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Welcome Back Shores Family

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a letter from Our Superintendent

It's go time for the 2021-22 school year! We are very excited to get this year going as we welcome students and families back. The start of a new school year always

brings with it great excitement and this year will be especially so. We have four elementary buildings in various stages of construction, with several that will be completed this school year. The middle school construction will kick off during this school year, and the day after the Class of 2022 has their commencement ceremony turf installation will begin at Sailor Stadium. On top of all of these exciting physical changes to our facilities is the fact that we are welcoming our students back face to face after the incredibly challenging 2020-21 school year. We are ready for them to thrive!

Students can look forward to opportunities abound this school year. There will be opportunities to participate in clubs, co-curriculars, after school supports, and a seemingly endless number of events and celebrations. We are incredibly excited to have these opportunities for our students to connect and engage with school. Connections help students find success.

You will notice the new look of the Lighthouse View that begins with this edition. Our goal is to make this a community publication along with a school communication.

We are thankful that Mayor Gary Nelund has joined our inaugural issue as the Community Spotlight. Each edition will feature one of our incredible community partners. The new look will also include interactive pieces for the littles, and important information regarding school events, along with updates from our building and department leaders.

With that, let's make this the best start to a school year ever. Throughout the year you will see our "Shores Family" motto and no doubt you will feel it in our communications, events, and celebrations. Our Shores Family includes every one of our students, our entire staff, and our community. Families go through things together, they get stronger because of each other, and most of all they can count on one another. The Shores Family is here for you, looks forward to partnering with you, and most of all we look forward to watching our kids thrive this school year!

Be well everyone and we will see you soon!

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



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a letter from

Our Board President

As we introduce this exciting new format for the Lighthouse View, it seems like a good time to reintroduce your school board and how you can stay connected with us.

The seven members of the Board of Education are elected at large to six-year terms, with at least two seats up for election every even-numbered November. Current trustees are:

- Kandace Boysen (January 2007 December 2024).
- Christine Burnaw (January 2014 December 2026).
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- Jay Keessen (January 2015 December 2022).
- Mary McClellan (January 2021 December 2026).
- Stan Miller (January 2013 December 2024).
- Wesley Wilson (January 2017- December 2022).

We select two student representatives to join us at the board table each year. Our student representatives bring valuable perspectives and insights and help keep our work focused on the students we serve.

You can learn more about each of us and about the Board on the district's website. Go to MonaShores.net and click Our District > Board of Education. You'll find easy access to:

- Responsibilities of the board.
- Our meeting schedule.
- Meeting agendas, posted by the Thursday prior to each meeting.
- Meeting minutes, posted within a week after each meeting.
- District policies and bylaws.
- How to contact us.

We value your input! While our meetings are not community forums and we generally cannot answer questions or engage in conversation with you during these meetings, we have several ways for you to tell us what's on your mind and get answers to your questions. Time is provided at each meeting for public comment on any topic of interest to the district. Additionally, at MonaShores. Net, you can click Our District > Board of Education, then click a board member for contact information. You can also contact all of us at once by emailing board@MonaShores. net.

I hope you've had a wonderful summer so far and that you and your family are ready for a great start to a school year that we hope will look a lot like normal!

Stan Miller President, Mona Shores Board of Education

Board of Education 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

Sep 137:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Sep 20	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC
Oct 117:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Oct 187:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC
Nov 87:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Nov 157:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC
Dec 67:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Dec 137:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC
Jan 107:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Combined Session HS-LMC
Feb 77:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Feb 147:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LM
Mar 77:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Mar 147:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Session HS-LMC
Apr 117:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Combined Session HS-LMC
May 97:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
May 167:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC
Jun 67:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Work Session HS-LMC
Jun 136:45 F	PM to 7:00) PM	Budget Presentation
Jun 137:00 F	PM to 9:00) PM	Regular Session HS-LMC

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Bonded Construction Update

By Robert Jonker, Director of Finance

Construction is in full swing in all four of our elementary buildings. Here are some highlights of what has occurred since last summer.

CHURCHILL

Over the winter and spring, four classrooms on the northwest side of the building were renovated. The new gym/music room was completed in time to hold our fifth grade graduation ceremony. The cafeteria and new kitchen were completed retaining the original wood floor in the cafeteria, which will be resurfaced at the end of the project. The new media center was erected prior to school starting and was used as temporary classrooms during the school year. This space will be finished once all the classrooms have been renovated. Currently, the three remaining classrooms in the west wing are under construction as is the entire east wing and art room. We hope to have all these spaces, except for two classrooms, ready to go for the start of school. The north and east parking lots have been removed and new parking/drop off loops are in the process of being installed. The middle of the building has been demolished to make way for the new lobby, which should be completed by Christmas break. The entire project is slated for completion by spring break 2022.

