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# The Lighthouse View



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*Construction Begins!*  
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## OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE!

Spring time in Mona Shores is shaping up to be jam packed with exciting happenings. From the worlds of academics, performing arts, and athletics there is constant opportunity for kids and community to engage with our schools. In addition this Spring kicks off construction on our buildings; construction that will be continuous for the next 5 years or more.

The world of academics in Mona Shores definitely has a different feel in the Spring. In the classroom there is always a focus on ensuring our kids are ready for the next grade level, the next challenge, and the next opportunity. In addition, the Spring is assessment season with State assessments, college entrance assessments, AP testing, and end of the year assessment and evaluation. On top of all this we work to have field trips and experiences for our kids during this time of year as they have worked towards celebrating and experiencing the world with their classmates.

The world of performing arts is constantly busy in the Spring as the work and learning of the school year is ready to be on display with performances. The Sound of Shores performance is scheduled for April 9 at 7:00 p.m. and is an incredible display of Mona Shores Performing Arts as it features all departments, instruments, singers, and more. In addition, the Spring time brings about individual performances from our Choir, Orchestra, Band, and more as parades and concerts take center stage. If you have not been to a performance by one of our incredible groups I encourage you to find time to enjoy one.

The world of athletics is incredibly busy in the Spring. With the snow melting late this year the Spring season gets compressed and our athletes are in constant motion. Softball, baseball, track, golf, tennis, soccer, and lacrosse all take center stage in the Spring. Our grounds team stays busy keeping these fields competition ready for our kids. This season our softball and soccer teams are displaced by construction and will be playing at Ross Park (softball) and Ross Park Soccer Complex (soccer) in order to allow construction on the Seminole Complex to begin.

Construction will be a constant for the next 5 years around Mona Shores as we are updating all buildings, focusing on the classrooms, and sprinkling in some performing arts and athletic updates. This time next year work will begin on Churchill, Lincoln Park, and MSMS. The design of these buildings is in process right now as we are meeting and planning with staff in each of these buildings. There will be opportunity for community input coming in April/May as we move to the next phase of design for these buildings. In the meantime, construction is beginning on the high school secure vestibules, softball/soccer complex, and the high school performing arts spaces. There will be more to come as we work towards our elementary buildings being like brand new, our middle school and high school upgrades, and more. Be on the lookout for opportunities to engage in this process as we know strong schools equal strong communities and vice versa.

Hope to see you around this Spring!

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



## 2019/2020 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

The Non-Resident Schools of Choice Application process will be open  
**Monday, April 8, 2019 through Friday, May 24, 2019.**

The Online Application will be available on the Mona Shores Public Schools website at [www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice](http://www.monashores.net/parents/schools-of-choice). You may also apply in person from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. M-F at the Mona Shores Administration Offices located at 121 Randall Road, on the southwest corner of Ross Park Elementary.

Only the students that apply during the application window will be considered for Schools of Choice. A separate application must be completed for each student. Available openings will be posted prior to

the start of the application window. Students with any suspensions or expulsions are not eligible to apply. Students with truancies will require a parent meeting with administration.

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

## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Signs of spring this year bring signs of construction at Mona Shores facilities thanks to the generous support of our community last November. The trucks and crews you'll see at the high school and the soccer/softball complex will be working on projects that were relatively simple to design and will be relatively quick to complete, but they're only part of the story.

District staff and administrators are also gathering input from parents, students and the community as we design the second phase of work: overhauls of Lincoln Park and Churchill elementaries and the middle school. Construction on that phase will begin next spring, with Campbell and Ross Park elementaries and the major work at the high school slated for Spring 2021.

The bond work isn't even the only extraordinary project on the docket this spring. We're also designing a new strategic plan for the district, setting measurable and hopefully inspiring goals for the next three to five years. And the Board is working on a complete replacement of district policies, aiming for an easily understandable vision of how Mona Shores is governed.

And of course, the ordinary business of the district continues, including the annual evaluation of our superintendent. The Board evaluated Bill O'Brien Jr. as Effective, the second-highest rating possible. The Board is very pleased with Mr. O'Brien's execution of the 90-day entry plan he presented when applying for the superintendency, and his communication with the Board, staff and the community also stands out as a high point. The Board will



continue to partner with and support him in areas for growth, including gathering student feedback and incorporating it into the assessment and goal-setting of the district, and ensuring that social supports are in place for all students.

We welcomed our first student representative to the Board table this winter. Emily Mann, a junior at the high school, has already asked several insightful questions that have helped guide our thinking, and we're excited to have a student voice in our meetings.

We're also laying the groundwork for a community survey we hope to send later this spring, so please be on the lookout for that. Whether it comes at a community forum on the new strategic plan, a design session on the construction work, through the survey, at a Board meeting, or by reaching out to me or any other Board member, we need and value your input! You'll find our contact information on the back page.

Sailing forward,



Stan Miller  
President, Mona Shores Board of Education



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## BOARD OF EDUCATION 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION
April 8, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Work Session	Judith L. Wilcox PLC
April 15, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Regular Session	Churchill & Ross Park
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



# Mona Shores EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*By Shannon Glinski, President*

## \$6,000 AWARDED IN MINI GRANTS

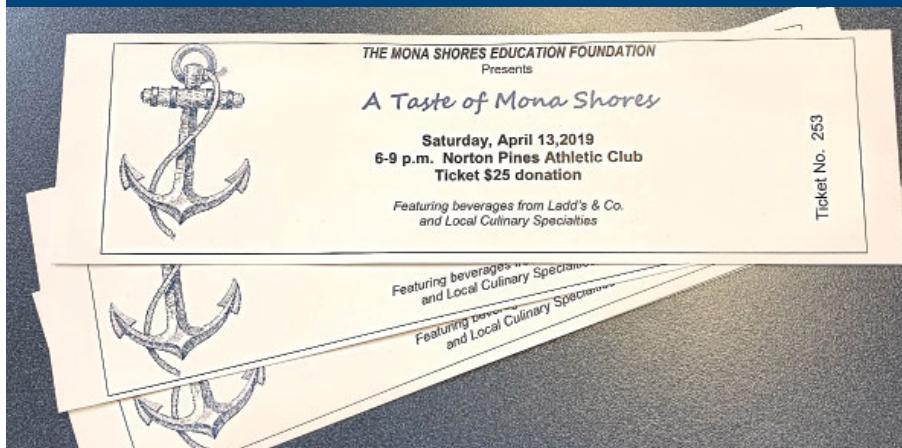
The Mona Shores Education Foundation has awarded \$6,000 through the MSEF Mini Grant Program since February 2018. The table below summarizes the programs these mini grants supported and the 20 teachers who implemented these innovative and creative educational enhancements throughout the District. Over 1,200 students have benefited from these classroom materials, projects and enhancements.

Thank you to our many donors who have helped to make these mini grants possible.

### 2018-19 Mini Grant Awards

BUILDING	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT	GRANT TITLE
Campbell	Laurelin Barkel and Jessica Kever	\$400	Mindfulness in the Classroom
Lincoln Park	Beth Paparella and Megan Warren	\$500	Math Talks Fluency Kits
Middle School	Courtney Hansen and the 6th English Language Department	\$1,153	Battle of the Books: Tournament of Books
Middle School	Kevin Baker, Chris Chalupa, Denise Heyblom, Marissa Heyblom, Colleen Hoffer, Jessica Kever, Jack Nummerdor, Alyssa Ponik	\$1,000	Crewmates Peer-to-Peer Links Program
Middle School	8th Grade English Language Department	\$750	Reading Nook and Bookshelves
High School	Heather Hall	\$214	Zentangle Apprentice Classroom Pack
High School	Wavelength Robotics Team	\$2,000	2018 – 2019 Sponsorship

## District Updates



# 2019 A TASTE OF MONA SHORES

Join us for the **12th Annual "A Taste of Mona Shores"** as we raise funds to continue to support the MSEF Mini Grant Program!

