmets, seat belts, etc.), importance of school (grades, attendance, etc.), and social skills in

society (treating others in a kind way). Students should have brought home a form for the parent/student to sign if they want to participate. All students that meet criteria go in a drawing at the end of the year for a bike (K-2 & 3-5).

**BE NICE:** This program is new this year at Churchill. The focus is teaching students to recognize and take ownership of their behavior. The middle school and high school utilize this program as well. The program encourages and teaches strategies for students to do the following: Notice Invite Challenge Empower. On the first Friday of each month, teachers will be wearing their 'be nice.' t-shirts. They will design lessons to engage students in classroom discussions and create activities to go along with the program. Our goal is for

students to become more aware of how people think, feel, and act so that they can Notice, Invite, Challenge and Empower all of their life.

*Thanks for all of your support!*



## What's NEW with the Lincoln Park CREW?

Continued from COVER:

In addition to the Buddy Bench, new sand arrived in the sandbox, four-square courts were repainted, and checkerboards were painted for playing games with giant checkers. Mileage Club also was a new addition to our recess this fall. We will be participating in Mileage Club twice a year with the support of PTO and parent volunteers. During Fall Mileage Club, Lincoln Park students ran a total of 1,344 miles during five afternoon recesses. Our top runner for the fall was 5th grader, Nathan Opfermann, who ran 15.2 miles. We are excited to offer this program to our students and to see their excitement about exercising with friends!



traffic plan for parent pick-up at the end of the school day. Norton Shores Police Department worked with Lincoln Park staff to design a traffic plan to keep students safe and traffic moving. With close to 300 cars picking up students at the end of the day, we designed two pick-up



loops that each load 10 cars at a time. Thanks to everyone's cooperation and hard work, we are able to have all traffic cleared within 10 minutes at both loops!

There is a lot to be proud of and much more to be accomplished! Thank you for your commitment, support, and dedication to Mona Shores. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Abraham at 755-1257, extension 8799, or by email at [abrahamk@monashores.net](mailto:abrahamk@monashores.net).

Another new procedure that students, staff, and parents learned this fall was our



# Ross Park Elementary Celebrates Positive Behavior



It is great to be a Super Sailor at Ross Park Elementary! Since the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, our students have demonstrated that 95% have received no major discipline referrals to date. This data is truly exciting to report! In order to maintain these great results, Ross Park staff continues to implement a school-wide, positive, proactive approach to behavior management. The purpose of school-wide positive behavior approach is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

Here are some of the ways we promote positive behavior at Ross Park:

**Super Sailor Slips**-Certificates given to individual

students by staff members for demonstrating behavior that is safe, respectful, responsible or kind at school.



**Super Crew Awards**-Certificates awarded by staff members to entire classrooms for demonstrating positive behavior.

**Monthly Positive Behavior Celebrations**-Special activities in which all students take part. Ride with Pride Pledge-Partnership with the Norton Shores Police Department to encourage safe, positive behavior.

**Be Nice Program**-A mental health awareness, bullying and suicide prevention initiative that focuses on school-wide change through simple, daily actions.

We are proud that positive behavior is the norm at Ross Park Elementary. Our Super Sailors will continue to demonstrate Kind, Safe, Responsible and Respectful behavior in 2017!



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Over the past few years, legislation has changed the entry age for students to enroll in kindergarten. In 2017-18 a child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2017 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 date:

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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. 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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## 2017-2018 MONA SHORES TUITION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open Registration  
begins in March



The Mona Shores Tuition Preschool Program provides 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 are highly certified and meet the state of Michigan qualifications to teach 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](http://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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# High School Chamber Orchestra Selected to Perform in National Orchestra Festival

The Mona Shores High School Chamber Orchestra has been selected to perform in the National Orchestra Festival sponsored by the American String Teachers Association (ASTA). Last spring, an application including audio recordings, recommendations, and past concert programs was submitted to ASTA, and in early September, the ensemble was invited to participate.

The National Orchestra Festival takes place during ASTA's National Convention on March 2-4, 2017, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Chamber Orchestra will perform a forty minute concert which will showcase their talents and be adjudicated by a panel of nationally recognized music education experts. In addition to the festival performance, students will attend educational sessions during the convention specifically designed for them. Both students and parents are excited for this great opportunity, but this opportunity is expensive.

The Mona Shores Orchestra Parent Association (MSOPA) has been hard at work with many projects to reach the goal of \$28,000 needed to completely fund the trip. Local businesses including Chili's, Domino's, Cherokee Restaurant, Hannah Bananas Ice Cream, Gordon Food Service, the Meat Block, and Barnes & Noble have partnered with the MSOPA for give back events and dinners. Orchestra members have written letters to family and friends asking for their sponsorship. 50/50 raffles have taken place and grant applications are pending with several organizations. Chamber Orchestra members are very appreciative of the businesses and individuals who have supported them thus far and welcome additional support from the community. Learn about the High School Chamber Orchestras National Orchestra Festival experience and all Mona Shores Orchestra events by visiting [www.MonaShoresOrchestra.org](http://www.MonaShoresOrchestra.org).



2017  
WINTER

## PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

### Winter Band Retreat

Friday-Saturday, January 13-14

### Players Winter Show

Thursday-Saturday, January 19-21  
High School Dance Room

### MSBOA All State Band and Orchestra performance

Saturday, January 21

### MSBOA High School Solo and Ensemble

Saturday, January 28 – All Day  
Oakridge High School

### Middle School Elf Jr. Show

Thursday-Saturday, February 2-4 - 7pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### High School Orchestra Winter Retreat

Friday - Saturday, February 3 - 4

### Churchill Elementary First and Second Grade Program

Monday - February 13th - 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Ross Park Elementary First and Second Grade Program

Wednesday, February 15th- 6 pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Festival of Bands

Wednesday, February 15 – 1-5pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### 6th Grade Orchestra Solo Festival

Thursday, February 16 – 5-8pm  
Middle School Music Wing

### Collage Concert

Friday, February 24 – High School  
Performing Arts Center

### Hope College Concert Band Festival

Saturday, February 25 – Hope College  
Performing Arts Center, Holland, MI

### Mona Shores Children's Choir Festival

Saturday, February 25 - 9am-3pm  
Performance at 2:30 - Ross Park  
Auditorium

### 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert

Tuesday, February 28 - 7:30pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### MSBOA Orchestra Festival

Wednesday, March 1 – Grand Haven  
High School

### Chamber Orchestra National Orchestra Festival Performance

Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### 6th Grade Midwinter Band Concert

Friday, March 3 – 12:05-1:05pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### Churchill Talent Show

Monday, March 6 - 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Ross Park Talent Show

Tuesday, March 7 - 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### MSBOA MS Band Festival

Wednesday-Friday, March 8-10

### Michigan Musical-Ross Park

Tuesday, March 21st - 6 – 7pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### 6th Grade Choir Concert

Tuesday, March 21 - 7pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### Michigan Musical-Campbell

Thursday, March 23 - 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Allegros Show - Anything Goes

Friday, March 23, 24, 25 - 7pm  
(Saturday Matinee at 2pm) – High  
School Performing Arts Center

### Michigan Musical - Lincoln Park

Monday, March 27 - 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### High School Spring Choir Concert

Tuesday, March 28 - 7pm – High  
School Performing Arts Center

### Michigan Musical-Churchill

Wednesday, March 29th - 6 – 7pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### MSBOA State Jazz Festival

Wednesday, March 29 – Cedar Springs  
High School





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