LINCOLN PARK



The new gym, music room, cafeteria and kitchen are finished. Like Churchill, the gym was completed in time to hold our fifth grade graduation. A new bus drop off loop and staff parking area are finished. The new office/ lobby area is about 95% complete. The north parking lot and bus drop off have been removed and new parking/ drop off loops are in the process of being installed. All classrooms are currently under renovation and should be ready for the start of school. The new media center is under construction and while we hope to have that ready for the start of school, we anticipate it is more likely to be ready mid-fall.

CAMPBELL



Starting in spring of this year, we added six classrooms on the west side of the building. We also have another ten classrooms under renovation this summer in the north and west wings. These rooms are to be ready for the start of school. The west parking lot has been demolished and a new parking lot/drop off loop will be installed on the west and north sides of the building. We are also in the process of adding two additional classrooms on the southwest wing. These classrooms as well as the four adjacent classrooms in that wing should be ready by Christmas break. The southeast wing will be demolished mid-summer to make way for the new gym/music room. Completion date for this building is Christmas break 2022.

ROSS PARK

This spring we started construction by adding square footage to future kindergarten rooms and adding two additional classrooms in the north wing. The main office is going to be renovated over the summer, however it will not be complete by the time school starts due to having to retain emergency egress through that space while the new gym is under construction. However, the office will be open and functional. The cafeteria, kitchen and art room are under construction this summer and should be ready by Christmas break. We expect to tear down the existing auditorium in late summer and start building the new gym/music room. This summer, we will also be installing a new parking lot on the west side of the playground with an entrance off Martin Road. This project has a completion date of September 2023.

Overall, construction is proceeding well. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing the design for the Middle School. We hope to go out for bids on that building this November with construction starting next spring. Finally, I want to thank the community and Mona Shores staff for its support and patience while we undergo this exciting project.

New Staff

a message from Sue McAvoy,

Director of Human Resources

I hope this article finds you relaxing and enjoying the last few weeks of Summer 2021. As your children and family put the final touches on your 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 educators in the State. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new teachers that will be serving our students this fall. Although our hiring was not yet complete when this article was due, rest assured that by the time students enter our buildings, Mona Shores will have in place an outstanding group of administrators, teachers, and support staff to greet them and assist them in their 2021-22 journey. I encourage you and your family members to extend a warm welcome to our staff. Mona Shores is extremely fortunate to have them.

TAYLOR BERRY, Social Studies at the Middle School ANDREW BROWN, Physical Education and Health at Campbell Elementary EMILY CHECK, Science at the High School KASANDRA CORDES, Special Education at the Middle School MILES DEVOOGD, Second Grade at Ross Park Elementary TRESSA FISHER, Speech and Language Pathologist for the District ANDREA GAUTRAUD, Early Childhood Special Education teacher at Ross Park Elementary JAMIE GOULET, Third Grade at Campbell TAYLOR HICKS, English Language Arts at the Middle School LAUREN HILL, Speech and Language Pathologist for the District ASHLEY LAPHAM, Fourth Grade at Churchill Elementary ASHLEY LOCHER, French and Math at the Middle School NICOLE MALSEED, Fourth Grade at Ross Park Elementary MAGGIE MCELROY, School Psychologist for the District MEGAN NUMMERDOR, Art Teacher at Campbell and Lincoln Park COURTNEY OSBORN, First Grade at Ross Park Elementary JESSIE PRZEWORSKI, Early Childhood Special Education teacher at Ross Park Elementary ALEXIS SIMS, Social Studies at the High School MELISSA SINDERMANN, Special Education at Ross Park KATIE VANDERWALL, Third Grade at Campbell Elementary ALLISON VERSCHUEREN, Special Education at Lincoln Park Elementary HANNAH WEINRICK, Second Grade at Campbell Elementary

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 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 • 231-332-8268.

Teaching and Learning

a message from Andy Hogston, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Education is the pathway to a happy life!

Our path has been quite challenging and intense the past two school years. We have learned a great deal about our resolve. Collectively, many have expressed the hope of returning to a more normal and routine 2021-2022 school year. Part of that return will be to some new surroundings and projects in process. If you have had an opportunity to drive by any of the four elementary buildings lately, you are witnessing the process of renovation, transformation, and the renewal of these community pillars. With each new school year comes a renewed sense of anticipation, excitement, and commitment, but none quite like the "Fall of 2021". Getting ready for the next school year happens through collaboration, planning, and preparation, but this summer we have the added focus of balancing massive construction projects. These improvements will impact teaching and learning in a multitude of ways for this generation and generations to come.