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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



## Mona Shores 2019 Seniors SIGN-UP NOW for the Senior Class Celebration!

Join us after the graduation ceremony for a night of fun and activities with your classmates.

- Pick up a registration form in the high school counseling office, or on social media and turn it in right away.

Check out our events and join in the fun to help raise money for the Senior Class Celebration.

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

**Give Back Night at The Station:**

April 9

**Meat Block Fundraiser:** May 11.

Tell them you would like to support the Mona Shores Sailor Celebration when checking out. The Meat Block will donate 10% of your purchase to our celebration.

**Flower Basket Sale:** Mid-May

How can you get involved to help our seniors have a safe night after graduation and a memorable experience as they end their journey through high school? ...

- Donate items for our raffles.
- Volunteer to help with our fundraisers.
- Attend a meeting with the senior parents.
- Volunteer to chaperone at the celebration.
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# Teaching AND Learning

*A Message from Andy Hogston, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment*

## MONA SHORES FOCUSES ON LITERACY: **KIDS READ NOW SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR K-3 STUDENTS**

This summer Mona Shores Public Schools will be offering a summer reading program for all current kindergarten through 3rd grade students. We are working in partnership with Kids Read Now and collaboratively with parents and families. Each student will have the opportunity to have up to 9 books to read and explore over the summer months. The books are specially selected and tailored to the needs and interests of each student. This service is provided at no cost to families and was made possible by grant funding. Summer reading has been recognized as one of the most critical components of preventing "summer reading loss" and closing the achievement gap. Each elementary building will have a kickoff event prior to the end of the school year that involves families and sets the stage for a summer filled with fun, excitement, and reading.



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## MONA SHORES BEGINS ADOPTION OF THE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES IN EARLY & ELEMENTARY LITERACY

A collaborative and concerted literacy initiative has been growing throughout the State of Michigan and specifically at Mona Shores. The project was developed for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade and is meant to impact literacy through the improvement and refinement of classroom instructional and organizational practices. The Essential Practices have been researched and defined, resources created, work centered on professional learning opportunities (growing and learning the essential practices), and developing supports for implementation. This work has been supported at the building level through collaborative work with Literacy Coaches from the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. Significant strides have been made to align and develop consistency at our four elementary buildings. For instance, a tremendous amount of professional learning and teamwork has occurred with respect to interactive read alouds, vocabulary, and family/parental engagement. This work is intended to be supported and sustained over time.

[literacyessentials.org](http://literacyessentials.org)

### Coming Soon:

The next installment of the Essential Practices, intended for grades sixth through twelfth, is going to be unveiled in the coming months.

# Office of SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

## Let's Get Our Children Moving this Summer!

As we welcome the summer season in West Michigan, it is a perfect time to provide our children with more opportunities to play outside. We are fortunate to have miles of beaches, Hoffmaster State Park, Mona Lake, Lake Harbor Park, Kruse Park, Pere Marquette, and Ross Park -- ALL right here in or near Norton Shores. Harvard Medical School shares research on Six Important Reasons children need to play outside. Playing outside gives children sunshine, exercise, helps develop executive function in the brain (skills that help us plan, prioritize, troubleshoot, negotiate, and multitask), learn to take risks, socialize, and appreciate nature. Provided by <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/6-reason-children-need-to-play-outside-2018052213880>

Included here is an article from a blog titled, 1000 Hours Outside. This article focuses on the importance of outside play, and how swinging, running, jumping, spinning, and movement is so important for our children's development. Isn't it fascinating that playing outside helps a child prepare their brain and body for learning?

Hope your family is able to enjoy time together outside this summer!

### "The Vestibular Sense," by 1000 Hours Outside

Provided by  
<https://1000hoursoutside.com/blog>

I vividly remember learning about the five senses when I was child. I remember doing worksheets that seemed extremely silly because the five senses seemed so intuitive. The worksheet might've said something like, "Which sense are you using



when you inhale the scent of a rose?" I think because it was all so obvious, I have distinct memories of learning about it in school.

To my surprise, within the last few years I learned there are actually seven senses. Who knew? These are the ones we should've learned about in school. Their names are nothing straightforward like touch, smell, sight, taste and hearing. The sixth and seventh senses are the vestibular sense and proprioception. Even just the sounds of the words make them intriguing to learn about!

This post will be mainly about the vestibular sense and why developing a child's vestibular sense should be a primary motivator for getting your kids in nature more often. I'll write about proprioception another time but just so I don't leave you hanging, proprioception deals with sensing what your different body parts are doing without looking at them.

The vestibular sense, also known as the balance sense, is the awareness of your body in space. The name comes from the word vestibule. This sense is quite literally a hallway to the brain. This hallway begins to develop in utero at just two months after conception. The vestibular sense is completely formed around five months after conception and movement in the womb will contribute to its development! The vestibular sense is the first fully functioning sensory system to develop!

I really loved learning about this sense because it immediately explained why kids are drawn to certain activities. Children love to swing. They love to twist the ropes of the swing and then spin as fast as they can. Kids will roll down hills over and over again. They love to play rough and tumble, hang upside down on monkey bars, dance, do somersaults, play leap frog and wheelbarrow race. I loved doing the crab walk as a kid. Youngsters love thrill rides at amusement parks and they even love to spin just for fun. Each one of these activities is strengthening the balance sense and helping children learn where their body is in space.

The vestibular sense goes back to the incredibly small hairs inside the inner ear. When we move, the fluid in our ears moves and stimulates those hairs, sending the brain information about where our body is in space. The more a child is out of an upright position, the more the fluid will move over the hairs, and the stronger the vestibular sense will become. Children need to put their bodies in all different positions and move them in all different directions in order to get that fluid moving.

The vestibular sense is a cornerstone sense because it affects the incorporation of all of the other senses. What does this look like? Children with a strong vestibular sense

are more coordinated and better balanced. Kids who haven't fully developed their vestibular sense tend to be clumsy and run into things. They may not have a good understanding of personal space.

The progression of sitting to crawling to toddling to running during first 15 months is a crucial time for developing the balance sense. It is vitally important that children are able to practice these skills on all different types of terrain so that their movements is not always linear. The variation of the outside surfaces will lend tremendously to sensory development. Children who are always on flat surfaces do not get the stimulation their bodies need. Add an extra layer of depth here by spending some time outside in bare feet. Learning foot flexibility will aid in sensory development as well.

Anytime we move the body or the head we activate vestibular sense. This activation sends signals to eyes telling them that they need to respond. I have written in other posts about the importance of strong eye muscles for academic success. Strong eye muscles help with both for reading and writing. We need to have eye muscles that are individually strong but also muscles that track well together. The retina has 137 million nerve endings that take in sensory information.

Playground equipment has changed over the decades. We no longer have the fast merry-go-rounds or the uneven metal bars for hanging upside down. We took our kids to a brand new playground a few months ago. It's a huge playground that's absolutely gorgeous and has one of those squishy floors all around it. There is no merry-go-round but there was this huge bird-cage like apparatus that fit tons of children inside. All our kids ran to it and climbed inside. It spun... but hardly. It barely moved. In a sense, I'm sure it was safer but it definitely wasn't contributing to the development of the vestibular sense!

Without even knowing what it was called, we have seen great sensory growth in our own children over the years. They jump from rock to rock like nimble cats. I'm astonished when I see the things they can do physically.

From an adult perspective, it's okay if you just want to watch. When you go through puberty the fluid in the ear canals will thicken, lengthening the amount of time it takes for the little ear hairs to return to their original position. This is why teens and adults tend to get motion sick more often than children. I remember trying to do a somersault when my kids were little and feeling absolutely awful afterward.

