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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As we are settling into a new school year and the new school supplies are becoming worn, we are happy to see our students hard at work in the classrooms. Here in Massillon, we are proud to have programs that allow our students to excel into their futures. We are pleased to watch our career technical program grow into one of the top programs in the county with state report card scores that we are proud to highlight. Also new this year, our Intermediate School/Junior High principals are working to ensure that our students are looking toward their futures by implementing field trips to colleges and the opportunity to explore career opportunities in multiple ways. Be sure to catch up on these topics and many more exciting things going on within the district in this newsletter.

When you go to vote on November 3, please remember that the Massillon City School District has

an emergency renewal levy on the ballot, Issue 34. The Massillon City Schools' re-

newal levy will simply maintain the district's present level of excellent service. Issue 34 is NOT A NEW TAX! This is a renewal levy that will generate \$2.0 million for the school district annually. You will also see the Massillon Public Library on the ballot this November. The library is an excellent resource for our students and community members. (Please remember to support our library as well.)

Thank you for your support. We are Massillon, and we are proud of it!



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UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING SPREADS TO SCHOOLS

Volunteers from the United Way of Stark County were welcomed into the Massillon elementary schools as well as Massillon Junior High School for the United Way Day of Caring on Friday, Sep. 11. As volunteers were out-and-about all over Stark County for the Annual United Way Day of Caring, we were happy to have some of the volunteers in our schools interacting with students.

Students from Franklin, Gorrell and Whittier listened as the United Way

volunteers read them books about caring, kindness, and acceptance. Employees from Ohio Edison, Timken, and Stark State College were just some of the companies represented in the mix of volunteers reading to the students. The United Way Day of Caring brought an excellent opportunity for people in the community to engage with our elementary students. “We want our students to be nurtured and grow and see others giving back so when they are grown and start a family of their own they will remember those



times and volunteer and give back also,” said Rebecca Moore, Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Leroy Sutton, who has been featured on ESPN, along with Washington High School alumni, Shawn Crable, came to speak to the students in Mrs. Austin’s SWAG (Students With a Goal) classes at Massillon Junior High School. Both Sutton and Crable opened up to the students about their struggles as teens and explained how they overcame these obstacles. Leroy lost both of his legs

in a train accident at a young age. He explained that he had a very hard time adjusting to his disability at first and he began making bad decisions. During his time at Massillon Junior High, Leroy explained how he overcame these obstacles. “He was so open and honest with them,” said teacher Mrs. Austin “The students loved his message.”

We’d like to send a big “thank you” to all of the United Way volunteers who donated their time to work with our students on this special day!



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Issue 34

NOT A NEW TAX

4.6 Mill Emergency Renewal

THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX

- This is a renewal levy that generates \$2.0 million for the district annually.
- The original levy was passed in 1996 and has been renewed every five years since that time.

THE RENEWAL LEVY MAINTAINS WHAT WE HAVE

- Passing this renewal levy will keep the Massillon City Schools out of debt, according to the five year forecast.
- It would also allow the district to maintain its current operations and programs.

IF THE RENEWAL LEVY PASSES:

- It will preserve what we have.
This includes:
 - Maintaining our current programming.
 - Keeping all of our extracurricular activities intact, including athletics, fine arts, student clubs and organizations.

IF THE RENEWAL LEVY FAILS:

- The district would lose more than \$2.0 million in revenue, putting the district back in debt.
- The board of education and administration would have to begin looking at areas to cut, such as busing, staff and instituting payto-participate fees.

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CTE FUN THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Exciting things are happening in the Career Technical Education Department at Washington High School! The recent Ohio career-tech report card has highlighted Massillon's Career and Technical Education Program as one of the top in the county when measured against others in the area. Not only are our students getting opportunities to engage in hands-



on curriculum and project-based learning, Career Technical Education also gives them numerous opportunities to earn college credits. With 14 programs in 10 different career fields, our students receive specialized training from teachers who have been in the fields themselves. While eight programs are junior-senior programs, the high school also offers six courses to students of sophomore-senior status. The career-tech programs give students an excellent opportunity to make career decisions that could greatly impact

their futures. "When you get true exposure to a career before college, you can clearly define if it is something you want to do at the next level at no cost," said Jamey Palma, Career Tech Director.

