

# The Lighthouse View

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## MONA SHORES SAILOR MARCHING BAND

See the 2018 field show entitled 'Avengers Assemble: Music from the Marvel Cinematic Universe' this fall during Sailor football games!

More performing arts event details available on Page 26.

**WELCOME BACK SAILORS!**  
**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**



## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Ever found yourself envying teachers for having summers off? You might be surprised.

By the time you read this, our teachers will have put in a collective 3,096 hours this summer updating the curricula they will follow in the 2018-19 school year. This work on the "what" of teaching during the summer allows them to focus on the "how" of teaching during the school year.

And teachers aren't the only ones working this summer to be sure Mona Shores continues to provide top-notch opportunities in the academics, arts and athletics to all students. Our administrative staff works year-round, preparing budgets, hiring teachers and other staff to fill vacancies and expand our offerings, maintaining the facilities

and grounds, working on individualized education plans and placements for students with special needs, and more.

Your school board had a busy summer as well, with many more meetings than usual as we worked toward hiring a permanent superintendent. We're very pleased to have Bill O'Brien Jr. in that role as we head into the new school year. We also had the task of ensuring our policies were updated to accommodate recent changes in state law.

Still, summer is a time of recharging for everyone in the district, and as we ramp up for another school year beginning soon, I hope you find yourself recharged as well and eager to take on the challenges ahead.

Stan Miller  
President, Mona Shores Board of Education

## A LETTER FROM OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT



Sailor Nation, it is with great excitement that we begin this next chapter in the Mona Shores story. I look forward to partnering with this great community to continue to do the work that makes Mona Shores such an incredible place. The people of this community are truly what makes it so great and it is a privilege to serve, celebrate, and support.

As with all new positions a leader must have a focus for the work that will happen in the first few months. The focus areas that were presented to the Board of Education during my interview process were:

1. Enhance Relationships and Partnerships
2. Increase the Use of Relevant Data
3. Establish a Team First Culture
4. Foster Community Engagement
5. Ensure Staff Support

Each of these focus areas has one goal in mind and that is to increase opportunity and better support the kids of Mona Shores.

As we move into the 2018-19 school year I look forward to connecting with Sailor Nation. We will need your input and your voice as we look to renew our current millage on November 6, 2018. This opportunity to generate \$93 million for our community has the potential to impact for years to come.

Please feel free to call, email, or stop in if I can support in any way.

Your fellow Sailor,

Bill O'Brien, Jr.  
Superintendent  
Mona Shores Public Schools



## FALL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

**All open houses will be held  
on the same day, Wednesday,  
August 29, 2018. Visit your building  
open house at the following times:**

**Tuition Preschool: 4:30-6:00pm  
(Ross Park only)**

**Elementary: 4:30-6:00pm**

**Middle School: 5:30-7:00pm**

**High School: 7:00-8:30pm**

# HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE:

*A Message from Sue McAvoy, Director of Human Resources*

I hope this article finds you enjoying the last weeks of Summer 2018. As your children and family have enjoyed the summer break, we at the District Office have been busy at work preparing for their return as well as another successful school year. Much of the preparation done in the summer is focused on hiring the highest quality administrators and educators in the state. Although we have not yet finished our task at the point this article was published, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you those members we have brought on board so far. We look forward to their contributions in making the upcoming school year a huge success for our students. Rest assured that by the time students enter our buildings, Mona Shores will have in place the most outstanding group of administrators, teachers, and support staff to greet and assist them in their 2018-19 journey. I encourage you and your family members to extend a warm welcome to our new leaders and teachers. Mona Shores is extremely fortunate to have them!

## ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

We are excited to announce that **Mr. Todd Conrad** will be our new district-wide Athletic Director. Mr. Conrad earned his Bachelor's in education from Grand Valley State University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. Todd was a former teacher at Mona Shores for years before leaving to take on his first role in administration. He has spent the past three years further developing his leadership as an Assistant Principal at Reeths-Puffer High School. In addition to his teaching and administrative experience, Mr. Conrad has coached in a variety of sports at all levels including varsity coaching in two sports. His understanding of the value of athletics in education for the development of the student athlete is to be commended. His vision for Mona Shores athletics will not only sustain the high level of excellence we have come to enjoy and expect, will also bring new insights and experiences. We look forward to the impact that Mr. Conrad will bring to the future of Sailor Nation!

**Mr. Kurt Jeffries** came on board back in April as our Director of Operations and Transportation. Mr. Jeffries comes to Mona Shores after working in a similar capacity in both Holton and Whitehall Public Schools. Mr. Jeffries came in and hit the ground running as spring is an extremely busy time with building needs as well as preparation for daily spring sports. We as a district leadership team are very excited for Kurt to join our team, but even more so to join the Mona Shores Community at-large. He has already proven to be a great leader. We are grateful he chose Mona Shores.

## STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

**Mr. Erik Childers** is a proud Mona Shores graduate who is ecstatic to teach and give back to the Mona Shores community. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Grand Valley State University where he majored in music education. Mr. Childers has been teaching in the suburbs of Chicago for the past three years. Prior to his time in Chicago, he taught in North Carolina as an Elementary Music Teacher and Choir Director. We are thrilled to have him join our performing arts team.

**Ms. Megan Flipse** is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University in which she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education with endorsements in both Cognitive and Emotional Impairments. She is currently student teaching at Wesley School and working at Harbor House Ministries as a Lead Resident Aid. We are very fortunate to have Megan join our Ross Park team and Mona Shores family.

**Ms. Paige Garwood** began her career with Mona Shores in April as a Social Worker. Miss Garwood has a Bachelor's in Psychology from Hope College and her Master's of Social Work from the University of Michigan. She has already made such a positive impact on our students here in Mona Shores. We are grateful to have her join our team of itinerant staff.

**Ms. Kimberly Gaver** will be joining our Ross Park faculty as our new Young 5's teacher this fall. Ms. Gaver taught preschool for Mona Shores for the last two school years and prior to that spent several years teaching in both New York and Maryland. Kimberly earned her Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and her Master's in Education from Mercy College in New York. We are thrilled to have her continue to impact Mona Shores students in this new role.

**Miss Marissa Heyblom** is excited to begin her special education teaching career with Mona Shores at our Middle School. She is a graduate of both Aquinas College and Loyola University in Chicago. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism/English from Aquinas and earned her Master's in Learning Disabilities from Loyola. Her previous work included four years in broadcasting as well as two years in education as a paraprofessional. She also has a variety of student teaching and volunteer experience both in school settings as well as outside organizations. The quality that stands out in Marissa is her obvious passion, dedication, and commitment to students. She will be an incredible addition to our Special Education Program and our school community.

**Human Resources Update**  
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### Human Resources Update continued from page 3

**Ms. Beverly Peterson** will join our faculty at the high school teaching students with cognitive impairments. Ms. Peterson spent the 2017-18 school year in a long-term special education teacher assignment at our middle school where she excelled and became a tremendous asset to the special education building team. Prior to that she had seven years of teaching experience in the area of special education. She has a genuine love and understanding of the needs of her students. Beverly earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University. She is certified to teach both special education as well as elementary. We are thankful to welcome her expertise to our district.

**Mrs. Rebecca Purdy** returns to Michigan after teaching special education in Arizona for the last three years. Prior to her move to Arizona, Mrs. Purdy taught for Jenison Public Schools. She earned her Bachelor's in Special Education from Western Michigan University as well as an Autism endorsement from Grand Valley State University. In addition, she is certified in nutritional counseling from Trinity School of Natural Health. We are grateful for the multitude of experiences she will bring to the students of Mona Shores.

**Mrs. Heidi Reister** joins Lincoln Park Elementary as a Kindergarten teacher. She brings her thirteen years of teaching experience from Oakridge to our team. Mrs. Reister earned her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education from Aquinas College and her Master's from Grand Valley State University. Mrs. Reister along with her husband, high school teacher Josh Reister, are also Mona Shores parents. We are proud to have Heidi share her expertise with the community in which she lives.

**Mr. Aaron Santa-Maria** will be joining our high school faculty as a social studies teacher. Mr. Santa-Maria earned his Bachelor's in History, Anthropology, with a minor in Economics from Grand Valley State University. He spent last school year as a long-term teacher for us in the area of World History and Physical Education. Prior to teaching at our high school, he also served as an At-Risk Coordinator and was an active member of the MiBLSi leadership team. Aaron's ability to reach all learners and build relationships with students will be a great asset to our school community.

**Mr. Tyler VanBergen** comes to Mona Shores to teach First Grade at Lincoln Park Elementary from Colorado Springs, where he also taught First Grade for three years for Fountain Fort Carson Public Schools. Tyler is originally from Whitehall and attended Grand Valley State University where he

earned his Bachelor of Science in Education and majored in social studies. We look forward to the impact he will make on our young students at Lincoln Park.

**Mrs. Amy VerMerris** will be returning to Campbell Elementary after taking a few years off to raise her family. Mrs. VerMerris will be the new First Grade Teacher and is very excited to be back in the classroom. She earned her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education from Michigan State University. Amy will be a wonderful addition to have back at Camp Campbell.