Ultimately our focus is helping students recognize their full potential. This only happens because of the commitment and dedication of students, parents, teachers, and staff. Teachers engage in summer curriculum work and collaboration throughout the summer. Planning for professional learning throughout the 21-22 school year is ongoing. Our District Strategic Plan helps to narrow the focus heading into September.

Mona Shores Public Schools will focus on the following priorities for 2021-2022:

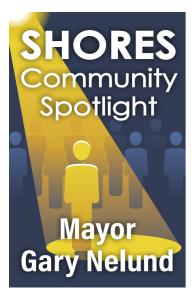
- Social Emotional Learning Trauma Informed Practices
- Literacy Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening
- The 10 Essential Practices in Literacy
- PreK-12 Vertical & Horizontal Curriculum Alignment

We are fully committed to this important work. This commitment to excellence distinguishes our school community in our pursuit to provide an exceptional education for all of our Sailors. Looking forward to a great and productive 2021-2022 school year!

Mona Shores Food Service is excited to announce FREE BREAKFAST AND FREE LUNCH

for all Mona Shores Students! While all meals are free of charge, we do still need Household Information Surveys/Free and Reduced Applications for other program data. To fill this out online, please go to www.lunchapp.com,

and fill out the application.



Monomial Shores Schools are near and dear to my heart and part of my DNA. I graduated in 1988 along with my wife Angie. We met during the 9th grade play and went to all the sporting events, Proms, Christmas Dances, etc. after that. My son Harrison just graduated and my daughter Chloe will be a Junior this fall.

I have enjoyed serving as Mayor of the City of Norton

Shores since 2009. During this time I have been able to watch as the relationship between the School District and the City has grown and strengthened into a wonderful partnership. At some level, I think that there is probably daily communication between the schools and the City. Whether it is working together on the great building projects happening throughout the District and ensuring that those go as smoothly as possible or planning for next school year and all of the events that will happen, the communication is great. The Ride with Pride Program is a great example of the School District and City working together for the benefit of the students and community at large.

Norton Shores is a great place to live, work and play. Norton Shores continues to have the highest property values in Muskegon County and is projected once again to have the largest population growth in Muskegon County based on 2020 US Census data. Many factors go into making a city attractive for businesses and residents. Availability of various types of housing, low millage rates, no city income tax and business friendly policies are a few examples of why Norton Shores continues to grow and expand.

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A great School District is a major attraction of any city. Mona Shores excels in academics, arts and athletics. Families move to Norton Shores specifically to attend Mona Shores Schools. Even for families without school age children, having our excellent schools maintains their property values.

Recently the City kicked off the "It's in Our Nature" marketing plan. It is time for the City of Norton Shores to promote the unique things that make Norton Shores such a wonderful place and attract even more residents and students to this great City and School District. No other area in Muskegon County can match Norton Shores for its natural beauty consisting of six miles of mostly natural, undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline. Three beautiful parks are located along Lake Michigan within the City: P.J. Hoffmaster, Lake Harbor Park and the new Dune Harbor Park. Mona Lake and Black Lake offer opportunities for boating, kayaking and fishing. Plus there are over twenty more parks sprinkled throughout the City.

Along with our natural attractions, Norton Shores continues to be the commercial and retail hub of Muskegon County along Harvey Street and Sternberg Road. Located mostly in our industrial parks in the southern part of the City, many manufacturing businesses continue to grow and expand and many new businesses continue to relocate here.

Norton Shores continues to see success and that is a result of our natural geography, continued business

growth, low crime rates and caring and dedicated residents. Much of this success is due to the partnership between Mona Shores Schools and the City because our continued successes are very intertwined.







Technology Update

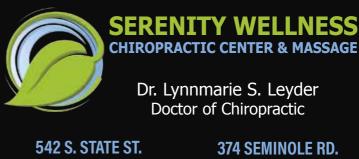
by Chad Pranger, Director of Technology

Summer of 2021 brings many new projects and changes to Mona Shores. Building construction is in full swing at all four of our elementary buildings. The amount of work taking place is truly amazing. With this work and change, comes challenges. I'm certain the end result will represent the excellence at Mona Shores. Technology will be completely updated in the remodeled classrooms. We will be transitioning from the projector/screen/large smartcarts to 86" Clevertouch interactive panels and modern, compact, adjustable height teacher stations. New building wide classroom audio and bell/ paging systems, clocks, security cameras, Wireless networking, and LAN networking are all being refreshed as well.

