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# **Mona Shores Public Schools**

# **District Strategic Plan** 2022-2025

Mission: Inspiring excellence, building character, and impacting the future through academics, arts, and athletics.

### **CORE VALUES**

INTEGRITY
Honesty and consistency of character

# COLLABORATION Collective commitment to common goals

PERSEVERANCE
Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties

To show regard or consideration for someone or something

# Our **Students**

Supporting all students academically, socially, and emotionally.

- 1. MSPS will focus on relationships with students and families as the core of everything
  - 2. MSPS will ensure all students are supported through high quality social-emotional learning.
    - 3. MSPS will design and deliver high quality curriculum and instruction for all students.
      - 4. MSPS will focus on preparing our students for life after high school.
      - 5. MSPS will bolster the culture in our schools to support all students.

# **Our Culture**

- 1. MSPS will strengthen support systems for all students and families.
- 2. MSPS will focus on staff well-being, growth, and training.
- 3. MSPS will strive to achieve and maintain a 10% fund balance annually.
- 4. MSPS will ensure transparency in all areas of the District.
  - 5. MSPS will utilize survey data from students, staff, and community.

# **Our Community**

Engaging families and community as partners for the success of all students.

- 1. MSPS will enhance family and community relationships.
  - 2. MSPS will ensure our facilities are well maintained.
    - 3. MSPS will continue to focus on long-term planning
    - 4. MSPS will be a point of pride for our community.

**BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION Welcome Back Sailors!** 



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# a letter from Our Superintendent WELCOME BACK SAILOR FAMILIES!

As this edition of the Lighthouse View lands in your house we still have a few weeks of summer left. As we always do in Michigan,

continue to find those ways to maximize your summer with the beach, a good book, family, and friends. Summer has been busy in Mona Shores as we had summer school, professional learning, construction, and more!

**Summer school** this year happened K-12 which resulted in our largest turnout ever. Our elementary summer learning was held at Churchill and saw approximately 100 students participate. Our high school and middle school summer school was held at MSHS and had approximately 400 students participate. Whether it was for recovery or enhancement, we are glad to have been able to host this many students for summer learning.

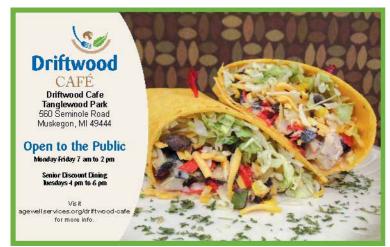
Professional learning was in full swing this year with our team. Mona Shores staff logged over 5,000 hours of professional learning, collaboration, and preparation for the coming school year. The dedication, commitment, and focus of our staff is amazing!

**Construction** is round the clock during the summer days in a school district. This summer saw finishing touches put on the exterior of Churchill and Lincoln Park, Campbell saw a huge leap towards completion in November. Ross Park and the Middle School had approximately 25 classrooms completely renovated, and all have new furniture being installed. The middle school also saw the completion of the locker commons at the end of the 8th grade wing. The high school had classroom maintenance along with the installation of the turf field at the stadium. Our construction teams certainly maximized the summer days to continue the incredible improvements to the learning environments district-wide.

The District Strategic Plan was updated over the months of January to June and was approved by the Board of Education in June. The updated strategic plan allows for a focused and systemic approach to planning and decision-making for us. The plan is also a reflection of what our school and community value the most. The plan was driven by input from community, students, and staff and will serve as our anchor for the next 3 years. Be on the lookout for the plan in our buildings, communication, and in action.

As you wind down the summer days, know that we look forward to seeing you all again in our buildings. The opportunity to engage and interact with our families inside and outside of our schools is priceless. We look forward to partnering and sharing the success of your children with you. The 2022-2023 school year looks to be amazing, and we cannot wait to see all of you!

Bill O'Brien, Superintendent Mona Shores Public Schools





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Sep 127:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session HS-LMC
Sep 197:00	PM to 9	00:	PMRegular Session HS-LMC
Oct 37:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session HS-LMC
Oct 107:00	PM to 9	00:	PMRegular Session HS-LMC
Nov 77:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session HS-LMC
Nov 147:00	PM to 9	00:	PMRegular Session HS-LMC
Dec 57:00	PM to 9	00:	PMCombined Session HS-LMC
Jan 97:00	PM to 9	00:	PMCombined Session HS-LMC
Feb 67:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session HS-LMC
Feb 137:00	PM to 9	00:	PMRegular Session HS-LMC
Mar 67:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session HS-LMC
Mar 137:00	PM to 9	00:	PMRegular Session HS-LMC
Apr 107:00	PM to 9	00:	PMCombined Session RP-PLC
May 87:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session RP-PLC
May 157:00	PM to 9	00:0	PMRegular Session RP-PLC
Jun 57:00	PM to 9	00:	PM Work Session RP-PLC
Jun 127:00	PM to 9	9:00	PMRegular Session RP-PLC

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# a letter from

# **Our Board President**

The recent staff, community, and student surveys are one of many ways the Board monitors the school district. You've seen highlights of those surveys in previous issues of the Lighthouse View and at recent Board meetings, but in this issue I want to highlight some responses specific to the school board.