**Sense, continued on page 20**



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

*A Message from High School Principal  
Jennifer Bustard*

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



### April Awareness Activities 2019

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#### Important dates:

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|-------------|--|
| March-April | Face the Book Billboard Contest, Campaign and Competition  |
| April 16    | Marijuana awareness activities during lunches - all grades   |
| April 18    | Driving Simulator during lunch hours - all grades  |
| April 22    | Save a life tour assembly 1st hour, follow-up activities throughout the day  |
| May 3       | UTV Driving course in health classes   |
| May 4       | Prom at the Trillium - 7:30-10pm   |
| May 6       | Drawing for the Ride with Pride (final 10 junior/seniors) Prize: Car!<br>Final 9-10th grade students eligible for a Moped!   |
| May 10      | Sailor Pride All School Assembly: Celebrate School and Community Positive Behaviors Present grade level prizes donated by local businesses and announce the winner of the Car and Moped!<br>Sponsored by Ramos and Sons and Nexes Realty |

#### Teaching and Learning:

Our high school is proud to share that in our pursuit of College, Career and life readiness for all of our students, we have recently assessed our 9th grade, 10th grade and 11th grade students. Since the State of Michigan implemented the mandate for all juniors to take the SAT college entrance exam, we have created the opportunity to test all students on that day. The 9th and 10th grade took PSAT, and the 11th grade took the SAT. The PSAT test is a predictor assessment on how students will fare on the SAT College Readiness Assessment. By having students take these assessments, teachers have a data resource to use in evaluating curriculum, monitor how students are learning, make the necessary adjustments to assist in student achievement and provide students and their parents with college readiness predictors. For more information on SAT readiness check out the counseling department webpage or visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

#### Advanced Placement Program New Addition:

MSHS is proud to announce the introduction of the AP Capstone program to the course offerings students have to select from beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The Capstone program allows students who have taken six AP courses over their HS career an opportunity to be given a distinction of earning an AP Capstone Diploma. The distinction provides opportunities for further college scholarships and potential entrance into select universities. Students who complete the Capstone program will have completed the AP Seminar and Research courses, which provided enriching opportunities to further explore research skills in their selected area of interest.

#### Summer School Information:

We are pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will be once again offering Summer School for students. Mona Shores High School recognizes the demands that the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the increased graduation requirements have placed on students. Having summer school will give students a local opportunity for credit recovery and credit enhancement. We are excited about this opportunity to be able to offer a variety of classes to our students. Specific Summer School information is available in the counseling office at the high school or can be found on our high school webpage. Any questions, please contact Pat Rabbitt, summer school coordinator. He can be reached at 231-780-4711.

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

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

*Jennifer Bustard, Principal*

*(231) 780-4711, extension 8499*

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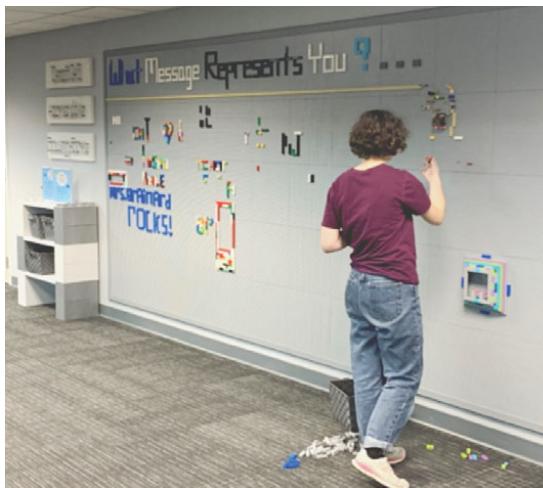


## MONA SHORES HIGH SCHOOL 2019 SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Saturday May 4	Prom	Trillium Conference and Banquet Center Dance 7:00-10:00 pm
Friday May 10	Sailor Pride 'Ride with Pride' All School Assembly	Sailor Center 1:30 pm
Monday May 20	Honors Convocation (All Seniors 3.5+ are honored)	7:00 pm HS Auditorium
Wednesday May 22 NO LATE START	Senior Exams-4th & 5th Last Day Seniors attend CTC	Last time 4th & 5th hr. classes meet for seniors No late start – 1st hr. begins at 7:40 am
Thursday May 23	Senior Exams-1st & 3rd	Last time 1st & 3rd hr. classes meet for seniors
Friday May 24	Senior Breakfast: 8:00-8:54 am Senior Exams-2nd hour  Senior Lunch	Cafeteria from 8:00-8:54 am Last time 2nd hr. class meets for seniors  Fricano's on the Lake Pizza – 1:30 pm
Tuesday May 28	Commencement Rehearsal 12:45 pm – L.C. Walker Arena Commencement 7:00 pm – L.C. Walker Arena	

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

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



## BUILD, CREATE, INSPIRE in the High School LMC

The Lego wall is complete! As mentioned in the last issue of The Lighthouse View, one of the goals of the High School Library Media Center (LMC), or Learning Commons, is to provide an area for students to take care of not only their academic needs, but emotional as well. The new addition of the 6' x 15' Lego wall is one more avenue in providing this. Students can relax their minds by creating designs or writing messages on the wall.

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# Counselor's CORNER

by Danielle Smith-Walker, Director of Guidance

## SCHEDULING 2019-2020

Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year has wrapped up here at the high school. The counselors met individually with each student regarding their scheduling choices for next school year and future plans. Students also updated their EDP's and explored Career Cruising. If your son/daughter did not turn in their scheduling forms, please have them bring them to the counseling office as soon as possible.

### Muskegon Area Promise

All graduates who reside in and graduate from a Muskegon County School are eligible for TUITION-FREE PROMISE Scholarships. The PROMISE covers tuition (valued at the current Muskegon Community College rate), books, and mandatory fees (a \$6,926 value). For more information please visit: <http://www.muskegonisd.org/career-college/promise>.

#### Students must:

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

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

## SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Any senior who has received a scholarship should fill out the "Award Form" in order to be recognized at the Honors Convocation. This form will be available in early May. Please list all scholarship earnings and awards that you have been granted to date. This includes scholarships/grants that you may or may not accept. Do not include loans or Pell Grants. It is important that you include the full name of the scholarship/award including the college name if applicable.

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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

- **Seniors planning to attend Muskegon Community College:** Our office has planned special days for our seniors to visit Muskegon Community College on May 1 and 2. Students will go through orientation, take placement tests, meet with advisors to register for classes, and tour the campus. Students must sign up to attend by APRIL 12. Students must provide their own transportation. Please stop in for further details.

## SAT

Students planning to take the June 1 SAT must submit their registration online by May 3rd. Please visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines> for more information. Mona Shores High School's code is 232704. The basic fee for the SAT (no writing) is \$47.50 and SAT plus writing is \$64.50. Please note that there is also an August 24 test date for those wanting to take it before school starts.

## College Awareness Week / College Decision Day

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

## Financial Aid

The financial aid process begins with submitting the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online after October 1. The FAFSA evaluates eligibility for need-based aid, including federal loans, and gives students access to need-based grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. For assistance in completing your FAFSA, please contact either Baker College or attend one of MCC's FAFSA Friday sessions. These services are available to the community (student need not be planning to attend either college for assistance). For more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at MCC: Phone: (231) 773-9131.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Information regarding summer school at Mona Shores High School will be available in the Counseling Office and on our web site by the end of April. This is an outstanding

opportunity for students to either do credit recovery for one or two classes or do credit enhancement to get ahead in their coursework. Each class spans a three-week time period, and it is imperative that students attend every session. Check out the website for the fees, specific dates, and the courses being offered, or contact your student's counselor.

## CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

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

## TESTING OUT OF CLASSES

Testing out of classes provides students with an opportunity to earn credit in a course by passing an examination. Testing out is only available once per year. This year's test out date is scheduled for the end of May. The student must complete a request form (available in the Athletic/Counseling Office later this month) and then return it along with a refundable \$25 check. Study materials will be available for pickup in the Athletic/Counseling Office. Students must earn an 80% or better on the exam in order to receive credit for the course.

## COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE

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

## Michigan College Summer Programs 2019

### Ferris State University

<https://www.ferris.edu/summcamps/>

### Kettering University

<https://www.kettering.edu/precollege>

### Lawrence Tech University

[www.ltu.edu/summcamps](http://www.ltu.edu/summcamps)

### Michigan State University

<https://www.mtu.edu/syp/>  
<https://www.egr.msu.edu/future-engineer/summer-programs>

### Michigan Technological University

<https://www.mtu.edu/syp/>

### University of Michigan

<https://youthhub.umich.edu/marketplace/opportunities>



# 2019 MONA SHORES SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Tuesday	04/09/19	*Muskegon High School ( DH )
Thursday	04/11/19	*Muskegon High School ( S )
Saturday	04/13/19	<b>Grand Haven High School ( DH )</b>
Tuesday	04/16/19	*Fruitport HS ( DH )
Thursday	04/18/19	<b>*Fruitport HS ( S )</b>
Saturday	04/20/19	Montague High School (DH)
Tuesday	04/23/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS ( DH )
Thursday	04/25/19	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS ( S )</b>
Saturday	04/27/19	Grand Rapids Catholic Central ( DH )
Tuesday	04/30/19	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS ( DH )</b>
Thursday	05/02/19	*Grand Rapids Union HS ( S )
Saturday	05/04/19	<b>OPEN DATE (GMAA @ Mona Shores)</b>
Tuesday	05/07/19	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School ( DH )</b>
Thursday	05/09/19	*Kenowa Hills High School ( S )
Saturday	05/11/19	Zeeland East Tournament
Tuesday	05/14/19	*Jenison High School ( DH )
Thursday	05/16/19	<b>*Jenison High School ( S )</b>
Saturday	05/18/19	Caledonia High School ( DH )
Thursday	05/22/19	Oakridge High School ( S )
Saturday	05/25/19	<b>Grandville HS ( DH )</b>
Tuesday	05/28/19	<b>OPEN DATE (MHSAA District)</b>

## BOYS JV BASEBALL

Tuesday	04/09/19	*Muskegon High School ( DH )
Thursday	04/11/19	<b>*Muskegon High School ( S )</b>
Saturday	04/13/19	Grand Haven High School ( DH )
Tuesday	04/16/19	<b>*Fruitport HS ( DH )</b>
Thursday	04/18/19	*Fruitport HS ( S )
Saturday	04/20/19	<b>Montague High School ( DH )</b>
Tuesday	04/23/19	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS ( DH )</b>
Thursday	04/25/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS ( S )
Saturday	04/27/19	<b>Grand Rapids Catholic Central ( DH )</b>
Tuesday	04/30/19	*Grand Rapids Union HS ( DH )
Thursday	05/02/19	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS ( S )</b>
Saturday	05/04/19	West Catholic H.S. ( DH )
Tuesday	05/07/19	*Kenowa Hills High School ( DH )
Thursday	05/09/19	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School ( S )</b>
Saturday	05/11/19	Grand Haven Invitational
Tuesday	05/14/19	<b>*Jenison High School ( DH )</b>
Thursday	05/16/19	*Jenison High School ( S )
Saturday	05/18/19	<b>Caledonia High School ( DH )</b>
Thursday	05/22/19	<b>Oakridge High School ( S )</b>
Saturday	05/25/19	Grandville HS ( DH )

## BOYS FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Tuesday	04/09/19	*Jenison High School	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	04/12/19	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Saturday	04/13/19	Grand Haven High School	Away	10:00 AM
Wednesday	04/17/19	<b>*Northview High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Friday	04/19/19	<b>*Forest Hills Northern HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Saturday	04/20/19	Hudsonville Tournament	Away	10:00 AM
Monday	04/22/19	<b>Oakridge High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Wednesday	04/24/19	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Friday	04/26/19	*Northview High School	Away	4:15 PM
Tuesday	05/01/19	*Fruitport HS	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	05/03/19	<b>*Cedar Springs High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Tuesday	05/07/19	*Forest Hills Central HS	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	05/14/19	Cedar Springs High School	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	05/17/19	*Greenville High School	Away	4:15 PM
Wednesday	05/22/19	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:15 PM

## BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Tuesday	04/09/19	Fruitport Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC	Away	4:00 PM
Friday	04/12/19	Southern Swing in Ohio	Away	TBA
Saturday	04/13/19	Southern Swing in Ohio	Away	TBA
Wednesday	04/17/19	Reeths Puffer Jamboree @ Lincoln GC	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	04/24/19	Kenowa Hills Jamboree @ Gracewil GC	Away	4:00 PM
Friday	04/26/19	Ludington Invite	Away	TBA
Wednesday	05/01/19	<b>GMAA Tournament @ Stonegate GC</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Thursday	05/02/19	Forest Hills Central Invitational @ The Meadows GC	Away	8:30 AM
Monday	05/06/19	Jenison Jamboree @ The Meadows	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	05/08/19	Union Jamboree @ The Mines GC	Away	4:00 PM
Friday	05/10/19	Wildcat Invitational @ Old Channel Trail	Away	9:00 AM
Saturday	05/11/19	The Fortress GC	Away	TBA
Monday	05/13/19	Big Rapids Tournament @ Tullymore	Away	8:30 AM
Wednesday	05/15/19	<b>Mona Shores Jamboree @ Muskegon CC</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Monday	05/20/19	<b>Mona Shores Invitational @ Muskegon CC</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Wednesday	05/22/19	@Mac Legends GC	Away	TBA
Wednesday	05/22/19	Conference Finals @ the Meadows GC	Away	9:00 AM

## BOYS JV GOLF

Monday	04/15/19	<b>*Hudsonville High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Wednesday	04/17/19	*Jenison High School	Away	3:30 PM
Thursday	04/18/19	FHC Invitational @ Thornapple Point	Away	10:00 AM
Wednesday	04/24/19	<b>*Caledonia High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Friday	04/26/19	Ludington Invite	Away	TBA

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# **2019 MONA SHORES SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday	05/01/19	*Grandville HS
Saturday	05/04/19	GR Christian JV Invitational
Monday	05/06/19	*Rockford High School
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/08/19</b>	<b>*West Ottawa HS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/09/19</b>	<b>Mona Shores Invitational</b>
Friday	05/10/19	Wildcat Invitational @ Old Channel Trail
Monday	05/13/19	*East Kentwood HS
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/15/19</b>	<b>*Grand Haven High School</b>
Monday	05/20/19	OK Red Post-Season

# **GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER**

Wednesday	04/10/19	Spring Lake High School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/16/19</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>
Thursday	04/18/19	*Fruitport HS
Saturday	04/20/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/23/19</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25/19</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>
Saturday	04/27/19	Traverse City West HS
Tuesday	04/30/19	*Jenison High School
Saturday	05/04/19	*Muskegon High School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/07/19</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/09/19</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/11/19</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School</b>
Tuesday	05/14/19	*Grand Rapids Union HS
Thursday	05/16/19	*Kenowa Hills High School
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/18/19</b>	<b>North Muskegon HS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/21/19</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>

# **GIRLS JV SOCCER**

Wednesday	04/10/19	Spring Lake High School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/16/19</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School</b>
Thursday	04/18/19	*Fruitport HS
Saturday	04/20/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/23/19</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25/19</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School</b>
Saturday	04/27/19	Traverse City West HS
Tuesday	04/30/19	*Jenison High School
Saturday	05/04/19	*Muskegon High School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/07/19</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/09/19</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/11/19</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School</b>
Tuesday	05/14/19	*Grand Rapids Union HS
Thursday	05/16/19	*Kenowa Hills High School
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/18/19</b>	<b>Oakridge High School</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/21/19</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>

