

# The Lighthouse View

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## Middle School Trades Academy a Success!

Mona Shores Middle School is piloting an exciting new program this school year. Under the leadership of Mr. Eric Wahlberg and Mr. David Check, the Trades Academy presents an option for students to gain invaluable experience in the trades. Experience in things such as woodworking, plumbing, electrical, small engine repair, coding, design, and much more provides not only life skills but employable skills as well. Projects so far this year include picnic tables, longboards, Adirondack chairs, and beginning engine work. In addition, this Trades Team of students has designed and built a wheelchair accessible ramp for a local Boy Scout Pack. The Trades Academy has been an incredible success in year one and looks to grow in year two. See pages 14-15 to read more.



## IT'S GREAT TO BE A SAILOR!

By Bill O'Brien, Interim Superintendent

It is truly amazing what you see happening in the Mona Shores Community each and every day. The incredible nature of 3,860 kids working with 300 plus staff to grow, learn, and develop each and every day is monumental. Walking through our buildings, one is likely to encounter any and all of the following:

- Kids helping kids
- Kindness in many forms
- Recognition for kids doing positive things
- Laughter from kids, teachers, and many others in our halls
- Enjoyment of learning
- Challenges-big and small
- Excitement
- Math in many forms
- Discussion about books
- Friends working together
- Music
- Singing
- Positivity
- Incredible teaching and teachers

- Amazing volunteers
- Parent support
- The future
- Questioning
- Sailor Pride
- Mentoring
- Hope



The list could go on and on. The reality is we are often bombarded by negativity at times these days. It is truly amazing what you see when you look for the great things happening. It is my hope that each of you has an opportunity to visit one or several of the amazing schools in Mona Shores. In doing so I am positive you will find great things happening, positive energy on display, and an incredible culture. It is this that truly makes it great to be a Sailor!

*Bill O'Brien*  
Interim Superintendent  
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## 2018/2019 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM



The Non-Resident Schools of Choice Application process will be open **Monday, April 9, 2018 through Friday, May 25, 2018.**

The Online Application will be available on the Mona Shores Public Schools website at [www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice](http://www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice). You may also apply in person from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Mona Shores Administration Offices located at 121 Randall Road, on the southwest corner of Ross Park Elementary. Students with any suspensions or expulsions are not eligible to apply. Students with truanancies will require a parent meeting with administration.

Parents and guardians will be notified of tentative building placements the first week of July. Further information about the Mona Shores District Plan may be obtained by visiting [www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice](http://www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice) or contacting Administrative Assistant, Amy Sparks at (231) 332-8205, or via e-mail at [sparksa@monashores.net](mailto:sparksa@monashores.net).



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## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

After a winter filled with listening to the Mona Shores community about needs in our buildings, your Board of Education is preparing to finalize plans for a once-in-a-generation upgrade of the District's facilities.



In January and February, community forums in each of our four elementary schools, the middle school and high school, plus separate forums on district-wide athletics and arts needs, gave District leaders a solid understanding of what our staff, parents, students and community members need and want in improvements. February and March were dedicated to putting price tags on those ideas and, with additional input from our stakeholders, beginning to prioritize and determine what we can and cannot accomplish with a renewal of our main operating millage this coming November.

That millage presents a unique opportunity for our District. We can raise \$75 million to \$85 million to transform our facilities without levying any additional millage -- simply by renewing the millage that expires in 2019. While that won't be enough to do everything on the long list of worthy ideas, it will be enough to bring our aging buildings up to standards befitting Mona Shores' reputation and the quality of our staff, students and education.

In April and May, the Board will finalize the ballot language you will see in November. We will continue to depend on your input throughout that

process. Our meetings are April 9 and 16 and May 7 and 14, all Mondays, at 7 p.m. at Ross Park Elementary, and I hope you'll come.

The millage isn't the only thing -- or even the only big thing -- on the Board's plate this spring. We will also be discussing plans for selecting our next permanent superintendent, the most important decision any board of education ever makes. Interim Superintendent Bill O'Brien has proven himself to be a steady, reliable leader and his future with the District will be a big part of that discussion.

We'll also be guiding the renegotiation of the District's contracts with teachers and other groups, approving schools of choice openings for the 2018-19 school year, and ensuring plans are in place to maintain and sustain the improvements we'll make after the passage of the millage this November. In addition, we'll be discussing -- and I hope adopting -- governance standards as our promise to you about the commitments the Board will keep to the District and the community at large. You can learn more about the standards at <http://miboardstandards.lpages.co/info/> and I'd love your input on them or anything else on your mind related to our schools. You can reach me at [millers@monashores.net](mailto:millers@monashores.net) or 231-557-4039.

Sailing forward,



Stan Miller  
President, Mona Shores Board of Education



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## BOARD OF EDUCATION 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION
April 9	7:00 PM	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 16	7:00 PM	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
May 7	7:00 PM	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
May 14	7:00 PM	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 4	7:00 PM	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 11	7:00 PM	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC



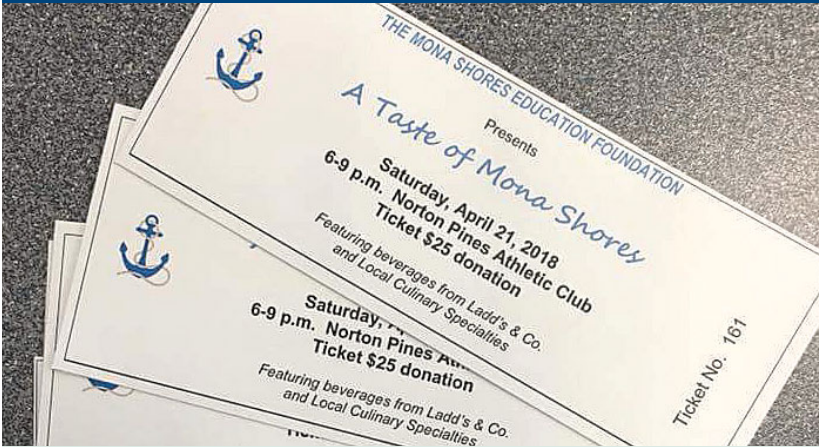
# Mona Shores EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*By Shannon Glinski, President*

## \$2,600 AWARDED IN MINI GRANTS

\$2,600 has been awarded through the MSEF Mini Grant Program since February 2017. The table below summarizes the programs these mini grants supported and the 19 teachers who implemented these innovative and creative educational enhancements throughout the District. Over 1,200 students have benefited from these classroom materials, projects and enhancements. Thank you to our many donors who have helped to make these mini grants possible!

BUILDING	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT	GRANT TITLE
Campbell	Matt Lamphere	\$250	Little Library Book Boxes
Campbell	Laurelin Barkel and Jessica Kever	\$250	Camper Crewmates
Lincoln Park	Amy Recor, Shari Ralston, and Trisha Hall	\$248.71	Math Manipulatives
Ross Park	Nikole Langlois	\$250	Shared Writing Classroom Easel
Middle School	Amanda Heethuis	\$250	Shakespeare Enrichment Classroom Library Books
Middle School	Dawn Medendorp	\$250	Nonfiction Classroom Library Books
Middle School	Sarah Cooper, Stephanie Shaffer, and Tom Jordan	\$240	Math Resources
Middle School	Donna Cargill, Michelle Phillips, and Ed Whalen	\$240	Math Resources
Middle School	MS School Leadership Team	\$250	Sailor Excellence Program
High School	Lisa Caruso	\$166	Work Experience Shirts
High School	Danielle Benson-Fennell and Rachel Drelles	\$240	The Memory Project



# 2018 A TASTE OF MONA SHORES

Saturday, April 21, 2018

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Norton Pines Athletic Club

Featuring: Wine and Beer by Ladd's and Co. and local culinary specialties

*Raffle, Silent Auction, and an evening of fun!*

Tickets are \$25.00 per person, available at Ladd's and Co., Mona Shores Community Services, or from a Mona Shores Education Foundation Board Member

Limited Tickets at the Door

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The Mona Shores Education Foundation is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of **enhancing creative and innovative learning opportunities** to encourage **academic excellence** for **all children** attending Mona Shores Public Schools. To learn more about how you can support the MSEF and get involved, visit [www.monashoreskids.org](http://www.monashoreskids.org). New members always welcome!