Among the staff, 94% strongly agree or agree that the Board presents a positive image to our community; 90% say we appropriately balance the mission of the District with fiscal responsibility; 89% say we're doing what it takes to make our District successful; almost 84% trust the Board's leadership; and almost 82% feel supported by the Board. In the community survey, almost 79% of respondents say the Board is doing what it takes to make the District successful.

Those numbers are reassuring after a tumultuous couple of years, and I'm grateful to my Board colleagues for the work and dedication that led to such positive responses. While I know it's impossible to make everyone happy, the numbers also show some room for improvement, and I'm asking for your help.

I'm not interested in improving those survey numbers just to improve them, or just to brag about them – but I am passionate about improving the sentiments behind them. So if you're a community member who doesn't think the Board is doing what it takes to make the District successful, I want to hear from you – especially if the Board hasn't heard from you before. And if you're a staff member who doesn't feel supported by the Board, please tell me what we can do to change that.

I hope you've had a great summer so far, and I hope you join me in looking forward to a much more normal school year starting soon.

Stan Miller, President Mona Shores Board of Education

# **BUILDING PHONE NUMBERS**

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CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY	(231) 755-2550
CHILD CARE OFFICE	(231) 780-6720
CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY	(231) 798-1276
COMMUNITY SERVICES	(231) 780-4748
LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY	(231) 755-1257
PRESCHOOL	(231) 780-4748
ROSS PARK ELEMENTARY	(231) 798-1773
MIDDLE SCHOOL	(231) 759-8506
HIGH SCHOOL	(231) 780-4711

# **Bonded Construction Update**

Robert Jonker, Director of Finance

# **CAMPBELL**

Campbell Elementary is progressing nicely. We completed the gym, music room and art room prior to school finishing for the year and our fifth grade students were able to hold their graduation ceremony in the new gym. The cafeteria and main corridor should be complete by the start of school, with the main office, lobby and media center to be completed by Christmas. We are ahead of schedule and there is the possibility of construction being finished by Thanksgiving.

# **ROSS PARK**

We are remodeling the Ross Park upper elementary wing this summer and it will be ready for students this September. The existing gym will be demolished in August to make way for a new addition with the new gym



and music space to be ready for use after Christmas break. The main office renovation will be finished over the summer in addition to new visitor and kinder parking lots and a new drop off loop in front of the school. The art room and a renovated north courtyard will be ready for use as well.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School eighth grade wing renovation this summer will include a new locker commons addition. This will allow students to have their own locker. The seventh grade wing will receive the same in the summer of 2023 as well as the sixth grade over the summer of 2024. The home economics and special education rooms are also under renovation and will be ready for students when school starts.

Once again, I would like to thank our community and staff for their support and patience throughout this project.



# Life & Learning: The Impacts of COVID-19

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

# Beginning with the end in mind for the 2022-2023 school year.

What do you hope for the Mona Shores School Community? Chances are relatively good that our responses may be more similar than different. From birth to high school, as a district we focus on preparing all of our students for life after high school as they strive to become the greatest version of themselves. This is no easy goal and requires the ability to grow, adapt, and persevere. It also requires grit and perspective. Overcoming obstacles and challenges is truly what makes life so beautiful. Without adversity, we don't fully appreciate the wonderful moments. Education provides these dynamics as a pathway to a happy life! All of us have and will experience challenges, set-backs, and even failures. However, this should not be avoided as this is how we grow, learn, and find success. A wise man once said, "I am not concerned that you have fallen -- I am concerned that you arise." That man was Abraham Lincoln. That quote resonates

# Mona Shores Public Schools will focus on the following priorities for 2022-2023:

- Relationships
- Social-emotional Learning
- Delivering high quality curriculum & instruction
- · Preparing students for life after high school
- Improving the culture in our schools

now and is important for all of us, our school community, and our country. At Mona Shores incredible happenings abound. From our construction projects to the development of our new District Strategic Plan a transformation is in process. We are certainly being challenged in various ways and learning a great deal about teamwork and our collective resolve. We anxiously await the Fall of 2022 with a renewed commitment to excellence. Our district is engaged with professional learning, collaboration, planning, and preparation for the future.

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 22-23 school year is ongoing. Our new District Strategic Plan helps to narrow the focus heading into September.

We are fully committed to serving this school community and this vital 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 the 2022-2023 school year being the greatest and most productive school year yet!

# Technology Update by Chad Pranger, Director of Technology

Technology has once again had a very busy summer. Construction is underway and this particular phase impacted our department directly.