## Bring Your Smiles to Picture Day!

**Campbell Elementary**  
(during Camper Registration)

August 23 & 27  
September 26 - Retakes

**Churchill Elementary**

September 15  
September 19 - Retakes

**Lincoln Park Elementary**

September 18  
October 4 - Retakes

**Mona Shores High School**  
(during student registration/orientation)

August 23, 24 & 27

**Mona Shores Middle School**  
(during student registration/  
orientation)

August 21 & 22  
August 28 - Ports of Call  
Make-up Day  
September 11 - Picture  
Make-up Day

**Ross Park Elementary**

September 6  
September 25 - Retakes

**Preschool/GSRP/Head Start**

October 2 and 3



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## 2018/2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION
August 6, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
August 13, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
September 10, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
September 17, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
October 1, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
October 8, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
November 5, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
November 12, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
December 3, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
December 10, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
January 7, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Combined Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
February 4, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
February 11, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
March 4, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
March 11, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 8, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Combined Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 15, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Churchill & Ross Park
April 17, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Campbell & Lincoln Park
April 22, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	Middle School
April 24, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Building Reports	High School
May 6, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
May 13, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 3, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
June 10, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
July 1, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Combined Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC

# TEACHING and LEARNING

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

## ASSESSMENT IN MONA SHORES

TEST. A word we all remember well no matter where or when we went to school. These days the word assessment is used for test. Assessments come in many shapes, sizes, formats, and purposes. Below you will find a list of types of assessments with examples along with the purpose of this type of assessment in Mona Shores:

Type of Assessment	Examples	Purpose
Formative	Thumbs up or down in a classroom, ungraded quiz, exit ticket	These assessments drive instruction for teachers. They occur frequently and often students do not even know it is an "assessment". Teachers use this data to help them decide where to take the lesson next. This is the most important type of assessment and is ongoing.
Summative	End of chapter test, final exam, Unit test	These assessments provide a summary of the learning for students in an entire class. They also can inform teachers and parents of the learning that occurred during a set period of time.
Universal Screener	DIBELS, Lexia, iSTEOP, NWEA	These assessments are sorting tools for teachers to use to determine students they need to dig deeper within a certain area (math or reading) to ensure success.
State Standardized	M-STEP (formerly MEAP)	These types of assessments provide "big picture" checks on how an entire State, or County are performing. They are not meant to drive instruction or decisions for individual students. They are merely a snapshot on a particular day.
College Entrance	SAT/ACT	These types of assessments are meant to be indicators of potential for success at the next level of education or work. They can also help summarize the average "college readiness" for a larger group (such as an entire high school).

As you can see from the above list, assessment has become a big word in the world of education. The following are a few key drivers for Mona Shores in terms of assessment:

- Mona Shores continues to place our emphasis on local "formative assessments". These assessments occur constantly throughout the school day and provide immediate feedback that teachers can use to determine what each student needs to be successful.
- Summative assessments, such as the M-STEP, are not impact data for us. These summative assessment scores are simply a snapshot of a student's performance on that particular test on that particular day. We will not make instructional decisions based upon this data.
- Mona Shores has always, and will continue to have, the HIGHEST expectations

for our students in terms of academics and behavior. Our rigorous local assessments, along with some of the highest SAT scores in the county, are true indicators for us when it comes to individual student success.

In Mona Shores students are much more than a singular test score and we will continue to focus on doing what is best for each individual kid. Trust that your child's teacher or teachers know your child better than any assessment could ever indicate. Trust that your child's teacher or teachers will do anything and everything to help your child succeed. This is what being a Sailor is all about.

## ROBOTICS IN MONA SHORES

STEAM is a very popular term in education these days in education and beyond. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. 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 currently have four Lego Robotics Team at each of our elementary buildings. There are 42 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. We are looking to expand this program and need coaches. If you are interested please email me at obrienb@monashores.net.

### 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 2018-19.

**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 and qualified for the World Championship in 2018. 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:** 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.



# Office of SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

As the Director of Special Education and Student Services, I have the honor of working with many talented educators throughout our district. Mona Shores is fortunate to have staff who seek out creative supports to benefit ALL students. In this issue, I am excited to share an article written by Laurelin Barkel, one of Mona Shores School Psychologists, about one of those innovative programs. Mrs. Barkel is one of many staff at Mona Shores who has sought training in mindfulness and is actively implementing MindUP strategies.

## Mindfulness in Mona Shores

By Laurelin Barkel, NCSP  
Mona Shores School Psychologist

Walk into a Mona Shores classroom and you might notice a Tibetan singing bowl, or hear the students talking about "hand breathing," or see them "finding their anchor breath." These are just some of the outcomes from a year focused on incorporating mindfulness into the classroom. Research has shown mindfulness leads to improved ability to regulate emotions (Tang, Yang, Leve, & Harold, 2012), decreased stress and anxiety (Biegel, Warren Brown, Shapiro, & Schubert, 2009), decreased depression (Raes, Griffith, Van der Gucht, & Williams, 2013), and increased self-esteem (Biegel, Warren Brown, Shapiro, & Schubert, 2009). With the well supported variety of benefits from mindfulness, there has been an increase in mindfulness practices being incorporated into schools.

In the 2017-2018 school year, a variety of Mona Shores students from Kindergarten through 8th grade, were learning about and diving into their own practice of mindfulness. Select staff throughout the elementary and middle school buildings implemented the MindUP curriculum. MindUP was designed to improve student focus, increase engagement in learning academics and provide teachers with tools and strategies to bring joy into the classroom. The curriculum focuses on four areas, neuroscience, positive psychology, mindful awareness, and social-emotional learning. MindUP has been shown to drive positive behavior, improve learning and scholastic performance, and increase empathy, optimism, and compassion.

Lessons start with individual practices in mindfulness, such as counting breaths, focusing on the sensations of breathing, deep and rhythmic breathing, or visualizing their thoughts or feelings. These practices help students train their attention, quiet their thoughts, and regulate their emotions -- all setting them up for increased learning. After students have had the opportunity to purposefully practice mindfulness, the lessons delve into activities on gratitude, optimism, and perspective taking, as well as

thoroughly evaluating what it means to use each of our senses in a mindful manner. Students have opportunities to practice mindfulness throughout the week at school and are asked to reflect on their mindful experiences each week.

Students and staff who have participated in the MindUP curriculum have reported positive outcomes. Teachers have sighted an increase in student engagement following brief mindfulness practices, such as the breathing exercises. Students have shared they enjoy learning about the parts of their brain, and how their mind and body are connected. Students have been excited to learn how they can use mindfulness practices to help calm their brain, focus on learning, and make good decisions. Moving into the 2018-2019 school year, staff plan to expand the MindUP curriculum into additional classrooms and provide additional training and support for teachers interested in implementing mindfulness practices in their classrooms.



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INFORMATIONAL  
PARENT MEETING

Reeths-Puffer Intermediate  
1500 N. Getty Street  
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For more information please contact:  
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# Construction UPDATE

*By Robert Jonker, Director of Finance*



Ross Park south corridor looking east



Ross Park south corridor looking west

This summer we are in the process of completing the work related to our 2016 Warm, Safe, and Dry Bond. Currently, we have approximately \$180,000 available. We are utilizing the remaining funds to finish replacing wall tile in the south corridor at Ross Park Elementary and the north corridor at the Middle School. We have completed removing the old tile and we will be installing the new tile prior to the start of school. This work will exhaust the remaining funds in that bond fund.

In addition to the bonded construction, in the 2017-18 school year we utilized Sinking Funds for other construction projects around the district. The administrative building on McCracken was demolished and a new bus garage was built in its place. We will be painting the old bus garage this summer as we continue to work on improving the curb appeal of that location. We also utilized Sinking Funds for drainage and landscaping at the Soccer Complex. A new drain line was installed to connect the drain field to the creek adjacent to the High School auditorium parking lot. We also planted trees and shrubbery and extended the wood privacy fence on the south side of the soccer field. The Sinking Fund levy generates approximately \$800,000 annually and has a current fund balance of approximately \$220,000. As of now, there are no major construction plans assigned to the Sinking Fund for 2018-19.

Additionally, on November 6, 2018 we will be asking the community for a renewal of the 5.8 mill levy that is set to expire in 2019. This renewal will generate \$93 million for our district. With these funds, we will be able to renovate all elementary buildings in addition to performing major upgrades at the Middle School, High School and athletic fields. This is a rare opportunity for us and we encourage everyone to vote on November 6.

## ASBESTOS ANNOUNCEMENT

The regulations of federal law 40 CFR 763.84, as published in the Federal Register, require that local educational agencies annually notify various groups, including building occupants or their legal guardians, regarding asbestos containing materials in the school district buildings and plans related thereto. The above are hereby notified that management plans and inspection reports are available for review at both the Mona Shores Schools Administration building and the office of the Principal in each individual school building.

As specified in the management plans, the district inspects its facilities on a regular basis in compliance with the regulations of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. The areas in district buildings containing asbestos have been evaluated and judged to present no health hazard in their current condition as determined by the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Health.