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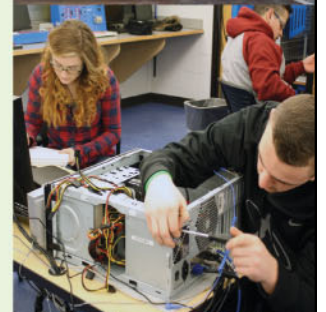
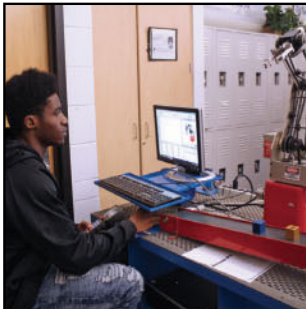
Choose from these, plus 12 other career-related classes at the Career Tech Center. Pursue a career you're passionate about while earning **high school credit, industry certifications, and FREE college credit!**

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See your high school guidance counselor to sign up.



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# Mona Shores Public Schools 2016-17 TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY MILLAGE FUNDING



STUDENTS  
**3,842**



2016-17 FUNDS  
**\$614,405**

**2016-17  
DOLLARS SPENT**



TECHNOLOGY  
**\$828,350.88**



PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
**\$54,083.50**



SECURITY  
**\$26,770.00**



TOTAL SPENT  
**\$909,204.38\***

**“Our students are becoming better and more creative thinkers. They are becoming better at problem-solving, which, in turn, makes them more prepared for life. Students are acquiring the skills sought by employers – here is a task, use the skills taught to you to develop a solution or final product.”**

**Chris Johnson, High School English Teacher**

**“Students are leaving my class more able to think critically and solve problems. Because of the flipped classroom, students are becoming self-directed and able to teach themselves new concepts. This better prepares them for college and careers. I see a rising confidence level in my students as they master concepts.”**

**Heather Hall, High School Psychology Teacher**

## Three Year Summary of Success

The addition of new technology as a result of the Technology and Security Millage has created a future-ready learning environment at Mona Shores Public Schools. Students are able to work more independently and work to reinforce content they struggle with individually, while spending less time on content that they have already mastered. Having a Chromebook readily available 24/7 helps students prepare for college. It evens the playing field by giving students access to classroom material and instant access to research when they need it, at school or at home. Many students did not have a computer at home to work on schoolwork. Now, they are able to review class lectures online, organize their notes digitally, make accurate citations, and collaborate



and communicate with other students, even in the evenings and on weekends. Teachers are now able to provide continual, timely feedback on projects and assignments, so students no longer have to wait until the next class period to receive feedback. Knowing that they are on the right track with an assignment allows them to proceed with confidence in their work.



The technology has allowed some teachers to flip their classrooms, providing an online lecture that students watch at home, and then having classroom time to demonstrate concepts, receive clarification on their learning, and learn deeper concepts.

The Chromebooks provided to students give them the opportunity to work on projects and research in their free time during recess and at home. Cole, a current fourth grader, used his Chromebook as a third grader to propose offering an oatmeal breakfast bar at Campbell Elementary. He created a convincing Google Slideshow presentation and shared it with Principal Andrew Hogston. He was “blown away by the creativity and determination” exhibited in the presentation. He facilitated an opportunity for Cole to present his proposal to Mona Shores’ food service director. After his presentation, the food service director approved adding an oatmeal breakfast bar at Campbell.

In addition to technology specifically for student use, Mona Shores has been able to improve their infrastructure with upgraded wireless access points and network on the back end. This ensures premium online access for students and staff. New, secure entrances at all buildings have been added, and security camera systems have been updated and expanded. These measures have significantly increased the safety of all Mona Shores students.

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upgrades were completed thanks to the support of our community using funds from "Warm, Safe, Dry." For more information on the Niche rankings, visit <https://www.niche.com/>.

## Summer Camps & Scholarship Opportunity

Summer camps provide unique experiences for children of all ages. If you are interested in learning more about summer camp opportunities in West Michigan, here are a few websites that may be useful resources for you and your family!

<http://www.westmisummercamps.org/guide.php?category=11>

[www.asws.org/resources/campsandrecreation.aspx](http://www.asws.org/resources/campsandrecreation.aspx).

<http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/Michigan/Special-Needs-Summer-Camps.shtml>

The Arc Muskegon has summer camp scholarships available for students who have a disability. Individuals applying for the scholarships may use the available funds toward attending any camp they wish. To request a camp scholarship call (231)777-2006 or visit [www.arcmuskegon.org](http://www.arcmuskegon.org).

The ability to pay for a portion of your camp experience will allow The Arc to provide even more summer camp opportunities for students. The Arc Muskegon wants to thank their generous donors HealthWest, and Elks BPO #274.

## Scholarship Opportunities for Post-Secondary Studies

In 2001, the Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Children (MCEC) was created to provide scholarship assistance to students who want to pursue education and training opportunities after graduation or reaching 26 years of age. Awards can be granted up to \$1,500 to support post-secondary needs including tuition, tutoring, transportation, or special equipment. If you know someone that is interested in applying, please visit the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children website: [www.michigancec.org](http://www.michigancec.org). Nominations must be submitted by April 12, 2018. Notifications will be mailed by June 14, 2018.

# Office of SPECIAL EDUCATION

*A Message from Jennifer Briggs Russell,  
Director of Special Education & Student Services*

## Mona Shores Public Schools Named One of the Safest School Districts in Michigan

Mona Shores Public Schools was recognized in an article on MLive as one of the Safest Schools in Michigan (February 27, 2018). Mona Shores Public School District was ranked as the 21st safest school district in Michigan. We are the highest ranked school district from Muskegon County. The MLive article used data from the website, Niche. Niche is a free website designed to help people learn more about neighborhoods and school districts. Niche gathers information from multiple data sources to determine their rankings. The data used to determine safe school rankings included information such as: parent/student surveys, absenteeism, suspensions, expulsions, and expenses per student. Niche states, "Every Month, millions of families use Niche to research public and private K-12 schools." While entering any of our elementary buildings, or middle school, you may have noticed newly constructed vestibules, designed to increase safety and security in our buildings. These



## Sailor P.R.I.D.E.

*A Message from High School Principal  
Jennifer Bustard*

Spring is full of excitement for all of our students, and it is an exceptionally exciting time for our seniors who will soon be participating in the many upcoming events that are focused around graduation. Along with graduation comes the highly anticipated Spring Prom. To kick off another successful and safe prom, we will be providing students with a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month. Once again this year, in partnership with our Norton Shores Police Department, Ramos and Sons, Nexes Realty, and Muskegon ALI, we will have a series of student and community events as we address the health and safety concerns with the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

### Important dates:

- April** Face the Book Campaign and Competition
- April 16** AAA Driving Simulator during lunch hours All grades
- April 21** Prom at Fricano's 7:30-10:30 pm
- April 27** UTV Driving course in health classes
- April 27** Ride with Pride drawing - 10 juniors or seniors will be named finalists to win a CAR! Also, 10 ninth and tenth grade students will be drawn to be eligible to win a Moped!
- May 11** Sailor Pride All School Assembly: Celebrate School and Community Positive Behaviors and Accomplishments. Prizes will be donated by local businesses. Plus, the winner of the Car and Moped will be unveiled! (Sponsored by Ramos and Sons and Nexes Realty.)

### Teaching and Learning:

Our high school is proud to share that in our pursuit of college, career and life readiness for all of our students, we have recently assessed our 9th grade, 10th grade and 11th grade students.

Since the State of Michigan implemented the mandate for all juniors to take the SAT college entrance exam, we have created the opportunity to test all students on that



day. The 9th and 10th grade took PSAT, and the 11th grade took the SAT. The PSAT test is a predictor assessment on how students will fare on the SAT College Readiness Assessment. By having students take these assessments, teachers have a data resource to use in evaluating curriculum, monitor how students are learning, make the necessary adjustments to assist in student achievement and provide students and their parents with college readiness predictors. For more information on SAT readiness check out the counseling department webpage or visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

### Summer School Information:

We are pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will be once again offering Summer School for students. Mona Shores High School recognizes the demands that the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the increased graduation requirements have placed on students. Having summer school will give students

a local opportunity for credit recovery and credit enhancement.