Thanks to our community for being so supportive to Mona Shores. We are excited to see all of this in action with our students and staff.

Mona Shores Performing Arts Ensembles Return to the Stage

Mona Shores Performing Arts programs are preparing to return to the field and stage this fall. The Sailor Marching Band and Mona Shores Fiddlers have rehearsed throughout the summer and the Choir and Orchestra students will start preparing for the Singing Tree performances when school resumes in September. Students are looking forward to performing for family, friends, and the community this school year! Rehearsal and performance schedules for each ensemble can be found on the web: monashoresbands.org, choir.monashores.net, and monashoresorchestra.org.



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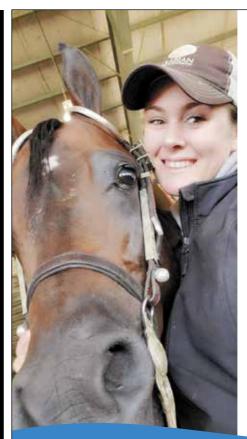
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Miranda Denny, Mona Shores High School

Former CTC Environmental/Veterinary Sciences student

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YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES RESULTS IN HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR SAILOR ATHLETES

a message from Todd Conrad, Director of Athletics

The 2020-2021 athletic school year was unlike any other. We began the year wearing masks during competition, had a months-long hiatus during the winter season, and ended the year with weekly COVID testing of our spring athletes. All of this would have been unthinkable at the beginning of 2020. In a year marked by hardship and tragedy, our athletes and their families were able to make the most of what opportunities they had and produce competitive performances never seen before at Mona Shores High School.

- 9 Conference Championship Teams
- 5 Individual Conference Champions
- 4 GMAA Championship Teams
- 71 First-Team All-Conference OK Green Division Athletes
- 5 MHSAA District Championship Teams
- 2 Regional Championship Teams
- 1 Regional Championship Individual
- 4 First-Team All-State Athletes
- 3 Statewide Coach of the Year Honorees
- 4 Second Team, Third Team, or Honorable Mention All-State Athletes
- 8 Academic All-State Teams
- 15 Academic All-State Individuals
- 1 Back-to-Back MHSAA State Championship Team

A summary of the 2020-2021 athletic year would be incomplete without mentioning Brady Rose, who will graduate as possibly the most decorated individual athlete in the history of our school. The two-time Dream Team quarterback led the football team to back-to-back state championships while earning the 2020 Mlive Football Player of the Year award, the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame male Athlete of the Year award, and the Detroit Athletic Club's male Athlete of the Year award. Brady will take his talents to Ferris State University this fall.

While competitive accomplishments are worth acknowledgment, we enter the 2021-2022 school year with a renewed appreciation for the opportunity to compete. As the pandemic wanes in Michigan, our student-athletes will return to a sense of normalcy after a year of uncertainty. As a school-community, we have the moral imperative to help our students focus on the things that really matter in interscholastic competition: learning to appreciate the process of improving at something they love to do, contributing to something greater than their own selfinterest, and having the confidence to excel while maintaining a sense of humility. A new school year is a chance to refocus on the important lessons behind the wins and losses. The Mona Shores Athletic Department is looking forward to an incredible year of education-focused athletics. Go Shores!

Visit our website for upcoming Sports Schedules at: www.monashoresathletics.com

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

By Dave Muskovin, Transportation Supervisor

The walk-out distance for all Mona Shores schools is 1.5 miles. Students eligible for busing are allowed one designated pick up location and drop off location only. Students must board and exit the bus at their designated/ assigned stop only.

Bus routes and bus stop locations are reviewed each year and may be changed for efficiency. Bus stop locations are established in accordance with state and federal laws and school board policies. The driver/aide are NOT allowed to make bus stop or route changes. Parents of students with specialized transportation needs will be contacted directly by the Transportation Department staff.

Bus routes are posted at: monashores.net/departments/transportation/ the week before school starts.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Student/s must arrive at the assigned stop at least 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival time and be ready to board (NOT waiting in a vehicle or doorway of a house).
- Provide supervision for your student/s going to and from the bus stop and while at the bus stop.
- Accept responsibility for your student/s conduct while at the bus stop and on the bus.
- Dress your student/s appropriately for the weather while waiting at the bus stop.