The Administration and Technology offices were moved to accommodate construction activities. The Administration Office is receiving fire protection updates and Technology temporarily relocated to Churchill beginning in July and into August. The Technology storage area and our work space began abatement in July. This area and the old gymnasium are undergoing demolition and construction began on our new space. When we return from Churchill, the Technology team

will temporarily relocate to the Administration offices while our storage and work space will be housed in the Professional Learning Center. When construction of our new space is complete, we will move offices, storage and work spaces back to our new home.

It has been a great experience this year to watch the entire district team come together during these moves. With the experience we have gained in the prior year we have become more efficient and everyone works very well together. We look forward to the completion of this phase and entering our new space!

### **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.

# New Staff a message from Sue McAvoy, Director of Human Resources

hope this article finds you relaxing and enjoying the last few weeks of Summer 2022. 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 the hiring process for the upcoming school year. We become stronger as a school district and as a community every time we are able to hire high quality professionals to teach our children. Mona Shores seeks to hire those individuals that not only grow our children throughout their years with us, but those that will grow our entire school community. This upcoming year is no exception as we have hired some real "rockstars!" I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new educators, some of whom are simply "coming home" to Sailor Nation. 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 2022-2023 journey. I encourage you and your family members to extend a warm welcome to our newly hired Sailors. Mona Shores is extremely fortunate to have them!



# **MR. PETER BROWN**

Mr. Peter Brown will be joining our English Department at the High School. Peter earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Heritage University in Washington and his Master's degree from Western Governors University in Utah. In addition to his military background with the Marine Corps, Peter also brings with him five years of high school teaching experience. Most recently teaching English at Sunnyside High School in Washington. We are very fortunate to have Peter bring his experiences to our high school students. Welcome to Sailor Nation Peter!

# MISS HANNAH CARLSON

Miss Carlson will join our Churchill Elementary staff teaching Fifth Grade. Hannah is a recent graduate of Central Michigan University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She completed her student teaching at Reeths Puffer Public Schools during the Fall of 2021 and was immediately hired by the district. Fortunately, Hannah, being a graduate of Sailor Nation chose to come "home" to formally begin her career in teaching. The students and families at Churchill Elementary will benefit greatly from that decision. We are thrilled to have Hannah join us as a member of our teaching staff.

# MRS. HEATHER CLAUSSEN

Mrs. Claussen comes to Mona Shores this fall bringing a plethora of teaching experiences from both in and out of state. She has taught in Arizona, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Michigan. Most recently she taught middle and high school students in the area of physical education and health at North Muskegon Schools. However, she is excited to get back to teaching Business courses, which is her passion. Heather is a graduate of Mid America Nazarene University in Kansas, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree, as well as King College in Tennessee where she earned her Master's in Business Administration. We welcome Heather to Sailor Nation!

# **MR. KALEB FARNHAM**

We were fortunate enough to have Mr. Farnham hired by the district prior to the end of the current school year. He was able to finish out the 2021-22 school year with our students at Mona Shores Middle School. Kaleb was hired to teach social studies and has already begun building relationships with our students and staff. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa where he earned his Bachelors in history and social studies. He then went on to earn his Master's in K-12 Administration from Michigan State University. Mr. Farnham also brings out-of-state experience to Mona Shores having taught in Arizona prior to moving to Michigan. We welcomed Kaleb to our team at Mona Shores at the end of May and know that he will have a tremendous impact on our school community.

### **MISS KATEY FRITZ**

We welcome another former Sailor who, like Hannah Carlson, is coming "home" to begin her teaching career. Miss Fritz is also in the unique and wonderful situation where she will have the opportunity to teach alongside her extremely talented mom, Mrs. Tracey Fritz. Certainly an extraordinary opportunity for both. Katey is a graduate of Aquinas College where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be teaching Third Grade at Campbell Elementary School. Welcome home Katey! Mona Shores is fortunate to have you join our school community.

### **MISS VIVIAN HORSCH**

We welcome our new school psychologist, Miss Vivian Horsch, to our itinerant team. Vivian earned her Bachelors of Science as well as her Master's in School Psychology from Grand Valley State University. We look forward to her bringing both her clinical and school setting psychology experience to Mona Shores to better support our students. Thank you Vivian for choosing to become a Sailor!

### MRS. CHRISTINA KRAUSE

We are beyond excited to introduce to you Christina Krause, who brings more than a decade of teaching experience in elementary to our Mona Shores students. Mrs. Krause has been hired to teach Fourth Grade at Campbell Elementary. She is a graduate of Grand Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor's in Elementary Education. She too is a former Mona Shores graduate and a member of the Norton Shores community. We are grateful that Christina chose to come to Mona Shores where her impact on our students and community will be greatly felt and appreciated.