We are excited about this opportunity to be able to offer a variety of classes to our students. Specific Summer School information is available in the counseling office at the high school or can be found on our high school webpage. Any questions, please contact Pat Rabbitt, summer school coordinator. He can be reached at 231-780-4711.

Please visit our high school webpage for dates, locations, current events and general school information at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net). You can follow all of the Sailor action on Twitter or Facebook @ MSHSPRIDE.

*Hope to see you at our next event!  
Go Sailors!*

*Jennifer Bustard, Principal  
(231) 780-4711, extension 8499*

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Summer classes start May 21.

[muskegoncc.edu/apply](http://muskegoncc.edu/apply)

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## MONA SHORES HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Saturday April 21	Prom	Fricano's Conference and Banquet Center Dance 7:30-11:00 pm
Friday May 11	Sailor Pride 'Ride with Pride' All School Assembly	Sailor Center 1:30 pm
Monday May 21	Honors Convocation (All Seniors 3.5+ are honored)	7:30 pm HS Auditorium
Wednesday May 23 NO LATE START	Senior Exams-4th & 5th Last Day Seniors attend CTC	Last time 4th & 5th hr. classes meet for seniors No late start – 1st hr. begins at 7:40 am
Thursday May 24	Senior Exams-1st & 3rd	Last time 1st & 3rd hr. classes meet for seniors
Friday May 25	Senior Breakfast: 8:00-8:54 am Senior Exams-2nd hour  Senior Lunch	Cafeteria from 8-8:54 am Last time 2nd hr. class meets for seniors  Fricano's on the Lake Pizza – 12:30 pm
Tuesday May 29	Commencement Rehearsal 12:45 pm – L.C. Walker Arena Commencement 7:00 pm – L.C. Walker Arena	

## MONA SHORES HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE GRADES 9-11

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Monday June 11	1st hour exams	Full day
Tuesday June 12	2nd and 3rd hour exams	1/2 day - 7:40-10:40 am
Wednesday June 13	4th and 5th hour exams	1/2 day - 7:40-10:40 am Last student day

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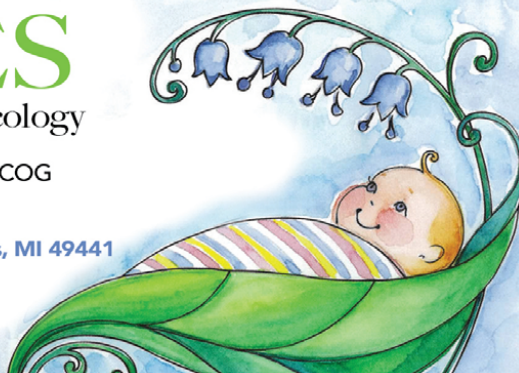
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# Counselor's CORNER

*by Danielle Smith-Walker, Director of Guidance*

## SCHEDULING 2018-2019

Scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year has wrapped up here at the high school. The counselors met one-on-one with each student regarding their scheduling choices for next school year and future plans. Students also updated their EDP's and explored Career Cruising. If your son/daughter did not turn in their scheduling forms, please have them bring them to the counseling office as soon as possible.

## Muskegon Area Promise

Beginning in May 2017, all graduates of Muskegon County Schools are eligible for TUITION-FREE PROMISE Scholarships. The PROMISE covers tuition (valued at the current Muskegon Community College rate), books, and mandatory fees (a \$6,409 value). For more information, please visit: <http://www.muskegonisd.org/career-college/promise/>.

## Students must:

- Live in the MAISD boundaries
- Graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Apply for FAFSA
- Enroll at Muskegon Community College or Baker College.

NO Application is needed for this award. Students will be sent a letter of eligibility.

## SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Any senior who has received a scholarship should fill out the "Award Form" in order to be recognized at the Honors Convocation. These forms will be available in early May. Please list all scholarship earnings and awards that you have been granted to date, whether you have accepted them or not as well as whether you are attending the college or not. Do not include loans or Pell Grants. It is important that you write legibly and include the full name of the scholarship/award including the college name if applicable.

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors will be meeting with their counselors individually for an Exit Interview. During this time, seniors must notify their counselor which college (and NCAA if applicable) must receive a final transcript AND place an order for a Final Transcript in Parchment. If your student has trouble doing this, please have them stop in the office.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarships listed on our Counseling Department website with applications available in our office or online. Please remember that you should allow 5-7 days prior to the deadline for processing. There are monthly listings posted on our high school web page. Please view at the following link: <http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/financial-aid-scholarships/>.

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- Seniors planning to attend Muskegon Community College: Students planning to attend MCC should complete the General Scholarship Application in the Scholarship Guide that MCC provides. We have copies in our office. Students complete one application for the various scholarships available at MCC. <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/enrollment-services/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/11/Scholarship-Guide-18-19.pdf>.
- Also, our office has planned a special day for our seniors to visit Muskegon Community College: MCC Sr Visit Day for Orientation-Scheduling May 1 and 2. Students will go through orientation, take placement tests, meet with advisors to register for classes, and tour the campus. Please contact the counseling office for more information.

## SAT

Students planning to take the June 2 SAT must submit their registration online by May 9th. Please visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines> for more information. Mona Shores High School's code is 232704. The basic fee for the SAT (no writing) is \$46 and SAT plus writing is \$60.

## College Awareness Week / College Decision Day

Mona Shores High School participates in the statewide initiatives with the goal to have every graduating high school senior complete at least one college application. On College Decision Day (May 1), we ask each senior to notify our Counseling Office of his or her post high school plans. College Decision Day coincides with the date that most seniors are to inform a college of their plan to enroll. Please confirm with your student that they have submitted their name, college attending, military service or post-secondary plans.

## Financial Aid

The financial aid process begins with submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online after October 1. The FAFSA evaluates eligibility for need-based aid, including federal loans, and gives students access to need-based grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. For assistance in completing your FAFSA, please



contact either Baker College or attend one of MCC's FAFSA Friday sessions. These services are available to the community (student need not be planning to attend either college for assistance). For more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at MCC: Phone: (231) 773-9131.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Information regarding summer school at Mona Shores High School will be available in the Counseling Office and on our website by the end of April. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to either do credit recovery for one or two classes or do credit enhancement to get ahead in their coursework. Each class spans a three-week time period, and it is imperative that students attend every session. Check out the website for the fees, specific dates, and the courses being offered, or contact your student's counselor.

## CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

Students who have failed classes or are behind in credits may elect to take an online course after school through the High School's credit recovery program. The student needs to see his/her counselor to complete an application and determine which course needs to be taken. Each half-credit course costs \$110 to cover the cost of the class and the instructor who is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. All work needs to be completed at school and should be finished within a trimester's time.

## TESTING OUT OF CLASSES

Testing out of classes provides students with an opportunity to earn a credit in a course by passing an examination. Testing out is only available within a designated time frame once per year. The student must complete a request form (available in the Athletic/Counseling Office later this month) and then return it along with a refundable \$25 check. The student will be given a packet of study materials, including a book, prior to the end of the school year. Students must earn an 80% or better on the exam in order to receive credit for the course.

## COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE

Please refer to our web site: <http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/> to find the latest scholarship application information, financial aid, E-transcripts, NCAA and testing information.