ELEMENTARY EARLY RELEASE MONDAYS:

Buses will arrive 1.5 hours earlier than the normal scheduled drop off.

SECONDARY LATE START WEDNESDAYS:

Buses will arrive 2 hours later than the normal scheduled pick up.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE (SOC) STUDENTS:

Transportation is not included in the Schools of Choice plan and SOC students are not allowed to ride the buses during the first 2 weeks of school. However, at the end of the second week of school, after we ensure that we have adequate seating available for eligible resident students, you may contact the Transportation Department office at 231-332-8269 to see if there is room on a bus at an existing bus stop.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Transportation Department at 231-332-8269 or 231-332-8270.



a message from Principal, Jennifer Bustard

Sailors Moving Forward...with Care, Strength, Courage and Optimism

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! We are thrilled to be welcoming our Sailors back to school this fall. The lessons learned from our past experiences presented an opportunity to learn new skills, achieve success, and adjust to the constant waves of change. Sailors are wiser, more compassionate, caring, open minded and resilient because of the hardships we all have endured. Our hearts are filled with *Hope, Optimism* and *Excitement* as we enter the upcoming school year.

Sailors are *Resilient* and demonstrate *Grit:* An incredible amount of accomplishments were achieved in the 20-21 school year despite so many challenges and the uncertain times. The Class of 2021 will long be remembered for their incredible determination, perseverance and ability to overcome adversity, heartbreak and loss. The Class of 2021 has paved the way and has inspired us all to be more compassionate, caring and hardworking Sailors.

A year to remember! Celebrating the Class of 2021! Over

7 million dollars in academic and athletic scholarships has been awarded and earned by the Class of 2021. In addition, there were 123 students who earned academic honor cords. 31 seniors earned a 3.5 or higher, 34 seniors earned a 3.75 or higher and a record 58 seniors earned a 4.0 or higher. It is important to note that this group of seniors earned the highest SAT average of any class and performed well above the state and global averages on their AP exams. All while enduring learning in a global pandemic. There are a few teams whose accomplishments were extraordinary that have inspired and united our community. The Mona Shores High School Varsity football team's trip to Ford Field to compete and win Back to Back State championships and the competitive cheer team finishing a strong 3rd place in the State Championships at the Breslin was inspiring. The National Honors Society senior members totaled over 2,600 community service and tutoring hours earning the National Community Service Sapphire Award. The list of fine art awards earned is extensive as well. Most notably the MSPS Fine Arts department earned national distinction for being named Best Communities for Music Education in 2020 for the 5th year in a row. And MSHS being named the "Best High Schools in America 2021".

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 that were provided this past school year. There is a lot to be proud of and much more to be accomplished!

This is Sailor Country and we do everything with PRIDE! August 2021 | www.monashores.net **Sailors Engage in our School Community:** Being a part of a school community, a musical ensemble, a team, a group, a club, allows you to be a part of something bigger than yourself. And through hard work, dedication, commitment and genuine support and care for one another amazing things can happen. 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.

Looking forward to an amazing school year and look forward to 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 students and parents 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 number 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.
- The Extended day program is on M-Thursday's in the LMC from 3-3:45 pm. Faculty and NHS tutors are available during this time to support. Come have some coffee in the Anchor cafe and finish a project or study for a test.
- 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. The HS web page continues to host the daily announcements, school and department information and is a great resource to locate information on College and Career information. (www.mona shores.net) Follow us for all the Sailor action on twitter and Facebook at @MSHSPRIDE!

High School cont....

Student Registration Begins August 26

High School Student Registration Week will begin Thursday, August 26, 2021. 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
- Chromebook cases will not be issued unless upon request during registration.
- 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 2021-22 yearbooks
- All students will receive New Student ID Cards
- Purchase Sports Passes
- Have Student Pictures Taken
- Register Vehicles and Purchase Parking Tags (\$20 fee)

A student information packet was mailed August 9th. 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).

Registration Dates and Times:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

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 27

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 30

Link Crew Freshman orientation is 9 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. 9 a.m.- 2:15 p.m. • 9th grade Registration (All alpha) Meet in the Sailor Center - Lunch will be provided



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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

Fall High School Open House scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 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 2020-21 dates for this years' 1st Trimester Conferences are October 12 & 14 (4:00-7:00 pm), the 2nd trimester date is January 25th (4:00-7:00 pm) and 3rd trimester date is April 26th (4:00-7:00 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 continue through September 20th. Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 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.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Danielle Smith-Walker, Director of Counseling

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.

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-shoreshigh-school/hs-departments/counseling/.

√ MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAT TESTING CYCLE 2021-2022

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: collegeboard.org

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration* August 17, 2021	
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021		
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021	
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021	
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021	
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	

CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR FALL MEETINGS:

Counselors will begin meeting with the Class of 2022 students in September. This is an early one-on-one meeting to work with seniors to help them prepare for post- secondary plans. Topics covered include:

- Survey
- Graduation audit/review transcript
- · College/career aspirations
- Senior year to do checklist
- Sending a transcript (how to) and SAT scores
- Scholarship process
- Financial aid/paying for college
- TIP eligibility

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 for more information: http://www. monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hsdepartments/counseling/financial-aid--scholarships/.

COLLEGE VISITS:

(At this time, we are unsure of what that will look like this fall, we will communicate more information soon.)

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.

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. After students have completed their college application, place an order for your high school transcript in Parchment to be sent to the college where you applied (undergraduate admissions). The 'Order Records' link is found on the Mona Shores High School webpage. Please allow 5 school days for processing. All electronic requests for transcripts are free of charge through July 31 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 or https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/ if the student did not indicate at the time of registration for ACT/SAT to mail scores to prospective colleges.

FINANCIAL AID

Students will be able to file a 2022-23 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2021. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit the FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. Please visit the following link for more information on FAFSA: https://studentaid.gov/h/ apply-for-aid/fafsa.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

It is important that young men 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.

Middle School

a message from Principal, Doug Ammeraal

LEARNING, GROWING, SAILING FORWARD

Summer and a sense of normalcy have finally arrived! There are still plenty of days out there to visit the beach, go on a family adventure, hike through Hoffmaster, spend time with family, fire up the barbeque, or to simply enjoy the sunshine - these are the important things in life. After the year that our students, families, community, and world just experienced, these "little things" become more important and valuable than ever before. At Mona Shores Middle School, we are beginning to gear up for a year of moving forward, of expecting and giving our best; as students, teachers, and administrators, and a year of renewing what it looks like to be a student at MSMS. 2020-2021 was certainly a year filled with new challenges, unforeseen struggles, and forced changes. It was a year that pushed us as students, educators, and parents - it was a year filled with trials and tribulations. Yet, learning, newness, and growth was woven within all of the challenges - improved structures, new protocols, alternate modes of learning, fresh views, different experiences, and so much more. We have been given the opportunity to turn these challenges into new opportunities to positively impact Mona Shores Middle School, and we will!

Sailing forward into 2021-2022, we are confident that it will be a year of positive changes, social/emotional support, deeper learning, resetting expectations, and fresh opportunities for success - for Sailor Excellence. As we strive to reach these goals, we must recommit to be the best version of ourselves that we can possibly be, our best as students, educators, parents, friends, and community members. We must also commit to supporting and encouraging each other in this journey. 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 circumstance. I believe that if we embrace this collective responsibility and focus, Mona Shores Middle School will continue to thrive and excel 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 regaining normalcy, creating a positive learning environment, providing high quality instruction, engaging students in their thinking and learning, and challenging ourselves to be and give the best version of ourselves each and every day. We will continue to tell and show our students that they are loved, valued, and appreciated for being exactly who they are. With this commitment by our staff, along with student ownership and a partnership with parents, we will not only find that MSMS synergy, but also rise to new levels of learning, thinking, and success.

August has arrived, please plan on attending our Ports of Call. Students will be able to obtain class schedules, locker combinations, photo ID, yearbook pictures, registration/forms, *Ride with Pride* registration, gym gear, and much more. We look forward to seeing our students, parents, and families filling the hallways at MSMS!

This would also 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, SEPTEMBER 1 5:30 - 7:00 pm

NOTE: As you plan to attend Open House, we ask that you use this time to meet and connect with your child's teachers. Then, in the fall at our Parent Teacher Conferences, families can have more focused, intentional conversation around academic/behavior success and needs. You are always able to check your child's progress via PowerSchool or reaching out to individual teachers as well.

I look forward to a renewed year at Mona Shores Middle School - a year filled with high levels of engagement, success and failures, and a variety of opportunities to grow! I look forward to a continued partnership between MSMS, our families, and the greater community! I look forward to being at our absolute best!



"To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it but we must not drift or lie at anchor." - Oliver Wendel Holmes

Campbell Elementary

a message from Kelly Ivy, Principal

It is such a blessing to draft this communication since we skipped it entirely last year. There were too many unknown factors to even attempt it. Although construction continues to create some unknowns, we do know that the entire Campbell family cannot wait to welcome you back in the fall for what will surely be an incredible school year. We have learned that, in spite of construction and Covid, we can still provide a safe and productive learning environment when we all work together. Kudos to our families for supporting your Camper(s) and our school staff.