When involved in a career tech program, students are given three deliverable methods to earn college credits free of charge. College Credit Plus, State and Bi-Lateral Postsecondary Articulation Agreements are ways the students can earn these credits.

- **The College Credit Plus Program** is a way that students can earn high school and college credits at the same time through Stark State College.
- **Statewide and Bi-Lateral Post-Secondary Articulation Credits** are agreements between state schools and the high school career tech programs which allow students to earn 6-30 college credit hours in high school.

Many of the career tech programs also provide students opportunities to earn credentialing and certifications in their studied field. Opportunities available include State-Tested Nursing Aide, State Board of Cos-

metology License, Pharmacy Technician license, CPR and First Aid Certification, OSHA Construction/General Industry Certification and Valvoline Certification.

"I love the fact that we get hands-on experience in career tech classes," said nursing student Blake Coram. "Your success in the program is based on your motivation."

As our career tech students continue to learn new skills every day, they are given numerous opportunities to use these skills within the school district and community. Our Construction Technology class, led by Vaughn Mohler, is making corn hole boards and donating profits to special causes. In Marketing, led by Chuck Richards, the students are using the marketing abilities they have acquired in class to promote the Alzheimer's Walk. Our Media Productions class, led by Bill Dewald



and Dave Scheetz, created a video to raise awareness for Alzheimer's. Students are given the chance to work on projects they can be proud of which will also benefit the community. "Not only do these kids get to do good in their buildings, they also get a chance to collaborate with people in the community," said Kristi Muzi. "I cannot say enough positive things about these students."

Be sure to check out all of the things going on in the Career Tech Education Program by following them on Twitter @MassillonCTE.

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PLANNING A HALF TIME SHOW

by: Amy Hollingsworth, Technology Integration Specialist

I don't know about you, but when the Massillon Tiger SWING band came roaring onto the field, hoisted their bass drums up on ladders, and then drove not one, but TWO golf cart drum kit conga-lines onto the field, I was massively impressed. And that got me thinking: what kind of work goes into preparing a half-time show that wows the crowd every week?

Jason Neel, Massillon's band director, gave me the scoop.

He and his staff (Assistant Director Jenn Smithhisler, MTSB Announcer Bob Wenzel, MJHS Director and Percussion Instructor Chris Nussbaum, MJHS Director Jim Unferdorfer and Majorette Advisor Jeanna Doherty) prepare six or seven different half time shows per season, plus a pregame. This planning may begin a year in advance.

Neel described how this particular show came to be. "Percussion instructor Chris Nussbaum began planning this show back in July, but the dreaming began way earlier. As far as I know, no one has ever done two drum-kit cart trains plus drum rack and bass drums on ladders. Chris is a visionary - he likes to dream. We put those dreams in motion."

Vital pieces of the puzzle are the squad leaders, who are chosen in May, before the season. There are auditions where the best marchers, players and leaders try out for the position. There is a ton of competition. They began working together before the July start of whole band practices. Every band member learns where they are going to be at every point in the show from the squad leaders. Learning these drills is extremely difficult and takes weeks.



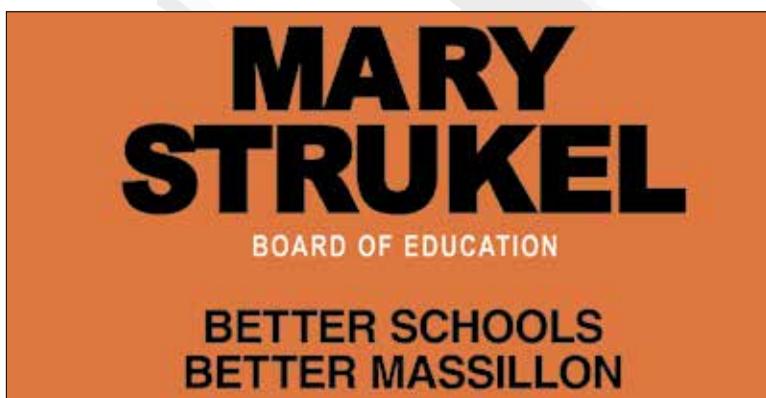
Once both music and marching are working well individually, the band can start to march and play simultaneously.