## HACKLEY COMMUNITY CARE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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M,Tu,Th,F: 8am-4:30pm, Wed: 10am-4:30pm



# 2018 MONA SHORES SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

04/09/18	Holton High School (S)	4:30 PM	Home
04/12/18	Montague High School (S)	4:30 PM	Away
04/14/18	Spring Lake High School (DH)	10:00 AM	Home
04/16/18	Grandville HS (S)	4:30 PM	Away
04/17/18	*Muskegon High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/19/18	*Muskegon High School (S)	4:15 PM	Home
04/21/18	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	10:00 AM	Home
04/21/18	Traverse City St. Francis HS (S)	2:30 PM	Home
04/24/18	*Fruitport HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
04/26/18	*Fruitport HS (S)	4:15 PM	Away
04/28/18	Grand Rapids Catholic Central (DH)	9:00 AM	Home
05/01/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/03/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	4:15 PM	Away
05/05/18	GMAA Tournament	9:00 AM	Away
05/08/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/10/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	4:15 PM	Home
05/15/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/17/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (S)	4:15 PM	Home
05/22/18	*Jenison High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/24/18	*Jenison High School (S)	4:15 PM	Away
05/25/18	Unity Christian High School (S)	4:30 PM	Away
06/02/18	MHSAA Districts	10:00 AM	Home

## BOYS JV BASEBALL

04/09/18	Holton High School (S)	4:30 PM	Away
04/12/18	Montague High School (S)	4:30 PM	Home
04/14/18	Spring Lake High School (DH)	10:00 AM	Away
04/16/18	Grandville HS (S)	4:30 PM	Home
04/17/18	*Muskegon High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
04/19/18	*Muskegon High School (S)	4:15 PM	Away
04/21/18	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	10:00 AM	Away
04/21/18	Traverse City St. Francis HS (S)	12:15 PM	Away
04/24/18	*Fruitport HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/26/18	*Fruitport HS (S)	4:15 PM	Home
04/28/18	Grand Rapids Christian HS (DH)	2:00 PM	Home
05/01/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/03/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	4:15 PM	Home
05/08/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/10/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	4:15 PM	Away
05/12/18	Grand Haven Tournament	9:00 AM	Away
05/15/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/17/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (S)	4:15 PM	Away
05/18/18	Whitehall High School (S)	4:15 PM	Home
05/22/18	*Jenison High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/24/18	*Jenison High School (S)	4:15 PM	Home
05/25/18	Unity Christian High School (S)	4:30 PM	Home

## BOYS FRESHMAN BASEBALL

04/11/18	Lowell High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/13/18	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/14/18	Montague Round Robin	9:00 AM	Away
04/18/18	Forest Hills Northern HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
04/20/18	Greenville High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/25/18	Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/27/18	Northview High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/02/18	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/04/18	Lowell High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/07/18	Fruitport HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/09/18	Jenison High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/11/18	Greenville High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/16/18	Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Home
05/18/18	Forest Hills Northern HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/22/18	Jenison High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/25/18	Northview High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away

## BOYS VARSITY GOLF

04/11/18	Union Jamboree @ The Mines GC	4:00 PM	Away
04/13/18	Mona Shores Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC	4:00 PM	Home
04/14/18	Zeeland East Invitational @ Winding Creek GC	8:30 AM	Away
04/16/18	FH Eastern Tournament @ Egypt Valley GC	12:00 PM	Away
04/18/18	Reeths-Puffer Jamboree @ Lincoln GC	4:00 PM	Away
04/20/18	Fruitport Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC	4:00 PM	Away
04/21/18	Rockford Invitational @ Cedar Chase GC	9:30 AM	Away
04/25/18	Jenison Jamboree @ The Meadows GC	4:00 PM	Away
04/27/18	Traverse City Invitational @ Grand Traverse Resort	9:00 AM	Away
04/28/18	Traverse City Invitational @ Grand Traverse Resort	9:00 AM	Away
05/01/18	Kenowa Hills Jamboree @ Gracewil GC	4:00 PM	Away
05/02/18	GMAA Tournament @ Stonegate GC	9:00 AM	Away
05/04/18	FH Central Tournament @ The Meadows GC	8:30 AM	Away
05/14/18	Big Rapids Invitational @ Tullymore GC	8:30 AM	Away
05/16/18	Conference Finals @ Mac Legends GC	9:00 AM	Away
05/21/18	Mona Shores Invitational	9:00 AM	Home
05/31/18	MHSAA Regionals @ TBD	TBA	Away
06/08/18	MHSAA State Finals @ TBD	TBA	Away
06/09/18	MHSAA State Finals @ TBD	TBA	Away

## BOYS JV GOLF

04/16/18	Hudsonville @ Sunnybrook GC	TBA	Away
04/18/18	Shores Jamboree	4:00 PM	Home
04/19/18	FH Central Tournament @ Thornapple Pointe GC	8:30 AM	Away
04/20/18	Puffer Jamboree @ Lincoln CC	4:00 PM	Away
04/23/18	Kenowa Hills @ Gracewil GC	3:30 PM	Away
04/25/18	Caledonia @ Broadmoor GC	3:30 PM	Away
04/27/18	Jenison Jamboree @ The Meadows GC	4:00 PM	Away
05/02/18	Grandville	3:30 PM	Home
05/05/18	GR Christian Invitational @ Stormy Creek GC	8:00 AM	Away
05/07/18	Rockford	3:30 PM	Home

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# 2018 MONA SHORES SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS JV GOLF (cont.)

05/09/18	West Ottawa @ Macatawa Legends GC	3:30 PM	Away
<b>05/10/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Invitational</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/14/18</b>	<b>East Kentwood</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/16/18	Grand Haven @ Grand Haven GC	3:30 PM	Away
05/18/18	Cedar Springs Tournament @ Cedar Chase GC	9:00 AM	Away
05/21/18	Grandville Jamboree @ Maple Hill GC	1:00 PM	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

<b>04/11/18</b>	<b>Spring Lake High School</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/14/18	Grand Haven High School	11:45 AM	Away
04/17/18	East Kentwood HS	6:45 PM	Away
04/19/18	*Muskegon High School	5:45 PM	Away
<b>04/21/18</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/24/18</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/26/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	5:45 PM	Away
04/28/18	Traverse City West HS	2:00 PM	Away
05/01/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	6:45 PM	Away
<b>05/03/18</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/08/18</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/10/18	*Fruitport HS	6:45 PM	Away
05/15/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45 PM	Away
<b>05/17/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/22/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/23/18	*Jenison High School	6:45 PM	Away
05/29/18	MHSAA Districts @ Jenison	TBA	Away

## GIRLS JV SOCCER

<b>04/11/18</b>	<b>Spring Lake High School</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/14/18	Grand Haven High School	10:00 AM	Away
04/17/18	East Kentwood HS	5:00 PM	Away
04/19/18	*Muskegon High School	4:00 PM	Away
<b>04/21/18</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/24/18</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/26/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	4:00 PM	Away
04/28/18	Traverse City West HS	12:00 PM	Away
05/01/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	5:00 PM	Away
<b>05/03/18</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/08/18</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/10/18	*Fruitport HS	5:00 PM	Away
05/15/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00 PM	Away
<b>05/17/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/22/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/23/18	*Jenison High School	5:00 PM	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

04/10/18	Rockford High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>04/12/18</b>	<b>Forest Hills Eastern (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/17/18	*Muskegon High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>04/18/18</b>	<b>Hudsonville High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/21/18	East Kentwood HS (DH)	10:00 AM	Away
<b>04/24/18</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>

04/26/18	Wyoming High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>05/01/18</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/05/18	GMAA Tournament @ Reeths-Puffer	9:00 AM	Away
05/08/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>05/10/18</b>	<b>Forest Hills Central HS (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/12/18	Milan Cancer Tournament @ Hudsonville	10:00 AM	Away
05/15/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/18/18	Whitehall High School (DH)	4:00 PM	Away
<b>05/22/18</b>	<b>*Jenison High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/23/18	Byron Center High School (DH)	4:00 PM	Away

## GIRLS JV SOFTBALL

04/10/18	Rockford High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/12/18	Forest Hills Eastern (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>04/17/18</b>	<b>Grandville HS (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/18/18</b>	<b>Hudsonville High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/21/18	East Kentwood HS (DH)	10:00 AM	Away
04/24/18	*Fruitport HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/26/18	Wyoming High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
04/28/18	Caledonia Invitational	9:00 AM	Away
05/01/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>05/08/18</b>	<b>*Jenison High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/10/18	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
<b>05/15/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/18/18</b>	<b>Whitehall High School (DH)</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/22/18	*Jenison High School (DH)	4:15 PM	Away
05/23/18	Byron Center High School (DH)	4:00 PM	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