### MRS. LYNETTE MCCUMBER

We welcome Lynette McCumber to our Ross Park Elementary teaching staff where she will teach Third Grade. Mrs. McCumber is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, Delta College University and Andrews University, where she earned her Bachelors in Elementary Education. Lynette has served as a long-term substitute teacher for Mona Shores so it is now wonderful to welcome her as a permanent staff member to our school community. Thank you for choosing Mona Shores Lynette. We look forward to the impact you will have on our students.

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# 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.

# Sailors end 2021-22 School Year with a Bang, Look Forward to Facility Upgrades in 2022-23 \*\*a message from Todd Conrad, Director of Athletics\*\*

The Class of 2022 finished the school year on a high note with a slew of all-state athletes as well as OK Green Conference and Greater Muskegon Athletic Association championships. No accomplishment, however, was greater than Demitri Roberson's MHSAA Division 1 state championship in the long jump. Roberson went into the weekend just hoping to place in the top 8 and secure an all-state nod. His winning jump of 23' 6 3/4" was over a foot longer than his previous best and 8 inches from the state record. Roberson will play football, and most likely long jump, at Saginaw Valley State University. Below is a summary of athletic accomplishments from the school year.

- 9 Conference Championship Teams
- 5 Individual Conference Champions
- 4 GMAA Championship Teams
- 84 First-Team All-Conference OK Green Division Athletes
- 1 MHSAA District Championship Team
- 8 First-Team All-State Athletes
- 7 Academic All-State Teams
- 10 Academic All-State Individuals
- 1 Individual State Champion

The 2022-23 school year will feature some important athletic facility improvements for the benefit of our athletes, coaches, and spectators. To kick off our 60th year of football, the Sailors will take on Manitowoc-Lincoln from Wisconsin at the newly-renovated Sailor Stadium in the "Battle of the Badger" on Friday, August 26th. The addition of artificial turf as well as a brand new sound system will vastly improve the game-day experience for all of Sailor Nation, including the mighty Sailor Marching Band, who will host a band festival at Sailor Stadium this fall.

In the spring of 2023, spectators at baseball and tennis will benefit from the addition of safety netting above the baseball backstop. The completion of this project will minimize the risk of foul baseballs leaving the baseball field and entering the playing and viewing area for tennis. This is a carefully-planned solution to a decades-old issue at Mona Shores High School.

On a final note, understand that every sport is experiencing a shortage of referees. Older officials are retiring and younger adults are not signing up to replace them. There are two things that we as an athletic community can do to help this situation: The first and most obvious is go to **www.mhsaa.com** and register as an official in your favorite sport. If this is simply not possible for you, then please remember that officials are human beings who naturally make mistakes. They are also the only people at the contest who do not have a personal interest in the outcome. Please understand that regardless of whether or not you agree with their decisions, Sailor Nation will always treat officials with respect.

**GO SHORES!** 





Dimitri joined Braeburn Wealth Management in 2022. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from Michigan State University (2022). Dimitri has a passion for the stock market, along with helping assist in the construction of financial plans to help clients reach their financial goals. He plays an integral part of the Braeburn Team in helping with portfolio structures as well as portfolio rebalances and adjustments.

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# Peace, Love, and Understanding Sailors Raise the Bar!

s we embark on this upcoming school year we are so very grateful for the many opportunities that we get to explore in the areas of *Academics*, *Arts* and *Athletics* at MSHS. All of these are a part of the process of the growth and development of our Sailors as they work towards achieving their post secondary goals and dreams.

Our theme for the school year is *Peace, Love, Understanding - Sailors Raise the Bar!* We are all wiser and stronger for enduring and overcoming the past 3 years of learning in a pandemic. As a result a renewed focus on acceptance, respect and seeking to understand one another will be a part of our *Sailor PRIDE* culture. Raising the bar entails building upon *Relationships*, to build our *Confidence*, *Resilience* and *Grit* in all aspects. In doing so we become further *Committed* and *Disciplined* to learn and grow each and every day. By doing so we honor and celebrate each others work and performances regardless of outcomes.

# A year to remember! Celebrating the Class of 2022!



The Class of 2022 certainly persevered and demonstrated their ability to adapt to change. The past 4 years have been incredibly challenging for this class. It was not an easy wave to ride. During their HS Career they experienced the polar vortex, the state wide spring of 2020 shut

down, a full year in hybrid and able to end their career with a full school year, where many of the traditions were back in full swing.

Over 6 million dollars in academic and athletic scholarships has been awarded and earned by the Class of 2022. In addition, there were 134 students who earned academic honor cords, 32 seniors earned a 3.5 or higher, 44 seniors earned a 3.75 or higher and 58 seniors earned a 4.0 or higher. It is important to note that this group of seniors performed well above the state and global averages on their SAT and AP exams. All while enduring learning in a global pandemic. The National Honors Society senior members totaled over 4,085 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 2022 for the 7th year in a row. And MSHS being named a "Best High Schools in America" for the 4th year in a row.