The district will continue to regularly inspect all areas to assure that the buildings will meet all federal, state and local health and safety standards.

## PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Please note that Mona Shores staff must occasionally apply pesticides within and around our school buildings. Except in emergencies, prior notice will be provided by mail before these applications occur to parents who submit a request form. If an emergency application takes place, you will be informed immediately thereafter. If you desire prior notification, please complete the Request for Advance Notification of a Pesticide Application available on our website at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net) on the Parents tab or in district building offices. For additional information, please contact **Mona Shores Public Schools Operations Department, attention Kurt Jeffries, 121 Randall Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441, 231-780-4751, extension 8268.**



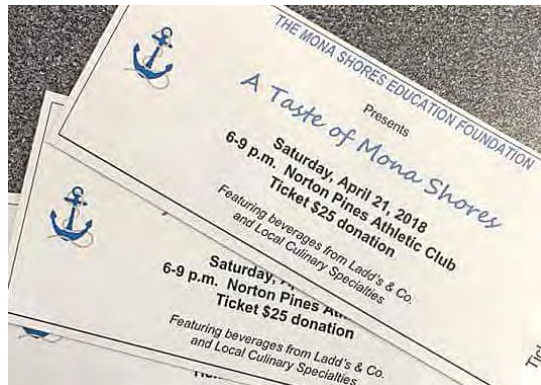


# Mona Shores EDUCATION FOUNDATION

By Mandy Seiferlein, MSEF Secretary

## Celebrating Another Successful “A Taste of Mona Shores”

Thank you to the 230+ parents, teachers, staff and community members who attended A Taste of Mona Shores this year! This annual fundraiser benefits the Mona Shores Education Foundation (MSEF) and we are so grateful to our community for the results! The more than \$15,000 raised through the event supports MSEF efforts to enhance creative and innovative learning opportunities for all children in the Mona Shores District. Thank you to the many individuals who donated their time and talents and the 50+ donations of silent auction and raffle items received. A special thank you for the generosity of these sponsors who contributed immensely to our success:



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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# TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Due to budget constraints, Mona Shores Public Schools provides limited bussing. The student walkout distance is 1.5 miles. Bus stop locations and routes are reviewed yearly and can be changed at any time throughout the school year. Stop locations are established in accordance with state and federal laws, school board policies, guidelines and best practices.

**Bus routes, bus rider routing slips, waivers and other transportation information are available on the district's website ([www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net)) under Transportation. Bus routes will be posted at all school buildings and on the district's website as soon as they are completed, approximately one week before school begins. There will be no changes to bus stop locations during the first two weeks of school. This will allow us time to assess the location of students and the number of students on each bus.**

**School of Choice students will not be allowed to ride the bus during the first three weeks of school to ensure there is adequate space on the buses for in-district students.** After the three-week period, School of Choice parents may call the Transportation office at (231)332-8269 to see if there is room for their student(s) to ride the bus.

**A Bus Rider Routing Slip** must be filled out each year for **ALL** students that will be riding a bus. You can obtain a routing slip from your child's bus driver or on the website. Please turn in these routing slips to your child's bus driver.

In most cases, our buses will not travel into subdivisions, and the bus stops will be located on main roads. If your elementary student needs transportation to or from a location other than home, for example, to a babysitter's residence, the alternate stop must be in the elementary school area where your child attends. For safety reasons parents must designate a single pick up and drop off location. For example, the district cannot accommodate different schedules for M-W-F and T-TH. We will pick up at one location and drop off at another location.

Since many of our buses are quite full during the school year, **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE A BUS OTHER THAN THE ONE THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO.** This is for the safety of our riders and to ensure each student has a seat on his/her assigned bus. Please do not ask us to make exceptions for your student.

In accordance with state law, all items (including backpacks, bags, band instruments, school projects, etc.) must be kept on the student's lap so as not to obstruct the driver's view or ability to operate the bus, and to protect other student riders against injury. Please provide your student with a backpack, duffle bag, etc. to keep their belongings secure. **Skateboards, rollerblades or scooters will not be allowed on the bus.** If there is a question on how to transport a particular item, please contact the transportation office.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get their student safely to and from the designated bus stop and to monitor their student while at the bus stop. **ALL** Kindergarten students must have a **Kindergarten Waiver** form filled out



so we know who the student is able to be released to if the parent is not at the stop. Kindergarten students must have a parent/guardian waiting at the bus stop to receive their student at drop-off unless a **Kindergarten Waiver** form has been completed to release the student without a parent present. If a parent/guardian is not at the bus stop to receive their kindergarten student, the student will be returned to school. Please turn in waivers to your child's bus driver.

Buses tend to run late the first few weeks of school and during inclement weather. It is impossible to have the bus to a stop at exactly the same time every day due to weather, road construction, mechanical issues, etc. Students are to arrive at the bus stop location at least five minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. **Buses will not be able to wait or return for students who arrive late to the bus stop. Due to safety concerns, students must be waiting in a line at the designated stop before the bus arrives. The driver will not wait for students to get out of cars or come out of the house when the bus arrives at the stop.** If your child is not waiting in line to board the bus when it arrives, they will need to find alternate transportation to school. For your child's safety, this policy will be strictly enforced. <http://www.schoolbusfleet.com/news/729589/student-dies-after-tripping-falling-under-school-bus>.

## Early out Mondays

- **Elementary buses will arrive 1 ½ hours earlier than the normal time.**

## Delayed start Wednesdays

- **Middle and High school buses will arrive 2 hours later than the normal time.**

Riding our school buses is a privilege, NOT an entitlement. Please remind your student about appropriate bus behavior. The **Bus Riding Rules & Expectations** are posted on the Transportation webpage.

- When boarding, please have your child stand back until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver opens the doors.
- For children who cross the road to board the bus, have them wait on the 'home' side of the road until the bus has come to a complete stop, the red flashing lights appear and the driver displays the paddle signal telling the child that it is OK to cross the road.
- Video security cameras may be in operation on any school bus.

Your child's safety is our top priority and is the cornerstone of our transportation program. We appreciate your support and cooperation and look forward to transporting your child.



# SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

The Mona Shores Public School Food Service Program will be operational on the first day of school. School meal prices are set in accordance with State and National School Lunch Program mandates, not by Mona Shores School District or Chartwells School Dining.

## PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Breakfast (all buildings) \$1.95 per day/\$9.75 per week

*\*Campbell, Lincoln Park, and Ross Park Elementary Breakfast is Free to all Students.*

Breakfast (reduced price) 30¢ per day/\$1.50 per week

Lunch (elementary) \$2.75 per day/\$13.75 per week

Lunch (secondary) \$2.95 per day/\$14.75 per week

Lunch (reduced price) 40¢ per day/\$2.00 per week

Milk (all buildings) 50¢ per day

*\*Free students must take a full meal to receive free milk.*



status. Families may apply online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) or may fill out a paper application obtained from any front office or printed from the school food service web page. Results will be available at all school open houses or orientations in August for families that have already submitted their applications.

Chartwells School Dining Services and Mona Shores Public Schools are fully committed to providing nutritious, quality school meals that meet the USDA's school meal regulations and comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Every year these guidelines and policies evolve as our understanding of proper nutrition advances. This year we anticipate an emphasis on whole grains and healthy snacks.

**If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 231-780-4711, extension 8301 or via email at [mooreb@monashores.net](mailto:mooreb@monashores.net).**

Deposits can be made by sending cash or a check to school or by creating an account online at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) and depositing money via the internet. Families who wish to do so may also make deposits at their student's open house or orientation in August.

A Free or Reduced Meal Application must be filled out each year. Students that had a lunch program status of free or reduced at the end of last school year will remain at that status until a new application has been received or by October 13, 2018, whichever occurs first. On October 13th, students that have not completed a new application will be returned to full pay

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## *A Message from High School Principal Jennifer Bustard*

Mona Shores High School staff and students are entering the 2018-19 school year with much anticipation of another successful school year! With College, Career and Life Readiness the ultimate goal for our students, we encourage every Sailor to take advantage of the many opportunities here at Mona Shores High School. From the over 65 plus clubs, activities and extracurriculars to taking the challenge of participating in an Advanced Placement Course the choices are expansive. Visit our high school web page to check out the many opportunities for our students to participate in and attend.



The graduating Class of 2018 reached many milestones. 5.5 million dollars in academic and athletic scholarships were awarded and earned. In addition, there was 111 students who earned academic honor cords, 46 seniors earned a 3.5 or higher, 36 seniors earned a 3.75 or higher and 31 seniors earned a 4.0 or higher. The Mona Shores High School Fine Arts department was honored with the award of being named Best Communities for Music Education sponsored by the NAMM foundation for the third year in a row. None of this was possible without the hard work of each and every student, staff member, administrator, and Board of Education members. As well as, the importance of the many parents that are behind the scenes volunteering and supporting the many student activities. There is a lot to be proud of and much more to be accomplished! This is Sailor Country and we do everything with PRIDE!



Looking forward to another amazing school year and excited for what lies ahead for students, staff and our entire school community. Thank you for your support,

commitment, and dedication to Mona Shores. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (231) 780-4711, extension 8499, or by email at bustardj@monashores.net. Go Sailors!