## **GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/09/19</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School ( DH)</b>
Thursday	04/11/19	Forest Hills Eastern ( DH)
Saturday	04/13/19	Grand Haven High School ( DH)
Tuesday	04/16/19	*Fruitport HS ( DH)

Away	3:30 PM
Away	8:00 AM
Away	3:30 PM
<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Away	9:00 AM
Away	3:30 PM
<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Away	1:00 PM

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/17/19</b>	Hudsonville High School ( DH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/20/19</b>	<b>East Kentwood HS ( DH)</b>
Tuesday	04/23/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25/19</b>	<b>Whitehall High School ( DH)</b>
Saturday	04/27/19	Rockford High School ( DH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/30/19</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS ( DH)</b>
Saturday	05/04/19	GMAA Tournament
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/07/19</b>	<b>*Kenowa Hills High School ( DH)</b>

Away	4:15 PM
<b>Home</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Away	4:15 PM
<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Away	10:00 AM
<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>
Away	TBA
<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>

## **GIRLS JV SOFTBALL**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/11/19</b>	<b>Forest Hills Eastern ( DH)</b>
Saturday	04/13/19	Grand Haven High School (DH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/16/19</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS ( DH)</b>
Wednesday	04/17/19	Hudsonville High School ( DH)
Saturday	04/20/19	East Kentwood HS (EK Double-H)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/23/19</b>	<b>*Reeths-Puffer HS ( DH)</b>
Thursday	04/25/19	Whitehall High School ( DH)
Saturday	04/27/19	Caledonia Invite
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/03/19</b>	<b>Rockford High School ( DH)</b>
Tuesday	05/07/19	*Kenowa Hills High School ( DH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/09/19</b>	<b>Forest Hills Central HS ( DH)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/14/19</b>	<b>*Jenison High School ( DH)</b>
Monday	05/20/19	Byron Center High School ( DH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/22/19</b>	<b>West Ottawa HS ( DH)</b>

## **GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/09/19</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School</b>
Wednesday	04/10/19	Thornapple-Kellogg HS
Saturday	04/13/19	EK Invite
Monday	04/15/19	Whitehall High School
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/17/19</b>	<b>*Grand Rapids Union HS</b>
Saturday	04/20/19	Holland Quad
Wednesday	04/24/19	*Kenowa Hills High School
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/25/19</b>	<b>North Muskegon HS</b>
Saturday	04/27/19	Caledonia Invite
Monday	04/29/19	*Reeths-Puffer HS
Wednesday	05/01/19	*Jenison High School
Friday	05/03/19	Zeeland East Tri
Saturday	05/04/19	GMAA @ R-P
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/06/19</b>	<b>Ludington High School</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/08/19</b>	<b>*Fruitport HS</b>
Saturday	05/11/19	OK Black Tournament @ Union

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# 2019 MONA SHORES SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

Wednesday	04/10/19	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	04/12/19	Rocket Invitational	Away	1:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/17/19</b>	<b>*Muskegon High School (Muskegon Dual) Home</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	
Wednesday	04/24/19	Fruitport OK Black Tri	Away	4:15 PM
Tuesday	04/30/19	Reeths-Puffer Double-Dual	Away	4:15 PM
Friday	05/03/19	GMAA Meet @ Muskegon	Away	12:00 PM
Thursday	05/09/19	Conference Meet @ Kenowa Hills	Away	12:00 PM
Friday	05/17/19	MHSAA Regional	Away	TBA
Wednesday	05/22/19	West Michigan-Meijer Invitational @ Reeths-Puffer	Away	1:00 PM

## BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

Thursday	04/11/19	*Kenowa Hills High School	Away	6:00 PM
Saturday	04/13/19	Grand Haven High School	Away	12:00 PM
Tuesday	04/16/19	*Northview High School	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/18/19</b>	<b>*Comstock Park HS/MS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/20/19</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
Tuesday	04/23/19	*Lowell High School	Away	6:00 PM
Thursday	04/25/19	*South Christian HS	Away	5:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/27/19</b>	<b>Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Tuesday	04/30/19	*East Kentwood HS	Away	6:00 PM

Thursday	05/02/19	*Jenison High School	Away	6:00 PM
Friday	05/03/19	Kenowa Hills High School	Away	7:00 PM
Tuesday	05/07/19	Holland High School	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/09/19</b>	<b>*Northview High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday	05/11/19	Spring Lake High School	Away	TBA
Tuesday	05/14/19	*Comstock Park HS/MS	Away	6:00 PM

## GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

Wednesday	04/10/19	*Hudsonville High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	04/12/19	West Ottawa HS	Away	6:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/15/19</b>	<b>*Jenison High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/17/19</b>	<b>*Comstock Park HS/MS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Saturday	04/20/19	Loy Norrix HS (Super Saturday Tournament (2 games)	Away	TBA
		*Zeeland East HS	Away	6:00 PM
		<b>*Northview High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
		<b>Vicksburg High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
		<b>*Hudsonville High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
		Jenison High School	Away	5:30 PM
		West Ottawa HS	Home	5:30 PM
		*Comstock Park HS/MS	Away	6:00 PM
		<b>*Zeeland East HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
		*Northview High School	Away	6:00 PM

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# Sailor Athletic News

*A Message from Todd Conrad, Director of Athletics*

## Adaptability a Must as Winter Turns to Summer

It's been a wild ride as the polar vortex wreaked havoc on our athletic schedules this winter. Our coaches, athletes, and parents have had to adjust repeatedly to changes in practices and competitions. It has certainly been a test of our collective ability to adapt. Despite the adversity, this winter was full of bright spots. Josh Hill ended his high school wrestling career placing 5th at the MHSAA finals at 215. Senior Tommy Cotner finished 6th at the MHSAA diving championships. Our girls bowling team was back-to-back GMAA champs as well as MHSAA Regional champs, finishing 5th in the state finals. Our competitive cheer team also piled up the accolades as GMAA champs for the tenth year in the row, MHSAA District champs, as well as ending the season 3rd in Division 2. Team 19 also had the highest grade point average of all teams in Division 2, and Coach Amanda Heethuis was named coach of the year. Three girls were named first-team all state: Seniors Erica Dakin and Olivia Curtice as well as junior Logan Potts. Our athletes have certainly made their mark this winter.

February 6th was National Signing Day, and 2019 was a banner year for Sailor Nation. To date, Mona Shores High School has 14 seniors who have committed to continue their athletic careers at the next level. With the potential for a few more Sailors to sign before graduation day, this could be a record-breaking year of college signees. From Muskegon Community College to Purdue University, Mona Shores athletes will continue to make their mark all across the midwest for years to come.

The spring athletic season also promises to be a test of our ability to adapt to change as we begin work on our soccer and softball complex at 905 Seminole Road. In the spring of 2020, our teams will have a beautiful facility to showcase their talents. For the 2019 season, both soccer and softball will be played at Ross Park. The varsity and junior varsity softball teams will play their games at 82 Randall Road. A special thanks goes out to the City of Norton Shores for working with us to give our girls a high-quality home field this spring. Both girls soccer teams will play behind Ross Park Elementary at 121 Randall Road. Our grounds crew will work diligently to ensure that the playing surface is ready for practices and competitions this spring.