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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!

# **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. 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 webpage to check out the many opportunities for our students to participate in and attend.

# Sailors preparing for HS and Post Secondary Opportunities:

A new graduation requirement has been mandated by the State of Michigan requiring all students to take a Finance Literacy ½ credit course beginning in the 23-24 school year. Currently, MSHS has already included this course in the graduation requirements. The MSHS Senior Financial Literacy and Technology course is a ½ credit course that all seniors must complete. Students evaluate key components of personal finance including money management, saving, investing, spending, credit, income, housing, transportation, taxes and insurance. In addition, students update their technology skills in the current Microsoft office software and create a professional e-portfolio. Career knowledge, job preparation and the application process is explored. A capstone of this course is to experience real time mock interviews with local community and business representatives.

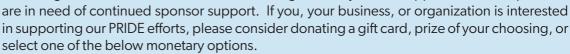
Looking forward to an amazing school year and look forward to what lies ahead for students, staff and our entire school community. Thank you for your support, commitment, and dedication to Mona Shores. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (231) 780-4711, extension 8499, or by email at bustardj@monashores.net. Go Sailors!

# **Community Support Key to Program Success**

During the upcoming school year, our high school students will continue to learn lifelong behaviors in the areas of Personal responsibility, Respect, Integrity, and being Disciplined and Engaged. We take much PRIDE as we prepare our students for college, careers and life readiness. Being able to acknowledge and reward students' positive actions throughout the year and at our end of the year celebration assembly, is one of the reasons why we have the success we do. We could not do this without our community sponsors. We would like to extend a thank you to the following community members, businesses, and groups who donated in 2021-2022.

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Each summer, our leadership team (comprised of teachers, students, counselors, administrators, parents, and board of education members) develops an action plan for our PRIDE initiative for the following school year. We continue the strategies/systems that are making a difference as well as add new strategies each year. To support this action plan, we







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# 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 webpage continues to host the daily announcements, school
  and department information and is a great resource to locate information on College and Career information.
  (www.monashores.net) Follow us for all the Sailor action on twitter and Facebook at @MSHSPRIDE!

# **Student Registration Begins August 25**

High School Student Registration Week will begin Thursday, August 25, 2022.

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 2022-23 yearbooks
- All students will receive New Student ID Cards
- Purchase Sports Passes
- Have Student Pictures Taken
- Register Vehicles and Purchase Parking Tags (\$20 fee)
  - o Please note all students will park in the west lot. Those students who would like to park in the east lot there will be a lottery for the 41 spots available. Signing up for these spots will be done during student registration.
  - o Mopeds and Motorcycles must be registered and park in the designated area in the west lot.

A student information packet was mailed August 10th. Please contact us at (231) 780-4711 ext. 8351 if you have not received yours by August 15th. (Leave your name, address, and phone number if calling after office hours).

# **MSHS Orientation Dates and Times:**

# **Thursday, August 25**

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 26

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 29**

Link Crew Freshman orientation is 9 am-2:15 pm 9 am- 2:15 pm 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.

# **Open House**

Please join us for the Fall High School Open House scheduled for **Wednesday**, **August 31**, **2022 7-8:30 pm**. You will have an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's teachers and become familiar with their schedule and school.

# **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.

# **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled by appointment. The 2022-23 dates for this years' 1st Trimester Conferences are **October 11 & 13** (4:00-7:00 pm), the 2nd trimester date is **January 26th** (4:00-7:00 pm) and 3rd trimester date is **April 27th** (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 Churchill office to complete a registration packet. New Student enrollment will begin July 12th. Hours: 7:30 pm- 4:30 pm. Enrollment information can be found on the High School webpage, or for more information please call the Main office at (231) 780-4711.







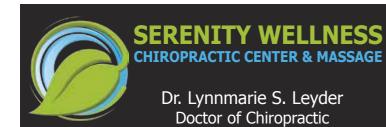








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# Counselor's Corner

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 with a focus on college, career and life readiness.

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 webpage for a wealth of information and the answers to frequently asked questions:

http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS • SAT TESTING CYCLE 2022-2023

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 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023

### **FAFSA NIGHT:**

We will invite an area representative to come in and present any updates and changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to our families. This is very informative and aimed at getting families set to apply by the October 1 opening. We are planning for the 3rd week of September. More information to follow.

# **COLLEGE VISITS:**

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

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

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

# **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 2023–24 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2022. 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 must register with the selective service when they turn 18. It is the law, and it may adversely affect eligibility for federal financial aid. Eligible candidates can now register online by going to this website: <a href="http://www.sss.gov">http://www.sss.gov</a>. You need your social security number to complete this process.

# **CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR FALL MEETINGS:**

Counselors will begin meeting with the Class of 2023 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

### FRESHMAN INTRODUCTION MEETINGS:

Counselors will meet with incoming freshmen to welcome them to the high school. These meetings will take place over the duration of the first trimester.