## The following are tips to help all of our parents and students get off to a successful school year:

The Student Handbook includes our school policies and procedures. The handbook is online for students and families to access electronically whether on their school issued Chromebook or a personal electronic device. We encourage you to review the handbook with your student. Please pay close attention to attendance and tardy policy as the numbers of days and tardies reflect the trimester schedule.

Please take time to view your student's academic progress and attendance utilizing our Parent Portal. Administratively, we realize the Parent Portal is not updated daily but the information you see may be reason to make inquiry with the appropriate staff member to discuss your student's progress.

Parent and student communication will be primarily completed by the email notification system on Fridays of each school week. If you do not receive a Friday email from the Principal's office, be sure to contact the counseling office to ensure that our records are accurate. Follow us for all the Sailor action on twitter and Facebook at @MSHSPRIDE!

## Student Registration Begins August 23rd

High School Student Registration Week will begin Thursday, August 23, 2018. New this year: Parents please complete the online annual enrollment information update through the parent portal in the demographic update section. Students will have the opportunity at registration to:

- Receive class schedules, textbooks and Chromebook
- New This year: Chromebook cases will not be issued unless upon request during registration.

## Register now!

Classes start August 27.

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

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## REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

### Thursday, August 23

8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10th Grade (Last names A-L)  
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 11th and 12th grade (A-L)

### Friday, August 24

8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10th and 11th grade (M-Z)  
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 12th grade (M-Z)

### Monday, August 27

Link Crew Freshman orientation is 9 am-2:15 pm  
9 am - 2 pm - 9th grade Registration (All alpha)  
Meet in the Sailor Center

- Locker assignments and locker combinations can be accessed via the student portal.
- Return "Free/Reduced" Hot Lunch and Student Insurance Applications
- Receive Choir/Orchestra uniform(s) as applicable
- Order 2018-19 yearbooks
- Receive New or Replacement Student ID Cards (Free to 9th/11th and new students or \$5.00 charge for replacement). If you need a replacement ID, please bring your \$5.00 replacement fee with you and a new ID will be made for you.
- Purchase Sports Passes
- Have Student Pictures Taken
- Register Vehicles and Purchase Parking Tags (\$20 fee)  
Please note all students will park in the west lot. Those students who would like to park in the east lot there will be a lottery for the 41 spots available. Signing up for these spots will be done during student registration. Mopeds and Motorcycles must be registered and park in the designated area in the west lot.

Students, during their designated registration time, may "drop in" when convenient. However, they should not arrive any later than 30 minutes prior to the designated closing time.

A student information packet will be mailed August 8th. Please contact us at (231) 780-4711 ext. 8351 if you have not received yours by August 13th. (Leave your name, address, and phone number if calling after office hours).

## Academic Booster Club

ABC invites all Mona Shores families and faculty to join and participate in this club that promotes academic excellence. ABC recognitions include: academic certificates, Argonaut cards (which offer discounts at local retailers and restaurants) and Academic Recognition Day each trimester. We also offer scholarships to seniors based on the success of our fundraisers and membership support. Email notification will be sent to parents to sign up to participate.

## Are You Planning to Drop Off Your Student at the High School?

If so, please use the front circle drive or the east parking lot as the main student drop-off locations.

## Parents on Campus

At Mona Shores High School, we encourage your involvement in our Parents on Campus program. Volunteer your help for as little or as much time as you have available. This is a great benefit to parents and the school. Both gain a new sense of appreciation for the other and the extra help allows us to accomplish tasks that we might not be able to do. Email notification will be sent to parents to sign up to participate.

## Open House

Please join us for the Fall High School Open House scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 7-8:30 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's teachers and become familiar with their schedule and school.

## Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled by appointment. The 2018-19 dates for this years' 1st Trimester Conferences are October 9 & 11 (4-7:00 pm), the 2nd trimester date is January 24th (4-7:00 pm) and 3rd trimester date is April 25th (4-7:00 pm) Specific information will be emailed to you at a later date.

## NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

If you are a new student to Mona Shores High School, please stop and visit the MSPS Administration office to complete a registration packet. New Student enrollment will begin July 9th through September 17th. Hours: 7:30 pm- 4:30 pm. Enrollment information can be found on the High School web page, or for more information please call the Main office at (231) 780-4711.



## 2018 JOEY HEKKEMA MEMORIAL FUND

We are pleased to announce that we have awarded the 2018 Joey Hekkema Memorial Fund scholarship to 7 talented and well deserving students in the Mona Shores Band Program. To date, we have given 21 awards. This would not be possible without the help of those who have contributed so generously. Because of the support for Joey's Fund these students will be able to attend band camp at a reduced cost.

If you are interested in making a donation, contact The Community Foundation for Muskegon County at [www.ccfmc.org](http://www.ccfmc.org). Under "Online Giving," designate The Joey Hekkema Memorial Fund. Also, for those who give to The United Way Fall Campaign, you can also designate The Joey Hekkema Memorial Fund through The Community Foundation of Muskegon County. Finally, we also accept donations through Scrip at the Mona Shores High School Lobby on Wednesday nights. Just designate Joey Hekkema as the student.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOEY'S LIFE, ENTER "JOEY HEKKEMA" INTO YOU TUBE.



## Sailor Pride Initiative



We are proud of our student body as they continue to exhibit positive behaviors in the building and out in the community. They are learning lifelong behaviors in the areas of **P**ersonal responsibility, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, and being **D**isciplined and **E**ngaged. We take much **PRIDE** in the gains our students are making in preparation for College, Careers and Life readiness. Being able to acknowledge and reward students' positive actions throughout the year and at our end of the year celebration assembly, is one of the reasons why we have the success we do. We could not do this without our community sponsors. We would like to extend a thank you to the following community members, businesses, and groups that donated in 2017-2018.

**Aldea Coffee, Betten Baker, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chartwells, Chicken Coop, Chili's, Clifford Buck Construction (Andy Zorn), Domino's, Fatty Lumpkins, Fruitport Orchard Market, Glenside Pub, Gordon Food Service, Hairitage Salon & Day Spa, Jimmy John's, Jostens, Mrs. Kandace Boysen, Kangaroo Palace, Kohley's Propane, Lakeshore RV Centre, Langlois Furniture, Marks Orthodontics, Meat Block, Meijer, Mona Shores Board of Education, Mosley's Driving and Testing Center, MSHS Anchor Cafe, MSHS Athletic Department, Mulligan's Hollow, Muskegon Quality Builders, Muskegon Yoga, Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, Nichols Paper, Norton Pines Athletic Club, PEAK Training Academy (Mr. Nate Smith), Plantenga's Cleaners, The Pump House Frozen Yogurt Bar, Sailor Classic, Dana at Salon Mia Bella, Sam's Club, Scott Meats, Mr. Stephon VanderWater, Trophy House Jones Sports, Walmart, Wasserman's Flowers and Gifts, Webb Chemical, Wesco, Wesco Bakery, and What a Gem Jewelry Boutique**

Each summer, our leadership team comprised of teachers, students, counselors, administrators and parents develop an action plan for our PRIDE initiative for the following school year. We continue the strategies/systems that are making a difference as well as add new ideas each year. To support this action plan, we are in need of continued sponsor support. If you, your business, or organization is interested in supporting our PRIDE efforts, please consider donating a gift card, prize of your choosing, or select one of the below monetary options.



**Buoy - \$50**



**Anchor - \$100**



**Lighthouse - \$250**



**Flagship - \$500+**

**To donate, please contact Anne Brainard at  
brainara@monashores.net or at 231-332-8352.**

# SAILOR Athletic News

*A Message from Todd Conrad, Director of Athletics*

## Sea of Change for Sailor Athletics

I'd like to start by thanking the Mona Shores Board of Education, administrative team, and interview committee for the opportunity to serve our school community as Athletic Director. As a former MSHS English teacher and varsity football and track coach, I have a full understanding of the responsibility that accompanies this position. The academic, social, and athletic development of Mona Shores student-athletes has been a deeply personal mission of mine since I moved to Norton Shores in the spring of 2001. I'm grateful for the chance to continue this work for the next generation of Sailor student-athletes.

Mine is not the only new face in the athletic department as our basketball programs will both be under new leadership this winter. David Chana will take the helm of the boys program. He comes to us after finishing a three-year stint as the head coach at Kenowa Hills High School. Coach Chana has done a tremendous job rebuilding the Kenowa Hills program. We are fortunate to have him. The new girls coach is familiar to most at Mona Shores as Mike Phillips has been a teacher and coach in the system for the last 15 years. Most notably, he has coached our junior varsity girls' basketball team and has been the head coach of the varsity girls' golf team for the last three years. Filling the vacancy in girls' golf is another veteran Shores coach, Kyle Kurant, who made his mark heading up the volleyball program while teaching at Mona Shores Middle School for 25 years. I'm confident that the future is bright for these programs under the direction of these three experienced and proven coaches.