We've spent the summer planning, organizing, and preparing to ensure that all of our Campers feel at home in the fall. Here's a breakdown of where things are at the moment:

- Young 5s, kindergarten and 1st grade-newly constructed classrooms will be complete when school starts in September.
- 2nd-3rd grade-newly renovated classroom will be complete when school starts in September.
- 4th-5th grade-newly constructed classrooms should be complete after winter break in January 2022. For now, students will utilize original classroom spaces and the temporarily renovated Library Media Center.
- Gymnasium/auditorium, art room, technology, cafeteria etc. will continue under heavy construction throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Although we will likely be wiping the drywall dust out of every nook and cranny, we hope to share what is complete of the building with all of our Campbell families at



Open House on Wednesday, September 1 from 4:30 - 6:00.

We're hoping this initial visit with your child's teacher will help everyone acclimate to

our current (and ever-changing) surroundings, as well as build some excitement for the first day of the school year on Tuesday, September 7.

Did I mention that we missed you all last year? A year without volunteers was not something we ever thought we'd experience, and we are so thrilled to welcome you back! Join the Campbell PTO. This phenomenal team supports classroom initiatives and school-wide activities. They meet 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-pto/.

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 newsletters, emails, our website, and social media will help the school year run smoothly. Your child's teacher may also use Bloomz or Class Dojo. No matter the method, we believe that together we can continue to make CAMP Campbell a place where "C"haracter Counts, A"ccepts Diversity, "M"anners and "P"ride.

Also, watch for a mailing that will be sent out in late August that will include your child's teacher assignment, important drop off/pick up information, protocols, and reminders from the office. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Churchill Elementary

a message from Lowell Whitaker, Principal

The entire team at Churchill would like to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to welcome our families back to an updated and improved building. Over the summer, the staff has been busy preparing for the upcoming school year by attending training and planning with their teammates. This year promises to be a positive and valuable school year for all Churchill team members and families.

The construction crew has been very productive throughout the summer on Churchill's amazing transformation, and continues to work to ready these spaces for our students, staff, and community to enjoy. While we saw the completion of the new additions of the gymnasium and performance space last school year. This fall, we look forward to moving into more completed classrooms, the gymnasium, and the fine art spaces. The goal is for Churchill to be completely transformed sometime this winter.

Thank you in advance for your continued support to your ${\sf August}\ 2021 \ {\sf www.monashores.net}$



children at home. The connection between home and school is critical for student success. Please stay informed about school happenings through newsletters, emails, our website, and social media. We believe that together,

we can lead and provide a strong foundation for our students to be successful this school year.

Hopefully, we look forward to meeting our families at our

Open House on Wednesday, September 1 from 4:30 - 6:00.

This will give your child an opportunity to visit with their new classroom teacher and get a sneak peak at the classroom, which will help alleviate any concerns and create excitement for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7th.

Teacher assignments will be mailed to you in late August, as well as important information, protocols, and reminders from the office. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation and extra time with your families.

Ross Park Elementary

a message from Eve Mills, Principal

We are excited to welcome all of our Super Sailors back in person for the 2021-2022 school year. This year, our focus will remain on providing high impact, high quality instruction in all academic and behavioral areas. Students will continue to participate in daily activities that promote their social and emotional wellbeing through the use of school wide Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems, Restorative Practices, Zones of Regulation, and other trauma informed strategies. Our school wide commitment also remains high in ensuring the 10 Essentials of Literacy are embedded across all academic content areas to provide students with the highest quality of daily instruction. Students' academic needs will continue to be assessed regularly, and by using a multi-tiered system of support, daily, customized interventions will be provided to meet the individual academic and/or behavioral needs of each child. The positive behavior of students will also continue to be recognized and celebrated on a monthly basis in the coming year.

As summer progresses, so does phase two of Ross Park's construction plan. When students return to school in the fall, projects anticipated to be completed include: a newly renovated lower elementary wing and front office, new parking lots and updates to the existing lots, and an additional entrance off of Martin Rd. The proposed completion date



for all construction projects at Ross Park is the fall of 2023. As with any construction project, however, phasing may need to be adjusted as work progresses. Disruptions to the classrooms will be held to a minimum during the school year as much as possible, and changes to any part of the phasing plan will be

communicated as they become known. A special thanks goes out again to our community for supporting these incredible upgrades not only at Ross Park Elementary, but throughout our district.