04/10/18	Grand Haven High School	4:00 PM	Away
04/12/18	Thornapple-Kellogg HS	4:00 PM	Away
04/14/18	East Kentwood Invitational	8:30 AM	Away
<b>04/16/18</b>	<b>Ludington High School</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/16/18</b>	<b>Northview High School</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
04/18/18	Whitehall Double-Dual	4:00 PM	Away
04/21/18	Caledonia Invitational	9:30 AM	Away
04/23/18	*Fruitport HS	4:30 PM	Away
04/25/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	4:30 PM	Away
04/26/18	Spring Lake High School	4:00 PM	Away
04/28/18	Zeeland East Quad	9:00 AM	Away
<b>04/30/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/02/18</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/05/18	GMAA Tournament @ N Muskegon	9:00 AM	Away
05/07/18	*Jenison High School	4:30 PM	Home
<b>05/10/18</b>	<b>Lowell High School</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>05/12/18</b>	<b>Conference Tournament @ Mona Shores</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Home</b>
05/15/18	Holland High School	4:00 PM	Away

## GIRLS JV TENNIS

04/12/18	Thornapple-Kellogg HS	4:00 PM	Away
<b>04/16/18</b>	<b>Ludington High School</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/16/18</b>	<b>Northview High School</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>04/18/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>

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04/23/18	Fruitport HS
04/26/18	Spring Lake High School
04/30/18	Kenowa Hills High School
05/02/18	Reeths-Puffer HS
05/07/18	Jenison High School
05/10/18	Lowell High School
05/15/18	Holland High School

4:30 PM	Home
4:30 PM	Home
4:30 PM	Away
4:30 PM	Away
4:30 PM	Away
4:15 PM	Away
4:00 PM	Away

04/19/18	Jenison High School
04/24/18	Rockford High School
04/26/18	Northview High School
04/28/18	Kenowa Hills High School
05/01/18	Kenowa Hills High School
05/03/18	Byron Center High School
05/08/18	South Christian HS
05/11/18	Comstock Park HS/MS
05/15/18	Jenison High School

7:00 PM	Home
7:00 PM	Home
7:00 PM	Away
11:00 AM	Home
7:00 PM	Away
7:00 PM	Away
7:00 PM	Home
7:00 PM	Away
7:00 PM	Away

## BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

04/11/18	Kenowa Hills Quad
04/13/18	Reeths-Puffer Invitational
04/18/18	Muskegon Tri
04/21/18	GR Catholic Central Invitational
04/25/18	Mona Shores Tri
04/28/18	Wyoming Invitational
05/01/18	Mona Shores Tri
05/04/18	GMAA Meet @ Montague HS
05/10/18	Conference Finals @ Houseman Field
05/18/18	MHSAA Regionals @ Grand Haven HS
05/23/18	Meijer Invitational @ Reeths-Puffer
06/02/18	MHSAA State Finals @ TBD

4:15 PM	Away
1:00 PM	Away
4:15 PM	Away
9:00 AM	Away
4:15 PM	Home
9:00 AM	Away
4:15 PM	Home
12:00 PM	Away
TBA	Away
TBA	Away
1:00 PM	Away
TBA	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

04/11/18	Zeeland East HS
04/13/18	Comstock Park HS/MS
04/19/18	Hudsonville High School
04/21/18	Kalamazoo Tournament
04/23/18	Grand Haven High School
04/25/18	Hudsonville High School
04/27/18	Spring Lake High School
04/30/18	Zeeland East HS
05/03/18	Grand Haven High School
05/07/18	Northview High School
05/09/18	Comstock Park HS/MS
05/14/18	Mattawan High School
05/16/18	Spring Lake High School

6:00 PM	Away
5:00 PM	Away
5:00 PM	Home
9:00 AM	Away
7:00 PM	Away
5:30 PM	Away
6:00 PM	Away
6:00 PM	Home
6:00 PM	Home
6:00 PM	Home
6:00 PM	Away
6:00 PM	Home

## BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

04/10/18	Byron Center High School
04/12/18	South Christian HS
04/17/18	Comstock Park HS/MS

7:00 PM	Home
7:00 PM	Away
7:00 PM	Home

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# Sailor Athletic News

*A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics*

## Gym Space

During the winter sports season, I am in a lot of gyms. Whether it is checking in on practices, managing events, or traveling with our teams throughout our state, these gymnasiums become a second home for me... especially with my oldest daughter partaking in our amazing youth basketball program on Saturday mornings this past year.

Yet, considering that I coordinate gym usage for our school district – which encompasses nine total gymnasiums, a few multipurpose rooms, weight/cardio rooms, and batting cages – I am always curious how other schools manage such facilities. In a nutshell, I am always wondering where Mona Shores stands regarding issues like these.

For example: Do other schools open their gyms up for use on Sundays? Do they allow youth programs access to gyms for practices? Do our rivals give club and non-school activities access? What about giving spring and fall sports access to the gyms for offseason workouts? Does the community get a chance to come and use the weight room? My list of questions goes on and on...

Almost always, I find that Mona Shores leads the pack. For instance, a colleague of mine raised his eyebrows when he heard we allow youth programs access to our side gymnasiums – especially when a varsity contest is going on. When I explained in greater detail all that we allow and do, he thought I was nuts. Granted, we have three high school and two middle school gymnasiums – often luxuries that schools our size and smaller do not have – but boy do we use them!

When our high school only featured two gyms – the old “main gym” and our back “auxiliary gym” – Mona Shores was rarely allowed to host Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament events. Nowadays, with the addition of the Sailor Center – and use of the other two gyms as warmup space – we host some incredibly large events that our families had to travel for in the old days.

Whether it is the youth basketball we house roughly twenty Saturdays each year, the massive cheerleading tournaments folks up top our state leadership love having here, or the powerlifting tournament we host on an annual basis – and our calendar is packed! Visit our calendar at [www.monashores.net/departments/athletics/gym-schedules](http://www.monashores.net/departments/athletics/gym-schedules) to see all of the activity.

As a result, Sailor families save money on travel, we showcase our amazing school facilities, and our programs bring in money via admission, entry fees, and concessions. It is a headache and a half for schedulers like me, others in charge of hosting, and our custodians, but I would like to think we are “doing things right” and getting the most out of our taxpayer-funded facilities.

Considering all – including rivals and neighboring school communities – who benefit from Shores hosting events, this write-up is meant as a reminder as we move forward into November... when our community votes to renew our (fiscally-responsible) millage – almost all of which involves capital improvement projects and building renovations/additions. Comparatively – after discussing with numerous other athletic directors and school personnel – Mona Shores truly goes above and beyond for ALL programs.

Keep up the good work Sailor Nation! Let's keep the momentum moving forward!

## Do you know a four-year college athlete who graduated from Mona Shores?

In an effort to continue documenting our school's rich athletic tradition in our “Hall of Records”, we are searching for information on former student-athletes who went on to compete for four (or five, if “red-shirted” or transferred) years at the college level. This could be an athlete who played for four years at Hope College, an athlete on scholarship at a Big Ten university, or an athlete who competed at Muskegon Community College and went on to play elsewhere.

If you know anyone – whether it was back in the 1960s, 1970s, or more recent – please email [portengr@monashores.net](mailto:portengr@monashores.net) or call (231) 780-4711 (extension 8312). Thanks so much!

Please remember all information regarding athletics can be found at [www.monashoresports.com](http://www.monashoresports.com). Also, if you are an active Twitter or Facebook user, remember to tag your posts with #GoShores when detailing an athletic event or activity here within the school district.

*Go Shores!,  
Ryan Portenga, Athletic Director*

## GIVING OUR BEST

*A Message from Middle School Principal*

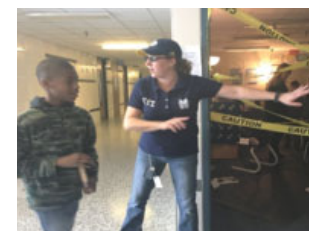
*Doug Ammeraal*



- ✓ Students and staff that PRIDE themselves on giving their best each and every day
- ✓ Students learning, growing, thinking, and creating
- ✓ Teachers that focus on and build relationships with our students
- ✓ A school that is providing a high quality education to our students
- ✓ A community that is committed to a high-quality education and positive learning experiences
- ✓ Working to providing a safe environment for students and staff
- ✓ Creating new opportunities for students to learn, innovate, and explore

Celebrating the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to ask our readers to take just a moment to read some of the incredible things happening in our building! I have asked some of our top-notch educators to share a few of the opportunities that our students are engaging in with Academics, Arts, and Athletics at Mona Shores Middle School.