Our entire coaching staff is excited for the 2018-2019 school year. It's our collective mission to make the experience a memorable one for Mona Shores families. At every level of competition and in every sport we offer, you can expect the following:

- Well-organized practices, games, and meetings.
- Knowledgeable coaches who teach with enthusiasm.
- A culture of positivity where adults always have the athlete's best interest in mind.

In my view, Mona Shores is already a well-respected athletic community. This is primarily true because we exemplify respect for others in all that we do. Whether it be officials, our coaches and players, or our opponents, we have a long tradition of treating people right. Competition brings with it emotional ups and downs but at Mona Shores, we conduct ourselves with integrity in the heat of the moment. In the final analysis, who we are is far more important than the outcome and if we focus on doing things the right way, the score takes care of itself. Go Shores!





# 2018 MONA SHORES FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday	08/28/18	Kenowa Hills Invitational @ Gracewil GC	Away	4:00 PM
Friday	09/07/18	Reeths-Puffer Stadium Dual	Away	7:30 PM
Saturday	09/08/18	West Ottawa Invitational @ Macatawa Bay MS	Away	9:00 AM
Friday	09/14/18	Mich State Univ Meet @ Forest Akers GC	Away	TBA
Wednesday	09/19/18	Reeths-Puffer Jamboree	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	09/29/18	Fruitport Invitational @ Rycenga Park	Away	9:00 AM
Wednesday	10/03/18	Kenowa Hills Jamboree @ Gracewil GC	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	10/06/18	Portage Invitational	Away	1:00 PM
Friday	10/12/18	GMAA Meet @ University Park	Away	3:00 PM
Wednesday	10/17/18	Conference Finals @ Oak Ridge GC	Home	4:30 PM
Saturday	10/20/18	Spring Lake Invitational	Away	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/27/18	MHSAA Regionals @ TBD	Away	TBA

## BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Saturday	08/25/18	East Kentwood @ GVSU	Away	1:30 PM
Thursday	08/30/18	Bay City Central High School (Youth Night)	Home	7:00 PM
Friday	09/07/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	09/14/18	Rockford High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	09/21/18	*Kenowa Hills High School (Sailor Salute)	Home	7:00 PM
Friday	09/28/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS (Homecoming)	Home	7:00 PM
Friday	10/05/18	*Jenison High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	10/12/18	*Muskegon High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	10/19/18	*Fruitport HS (Senior Night)	Home	7:00 PM
Friday	10/26/18	MHSAA Playoffs	Home	7:00 PM

## BOYS JV FOOTBALL

Thursday	08/23/18	East Kentwood HS	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	08/30/18	Bay City Central High School	Home	3:30 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	09/13/18	Rockford High School	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	09/20/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	6:30 PM
Thursday	09/27/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:30 PM
Thursday	10/04/18	*Jenison High School	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	10/11/18	*Muskegon High School	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	10/18/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	6:30 PM

## BOYS FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Thursday	08/23/18	East Kentwood HS	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	08/30/18	Bay City Central HS (@ Mona Shores MS)	Home	3:30 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	09/13/18	Rockford High School	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	09/20/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	09/27/18	OPEN	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	10/04/18	*Jenison High School	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	10/11/18	*Muskegon High School	Home	4:30 PM
Thursday	10/18/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	4:30 PM

## GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

Thursday	08/16/18	Traverse City Invitational @ Grand Traverse Resort	Away	8:00 AM
Friday	08/17/18	Traverse City Invitational @ Grand Traverse Resort	Away	8:00 AM
Monday	08/20/18	FHC Invitational @ The Meadows	Away	8:30 AM

Wednesday	08/22/18	Reeths-Puffer Jamboree @ Lincoln CC	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday	08/23/18	Mona Shores Invitational @ Stonegate GC	Home	9:00 AM
Wednesday	08/29/18	Whitehall Invitational @ White Lake GC	Away	9:00 AM
Wednesday	09/05/18	KH Jamboree @ Gracewil GC	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	09/12/18	Union Jamboree @ The Mines GC	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	09/19/18	Fruitport Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	09/26/18	GMAA Tournament @ Stonegate GC	Away	TBA
Thursday	09/27/18	Mona Shores Jamboree @ Muskegon CC	Home	4:00 PM
Monday	10/01/18	Conference Finals @ Mac Legends GC	Away	9:00 AM

## GIRLS JV GOLF

Monday	08/27/18	Belding Jamboree @ Ridgeview GC	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	08/29/18	FHN Jamboree @ Indian Trails	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	09/05/18	Cedar Springs Jamboree @ Cedar Chase GC	Away	3:30 PM
Monday	09/10/18	FHC Jamboree @ Thornapple Pointe	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	09/12/18	Mona Shores Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC	Home	3:30 PM
Monday	09/17/18	Northview Jamboree @ Boulder Creek GC	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	09/19/18	Lowell Jamboree @ Arrowhead GC	Away	3:30 PM
Wednesday	09/26/18	Greenville Jamboree @ Arrowhead GC	Away	3:30 PM

## BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Saturday	08/18/18	Grand Haven High School	Away	11:45 AM
Tuesday	08/21/18	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	6:45 PM
Thursday	08/23/18	Unity Christian High School	Home	6:45 PM
Saturday	08/25/18	Grandville HS	Away	11:45 AM
Tuesday	08/28/18	Spring Lake High School	Away	6:45 PM
Tuesday	09/04/18	West Ottawa HS	Home	6:45 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	6:30 PM
Saturday	09/08/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	11:45 AM
Tuesday	09/11/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	09/13/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	6:30 PM
Saturday	09/15/18	*Muskegon High School	Home	11:45 AM
Tuesday	09/18/18	*Jenison High School	Away	6:30 PM
Saturday	09/22/18	*Muskegon High School	Away	11:45 AM
Tuesday	09/25/18	*Fruitport HS	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	09/27/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	6:30 PM
Tuesday	10/02/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	10/04/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	6:30 PM
Tuesday	10/09/18	*Jenison High School	Home	6:30 PM
Thursday	10/11/18	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	6:45 PM

## BOYS JV SOCCER

Saturday	08/18/18	Grand Haven High School	Away	10:00 AM
Tuesday	08/21/18	Western Michigan Christian HS	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	08/23/18	Unity Christian High School	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	08/25/18	Grandville HS	Away	10:00 AM
Tuesday	08/28/18	Spring Lake High School	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	09/04/18	West Ottawa HS	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	09/08/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	10:00 AM
Tuesday	09/11/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	5:00 PM
Thursday	09/13/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Home	5:00 PM
Saturday	09/15/18	*Muskegon High School	Home	10:00 AM

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Tuesday	09/18/18	*Jenison High School	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	09/22/18	*Muskegon High School	Away	10:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/25/18</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/27/18</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	10/02/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday	10/04/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/09/18</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/11/18</b>	<b>Western Michigan Christian HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

## BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

Friday	08/17/18	Grandville Invitational	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	08/21/18	Grand Haven Quad	Away	9:00 AM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08/23/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
Saturday	08/25/18	Holland Christian Quad	Away	8:30 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08/28/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09/05/18</b>	<b>Northview High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/06/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09/12/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
Wednesday	09/19/18	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	09/22/18	Holland Quad	Away	8:30 AM
Monday	09/24/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	4:30 PM
Wednesday	09/26/18	*Jenison High School	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	09/29/18	GMAA Tournament @ Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	9:00 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/01/18</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
Saturday	10/06/18	Conference Tournament @ Kenowa Hills	Away	9:00 AM
Thursday	10/11/18	MHSAA Regionals @ TBD	Away	TBA

## GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/04/18</b>	<b>Unity Christian High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Thursday	09/06/18	Manistee HS	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	09/08/18	Ludington Relays	Away	8:00 AM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/13/18</b>	<b>Calvin Christian HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday	09/15/18	Spring Lake Invitational	Away	8:00 AM
Thursday	09/20/18	Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills HS	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/27/18</b>	<b>Caledonia High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Thursday	10/04/18	*Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	10/06/18	Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills HS	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	10/09/18	Fremont High School	Away	6:00 PM
Thursday	10/11/18	Wayland Union High School	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	10/13/18	MISCA Meet @ EMU	Away	12:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/18/18</b>	<b>Thornapple-Kellogg HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/25/18</b>	<b>West Catholic H.S.</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Friday	11/02/18	Tier II Conference Meet @ Hastings	Away	3:30 PM
Saturday	11/03/18	Tier II Conference Meet @ Hastings	Away	10:00 AM
Wednesday	11/07/18	MHSAA Diving Regionals @ East Kentwood	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	11/08/18	MHSAA Regional Dive @ TBA	Away	TBA
Friday	11/16/18	MHSAA State Meet @ TBA	Away	TBA
Saturday	11/17/18	MHSAA State Meet @ TBA	Away	TBA

## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Saturday	08/18/18	Reeths-Puffer Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	08/21/18	Grand Haven Invitational	Away	3:00 PM
Friday	08/24/18	Battle on the Boardwalk	Away	TBA
Wednesday	08/29/18	Reeths-Puffer Double-Dual	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	South Christian Tri	Away	5:00 PM
Saturday	09/08/18	Fruitport Invitational	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	09/11/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	6:45 PM