### **SCHOLARSHIP NOTICES**

When we receive notice of a scholarship, the notice will be posted on the Counseling Office webpage, 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/hs-departments/counseling/financial-aid-scholarships/.



# Middle School

a message from Principal, Doug Ammeraal

# FOCUSED ON OUR BEST SELVES and A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESS

Summer is not done; it's only getting started! There will still be many opportunities for beach days. Barbecues and sunsets will continue. The sun will keep shining strong. Family adventures, camps, vacations, and time with friends are still out there to enjoy. We hope that you are all able to continue to embrace each one of these opportunities! At Mona Shores Middle School, we are gearing up for another year of expecting and giving our *best*; as students, teachers, and administrators; we are gearing up for another year stepping towards normalcy. 2021-2022 was a year filled with and focused on re-engaging, reigniting, and re-inspiring. It was, yet again, a year filled with some incredible challenges, hurdles, and events that impacted our culture, challenged our resolve, and pushed each of us as individuals; it was a year that ultimately made us stronger and got us closer to school as we remembered it! Now, as we move into 2022-2023, we know it will be a year of increased normalcy, deeper learning, growing levels of excitement, high expectations, and individual growth and success.

As we strive and focus on reaching these goals, we must continue to challenge each other to be the **best** version of ourselves that we can possibly be, our **best** as students, educators, parents, friends, and community members. This will be our focus. No matter what role we assume in the education of our children, we must make a conscious effort to be our **best** every day, regardless of ability, situation, or circumstances. I believe that if we embrace this collective responsibility and focus, Mona Shores Middle School will be the **best** middle school in America, through academic success, high-character, positive behavior, and in creating a memorable middle school experience for our students!

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

# With this, please allow us to share a couple of updates regarding MSMS and the 2022-2023 school year.

- ADVISORY | As we begin the new school year, we will be piloting an advisory hour, that we will call Crew. This will be a focused and intentional 27 minutes dedicated to connecting with and supporting our students. Each teacher will start their day with 16-20 students that they will connect with, build relational capacity, monitor success, build on social and emotional strengths, enhance connections to school, build upon character traits, and more. We are excited for the positive impact that this time and experience will have on our students.
- CONSTRUCTION || Here are a few pictures of the current work, beginning in 8th grade, being done at MSMS. This includes walls going up for the new locker commons at the end of each hallway, bathrooms being gutted and redone, and classrooms receiving needed updates around HVAC, plumbing, electrical, technology, and furniture. We are excited for our students and teachers to experience these updates over the next three years.







• PORTS OF CALL | As we head into August, please plan on attending our Ports of Call at the Middle School. Students will be able to obtain class schedules, locker combinations, photo ID, yearbook pictures, registration/forms, complete Ride with Pride registration, and much more. We look forward to seeing students and parents filling our hallwavs!

6th Grade: Tuesday, Aug. 23 9:00am - Noon AND 3:00pm - 6:00pm 7th/8th Grade: Wednesday, Aug. 24 9:00am - Noon AND 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Make-Up Date: Tuesday, Aug. 30 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

 OPEN HOUSE | We will also be hosting our annual Open House, another great time to connect with your student's Crew Leader, meet teachers, go through your schedule, and see your classrooms prior to the first day of school.

**Open House:** Wednesday, Aug. 31 5:30pm - 7:00pm

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

With SAILOR PRIDE,

**Doug Ammeraal**, Principal | ammeraad@monashores.net



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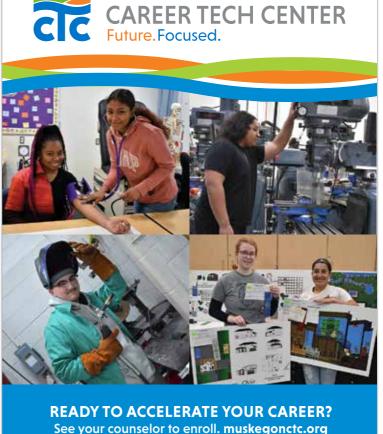
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# **Special Education & Student Services**

a message from Jennifer Briggs Russell, Director of Special Education and Student Services

### **READING... INSTEAD OF SCROLLING**

We are excited to see you and your children in a couple weeks! Mona Shores values our partnership with parents. In this technological age, we are flooded with images or stories of people telling us what to do or not to do. It can be overwhelming. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or a babysitter, there is one thing ALL adults can do to benefit babies and children: READING. You can read all types of things to benefit babies and children: a recipe, an article that interests you, billboards and signs in the community, or a good old fashioned book. It is the reading and exposure to language that matters, more than the material. JoAnn Hradsky, OTR, one of our Occupational Therapists, read a book titled, *The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction.* What follows are some impactful and interesting facts to raise awareness of the benefits of reading to babies and children. We hope this helps motivate us to put down our phones and READ to babies and children in our lives.