Massillon has a lot of traditions that other schools don't have. The band marches a brand new halftime show for EVERY HOME GAME. For pregame, the band comes from behind the stands, marches onto the field, spells "M" for Massillon and then plays to the away side while spelling the other team's initials. The band may learn 35 different songs over the course of the season.

Neel said, "What we do in this band means so much to this community. There are over 100 years of band tradition, and this is the 77th anniversary of the swing band. With this rich history in this town, band means so much to so many people. The whole town takes pride in this organization.

Band teaches teamwork in a way that no other group can, because we are hundreds of people working together to pull off a show on a massive scale. And the self-discipline it takes to keep your uniform ready, instrument tuned, your marching on point and your music flowing? Band teaches problem solving skills that students vitally need. It integrates art and music with rhythm and position. Left and right brain skills are integrated."

The payoff for band members and directors comes on show night. The crowd response is immediate feedback. But the band has to work hard for months to get to that show moment. Students move on after band to be leaders in the community, more focused, disciplined and confident. Teamwork within the band leads to a first-class production that instills pride in band members and the Massillon community.



DADS AND MALE ROLE MODELS WALK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the parking lots of Franklin, Gorrell and Whittier were filled with dads and male role models bringing their children to school. For the first time, the Massillon City School District was invited by the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition to participate in an event called “Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day.”



The first 50 students who arrived at school with their father or male role model received a sports bag and water bottle from the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. Each person was greeted by a member of the Coalition, who provided informational packets to dads and male caregivers. While Canton and Alliance City Schools have participated in the event in years past, this was the first time the Massillon City Schools joined in. The event was a great success, with over 200 fathers or male role models participating. Proud students excitedly announced to teach-

ers, staff and friends, “this is my dad!” as they walked toward the schools. “The numbers were very good, for the first year,” said Rob Pierson, chairman of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. “It was impressive to see Massillon’s turnout.”

The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition’s main goal in hosting a day like this was to emphasize how important it is to have two parents involved in students’ lives. Research has shown that when students have fathers involved in their education, they tend to perform better in school.



MASSILLON JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS BECOME COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR A DAY



Students filled the Kent State University Stark campus on the mornings of Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, but the sidewalks were not filled with just college students on these days. The Massillon Junior High School Class of 2020 was among the rest of the students, getting a taste of what the college experience is like. The Class of 2020 cheered as “Flash,” the Kent State mascot, appeared in the door to greet the students. The excitement continued as students heard from a few Massillon alumni who attend Kent State Stark. As the days went on, students experienced first hand what an average day will be like when they enter college. From the subjects of math to computer tech, students participated in various classes on campus. Students also participated in a session geared to-

ward career interests.

All of these experiences come from the excitement of the vision that Massillon Junior High School has adopted. ***Developing college and career readiness through collaborative, diverse and real-world learning experiences is the overall goal at Massillon Junior High School.*** The trip to Kent State Stark was just the beginning of the numerous experiences students will partake in as the year continues.



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FAVORITE MASSILLON/MCKINLEY

Memories

MR. FORTNER

As Washington High School Principal, I was invited to participate in a half-time performance with the Massillon Tiger Swing Band.

Jason Neel and I played six (6) string guitars while the Band played behind us.

It was an awesome experience to be surrounded by great musicians!

GO TIGERS... BEAT MCKINLEY!

MR. GOODRIGHT

I loved the post-game team drive through town after whipping McKinley in 2013 at Fawcett. Our fans were ecstatic!

MR. HACKENBRACHT

As a player, in 1991, after beating McKinley 42-13 watching Coach Stu sprint across the field to get our bell back! As a coach, seeing the joy on our players faces when we win!

MR. LINDSEY

Last year's exciting Massillon McKinley Week! All of our students and teachers sang the Alma Mater, participated in our spirit week and pep rally.