As always, our partnership with our families and the community is highly valued and will continue to be in the upcoming school year. Ross Park will remain committed to weekly teacher and principal communications, monthly newsletters, and frequent updates to our webpage to ensure families are informed about the events at our school. Please also 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.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our

Open House on Wednesday, September 1 from 4:30 - 6:00.

Until then, on behalf of all of our staff at Ross Park Elementary, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Lincoln Park Elementary

a message from Shari Ralston, Principal

The entire staff at Lincoln Park would like to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 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 training, planning with their teammates, and will be making sure their newly renovated classrooms are ready for each and every student to begin their journey in a few short weeks.

The construction CREW worked diligently throughout the summer on Lincoln Park's amazing transformation, and continues to work to ready these spaces for our students, staff, and community to enjoy. While we saw the completion of the new additions of the cafeteria, gymnasium, performance space, and the office during last school year, we look forward to moving completely in and using these spaces soon. If you drive by Lincoln Park, you will notice work nearing completion on the parking lots and parent pick up lanes on both sides of the building. What you can't see is the work finishing up on each classroom space, the media center, and the art room inside the building. The goal is for Lincoln Park to be completely transformed in early fall, and we can't wait to share these spaces with you all.



We hope to show off our beautiful new building to all of our CREW families at:

Open House on Wednesday, September 1 from 4:30 - 6:00.

This initial visit with your child's teacher and a first glance at the classroom will help your child acclimate to their

new surroundings, as well as build some excitement for the first day of the school year on Tuesday, September 7.

Our fantastic Lincoln Park PTO has begun planning for our 2021-2022 school year as well. Please plan to attend the PTO meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM to see how you can help with the variety of activities planned for the school year.

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 ClassTag, 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!

Be on the lookout for your child's teacher assignments being mailed to you in late August, as well as important information, protocols, and reminders from the office. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation and extra time with your extra special CREW members.

Mona Shores Tuition Preschool

Mona Shores Tuition Preschool has been offering classes to three and four year olds for over 20 years! Learning through play and hands-on experiences, we take pride in helping our youngest sailors learn and grow! For more information about our classes, please contact our office at 231-780-6720.

Mona Shores Child Care

Mona Shores Child Care has been serving our community for over 20 years. We offer child care for infants, toddlers and preschool age children at our Ross Park location. We also offer "Sailor Care" for kindergarten - fifth grade for their before and after school care needs. Sailor care is available at all elementary locations. If you are interested in any of our services, please contact our early childhood office at 231-780-6720.

HEAD START: A federally funded preschool **I Head** program that offers three and four year old children Start a full day of educational experiences. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided.

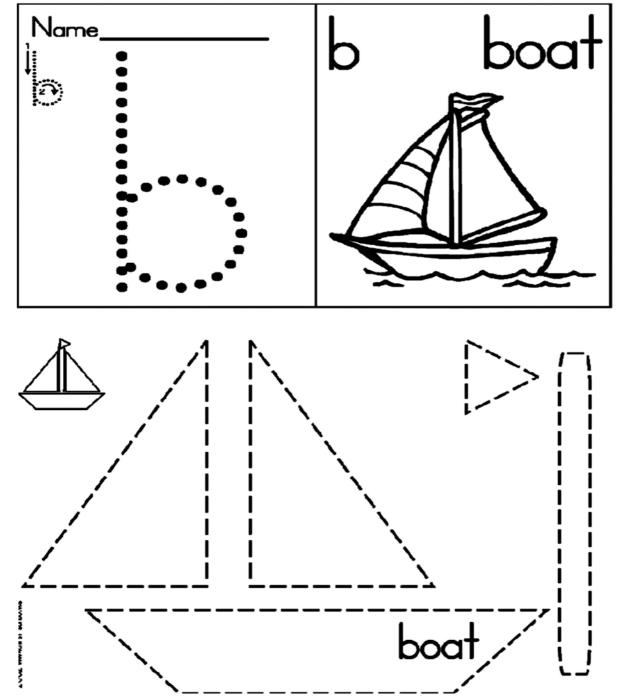
GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM:

A state-sponsored preschool experience for 4-yearolds to include a full day of educational experiences. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are provided.



Classrooms are located in Ross Park Elementary. Please call 231-865-4102 for information. Now enrolling for the 21-22 school year.

Both programs are FREE to families that qualify.



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Cut out alphabet flash card above, trace dotted letter, color image and fold on middle line and glue.

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