# BENEFITS OF READING TO MY BABY AND CHILD

- Listening to stories while looking at pictures is an extraordinary way to stimulate your child's brain growth fostering optimal cognitive development.
- Toddlers who have had lots of stories read to them are more likely to enjoy strong relationships, sharper focus, and greater emotional resilience.
- The more speech that a child hears the greater and earlier their chance of mastering language is.
- In shared reading babies and children are exposed to words that they would never have heard by speech alone.
- A child that is read two books a day would hear more than 438,000 words of text in a year.
- Children that have an enriched exposure to language tend to enter school ahead of their peers.
- Babies don't learn from machines, they learn from us.
   Children need us to pay attention to them, talk, and play, and read with them.
- Reading aloud promotes better interactions between parent and child.
- Social scientists consider READ ALOUD TIME one of a child's most important indicators of a child' prospects in life.
- A majority of children's brain growth happens during the first three years of life. Reading provides them with what they need including more loving adult attention, more language, more opportunities to experience mutual engagement, and empathy.
- Technoference is a real issue for many children. It can be distressing to lose a parent's attention to electronic interruptions and can cause a child to misbehave.
- Reading the same book again and again and again is beneficial. It provides a child with a feeling of competence and mastery, because with each reading they understand a bit more of what they are hearing and seeing. It also increases a child's ability to recall and retain novel name—object associations.

\*Gurdon, Meghan Cox. The Enchanted Hour, The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction. Harper, an Imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2019.





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Acknowledgement: This app was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program with contribution from Dr. Rosa Arriaga and students from the Computing for Good program at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.

Elementary (Lews) a message from the Mona Shores Elementary Principal Team

The entire staff at Mona Shores would like to welcome you back to the 2022-2023 school year. This year promises to be excellent as we all get back to our "new normal". We'd also like to officially welcome Mr. Joe Shaffer to the elementary leadership team as he takes on his new role as Principal at Ross Park. Welcome Joe!

The construction around the district has continued, and we are thankful for the hard work and efforts of the construction crews.

- As Lincoln Park was first to begin, the final touches were added to the exterior spaces to complete this project over the summer months.
- Churchill was able to complete all interior spaces and are in the process of finalizing landscaping on the exterior.
- Campbell is entering its final phase! The gym, art room, music room and tech lab should be ready to go when we open in the fall. The middle of the building (the main office, library, and new kitchen) are expected to be completed late November.
- Ross Park students and families can expect to see many changes at the start of the school year, including their new building principal, Mr. Joe Shaffer. The upper elementary wing will be complete, and we will be gaining access to more spaces throughout the year.

We are eager to continue to show off our beautiful new buildings to all of our Sailor families at the **Open House on Wednesday, August 31 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 6.

Our fantastic PTO organizations have begun planning for the upcoming school year as well, and are excited to increase their offerings to pre pandemic levels. Please plan to attend the PTO meetings at your school to ensure each building is able to offer wonderful opportunities for each of our students.





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e 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. 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.



# The Mona Shores Tuition Preschool Program has an outstanding reputation in our school community.

Our experienced, caring, certified teachers are ready to work with your child and help prepare them for their next level of education.

# Call Mona Shores Community Services to check for openings at (231) 780-6720.

We offer both three and four-year old preschool classes at Ross Park Elementary.



# **Mona Shores Child Care**

Mona Shores Community Child Care offers a nurturing and caring environment filled with many experiences to allow your child to play, learn and grow. We provide care for

children ages 6 weeks through fifth grade.

We also offer before and after school care at all Mona Shores elementary schools. If you are interested in enrolling your child for child care or before/after school care, please contact us today at 231-780-6720.



# **Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs at Ross Park Elementary**

Mona Shores is in consortium with Fruitport Community Schools to provide free preschool programs to eligible families: Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs. Both follow curriculum guidelines from the State of Michigan.

Openings are limited. **Call Fruitport Early Childhood Center at** (231) 865-4102 for more information about these programs.



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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 231-720-2540 for information.

Now enrolling for the 22-23 school year.

Both programs are FREE to families that qualify.

# Hikolas Nypa 2022 Scholarship Winners



This year marks the 10th year of the Nikolas Wypa Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of Nikolas Wypa. He was a kindergartener at Churchill Elementary when he suddenly passed away during field day in 2012. To honor his memory, a \$500.00 award is given to four 5th grade students as they move onto middle school each year.

The award is held at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County until they graduate from high school. It can be used for higher education such as college or trade school. The 2022 winners are no exception to the ultimate citizenship award intended to inspire others as they grow. It's meant to reflect all the traits Nikolas possesed... kindness, a willingness to help, and compassion for others.