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/13/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
Tuesday	09/18/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	6:45 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/25/18</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
Saturday	09/29/18	East GR Tournament	Away	8:30 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/02/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/06/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Tournament</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Tuesday	10/09/18	*Jenison High School	Away	6:45 PM
Saturday	10/13/18	GMAA Tournament @ Reeths-Puffer	Away	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/16/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/20/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Tuesday	10/23/18	Spring Lake High School	Away	6:00 PM
Thursday	10/25/18	Fruitport Double-Dual	Away	5:00 PM
Monday	10/29/18	MHSAA Districts @ TBD	Away	TBA

## GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

Monday	08/20/18	Rockford High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	08/23/18	Battle on the Boardwalk	Away	TBA
Wednesday	08/29/18	Jenison Double-Dual	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	South Christian Tri	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	09/11/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/13/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Saturday	09/15/18	Fruitport Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
Monday	09/17/18	Grand Haven Quad	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	09/18/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09/22/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Tournament</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/25/18</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/27/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Quad</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/02/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/04/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	10/09/18	*Jenison High School	Away	6:45 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/16/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Saturday	10/20/18	Union Double-Dual	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	10/23/18	Spring Lake High School	Away	5:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/25/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

## GIRLS FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Monday	08/20/18	Rockford High School	Away	5:30 PM
Thursday	08/23/18	Battle on the Boardwalk	Away	TBA
Saturday	08/25/18	Jenison Invitational	Away	8:30 PM
Wednesday	08/29/18	Jenison Double-Dual	Away	5:00 PM
Thursday	09/06/18	South Christian Tri	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	09/11/18	*Fruitport HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/13/18</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Monday	09/17/18	Grand Haven Quad	Away	5:00 PM
Tuesday	09/18/18	*Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/25/18</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Saturday	09/29/18	Fruitport Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/02/18</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/04/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
Tuesday	10/09/18	*Jenison High School	Away	6:45 PM
Saturday	10/13/18	East GR Tournament	Away	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/16/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Triangular</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Saturday	10/20/18	Union Double-Dual	Away	9:00 AM
Tuesday	10/23/18	Spring Lake High School	Away	5:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/25/18</b>	<b>Mona Shores Double-Dual</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

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





# 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.

As we prepare for another school year, we want to share with you the final numbers from our Class of 2018. To date, the seniors have notified us of the following plans for this fall:

- 96 students will attend a 4-year college
- 138 students will attend a 2-year college or technical school/vocation.
- 109 students who are Promise Scholarship eligible; 43 have accepted the award to date.
- 11 are joining a branch of the United States military
- 16 report that they will take some time off
- 15 will enter the world of work immediately in the fall
- In addition, there are 111 students who earned academic honor cords, 80 seniors earned a 3.75 or higher and of those, 37 seniors earned a 4.0 or higher.

We are excited about assisting the students in our building in preparation for College, Career and Life! We are here to help! Please feel free to contact the office if we may be of assistance or visit the Mona Shores High School Counseling web page for a wealth of information and the answers to frequently asked questions: <http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/>.

## ✓ Mark Your Calendars

### College Night, Monday October 1, 2018, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Shoreline Counseling Association is pleased to host the Muskegon County College Night on Monday, October 1 at Muskegon Community College in the Collegiate Hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Colleges throughout Michigan and other states have been invited to attend. It is an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to talk to college representatives.

### SAT Testing Cycle 2018-2019

Seniors planning to retake the SAT this fall should note the following dates: Students may pick up information for online registration in the Counseling Office or go directly online to register at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION ENDS	LATE REGISTRATION*
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 18, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 16, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 13, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 19, 2019

## COLLEGE VISITS

Many colleges send representatives to our high school in the fall to talk to interested

students. These visits usually begin in late September and continue through November. We will post notices of these visits on the daily announcements and Counseling Office bulletin board. We also have a link that will be updated weekly: <http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/college-preparation/>.

Juniors and Seniors interested in talking to a particular college representative must sign up in the Counseling Office during the week of that school's visit. They must also obtain permission from the classroom teacher for that hour to attend.

Seniors may take up to 2 college visitation days to visit the colleges of their choice during the school year (to be charged as "XT" exempt from absences total - college visitation) pending prior counselor and administration approval. The form is available in the Attendance Office, and the student is responsible for getting the following signatures prior to the day off: parent, counselor, and administrator. The student must have a college representative sign the form at the college while visiting and then return it to the Attendance Office. If the form is not completed prior to the visit, the absence may be excused by the parent, BUT will not be exempt. The visitation days may not be used to visit MCC or Baker during school hours.

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Most colleges, including Muskegon Community College, would prefer that students apply online at the college website beginning August 1. Often, the site will have a page to print out and bring to the Counseling Office. We will then fill out the required information and mail it with a transcript. Students must request and send transcripts electronically via Parchment, which is located on the homepage of the high school. Please allow 5 school days for processing. All electronic requests for transcripts are free of charge until August 1 of the student's graduation year. Students must request OFFICIAL ACT/SAT scores directly from ACT or SAT (there is a fee assessed for this service). This can be done at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> if the student did not indicate at time of registration for ACT/SAT to mail scores to prospective colleges.

## FINANCIAL AID

Students will be able to submit a FAFSA earlier. Students will be able to file a 2019-20 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2018, rather than beginning on Jan. 1. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year (The FAFSA became available January 1 as in previous years). Please visit the following link for more information on the new changes in FAFSA: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/afsa-changes>.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

It is important that young men must register with the selective service when they turn 18. It is the law, and it may adversely affect eligibility for federal financial aid. Eligible candidates can now register online by going to this website: <http://www.sss.gov>. You need your social security number to complete this process.

## SCHOLARSHIP NOTICES

When we receive notice of a scholarship, the notice will be posted on the Counseling Office web page, bulletin boards, and emailed directly to students by using their school Gmail account. These notices and deadlines will also be announced in this newsletter when they are available in time for publication. Please visit the high school counseling website at:

<http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/financial-aid-scholarships/>.

# Learning, Growing, and Focusing on our Best for Success

*A Message from Middle School Principal, Doug Ammeraal*



Summer is not done! Beach days are still out there. Barbecues will continue. The sunshine will keep shining strong. The activities, family adventures, and time with friends are still there to enjoy. However, at Mona Shores Middle School, we are gearing up for another year of expecting and giving our best - as students, teachers, and administrators. 2017-2018 was a year filled

with some incredible challenges and events that impacted our culture, challenged our resolve, and pushed us to our emotional edges; it was a year that ultimately made us stronger! Now, as we move into 2018-2019, we know it will be a year of deeper learning, growing levels of excitement, high expectations, opportunities to fail, and individual growth and success.

Still, our students and staff persevered, were resilient and found success in both academics and behaviors. While overall discipline referrals were up, we still had over **90%** of our students receiving 0-1 discipline referrals. Academically, **93%** of our students received all A's, B's, or C's! These successes speak to the high expectations, collective responsibility, and focus by our dedicated students, supportive parents, and high performing educators at MSMS. Together, we continue to stay committed to being the highest performing middle school in the county, state, and nation - to being the **best** middle school in America! This focus and dedication will not waiver.

As we strive to reach these goals, 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. This will be our focus. No matter what role we assume in the education of our students, we must make a conscious effort to be our **best** every day, regardless of ability, situation, or circumstances. I believe that if we embrace 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!

As a school, we will continue to be focused on creating a positive learning environment, providing high quality instruction, engaging students in their thinking and learning, increasing blended learning opportunities, and challenging ourselves to be and give the **best** version of ourselves each and every day. With this commitment by our staff, along with student ownership and a partnership with parents, we will continue to rise and reach new levels of learning, thinking, and success.

As we head into August, please plan to attend our **Ports of Call** here at the Middle School. Students will be able to obtain class schedules, locker combinations, photo ID, yearbook pictures, registration/forms, Ride with Pride registration, and much more. We look forward to seeing students and parents filling our hallways!

<b>6th Grade:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	<b>9:00 am - Noon AND 3:00-6:00 pm</b>
<b>7th/8th Grade:</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>	<b>9:00 am - Noon AND 3:00-6:00 pm</b>
<b>Make-Up Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 28</b>	<b>4:00-6:00 pm</b>

This would be a great time to practice opening lockers, follow student schedules (become familiar with the route from class-to-class), and meet some of the great staff at MSMS.

We will also be hosting our annual **Open House**, another great time to meet teachers, go through your schedule, and see your classrooms prior to the first day of school.

**Open House Wednesday, August 29 5:30-7:00 pm**

**NOTE:** As you plan to attend Open House, please know that our Parent Teacher Conferences will be in a different format this year. We ask that you use this time to meet teachers. Then, at Parent Teacher Conferences, we use the Fall times to connect only if there is a need or concern with teachers. You are always able to check your child's progress via PowerSchool or reaching out to the teacher. The new schedule will be shared at Ports of Call.

I look forward to another great year! A year filled with success, failures, and opportunities to grow. I look forward to a continued partnership between Mona Shores Middle School, our families, and the greater community! I look forward to being at our absolute **best**!