One of the principal skills we hope to give our students as they compete in interscholastic athletics is the ability to adapt to change, difficult as it sometimes is. This past winter was no exception, and there will be similar opportunities in the coming months and years as we work our way through upgrades to our athletic facilities. As a school-community, I'm confident we'll rise to the challenge, as we always have. *Go Shores!*

## GIVING OUR BEST

*A Message from Middle School Principal  
Doug Ammeraal*



- A continued focus on building relationships with our students ✓
- Teaching and coaching high quality character and positively impacting others ✓
- Students and staff that PRIDE themselves on giving their best each and every day ✓
- A school that is providing a high quality education and opportunities to our students ✓
- A culture that works to provide a safe environment for students and staff ✓
- A place that is creating new opportunities for students to learn, innovate, and explore ✓

Celebrating the 2018-2019 school year, I would like to ask our readers to take just a moment to read some of the incredible things happening in our building! I have asked some of our top-notch educators to share a few of the opportunities that our students are engaging in at Mona Shores Middle School.

With SAILOR PRIDE,  
Doug Ammeraal - Principal

## IMPACT and CHARACTER Anchors Away! MSMS Launches Peer-to-Peer Program - Marissa Heyblom



Mona Shores Middle School is proud to announce the launch of its MSMS Crewmates Peer-to-Peer Links Program. The research-based program is designed to celebrate diversity, promote acceptance, and create unbreakable bonds between our Sailors. As Crewmates, general education students are paired with students in their classes who have special needs. Both inside and outside of the classroom, our general education students demonstrate Sailor P.R.I.D.E., model appropriate social behaviors, encourage independence, and build friendships with their links.

The month of March rolled in like a lion at MSMS, as our Crewmates planned to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on the 21st. Dressed in crazy socks and matching t-shirts, the students hosted classroom competitions and sell tattoos, t-shirts, and cookies to benefit the lakeshore chapter of No More Sidelines. Currently, more than a dozen Sailors are a part of the MSMS Crewmates program. Watch us as we continue to flood our hallways with acceptance, inclusion, and memorable learning experiences!

## ACADEMICS Sailor Excellence Program - Nichole Butterfield

Mona Shores Middle School has the most incredible student population around! In order to celebrate the greatness of our middle school students, we began the Sailor Excellence Program. The Sailor Excellence Program, also known as SEP, is a positive behavior support at Mona Shores Middle School. The purpose of this program was to reward the students that simply continue to do the right thing! Each trimester, students are rewarded in new ways for being an exemplar for academics, attendance, and positive behavior. The hope in introducing this program was to not only recognize those who are always making the right decision, but also encourage others to do the same.



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The Sailor Excellence Program began in the 2017-2018 school year. Each SEP since its pilot has been slightly different, but one thing has remained the same, MSMS has many students to celebrate. Each SEP, approximately 70% of our student population has been rewarded with a variety of activities. Students have watched movies, eaten fun treats, made slime, played sports, solved puzzles, played games, watched district administrators be pied, and much more! These rewards have improved attendance and grades, all while minimizing discipline referrals. SEP motivates students to make good decisions and model Sailor Excellence.

## ATHLETICS

### Reflections From New Eyes -- Jack Nummerdor

Interscholastic Athletics are such an integral part of a school and community culture. It has once been mentioned that a Fall Sports season can set the tone for the school year. This can be argued, but for anyone willing to make that kind of statement around a group of students makes it something we need to maybe look at or pay attention to. Mona Shores is obviously well respected in the realm of athletics and performing arts around the county and West Michigan. Some can argue we have begun making a dent statewide and even throughout the midwest. This is something that we need to be proud of and recognize what we can do to be better. Some may read this and think I am stating we can be better in our performance, which is very true, but really there are many other things that we can work to be better at. During my short tenure at Mona Shores Middle School I have noticed many things we do really well and some things that could use some improvement. I would like to focus on the top three things that have stood out the most so far.

**1. Community Support:** Coming from a small district, I was worried that coming to a larger district would mean losing that feel. However, I was positively wrong. From the community sendoff, to the MHSAA Tournament Support, and to the amazingly large numbers of volunteers, this community loves their kids and their athletics. This isn't just a success thing either. Most of my time has been spent at Middle School events. The stands are full of family members, staff members, and fellow students cheering on our athletes. The Community also made a significant commitment to the district with the passing of the bond issue. That commitment is a statement in its own right. So much time and resources will be spent for these kids to be the best they can be. What an amazing thing for students just beginning their interscholastic athletic journeys.

**2. High Expectations:** With love and support can come expectations. Mona Shores continues to hold their student-athletes to High Standards. This occurs in the classroom, outside of the building, and on the playing surface. This is such a

privilege. Our student-athletes get to have some of the greatest environments around them to push them to the best of their abilities. With these high expectations and the success of reaching them comes the challenge of continuing to reach higher. This may be my favorite part of the Sailor Nation Culture at this point. We are not settling for good enough.

**3. Great Families and Students:** The culture that is pushed within the Mona Shores Public School District is one of ALL means ALL. Both athletically and academically, our students are surrounded by people that want to see them make it. We are working tirelessly on not allowing a student to fall through the cracks. It takes a village to raise a child and this village is one that works well together. It is not just in the school, but at home as well. It is a pleasant feeling knowing that the families and kids have bought into the notion of caring for and taking care of each other.

Another positive thing that I would like to take a second to recognize is our Middle School Coaching Staff. These people are working with our young athletes day in and day out trying to help them along their life journey. For that, I am overly appreciative. They do this with little to no recognition. Please take a moment to look through the names and find someone you may know and thank them for their effort to make our kids better. Thom Grimm, Bill Lent, Kevin Terpstra, Eric Wahlberg, Joe Latz, Emily McClellan, Jeff Hellman, David Check, Kyle Mireles, Lisa Bowers, Lynnette Buikema, Charlie Hackney, Tracy Hackney, Troy Hammond, Jessica Overweg, Jeff Facchini, Shannon Swartz, Alyssa Fox, Kimberlee Arnold, Alex Parr, Stephanie Swartz, Jolynn Walek, Mary Poort, Matt Lamphere, and Aaron Beson. Once again, thank you all for the work you are doing with our student-athletes!

If anyone ever has any questions, concerns, or would like to be involved with our Middle School Athletics Team, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. I appreciate you taking the time to allow me to brag about our programs and district. Sailor Nation is such an amazing place to call home!

## MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL:

- 8 SCHOOL RESUMES  
ORCHESTRA 7TH/8TH GRADE COMBINED REHEARSAL, 2:50-3:30
- 9 MIDDLE FIDDLES, 3:30-4:00 P.M.  
8TH GRADE SOUND OF SHORES REHEARSAL, BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHOIR @ MSHS PAC 12:30-2:30
- 10 8TH GRADE SOUND OF SHORES PERFORMANCE, 7:00 P.M., MSHS PAC
- NO LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- MSBOA MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE, TBA, MSMS
- MIDDLE FIDDLES, 3-4 P.M.
- 5TH & 6TH ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ M.S.M.S. AUDITORIUM, 7:00 P.M.
- LATE START WED, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.
- HALF-DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, (DISMISSAL, 11 A.M.)
- LATE START WED, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.
- SCHEDULED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- CHOIR MINI-POPS SPECIALTY ACT AUDITIONS

### MAY:

- 1 MINI POOPS AUDITIONS  
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 8:00-9:00 A.M.
- LATE START WED, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.
- 2 6TH/7TH/8TH MSMS BAND SPRING CONCERT, 7:30 P.M. @ MSHS
- 3 SAILOR CELEBRATION, 5-7 P.M.
- 8 NO LATE START WED, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 15 LATE START WED, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.
- 21 MSMS ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT, 7-8:30 P.M.
- 22 NO LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL, 7TH & 8TH GRADE, 6:00-7:30 P.M., MS AUDITORIUM
- 22-24 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP
- 23 8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA SPRING TRIP, 8:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
- 7TH/8TH GRADE MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL (RAIN DATE), 6-7:30 P.M.
- CHOIR MINI-POPS CONCERT, 7:30 P.M. @ MSHS
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
- 7TH-8TH GRADE BAND MARCHES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 8:15 A.M.
- (@ SOCIAL SECURITY PARKING LOT ON MORRIS STREET)

### 29

LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.

WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETING, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

### 30

6TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT, 10:00 A.M.; 12:45 P.M.

8TH GRADE CAREER DAY - TENTATIVE

### 31

BON VOYAGE, 8TH GRADE DANCE, 6-8 P.M.

### JUNE:

### 1

7TH/8TH GRADE CHOIR CEDAR POINT TRIP

### 3

8TH GRADE H.S. MARCHING BAND ORGANIZATIONAL PARENT MEETING, 7:00-8:00 P.M., @ MSHS CHOIR ROOM

### 5

8TH GRADE PARENTS, SPRING BAND PARENT MEETING, 7:00 PM., @ MSHS CHOIR ROOM

LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 A.M.

### 11

EXAMS: HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)

### 12

NO LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.

EXAMS: HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)

### 15-17

LAST STUDENT/TEACHER DAY

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

## MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 5th to 6th Grade Transition 2019 Important Dates

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM VISITS ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS

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

**Monday, March 11** - 9:00 am, Lincoln Park

**Wednesday, March 13** - 10:00 am, Ross Park • 2:00 pm, Campbell

**Thursday, March 14** - 9:00 am, Churchill

#### 5TH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BAND ORIENTATION AT HIGH SCHOOL

- Information • Tours & Lunch • Questions and Answers
- Band Orientation / Performances

**Tuesday, April 16** - 11:15 am • Ross Park & Campbell

**Thursday, April 18** - 11:15 am • Churchill & Lincoln Park

## FALL 2019

#### PORTS OF CALL - PARENTS & STUDENTS

**Tuesday, August 20**, 9:00-12:00 and 3:00-6:00 (6th grade)

**Tuesday, August 27**, 4:00-6:00 Make up day all grades

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

#### OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE)

**Wednesday, August 28**, 5:30 - 7 pm

- Meet Teachers • Visit Classrooms • Follow Schedule

#### IMPORTANT FORMS

##### Registration Form AND Performing Arts Selection

- Issued to Students on Friday, April 19th
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# Closing Circles at Ross Park



A Message from  
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This school year, teachers and students at Ross Park are participating in the practice of closing circles at the end of each day. In the last ten minutes of the school day, students gather together and take turns sharing a reflection about their day in response to a question posed to the group. Each student is encouraged to share their response. Examples of reflective questions include: "When was a time you felt supported today?" or "When today did you observe someone being kind?" Questions can be teacher or student led, depending on the age and grade level of students.

The practice of closing circle reflections is modeled after the Responsive Classroom approach to education. The Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based educational approach that focuses on the strong relationship between academic success and social-emotional learning (SEL). (Retrieved February 13, 2019 from the Center for Responsive Schools, Inc. website: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>)



While Ross Park teachers have been utilizing a daily morning meeting format to connect, check in, and review the happenings of the day with students for years, most teachers did not have a similar structure of checking out with students at the end of the day. In turn, teachers reported the end of the day often feeling rushed and stressful, for not only themselves, but for students as well.

Over the summer, the Ross Park School Leadership Team dug deeper into the practice of incorporating a daily closing circle in an effort to encourage, not only the crucial learning practice of student reflection, but also with the goal of bringing a more peaceful ending to each day.

Through the work of teacher leaders, peer-to-peer observations and grade level collaborations, closing reflective circles have been developed and implemented in all Ross Park classrooms.

Teachers now report that closing circles have not only given them valuable insight into students' reflections of their days, but they have completely eliminated the frenzied feeling at the end of day. Teachers and students alike state that now, instead of dreading the end of the day rush, they look forward to the peaceful transition into the evening that closing circles provide.

For more information on Responsive Classrooms, please visit the Center for Responsive Schools at [www.crslearn.org](http://www.crslearn.org).



# Campbell is Rocking Reading with Lexia!

**WHO:** All Campbell Elementary Students

**WHAT:** Lexia Reading is a computerized reading program that provides phonics instruction and gives students independent practice in basic reading skills (MDOE, 2018).

**WHERE:** School, home, anywhere internet access is available (contact your child's teacher for help with login information).

**WHEN:** 20 minutes (average) per day at school. The sky is the limit outside of school.

**WHY:** Lexia Reading is designed to supplement regular classroom instruction. It is designed to support skill development in the five areas of reading instruction identified by the National Reading Panel (MDOE, 2018).

**RESULTS:** \*66% of Campbell students that met their usage goal advanced one or more grade level of material! (\*Lexia Progress and Usage Summary Report, January 26, 2019).



A Message from  
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## Campbell Elementary PTO is Phenomenal!

Although small in number, they are mighty in impact! For many years, the Parent Teacher Organization at Campbell Elementary has been providing an array of engaging activities, community-building events, and instructionally supportive opportunities.

This driven group encourages parents to assist with various school functions and services; they provide financial assistance where needs are identified within the school; they foster a community atmosphere; and they support the mission and vision of Campbell.

### 2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit Week activities
- Popcorn sales
- Dinner for teachers at conferences
- Paint Night
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Giving Tree
- Santa Sale
- Mother/Son Dance
- Family Fun Night @ Norton Pines
- Staff Appreciation
- Carnival
- 5th Grade Graduation

Want to get involved? PTO meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 (unless otherwise noted). You can also connect with the PTO on their Facebook page under Campbell Elementary PTO or visit their website at [www.monashores.net/our-schools/campbell-elementary/campbell-ptp](http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/campbell-elementary/campbell-ptp).



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## A Message from Churchill Elementary Principal Lowell Whitaker

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We are excited to share our PBIS systems that are in place here at Churchill Elementary, which helps us to create a "positive" and "productive" school culture. We take a lot of pride in establishing a learning environment that benefits our students on a daily basis. Our team is committed to engaging students in conversation around social responsibility. We make it a priority to provide students with many opportunities where they can take ownership of their learning and display leadership. Please see the PBIS programs we have in place in order to consistently teach, model, and recognize positive behavior.

**Hall Of Fame Assemblies:** Once a month, students are recognized in front of their peers at a school assembly. They are recognized for following our Rock Star Expectations and exhibiting outstanding behavior. Each month we have an intentional focus. The behaviors we focus on are the following: Show Kindness, Take Responsibility, Act Respectfully, and Ready to Learn.

**Ride With Pride:** We work with the Norton Shores Police Department to set goals for our students regarding personal safety (helmets, seat belts, etc.), importance of school (grades, attendance, etc.), and social skills in society (treating others in a kind way). Students brought home a form at the beginning of the year for the parent/student to sign if they want to participate. All students that meet criteria will go into a drawing at the end of the year for a chance to win a bike (K-2 & 3-5).



**BE NICE:** The focus is teaching students to recognize and take ownership of their behavior. The middle school and high school utilize this program as well. This program encourages and teaches strategies for students to do the following: Notice Invite Challenge Empower. On the first Friday of each month, teachers and students will be wearing their Be Nice t-shirts. Our PTO generously purchased a shirt for each student. Teachers will design lessons to engage students in classroom discussions and create activities to go along with the program. Our goal is for students to become more aware of how people think, feel, and act so that they can Notice, Invite, Challenge and Empower all of their life.

**Safety Patrol:** Students have leadership responsibilities before, during, and after school. We have 26 fifth graders who help provide a safe environment at Churchill. The responsibilities consist of the crosswalk, parking lot, busing, Kindergarten helpers (bring students to busses and childcare at the end of the day), and hallway leaders.

Thanks for all of your support!

@WhitakerLowell



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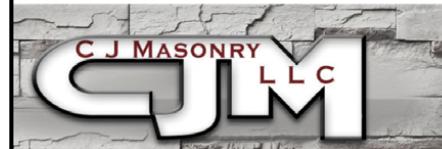
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# SUMMER FUN!