*With SAILOR PRIDE,  
Doug Ammeraal –Principal*



## ACADEMICS: “Hooking” Students in Through Bugs, Murder Mystery, and Doodling - Mrs. McCaskey

Sounds crazy, doesn't it? Here at MSMS, we are busy embracing a new way of teaching; teaching like pirates! The hook began at the opening day at the high school and from there; we were catapulted into this amazing journey. In ELA class, time to write an argumentative essay means time to taste test some flavored bugs. Eagerly, students line up to try ranch or barbecue flavored crickets just to jumpstart writing about why Americans should consider adding insects as part of a healthy diet. Diving into the genre of mystery unleashes a murder mystery game where the teachers are CSI agents and the students are the suspects. Kids are rushing to get in and solve the crime. With the ever-changing seas in the classroom, note-taking has found its way to our shores here at MSMS. Taking sketchnotes on characterization and making inferences has never been more engaging and fun! Teaching like a pirate and learning in the classroom has hit the high seas here at MSMS! #TLAP

## ACADEMICS: Trades Academy Provides Skills & Success - Mr. Check and Mr. Wahlberg

The Mona Shores Middle School is currently offering a Trades Academy class. This class is offered to 7th and 8th graders and enrollment is based on recommendations from teachers. Trades Academy is a two-hour block, which takes place during 5th and 6th hours. The focus of 5th hour is academics in which the students have a chance to finish or catch up on work



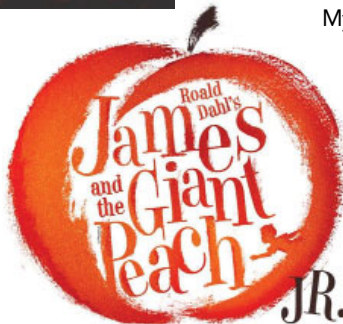
they have in other classes. During 6th hour the focus of the class shifts to learning skills in the trades field and different STEM related concepts. So far this school year, students have had an opportunity to design and complete several projects. The focus has been building projects using hand tools that would typically be found on construction sites. The projects for the year have been building 5-foot wooden picnic tables, wooden Adirondack chairs, and designing longboard decks. Each

student has the opportunity to build each project and take their own project home when finished. In addition to the woodworking projects students have had a chance to build paper roller coasters, design using KEVA blocks, and participate in coding using Code.org, all of which have been more of a STEM focus for the Trades students. The plan is to also teach the students some basics in automotive repair, electrical work, and plumbing in addition to what has already been covered. The class is also planning field trips to local businesses to expose students to some of the jobs that require or rely on the concepts that we are focusing on during the trades portion of the class. The students who are enrolled in Trades Academy are succeeding both in the academic area and hands-on / trades area of the class. They are learning skills to be successful in the classroom and skills that will guide them to a possible career choice down the road.



### ARTS: James and the Giant Peach Jr. Floats Along to Success - Mr. Cain

On February 8th, 9th, and 10th, the Mona Shores Middle School Allegrettos presented the musical "James and the Giant Peach Jr." at the high school performing arts center. The students involved in this show poured their heart and soul into each performance, while many of them were dealing with the various bugs and viruses that were making their way around the Muskegon area. Over 1000 people came to see the



show over 3 performances, and they were treated to an incredible experience. The students sang and acted with an enormous amount of passion and energy, and the results really spoke for themselves. When people leave the show saying things like "I can't believe those were middle-schoolers," we know we have done something right!

We invited a special guest to help lead us in the production this year. Ms. Kim Sorenson, a Mona Shores alumna (class of 2010), joined us as artistic director, and led us through telling the famous story of James and the insects as they traveled across the sea in the giant peach. Her energy and creativity earned the respect of our cast and parents, and we were proud to welcome her back (she was the assistant director for Honk Jr., Seussical Jr., and Little Mermaid Jr. in past years). The incredible Karri Gordon assisted us once again with choreography, and we welcomed back Katie Beemer (MSHS class of 2014) as our stage manager. The amount of work that Katie did behind the scenes to make this production happen was staggering.

There are some standout performances worth mentioning. Grace Campbell was endearing and sympathetic as the orphaned James. Jakari Carson brought the house down as the blind earthworm while trying to attract seagulls to the peach. Keira Dickson and Ana Ivanov were the perfect mix of creepy, hilarious, and cruel as James' two atrocious aunts, Spiker and Sponge. We had an incredible ensemble full of featured performers and soloists, which gave our production the life and energy it needed. We are proud of each and every one of the students who were involved.

Our team of directors is also humbly indebted to our parent volunteers, especially the committee heads, for their work on the show. As anyone in the performing arts community can tell you, it truly takes a village to put on quality work, and we are lucky that our village is full of some of the most generous parents we could ask for, many of whom were brand new to the program this year. I am truly thankful to have had the privilege of getting to produce great shows with great kids in an incredible community. Thank you for helping us make James and The Giant Peach Jr. another success!

### ATHLETICS: Exceptional Coaches Impact MSMS Student-Athletes - Mr. Manning

Every weekday morning at exactly 7:40 AM, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sailors of Mona Shores Middle School begin their day with a smile, a high five, or maybe some knuckles from their teachers. This sort of welcome is pretty customary at most middle schools across America, however, it is far from customary for most middle school student athletes to see that same smiling face welcoming them to athletic practice at the end of the school day. For hundreds of Mona Shores Middle School student athletes this is their reality.

My name is Jake Manning, and I serve as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at MSMS. Over the course of the last three school years Doug Ammeraal, the Principal at MSMS, has heard me far too often tell him how exceptional of a coaching staff our MSMS Sailor student athletes are privileged to have. Whether it is a community member who "just loves the sport," a Sailor mom or dad, or an MSMS teacher, our Sailors at Mona Shores Middle School are provided a caliber of coaches unparalleled in the Muskegon Kent Ottawa Athletic Conference (MKO).

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**Check out the Mona Shores Middle School Master Calendar of Events online at  
<http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-middle-school/upcoming-events>**

**Don't take my word for it, here is a roster of our MSMS Sailor Coaches:**

Lisa Bowers, Girls Track and Field	
David Check, Boys Track and Field, MSMS Teacher +	+ Coaches multiple sports at MSMS
Sarah Cooper, Volleyball and Girls Basketball, MSMS Teacher *	* Coaches additional sport at MSHS
Steve DeLong, Boys Basketball	
Laura Gotaas, Swim and Dive, MSMS Teacher	
Thom Grimm, Football	
Charlie Hackney, Tennis	
Traci Hackney, Tennis, Ross Park Elementary Teacher	
Kevin Hallett, Boys Basketball	
Taylor Hawes, Girls Basketball, MSMS Teacher	
Shelley Kurth, Volleyball	
Matt Lamphere, Wrestling, Campbell Elementary Teacher	
Joe Latz, Girls Cross Country, MSMS Teacher +	
Bill Lent, Football, MSHS Teacher	
Emily McClellan, Sideline Cheer and Competitive Cheer *	
Justin McFarland, Wrestling	
Kyle Mireles, Boys Cross Country and Boys Track and Field, MSHS Teacher +*	
Diane Murphy, Girls Track and Field, MSMS Staff	
Alex Parr, Girls Basketball, MSMS Teacher +	
Mike Phillips, Boys Basketball, MSPS Technology Coach +	
Mary Poort, Girls Basketball, MSHS Teacher	
Becky Putnam, Sideline Cheer	
Kevin Terpstra, Football and Boys Basketball, MSHS Teacher *	
Eric Wahlberg, Football, MSMS Teacher	

Educational athletics at MSMS truly are exceptional, and it starts with the exceptional teachers, coaches, and community members who see the impact educational athletics can have on our Sailor student athletes. The word exceptional may seem a bit strong, but I cannot think of a more fitting word to describe what our MSMS student athletes experience daily while at MSMS:

- Over half of our MSMS student athletes are coached by MSPS teachers and staff members; many of which have their coach as a teacher in class throughout the day
- Many of our MSMS coaches also coach a different sport at MSHS and double their years of impact with student athletes over the middle school and high school years
- Coaches go above and beyond job descriptions to provide “meaningful, memorable, and rewarding experiences” for our student athletes by doing things like organize parent-student scrimmages, host team dinners, throw team banquets and season-ending parties, teach character and leadership courses, and even make time to attend performances and out-of-season athletic events of their student athletes
- Coaches hold positions ranging from teachers to youth pastors; from nurses to business owners

It is my great privilege to witness women and men, moms and dads, and other Sailor community members daily make Mona Shores Middle School the exceptional educational experience it is by answering the call to coach. Please join me in thanking our exceptional coaches who give, teach, and inspire our Sailor student athletes everyday by stopping to shake a hand after an athletic contest, give an encouraging word after a long season, or simply saying thank you to any of these coaches, because for many of our teachers and coaches, their impact begins in 6th grade math class and continues on after high school graduation!

## MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 5th to 6th Grade Transition 2018 Important Dates

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM VISITS ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS

- Meet with 5th grade teachers and students
- Introductions • Information • Questions and Answers

**Wednesday, April 11** - 1:30 pm, Campbell

**Thursday, April 12** - 8:45 am, Churchill & 1:30 pm, Lincoln Park

**Friday, April 13** - 8:45 am, Ross Park

#### 5TH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Information • Tours • Questions and Answers

**Wednesday, May 2**

10:00 am • Ross Park & Churchill

**Wednesday, May 9**

12:20 pm • Campbell & Lincoln Park

#### BAND ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, April 25, 10-10:30 am**

- Introductions • Band Performances

#### PORTS OF CALL - PARENTS & STUDENTS

**Tuesday, August 21, 9:00-12:00 and 3:00-6:00 (6th grade)**

**Tuesday, August 28, 4:00-6:00 Make up day all grades**

- Pick Up Schedule • Locker Assignment
- School Pictures and ID • Handbook

#### OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE)

**Wednesday, August 29, 5:30 - 7 pm**

- Meet Teachers • Visit Classrooms • Follow Schedule

#### IMPORTANT FORMS

**Registration Form**

- Issued to Students on Friday, April 27 • Due **Friday, May 4**

**Performing Arts Selections**

- Issued to Students on Friday, April 27 • Due **Friday, May 4**

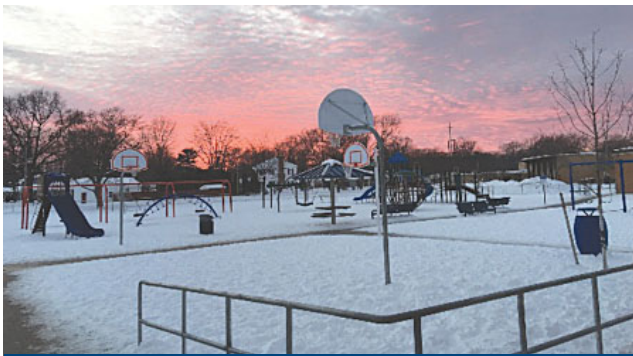


# CAMP Campbell Receives the HIL Grant



*A Message from Campbell Elementary  
Principal Andy Hogston*

Campbell Elementary School recently received news that they are recipients of the HIL Grant and selected for Cohort A (the treatment group). The High Impact Leadership Project focuses on literacy and growing both leadership and capacity of staff. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and includes collaborative partners from Western Michigan University, the Reading Now Network, and the GELN (General Education Leadership Network) Literacy Task Force. The grant work will take place over approximately 2½ years with Campbell receiving \$20,000 over those years for sustaining and implementing literacy efforts. Work will include professional learning, literacy specific training, on-site observation, and teacher interviews.



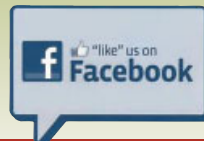
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# Lincoln Park Celebrates Commitment to Literacy with Lexia Learning

*A Message from Lincoln Park Elementary Principal Shari Ralston*



Lincoln Park teachers in grades Kindergarten through 5th have all committed to using a research based online reading

program called Lexia. Lexia Reading Core5 provides personalized online reading instruction in addition to the classroom instruction provided by their teacher. Every student began the school year by taking a placement test. Based on these results, Lexia



provides a prescription for adequate reading progress. Each child is given a target number of minutes of practice needed each week to ensure success. Just like a sport or a musical instrument requires daily practice, reading requires daily practice, too! Lexia is one tool used to help students reach grade level standards in reading by providing practice according to each individual student's needs.

Students are given opportunities to log on to Lexia in a variety of different ways, depending on grade level and classroom structure. Students have Lexia time during morning work, centers, Daily 5 rotations, WIN (What I Need) time, or extra computer lab time. Students who show a deficit in their reading growth are given additional minutes to help close their reading gap. Lexia is perfect for these intervention times, as the program identifies specific skill deficiencies to focus on for each student. The whole school celebrates reaching goals set by individual teachers and students by



signing the "Lexia Wall of Fame" bulletin board in our hallway. The research on Lexia shows that



when students continue to work on Lexia on weekends and over holiday breaks, they continue to move levels on the program and are more likely to reach grade level in reading by the end of the school year. This holiday season,



Lincoln Park families were encouraged to continue to use Lexia over the two-week school break. Students were challenged to log on and

work on their Lexia skills and continue to meet their prescribed minutes. The results were impressive: 90 students logged in and completed work the week of December 25-December 31. 125 students practiced on Lexia during the week of January 1-7! Upon return to school, the Lincoln Park Lexia Wagon roamed the building to reward students for their hard work. A total of 103 students earned a bookmark for meeting their minute usage goals during the school vacation. 54 books were awarded to students who logged over 100 minutes of educational Lexia skill building, and to those logging the highest total number of minutes in each grade level. What a great way to celebrate a commitment to literacy made by teachers, students, and Lincoln Park families!

# Ross Park Elementary Continues to Be Nice.



*A Message from Ross Park Elementary*



*Principal Eve Mills*

Ross Park Elementary School is excited to continue the Be Nice. campaign school-wide in the 2017-2018 school year. Be Nice. focuses upon the understanding

that someone's mental health (how he/she thinks, acts, and feels) can be greatly affected by the actions of others. The intention behind teaching these important lessons is to maintain a positive cultural shift in the school by reducing the effects of bullying and low self-esteem in students. Be Nice. teachings additionally support Ross Park Elementary's existing positive behavior model of being a Super Sailor. Through this model, students are encouraged to make Safe, Responsible, Respectful and Kind choices in all they do.

school and in the community.  
**I-Invite:** Inviting students to think of ways that they can make a difference in how others are treated at school and in the community, is this lesson's theme.  
**C-Challenge:** Students are challenged to take a stand for what is right through these teachings. Lessons focus upon being inclusive to all, reaching out to others, and stopping negative behaviors towards self and others.  
**E-Empower:** Through these lessons, students are taught to become positive role models at school and in the community. Students are empowered to reach out to others to help make a positive change.



We embrace the proactive and powerful lessons of the Be Nice. campaign, as an important part of the culture at Ross Park Elementary. Together we can all help each other to Be Nice!

To learn more about the Be Nice. campaign, visit their website at: <http://www.benice.org>.



Each month, students at Ross Park will be presented with lessons that support an element of awareness in the Be Nice. campaign. These lessons include:

**N-Notice:** Students are taught to notice how people are treating others. Lessons include noticing what we do well in the treatment of others, and also noticing what needs to change at



## Ross Park and Churchill Choirs Reach New Heights

This year has been a huge success for the Ross Park and Churchill Elementary choirs. Prior to school starting this year, they performed at the Sailor Salute football game. In addition, they also showcased their talent at the Yuletide Holiday Dinner.

The students of Ross Park and Churchill Elementary Choirs have been working tirelessly to perform in the upcoming Choir Festival. Several have been selected for the Michigan Music Education State Honors Choir, and many are members of our own district honors choir. The continued growth of the program opens many opportunities for students!

On March 20th, the combined choir groups travelled to Grand Valley State University for an all day workshop and clinic. They performed for the GVSU community and toured the campus. While on campus, students heard collegiate choirs perform and worked with some of GVSU's music faculty to continue to improve their craft. In addition, the choirs were a demonstration group for undergraduate music education students.