*With Shores PRIDE,  
Doug Ammeraal -- Principal*



## MSMS

### TEAM COMMITMENTS

Mona Shores Middle School commits to:

- ⚓ Focusing on our vision of high performance by all staff and students; striving to become the highest performing Middle School in the country, state and nation.
- ⚓ Maintaining high academic and behavior standards.
- ⚓ Collaboratively developing common lessons that focus on depth of knowledge, literacy and critical thinking.
- ⚓ Growing and maintaining a healthy school culture through the development of positive relationships with all staff and students.
- ⚓ Creating a meaningful, memorable and rewarding Middle School experience.





# MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2018-19 MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST:

- 21-22 PORTS OF CALL, EARLY REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS
- 28 PORTS OF CALL MAKE – UP
- 29 OPEN HOUSE 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### SEPTEMBER:

- 3 NO SCHOOL/LABOR DAY
- 4 1ST DAY FOR STUDENTS - FULL DAY
- 5 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 11 PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY  
BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL MEETING AT 7 P.M.
- 12 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 15 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.
- 18 DRAMA INTEREST MEETING, 3 - 4 P.M.
- 19 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 24-28 SPIRIT WEEK
- 26 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 28 HOMECOMING/ MIDDLE SCHOOL PEP ASSEMBLY
- 29 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.

### OCTOBER:

- 2 CHOIR KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER - FUNDRAISER GOES THROUGH 10/15  
PLAY AUDITION WORKSHOP, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- 3 COUNT DAY  
**NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 6 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.
- 8-19 CANNED FOOD DRIVE  
PLAY AUDITIONS
- 9 PLAY CALL-BACKS
- 10 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 17 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 18 7th/8th GRADE BAND REHEARSAL, 2:55 - 3:45 @MSMS AUDITORIUM
- 20 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.
- 22-26 FALL BOOK FAIR IN THE LMC  
7th/8th GRADE BAND REHEARSAL, 2:55 - 3:45 @ MSMS AUDITORIUM
- 23 7th/8th GRADE BAND FALL BAND SPECTACULAR CONCERT (WITH  
MSHS MARCHING BAND) 7:00 P.M., @ **MSHS**
- 24 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**  
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, (4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.)
- 25 LATE START THURSDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**  
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, (7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.)  
& (4 P.M. – 6 P.M.).
- 26 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)
- 27 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.  
MSBOA ALL-STATE AUDITIONS
- 29 ORCHESTRA CONCERT, 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- 31 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**

### NOVEMBER:

- 1 7TH/8TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT, 7:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M.
- 2-3 PLAY ALLEGRETTO CAMP
- 3 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 9 - 10 A.M.
- 7 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 9 SAILOR CELEBRATION, 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
- 10 FIDDLE FESTIVAL, 3:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M., @ **MSHS**

- 14 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 17 CHOIR HOSTING MSVMA CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 21 HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)  
**NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 22/23 NO SCHOOL/THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 28 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 29 6th GRADE CHOIR CONCERT, 10:00 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.
- 30 END OF 1st TRI

### DECEMBER:

- 1 MSBOA S/E TBA
- 4-14 TOYS FOR TOTS
- 5 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 12 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**  
MS & HS ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT, 7 - 8:30 P.M. @ **MSHS**
- 14 MSMS COLLAGE CONCERTS, 3rd AND 5th HOUR
- 18 7th/8th GRADE BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT, 7:30 - 8:30 P.M @ **MSHS**.
- 19 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**  
7th/8th GRADE. CHOIR CONCERT, 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- 24-1/6 NO SCHOOL/WINTER BREAK

## 2018-2019 MS MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 A.M. – M,T,TH,F  
9:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY.**

In case of inclement weather, students are permitted to enter the building prior to 7:30 a.m. with administration approval.

**Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

### MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

**(1 minute warning bell prior to class)**

1st hour	7:40-8:40		
2nd hour	8:45-9:45		
3rd hour	9:50-10:50		
4th hour	10:55-12:30	1st lunch	10:50-11:20
5th hour	12:35-1:35	2nd lunch	11:25-11:55
6th hour	1:40-2:45	3rd lunch	12:00-12:30

### LATE START WEDNESDAY

**(1 minute warning bell prior to class)**

1st hour	9:40-10:17		
2nd hour	10:22-10:59		
3rd hour	11:04-11:41		
4th hour	11:46-1:18	1st lunch	11:46-12:16
5th hour	1:23-2:00	2nd lunch	12:17-12:47
6th hour	2:05-2:40	3rd lunch	12:48-1:18

### HALF DAY (ALL CLASSES)

1st hour	7:40-8:10
2nd hour	8:15-8:45
3rd hour	8:50-9:20
4th hour	9:25-9:55
5th hour	10:00-10:30
6th hour	10:35-11:00

### BREAKFAST:

Regular Day 7:15-7:35  
Late Start 9:10-9:30  
2 Hour Delay 9:15-9:35

# NEW ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

*Parents, please note the new changes to this year's elementary schedule!*

The Mona Shores Elementary staffs extend a warm welcome back to all our new and returning sailors. The 2018/2019 school year promises to be an exciting voyage with plenty of learning opportunities for all.

Elementary offices will reopen on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 and the first day of school is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Grades K-5th will attend from 8:25 a.m. - 3:35 p.m. **(Please note schedule change!)**

## Regular Elementary Hours for the 2018 - 2019 school year:

Mondays: 8:25 a.m.- **2:00\*** p.m. **(Early dismissal)**

Tuesday-Friday: 8:25 a.m.- 3:35 p.m. **(This is a change from prior years)**

Half Days: 8:25 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your elementary office!

Campbell Elementary – (231) 755-2550 Andy Hogston, Principal

Churchill Elementary – (231) 798-1276, Lowell Whitaker, Principal

Lincoln Park Elementary – (231) 755-1257, Shari Ralston, Principal

Ross Park Elementary – (231) 798-1773, Eve Mills, Principal

## HACKLEY COMMUNITY CARE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Complete health care services at Muskegon Teen Health Center for anyone ages 5 -21



Keep your child healthy with regularly scheduled medical, dental & behavioral health visits with our Teen Health Center Team.

We accept Medicaid products and most private insurances. Medical copays are waived.

### Muskegon Teen Health Center

80 West Southern Ave.

J Building, Room E113

Call for appointment: 231.733.6680

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



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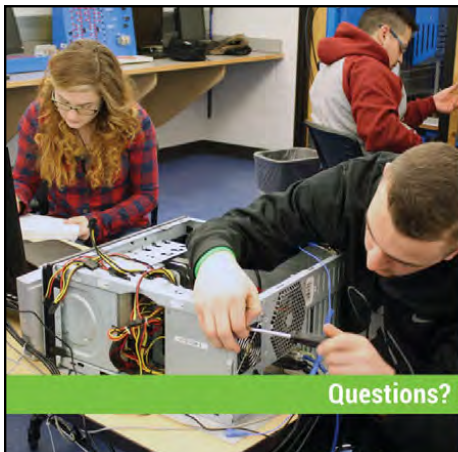
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## Elementary



### A Message from Churchill Elementary Principal Lowell Whitaker

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# Churchill NEWS!

Dear Rock Star Parents,

The 2018-2019 school year is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to another positive and productive year with you and your children. We will focus on student growth from an academic and social standpoint. We will use data to make informed decisions to meet student needs. Our team will provide a positive learning environment with high expectations. The combination of these attributes will allow our students to strive for and experience great success!

Communication between home and school is crucial in the success of a school building each year. I encourage you to use the school website throughout the year, as it contains valuable information and keeps you informed of school related events. The CALENDAR and UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS sections on the website list important dates. The goal is to utilize the website and email as much as possible for communication between home and school. Our school-wide newsletter will be sent home monthly via our notification system. Teachers will also email weekly classroom newsletters.

As always, if you have any questions please call or email me (contact information listed above). Thanks for being a valuable part of the Churchill team!

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# Welcome Back Ross Park Super Sailors!



A Message from  
Ross Park Elementary Principal  
Eve Mills

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In the 2018-19 school year, Ross Park teaching staff remains committed to implementing instructional strategies that provide all students with work of high cognitive demand in grades K-5th. Project-based lessons with a focus on STEM, literacy, student self-reflections and student led instructional practices, are a few of the ways staff at Ross Park will continue to challenge students to become deeply engaged in their learning. Students will also continue to focus upon the Super Sailor behavioral expectations of Kind, Respectful, Responsible and Safe as well as the Be Nice initiative. The positive behavioral accomplishments of individual students, classrooms and school-wide will be highlighted and celebrated throughout the year. Additionally, all grade levels will go 1:1 with technology, allowing students to utilize their own Chromebook at school. Our focus will continue to be upon integrating technology into instructional practices to create blended learning experiences for all students.

Whether students choose to take part in our Lego First Robotics Team, Children's Choir, Sewing Club, Destination Imagination, Green Team or Student Leadership Teams, the sky is truly the limit at Ross Park Elementary.