Watch your email or checkout our website at  
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## A Message from Lincoln Park Elementary Principal Shari Ralston

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For years, many classroom teachers at Lincoln Park have opted to have buddy classrooms that participate in cross grade level activities, most commonly called "Reading Buddies". Two different grade level classes would combine their students throughout the year to practice reading or other activities with each other. This summer, our Lincoln Park Leadership Team decided to grow these beneficial relationships for all students at Lincoln Park through the increased and expanded use of classroom buddies. Hoping to grow relationships by forming mentoring bonds, grade levels were assigned another grade level to work with. Our kindergarten CREW members were paired with third grade buddies, first grade classrooms were grouped with fifth grade classes, and second grade and fourth grade were asked to join forces. Classroom teachers worked to pair students from their classes in a way to ensure a beneficial relationship would blossom; often taking student strengths and needs into account when assigning buddies. Our school schedule was made with this relationship-building goal in mind, and recess schedules were assigned in a way that "buddies" would have recess together. Throughout the year, in addition to recess, buddies spend time together on a



regular basis doing a variety of activities. The Walk-a-Thon schedule allowed buddies time to walk together, September's CREW reward was a sidewalk chalk party with buddy classes participating together, our December sing-a-long was enjoyed sitting with our buddies in the assembly and January's all school reward was spent playing games with our buddy groups.

Teachers have embraced the idea and taken advantage of the powerful academic gains that can be accomplished for all students, when assistance for younger learners is needed. In this way, buddies have been called on for classroom assistance with technology use, craft projects, math practice, sight word review, partner reading, as well as editing and revising student writing. Our buddies are also perfect audience members when we

have writing celebrations or performances to practice. Very exciting opportunities are currently being capitalized on with partner interviews and research projects. The potential for growth with this endeavor is phenomenal! We look forward to many more opportunities we can provide for our CREW members by building relationships with buddies. What we have learned so far is that these year-long relationships have become pivotal to the caring CREW environment at Lincoln Park.



### Sense, continued from page 7

Adults do not need to spin but children do. It's okay and beneficial for them to become dizzy. In time, as they get used to all that fluid moving around in their inner ears, they will become more adept at navigating their surroundings. Spinning activities lead to increased alertness, increased attention, and increased calmness. This must be why children are so drawn to them!

Movement during the day and throughout childhood is crucial. The importance here is monumental. Childhood is when children develop the vestibular sense and it's not happening while they sit still. Circle time, seat work, and computer lab sessions do not contribute to this type of sensory development. This is one reason why recess is so good for academics. Recess helps with brain development. It wakes the brain up so that the student is ready to learn more in the classroom setting.

Another time when children are keeping their bodies and heads almost completely still is when they are watching screens. Our toddlers have always had a hard time sitting through a movie and I think it's because their bodies are telling them to get up and move. Their brain needs to be

stimulated by movement. Comparing and contrasting body and head movement between a child who is outside in a nature and a child who is inside in front of a television screen, clearly displays why there can be such vast developmental differences between children.

The great thing is that children are resilient! Any time during childhood you choose to increase movement, especially movements that stimulate balancing, you will assist your child in his or her ability to pay attention. Balancing activities help immensely with reading skills.

So what can you do? Head outside and utilize the uneven terrains. Roll down hills. Balance on logs. Skip over branches. Take whatever skill your child is working on right now and transfer it outdoors. Are they crawling, toddling, jumping, climbing, spinning, or skipping? Great! Now let them enhance those skills in the woods. Try out snow shoes, cross-country skiing, climbing a rope ladder, navigating around large rocks, using monkey bars, and walking through deep snow. All of these movements require significant balance skills.

In "Smart Moves, Why Learning is Not All in Your Head", Carla Hannaford writes,

"In Denmark, fifty percent of the children spend between ages two and a half and six in Forest Kindergartens where they climb rocks, trees, hills, roll, jump, balance and play at least four hours a day no matter the weather. These children's vestibular systems are so well developed that learning difficulties and dyslexia are rare."

Whether we figure out how to fit nature into our schedules or not, childhood marches on. The time component is a big deal. We all want to feel good about the choices we are making, but the fact remains that if three or four hours a day is a benchmark that is coming up time and again, then four hours a week probably isn't going to cut it. Whereas 200 hours of outside time a year may seem like a lot from a pure numbers perspective, it really isn't anywhere close to what children need in order to develop properly.

The more we understand about the development of children, the more we can be confident in our choices to choose nature time! It's always worth our time to play outside.

So try it. Do what our parents did: send your children outside. Even better, go with them. And do everything you can to be sure that every child can do the same.

# Mona Shores COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTER

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

## INFANT - TODDLER

AGES 6 WEEKS - 2 YEARS

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

## PRESCHOOL

AGES 3 - 5

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



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

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

## CENTER HOURS

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

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

## MEALS

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

## FEES

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

## SUMMER SAILOR CARE FUN

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

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

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



activities and school experiences which aid in providing a smooth transition, easing student fears, and helping them to adapt quickly. This joint effort means greater success for all children!

For more information or to enroll your child into preschool for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact our Early Childhood Office at 231-780-4748. Residency is not required for our tuition program. Non-resident students enrolled in our Mona Shores Early Childhood Programs will be given first preferences for school of choice openings.

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



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**Great Start Readiness Program:**

A state sponsored preschool experience for 4-year-olds. AM or PM sessions are offered.

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# 2019 PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

## April

Tuesday, April 9 - Sound of Shores, 7 pm, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center (District wide musical showcase performance)

Saturday, April 13 - MSBOA District 7 Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival, 8 AM - 5 PM, Mona Shores Middle School

Tuesday, April 16 - Fifth and Sixth Grade Orchestra Performance, 7 PM, Mona Shores Middle School Auditorium

Wednesday, April 24 - HS Drumline at LinkUP! All Day Frauenthal Center

Sunday, April 28 - High School Band Spring Concert 2:00 PM, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center

## May

Thursday, May 2 - Middle School Band Spring Concert, 7:30 PM, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, May 7 - High School Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 PM, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center

Monday, May 13 - BAND BANQUET, 5:30 PM, Bella Maria's

Tuesday, May 14 - High School Orchestra Year-End Celebration, 5 - 7 PM

Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18 - Pop Go the Sailors, 7 PM, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center

Sunday, May 19 - Jazz on the Lake, 1-4 PM, Mona Lake Boat Club

Tuesday, May 21 - Middle School Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 PM, Mona Shores Middle School Auditorium

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Parade 8:00 AM, Downtown Muskegon

Monday, May 27 - American Salute Concert 9:30 AM, Frauenthal Center

Friday, May 31 - Fifth Grade Orchestra Final Class and Performance, 7:25 AM, Mona Shores Performing Arts Center

## July

Friday, July 26 - Sunday, July 28 - High School Fiddlers Camp, Grace Adventures



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

Mona Shores Community Services is partnering with Spectrum Heath Continuing Care, Seminole Shores, Village at Park Terrace, AgeWell Services of West Michigan and Beltone Hearing Center for our Annual Senior Citizen Event. The date of the **event is Friday, April 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm**. Join us for a delicious lunch served in the High School Cafeteria along with special entertainment from our talented students!

RSVP **beginning Friday, April 5** with two ways to register. You can call our 24-hour reservation line at (231) 332-8253 to leave a recorded reservation. We are also offering the option of electronic RSVP. Visit our webpage at [www.monashores.net/our-community/senior-citizen-luncheon](http://www.monashores.net/our-community/senior-citizen-luncheon) and complete the form. To make a reservation, leave first and last name, address, and phone number for each person attending.

**All attendees must be Mona Shores residents.**

Looking forward to another great event!

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