MR. NEEL

There are too many memories to count, but my favorite memory would have to be my very first game in 2006. When I entered the stadium as the band was taking the field for pregame, the electricity of the sell-out crowd and the pageantry of the whole event was overwhelming. I remember signaling the crowd to cheer louder and, of course, they did. What a day! We won 10-7 and the bell came back to Massillon!

MR. PACHIS

Way back in 1991 my senior year we went over to Fawcett Stadium and

beat the Bulldogs 42-13. Our running back Travis McGuire rushed for a school record 302 yards on that day. I can remember Coach Studer running across the field and grabbing the Bell and bringing it back to our sideline.

MR. PALMA

Sorry I have two:

2001 when Craig McConnell had the game winning interception at Fawcett at the end of the game with McKinley going in for the winning score. Both teams were 8-1 entering that game.

&

2005 at the Akron Rubber Bowl beating McKinley 21-3 who was 12-0 and beat us bad 3 weeks earlier, this launched us to a regional title and the state championship game.

MRS. PARR

The 100th game when Massillon and McKinley joined together to celebrate the traditions of this long rivalry. It also helped that Massillon won!!!

MR. REMARK

Week 13- November 21, 2009

The Massillon Tigers knock off the Mutts 10-7 in the Division I regional final game.

MR. WARNER

I would say my favorite memory was my first year (5 years ago) being part of the entire week of events. I had a group of friends (about 8-10) that attended the Massillon/McKinley game for the first time.

MR. ZAPOLNIK

Dancing in the hallway last year with our 4th grade staff and students!

WHAT OUR NEW-COMERS ARE MOST EXCITED TO EXPERIENCE!

MRS. MOORE

I am most excited about all the festivities and being part of the experience of the oldest rivalry in high school football.

COACH MOORE

All of it - I'm looking forward to experiencing everything that goes into McKinley week, the high school decorations, the parade, the rotary club meetings, and especially the game. I can't wait!

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MCKINLEY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, October 26, 2015

7:00 p.m. - Booster Club Meeting, Auditorium

6:00 p.m. - Freshman Football Game PBTs

7:00 p.m. - Band Concert Main Gym

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Blood Drive, WHS Auxiliary Gym

11:30 a.m. - Touchdown Club Eagles 190

Friday, October 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. - Band parade throughout Massillon

1:30 p.m. - Beat McKinley Rally WHS Gym

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

7:00 a.m. - Massillon/McKinley Prayer Breakfast Canton Baptist Temple

7:00 p.m. - Parade Downtown Massillon

Thursday, October 29, 2015

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WHS Open House WHS

Saturday, October 31, 2015

2:00 p.m. - **BEAT MCKINLEY** Benson Stadium



WINTER SPORT SCHEDULES 2015/2016



VARSITY BOYS *Basketball*

Tuesday	11/17	Orrville High School	7:30 p.m.
Friday	12/04	Archbishop Hoban High School	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12/08	Canton South High School	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	12/12	Lincoln West High School	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12/15	Louisville High School	7:30 p.m.
Monday	12/21	Mayor's Classic @ Perry	6 p.m.
Tuesday	12/22	Mayor's Classic @ Perry	7:30 p.m.
Monday	12/28	@ Aliquippa Senior High School	8 p.m.
Tuesday	12/29	@ Aliquippa Senior High School	6 p.m.
Saturday	01/02	New Philadelphia High School	7:30 p.m.
Friday	01/08	@ Lake High School	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	01/12	Hoover High School	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/16	@ Wesley Christian (Kentucky)	1 p.m.
Saturday	01/16	@ Hoover High School	1 p.m.
Friday	01/22	@ East High School	TBA
Saturday	01/23	McKinley High School	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	01/26	@ Ursuline High School	7 p.m.
Saturday	01/30	Copley Senior High School	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	02/02	Stow High School	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	02/06	Ellet High School	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	02/13	@ Ashland High School	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	02/16	@ Wooster High School	7:30 p.m.
Friday	02/19	Glenoak High School	7:30 p.m.