A special thanks to our PTO, volunteers, parents, staff and especially, our amazing Super Sailors for all that you do to make Ross Park Elementary the special place that it is to learn and grow. None of our accomplishments, past and future, could be done without you.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any assistance at 231-798-1773 ext. 8699 or by email at [millse@monashores.net](mailto:millse@monashores.net). Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Sincerely,  
Eve Mills, Principal  
Ross Park Elementary



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# Nikolas Wypa Scholarship Awards

2018 marks the 6th year The Nikolas Wypa Scholarship has been awarded to a deserving 5th grader in each of the elementary schools. The winners each received a \$500.00 scholarship to be used toward higher education beyond high school. The awards were given at this year's completion ceremonies in memory of Nikolas Wypa.

Selected by the teachers, these four young students represent the spirit in which Nikolas lived his life. Each exemplifies outstanding citizenship and being an overall great kid.

Twenty-Five awards have been presented since 2013 totaling \$12,500.00. The Scholarship Fund also became fully funded last December, which will insure these scholarships will be awarded every year indefinitely. The Wypa Family would like to thank our Mona Shores Family and The Community Foundation for Muskegon County for all their continued support of the scholarship. To learn about the scholarship and to view Nikolas's story please visit [cffmc.org](http://cffmc.org) and search Nik Wypa.



**Above:**  
Veer Saini – Campbell

**Right:**  
Abby Buikema – Churchill

**Below, left:**  
Gracey Bollin – Ross Park

**Below, right:**  
Vivian Jensen – Lincoln Park



A Message from Lincoln Park  
Elementary Principal  
Shari Ralston

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## Lincoln Park CREW News

The entire staff at Lincoln Park would like to welcome you back to the 2018-2019 school year. Without a doubt, this year promises to be a productive and positive school year for all Lincoln Park CREW members. The staff has been busy preparing for the quickly approaching school year by attending trainings, planning with their teammates, and making sure their classrooms are ready for each and every student to begin their journey in a few short weeks.

This year, in an effort to increase our dedication to quality literacy instruction, our staff has committed to exploring interactive read-alouds. Although your student has undoubtedly been read aloud to countless times at school, an interactive read aloud is more directed and purposeful. The teacher will choose a book and determine teaching points, such as reading skills and vocabulary words. Teachers will stop and encourage discussions throughout the book in order to reach these predetermined learning targets. With active student engagement throughout the reading, students are able to have fun while learning important skills to help improve their own reading.

Our fantastic Lincoln Park PTO is also trying some new things in the upcoming school year. The PTO membership, in coordination with the teaching staff, have opted to set up fewer events in the year, with each grade level taking responsibility for an event. Parents in the grade level will be



asked to attend one to two work meetings prior to the event, where they will have the support, guidance, and resources of the PTO to assist in planning and running the event. Your child's teacher will be reaching out and asking for your help throughout the

school year. Here's one way you can plan to become involved at LP this school year:

Grade-Level-Coordinated Projects: Kindergarten: Book Fair and Teacher Meal for Conferences, 1st Grade: Mother Son Night, 2nd Grade: Father Daughter Dance, 3rd Grade: Spring Family Fun Night, 4th Grade: Mileage Cub, 5th Grade: 5th Grade Graduation.

Volunteer-Coordinated Projects (parents or teams of parents in any grade can volunteer to help with these additional events): Walk-A-Thon, Bus Tags, Staff Appreciation, Spirit Wear, T-Shirts for Walk-A-Thon, Movie Night, Skate Night.

Our Lincoln Park staff invite you to come experience firsthand why we all love our jobs so much. There are countless other ways to become an active member of the Lincoln Park family. You can volunteer to read to and with children at school, help in your child's classroom one time or as a regular volunteer, attend field trips, send in needed items for the classroom, or reach out to Mrs. Fox and help her shelve books in the library.

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued dedication to your children at home. Your efforts to stay informed about school happenings through Bloomz, newsletters, emails, our website, and social media will help the school year run smoothly. We believe that together, we can create CREW members who learn to be respectful, responsible, ready to learn, and safe!





A Message from  
Campbell Elementary Principal  
Andy Hogston

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about this new project based approach to learning and can't wait to share our learning with our school community!

## CAMP Campbell HIL (High Impact Leadership) Grant Update

Campbell Elementary School has officially started work on improving literacy practices and actively promoting reading. This work is supported by and connected directly with the HIL Grant. The **High Impact Leadership Project** focuses on literacy and growing both leadership and capacity of staff. The work centers around the 10 Literacy



Essentials. The Campbell team is narrowing the focus and determining the 3 priority areas. One of the projects that has been designed and created by the team is **Breakfast & Books**. This pilot project will run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the summer from 9-9:45 a.m. and is the result of a collaborative effort with district food services. It provides students with an opportunity to have breakfast, choose a book, read, and interact with staff and peers during the summer months. Some of the identified priority areas include vocabulary, interactive read aloud, small group instruction, ongoing observation and assessment, and collaboration with families to promote literacy.

## Campbell Young 5's Program for 2018-2019

This school year Campbell Elementary will be adding a young 5's program to the building. This is an incredible opportunity for our young learners who may need one more year of social, emotional, or academic development. We will be using the Connect 4 Learning curriculum. Students will learn through exploration and play. Our year will begin by learning about school and friends with lots of hands-on science and math explorations. Next, we will explore environments near home and school and the exotic environment of the coral reef. This will be followed by exploring how structures are built, museums, and gardens. We are excited



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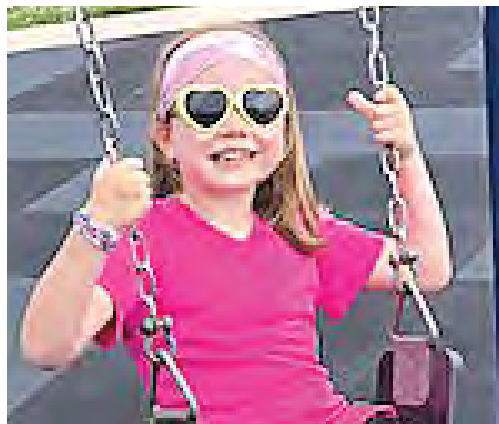




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## 2018 FALL/WINTER PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

**Mona Shores Fiddlers perform at Sparta Celtic Fest**, Saturday, August 11 – 11:15am, Sparta Village-Rodgers Park

**Band Camp** August 17-21

**Mona Shores Fiddlers perform in Roosevelt Park Day Parade**, Saturday, September 8 – 10am, Roosevelt Park Neighborhood

**Roosevelt Park Parade – Marching Band/ Marchathon**, Saturday, September 8 – 9am-4pm, Roosevelt Park/Mona Shores Area Neighborhoods

**5th Grade Orchestra Registration Open House**, Thursday, September 13 – 4-7pm – High School Orchestra Room/Auditorium

**Mona Shores Fiddlers perform at Michigan Irish Festival**, Sunday, September 16 – 12:45pm – Heritage Landing

**Homecoming - Band & Alumni Band Performance**, Friday, September 28 – Game at 7pm – High School Stadium

**Red Flannel Invitational Band Show**, Saturday, October 6 – Cedar Springs High School

**District Marching Band Festival**, Wednesday, October 10

**Marching Band Spectacular**, Tuesday, October 23 – 7pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**Middle School Fall Orchestra Concert**, Monday, October 29 – 7pm, Middle School Auditorium

**High School Orchestra "Spooktacular" Concert with Churchill/Ross Park 5th Grade Singers**, Tuesday, October 30 – 7pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**7th/8th Grade Choir Concert**, Thursday, November 1 – 7:30pm – Middle School Auditorium

**5th Grade Orchestra Parent Observation Day**, Friday, November 2 – 7:25am – Middle and High School Orchestra Rooms

**Singing Christmas Tree Ticket Sale Begins** Saturday, November 3 – 9am – ONLINE ONLY (startickets.com)

**4th grade Veteran's Day Program**, Thursday, November 12 – 6 pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**17th Annual Fiddle Festival with Guest Artists Uneven Ground**, Saturday, November 10 – 7pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**MSHS Choir Fall Coffeehouse**, Tuesday, November 20 – 7pm – High School Cafeteria

**6th Grade Choir Concert**, Thursday, November 29 – 10am, 12:45pm, Middle School Auditorium

**Singing Christmas Tree Performances**, Thursday-Saturday, November 29, 30, December 1 – 7pm (3pm matinee on 12/1), Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts

**Middle & High School Winter Orchestra Concert**, Wednesday, December 12 – 7pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**Middle School Holiday Band Concert**, Tuesday, December 18 – 7:30pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert**, Wednesday, December 19 – 7:30pm, High School Performing Arts Center

**5th Grade Orchestra Performance**, Friday, December 21 – 7:25am, High School Performing Arts Center

**Churchill Elementary Choir Yuletide Performance**, December 13 – 6pm, Ross Park Auditorium

**Ross Park Elementary Choir Yuletide Performance**, December 11 – 6pm, Ross Park Auditorium

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Tickets for the 2018 Mona Shores Choir "Singing Christmas Tree" go on sale to the public on Saturday, November 3rd, beginning at

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