On May 3rd, the combined choirs, along with the Middle School Choir, have been invited to perform in concert with Ethan Bortnick, as part of his Celebration of Music tour and television show on PBS. The choirs will perform in concert with him at the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. They will also have a chance to meet Ethan and hear what it's like to be a professional touring musician. Footage of the choirs performing has been sent to PBS and will air in preparation. This performance will be an amazing opportunity for our students and community, as we will be visible on a national stage! All members of these groups, past and present, have worked hard to make these performances a possibility.

Without their hard work and dedication, as well as the support of our community, this would not be possible!



*A Message from Churchill Elementary Principal Lowell Whitaker*

The support we have received from our parents and the community at Churchill, is greatly appreciated. This is evident in our fundraising efforts with the walkathon and jump rope for heart this year. The attendance at parent teacher conferences and school performances, have been outstanding.

Our students perform better when they realize there are many adults in their lives who care, provide, support, and challenge them to be the best person and student they can be on a daily basis.

# Churchill Students Jump Rope their way into Scare Squad



This year marked Churchill's 5th year participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The theme was all about monsters, each monster represented a message such as "Color your plate.", "Avoid sugary beverages." and "Be physically active."

Ms. Goodwin, the physical education teacher, put together a family event during school hours to celebrate the money raised for The American Heart Association. During the celebration, students and parents were able to jump individual rope, skip its, twirl sticks, pogo ball, Chinese jump rope, hula-hoop, twirl and jump the long rope, as well as visit with doctors and residents from Mercy Health Care. Meijer also took part by donating a bottle of water to each student.

This year Churchill students raised over \$15,500 to donate to the American Heart Association. This beat any other year we've had by over \$5,000! There were 57 students who raised \$100 or more, those students were invited up during an all school assembly following the event to slime Mr. Whitaker, the principal, or Ms. Goodwin. Churchill Elementary thanks all of their Rock Stars and families, Mercy Health Care, and Meijer for participating in this fun filled event.



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# Mona Shores COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTER

**Mona Shores Community Child Care Center** offers families a warm and enriching environment where young children can play, learn and grow together. We care for children ages 6 weeks through fifth grade by offering age-appropriate opportunities for learning through play. Each of our lead staff is certified in Early Childhood Development and trains yearly to further their professional skills and learn the latest in early childhood education

## INFANT - TODDLER

### AGES 6 WEEKS - 2 YEARS

For more than 18 years, parents have trusted our licensed Center to provide a warm and welcoming place for their infants and toddlers to grow and discover the world around them. Our experienced and certified staff provides loving care and age-appropriate play, feedings and rest time in a structured daily routine.



## PRESCHOOL

### AGES 3 - 5

Our preschool program serves children ages 3-5 and those enrolled in Mona Shores preschool, GSRP and Headstart programs. Full or partial day care is available for before, during or after school hours. Each day is filled with opportunities to carry on the lessons our preschoolers are learning in school. Sharing, calendar time, center play, arts and crafts and story time are just a few of our favorite daily activities.



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE

### KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

"Sailor Care," is our before and after school program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade at each of our elementary schools. Our trained staff provides a variety of fun activities including crafts, games, sports, computer lab time, gym and outdoor playtime at each of our elementary schools in the Mona Shores Public School District.



## CENTER HOURS

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Our Center is closed on major holidays, and a few other days throughout the year when we provide training to our staff. Ample time of these dates will be provided in the event that we are closing. "Sailor Care" sites other than Ross Park Elementary are closed on Snow Days.

## MEALS

Our center provides nutritious snacks and drinks for all who attend. Breakfast and lunch can also be provided as an option on-site through the Mona Shores Food Service program, or you may choose to pack a breakfast or lunch for your child.

## FEES

Please contact us today at (231) 780-6720 to learn about our current fees and availability, or to tour any of our locations. Space is limited.

## SUMMER SAILOR CARE FUN

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? We have weekly adventures for children of ALL ages! Join us for fun activities such as ooey goey science experiments, field trips, arts and crafts and lots of other fun opportunities! Summer Sailor Care sign ups begin in early April. Don't wait, you won't want to miss this summer's daily adventures!



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# 2018-2019 TUITION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Mona Shores Tuition Preschool** offers preschool classes for children who will be three or four years of age by December 1st. All classes offered are half-day sessions and are located at Ross Park Elementary. **New to our program this year, each one of our classes will be staffed with two certified teachers.**

**Our tuition program** has an outstanding reputation in our community for over 42 years! We offer a play-based curriculum in a caring, supportive environment that allows young students to develop a lifelong love of learning. We collaborate closely with Mona Shores Kindergarten and the Curriculum office. We are dedicated to making sure their year is filled with opportunities to prepare them for Kindergarten or the next level of preschool. Our preschool students have opportunities to explore special activities and school experiences which aid in providing



a smooth transition, easing student fears, and helping them to adapt quickly. This joint effort means greater success for all children!

**For more information** or to enroll your child into preschool for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact our Early Childhood Office at 231-780-4748. Residency is not required for our tuition program. Non-resident students enrolled in our Mona Shores Early Childhood Programs will be given first preferences for school of choice openings.



**A non-refundable \$35 registration fee along with one-month's tuition as a deposit is required with application. Classes fill up fast – don't wait, enroll today!**



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**Great Start Readiness Program:** A state sponsored preschool experience for 4-year-olds. AM or PM sessions are offered.

Classrooms are located in Ross Park Elementary.  
Please call 231-865-4102 for information.



# SENIOR CITIZEN

# LUNCHEON

## on April 27th

This popular event fills up quickly!  
Mona Shores Residents ages 62  
and older are eligible to attend.  
Reservations begin April 5th.

Mona Shores Community Services is partnering with Spectrum Health at Home, Seminole Shores, Village at Park Terrace and Beltone Hearing Center for our Annual Senior Citizen Event. The date of the **event is Friday, April 27, 2018 at 1:00 pm.** Join us for a delicious lunch served in the High School Cafeteria along with special entertainment from our talented students!

RSVP **beginning Thursday, April 5, 2018.** This year there are two ways to register. You can call our 24-hour reservation line at (231) 332-8253 to leave a recorded reservation. We are also offering the option of electronic RSVP. Visit our webpage at [www.monashores.net/our-community/senior-citizen-luncheon](http://www.monashores.net/our-community/senior-citizen-luncheon) and complete the form. To make a reservation, leave first and last name, address, and phone number for each person attending. **All attendees must be Mona Shores residents.** Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis and fill very quickly. We will send out telephone confirmations on Monday, April 23rd to confirm your reservation. Looking forward to another great event!



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# 2018 SPRING PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

### Campbell First & Second Grade Concert

Thursday, April 12, 6:30–7:30pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Sound of Shores (Collage Concert)

Saturday, April 14, 3:30 and 7:00 pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### Churchill First and Second Grade Concert

Monday, April 16, 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert with Middle Fiddles

Tuesday, April 17, 7pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### Ross Park First & Second Grade Concert

Wednesday, April 18, 6pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### Lincoln Park First and Second Grade Concert

Thursday, April 19, 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### 5th Grade Orientation Band Concert

Wednesday, April 25  
High School Performing Arts Center

### High School Band Spring Concert

Sunday, April 29, 2–3pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### Middle School Spring Band Concert

Thursday, May 3, 7:30–8:30pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### Campbell/Lincoln Park Choir Concert

Monday, May 7, 6:30–7:30pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### High School Orchestra Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 8, 7pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

### Elementary Festival of Voices

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30pm  
Ross Park Auditorium

### High School Choirs Present

#### 'Pop Go the Sailors'

Thursday-Saturday, May 17,18,19, 7:00pm  
High School Performing Arts Center

#### Jazz on the Lake

Sunday, May 20, 2pm  
Mona Lake Boat Club

### Middle School Spring Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, May 22, 7pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### Choir 7th/8th Grade Mini-Pops Concert

Thursday, May 24, 7:30–9pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### Middle and High School Bands - Memorial Day Parade/American Salute

Monday, May 28, 9:00am  
Downtown Muskegon

### Commencement (Band)

Tuesday, May 29, 7-8:30pm  
LC Walker Arena

### 5th Grade Orchestra Concert

Friday, June 1, 7:25–8:10am  
High School Performing Arts Center

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