VARSITY BOYS *Bowling*

Monday	11/16	@ East Canton	4 p.m.
Wednesday	11/18	@ Wooster	4 p.m.
Monday	11/23	Canton Central Catholic	4 p.m.
Thursday	12/03	Minerva	4 p.m.
Wednesday	12/09	@ Green	4p.m.
Wednesday	12/16	@ Wooster	4 p.m.
Tuesday	01/05	@ Claymont	4 p.m.
Tuesday	01/12	@ Sandy Valley	4 p.m.
Tuesday	01/19	Wooster	4 p.m.
Thursday	01/21	@ Dover	4 p.m.
Monday	01/25	Claymont	4 p.m.
Tuesday	01/26	@ Triway	4 p.m.
Monday	02/01	Sandy Valley	4 p.m.
Tuesday	02/02	East Canton	4 p.m.
Thursday	02/04	Dover	4 p.m.
Monday	02/08	Triway	4 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS *Gymnastics*

Tuesday	12/08	Triway	5 p.m.
Tuesday	12/15	@ Wadsworth	6 p.m.
Monday	12/21	@ Sandy Valley	2 p.m.
Thursday	01/07	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	01/12	@ McKinley	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	01/19	Cloverleaf	5 p.m.
Thursday	01/28	@ Wooster	5:30 p.m.
Monday	02/01	Winter Classic	5:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS *Basketball*

Saturday	11/07	Tri-Team Scrimmage	1 p.m.
Monday	11/16	Canton South Rotary (Preview)	6 p.m.
Tuesday	11/17	Orrville (OHSAA Foundation Game)	6 p.m.
Saturday	11/21	@ Roosevelt	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	11/24	@ Barberton	7:30 p.m.
Friday	11/27	Sam's Pizza Classic @ Chippewa	4 p.m.
Saturday	11/28	Sam's Pizza Classic @ Chippewa	2 p.m.
Wednesday	12/02	@ Canton South	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12/09	Alliance	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	12/10	Louisville	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12/16	Mayor's Cup @ Tuslaw High School	6 p.m.
Saturday	12/19	Mayor's Cup @ Tuslaw High School	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12/23	@ Strongsville	6:30 p.m.
Monday	12/28	@ New Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/02	Ursuline	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/09	Firestone	2:30 p.m.
Monday	01/11	@ St. Thomas Aquinas	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	01/13	Canton Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/16	Wooster	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/23	@ Butchel	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	01/27	Dover	7 p.m.
Monday	02/01	Canton McKinley Senior	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	02/03	Lake	7:30 p.m.
Monday	02/08	@ Mogadore	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	02/10	Green	7:30 p.m.

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VARSITY BOYS *Wrestling*

Saturday	12/05	Dover Duals	9 a.m.
Friday	12/11	Walsh Jesuit Ironman Invitational	1 p.m.
Friday	12/11	W.I.T.	4:30 p.m.
Saturday	12/12	Walsh Jesuit Ironman Invitational	9 a.m.
Saturday	12/12	W.I.T.	10 a.m.
Wednesday	12/23	Wrestling Tri @ Tuslaw MS	5:30 p.m.
Friday	01/08	JC Gorman (2-day event)	4 p.m.
Monday	01/11	Tri Match	5 p.m.
Friday	01/15	Maumee Bay Classic	11 a.m.
Saturday	01/16	Maumee Bay Classic	10 a.m.
Saturday	01/30	Tigertown Invitational	9 a.m.

VARSITY BOYS *Swimming and Diving*

Thursday	12/03	McKinley Relays	6 p.m.
Friday	12/04	@ Canton Central Catholic	5 p.m.
Saturday	12/05	Hoover	12 p.m.
Saturday	12/12	NEAC Relays	2 p.m.
Saturday	12/19	St. Thomas Aquinas	12 p.m.
Friday	01/15	Boardman	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	01/16	Tri Meet CVCA and Louisville	12 p.m.
Friday	01/22	@ Lake	6 p.m.
Saturday	01/23	@ Canton McKinley Senior	12 p.m.
Friday	01/29	Tri-Meet	5 p.m.
Saturday	01/30	Swimming Tri-Meet Massillon/Dover	1 p.m.

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