**Braelyn Westjohn - Lincoln Park** 



Zach Schnotala, Ella DeYoung 2022 Graduates and winners of the



Noelle Elzinga, scholarship in 2015



**Cassidy Kuzinski - Churchill** 

**Doniela Arias - Ross Park** 



**Tacary Williams - Campbell** 



# Food Service a message from

Bethany Taylor-Moore, Director of Dining Services

e are thrilled to be serving your child for the 2022-2023 school year! To kick off the new year, we wanted to share a few things you and your child can look forward to when it comes to mealtime.

# FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Thanks to nationwide waivers for federally funded meal programs, school meals were free to all students through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, these waivers have expired, so schools must return to charging for breakfast and lunch. Free or reduced-price meals are only available to students who qualify for these benefits, but all students, regardless of family situations are encouraged to dine in the cafeteria together.

Our goal is to continue to support all students and families by ensuring those who need free meals at school continue to receive them – especially understanding that the pandemic has created new hardships for many families, including those who have never previously relied on school meals. We also understand that many households have not submitted a meal application in two years.

We encourage all families, regardless of income, to complete and submit a short, confidential school meal application prior to the start of the school year to ensure that there are no gaps in meal benefits for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Parents or guardians can submit this application online at <a href="https://monashores.familyportal.cloud/">https://monashores.familyportal.cloud/</a> or in person at your child's school office. It's an easy and confidential way to ensure your child stays well-nourished at school.

### **SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MEAL OPTIONS & PRICES**

Mona Shores Public Schools provides both breakfast and lunch daily.

Campbell Elementary will receive FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN THE CLASSROOM

Churchill Elementary, Lincoln Park Elementary, and Ross Park Elementary will receive **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH in the cafeteria** 

Middle and High School Breakfast - \$2.35 at full price or \$0.30 at reduced price.

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For your convenience, we accept credit/debit card payments at <a href="https://monashores.familyportal.cloud">https://monashores.familyportal.cloud</a> and follow the prompts.

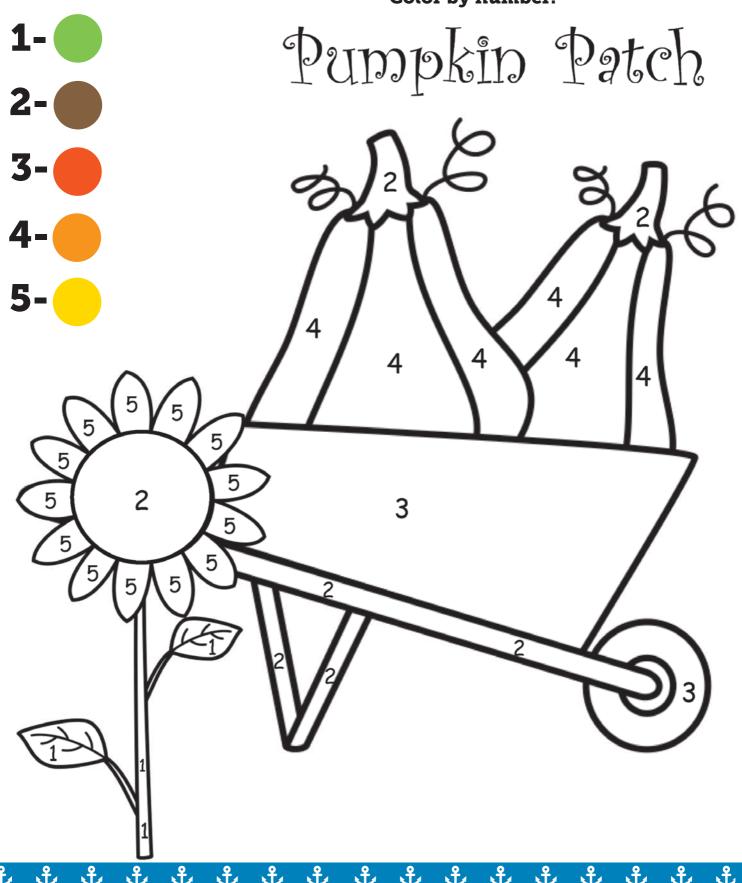
### **FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

We recognize the critical importance of our approach to supporting students and families who manage food allergy issues every day and work closely with the families of students who have food allergies and medical conditions that require a modification to their menu. Please contact Bethany Taylor-Moore at **mooreb@monashores.net** to receive a Special Diet Statement Form.



Future Sailors Activity

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A look ahead				
SEPTEMBER 6 First Day of School				
OCTOBER 5 Count Day				
OCTOBER 17 - 21 Fall Break				
NOVEMBER 5 Holiday Arts & Crafts Show - 9am-3pm				
NOVEMBER 23Half Day K-12				
NOVEMBER 24-25 Thanksgiving Break				
NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1, 2, 3 Singing Christmas Tree  All shows at 7:00 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m.				
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 3Holiday Break				
JANUARY 4 Classes Resume				