

WE ARE MONROE

Graduation
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MISSION

Monroe Public Schools is committed to being the premier education organization in the region.

We are devoted to promoting high expectations for all in a state-of-the-art 21st century curriculum.

We recognize that all of the students and communities that we serve are our customers, and we promise to make all decisions in their best interest.

CORE VALUES

Cultivate Strong **RELATIONSHIPS**

RESPECT Differences and Act in **SERVICE** for All

Advocate for **EQUITY**

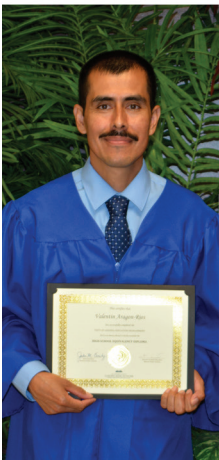
Enrich our **COMMUNITY**

Uphold **INTEGRITY**

Crave **INNOVATION**

Strive to **ENGAGE** Every Learner

CELEBRATE and be **JOYFUL**



Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.
MAYA ANGELOU





Trojan Hero Award

Custodian Saves Life of Choking Student

Willie Johnson, a custodian at Monroe Middle School, saved the life of a student who was choking at lunch. When Mr. Johnson realized the student was in distress, he quickly reacted with the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the food from the student's throat.

Dr. Julie Everly, Monroe Public Schools Superintendent, presented a special Trojan Hero Award to Mr. Johnson for his heroic service.



Monroe Public Schools IN THE NEWS

Monroe County Spelling Bee Winners

Thirty-two students representing 17 area schools competed in the 5th and 6th grade division of the 2022 Monroe County Spelling Bee. Two Monroe Public Schools students were among the top three winners.

Congratulations to **Grady Molenda**, Manor 6th grade, who took 2nd place and **Jonathan Wester**, Manor 6th grade, who placed 3rd.



Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly

A Lasting Legacy

*Thousands of Lives
Touched Through
Decades of Service*



Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly will retire from Monroe Public Schools in mid-August. She has led the district since 2017 and has devoted her life to educating MPS students.

“Monroe Public Schools are stronger than we have ever been,” Dr. Everly proclaimed. “Over the past five years, we have collaborated with education and business partners to create new opportunities for students, invested in equipment and technology to enhance learning experiences, and passed a \$60 million bond that is transforming district schools.”

“We are exceptionally proud of what we have achieved together,” Board Vice President Larry Zimmerman said, “and we will be looking for someone who will continue the momentum.”

Under Dr. Everly’s leadership, MPS launched its Early Middle College, the International Baccalaureate program at Raisinville, and district-wide entrepreneurial curriculum. In 2019, MPS was awarded a \$1.3 million grant for afterschool and enrichment programming at Arborwood and Waterloo. Career technical education programs have evolved and expanded. The new initiatives are designed to engage every learner and help students achieve their goals. “Every decision we make is student-focused,” Dr. Everly said. “Students are the reason I entered education.”

Dr. Everly got her start at MPS in 1993 as a Kids Club caregiver while working on undergraduate studies. She earned four degrees from Eastern Michigan, including her Ph.D. in Educational

Leadership. In 1995, MPS hired her to teach at Manor Elementary. She was named Principal at Raisinville Elementary in 2003 and Arborwood Elementary in 2009. Since 2011, Dr. Everly has been critically involved in daily operations and decisions impacting the district’s 5,000 students, serving as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Human Resources, Deputy Superintendent, and the district’s first female Superintendent.

“Dr. Everly’s legacy lies within the lives of the more than 20,000 students she has touched as administrator and teacher,” Mr. Zimmerman said.



Board President **Bob Nichols** and **Dr. Julie Everly**, Superintendent, welcome a student presenter.



Trojan Build 3

MHS Construction Trades



Monroe High School's Construction Trades program celebrated the completion of its third student-built house on June 7th with an Open House and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Dr. Julie Everly, Superintendent, and instructors Tom Bell and Andrew Marchese, thanked project partners and student families for their support. Special mention was given to the Monroe County Home Builders Association for guidance, and to sponsors Stoneco for donating the stone product, and Whirlpool for donating the home's appliances.

Sydney Stewart designed the 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath home as a junior in Natalie Mills' Drafting & Design class. Trojan Build 3 has 2 porches, an 11-foot cathedral ceiling, and a full basement with a bonus bedroom. The house incorporates Alexa artificial intelligence, smart home features, and an integrated Ring security doorbell. Realtor Nini Riggs is handling the sale.

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Career & Technical Education



Cybersecurity Pilot Program Launching in Fall, 2022

Monroe High School will pilot new Cybersecurity career technical education courses during the 2022-2023 school year. If the pilot is successful, Cybersecurity will become a new CTE program.

Cybersecurity is a rapidly growing high-wage, high-demand career field. “This is a great addition to our program offerings and has a high level of student interest,” Leah Morelli, CTE Director stated. More than 100 MHS students requested the courses for next year and will learn the basics of cybersecurity.

“Once the program is state-approved and fully implemented, students will be able to earn industry credentials that will be a fantastic foundation for a career in this exciting field,” Mrs. Morelli said.

Congratulations CLASS OF 2022

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| Architecture - 6 | Fashion Design - 14 |
| Automotive Technology - 18 | Health Occupations - 31 |
| Business Administration Mgmt. - 2 | Marketing - 7 |
| Construction Trades - 22 | Office Management - 3 |
| Digital Multimedia - 7 | Welding - 8 |

Breaking Traditions Award



The Michigan Department of Education presented Monroe High School junior **Alexis Schade** with the Breaking Traditions Award of Merit at a ceremony in Lansing. The award recognizes successful career and technical education students who are pursuing careers in fields that are non-traditional for their gender.

Lexi has completed three years in two CTE programs and has earned a cumulative 4.0 GPA. She is pictured with her instructors — **Natalie Mills**, Drafting & Design, and **Kyle Reed**, Electro-Mechanical Design and Engineering.

Monroe Public Schools Alumni

SPOTLIGHT

Paramedic of the Year



Alina Guzzi was named Paramedic of the Year by VFW Post & Auxiliary #1138 of Monroe. Each year the VFW honors Monroe County’s finest first responders for their exemplary service to the community.

Alina is a 2019 graduate of Monroe High School and an alumnus of the MHS Health Occupations program.



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Best Overall Elementary
Call Me Charlie & Co.
Kennedy Hedglen



Best Overall Secondary
Golf Cart Warehouse
Joey Kidd

Showcase Celebrates Young Entrepreneurs

ELEMENTARY

Best Professional Etiquette
Berry Beads – Reese Walters

Best Product/Service
Kirishima Photography
 D'Miena-Jamie Peterson

Best Display
Josephine's Lemonade Stand –
 Josephine Webb

Best Advertising
Bravo Games – Victor LeBrun

Best Business Idea
A&K Jewelry –
 Avery Kinsey, Kodie Peters

Honors Overall
Elise's Canvases – Elise Yavorsky

Snow Cones –
 Noah Rios, Harrison Clark,
 Ryder Noble

Cake Pop Girls –
 Isabella Gonzalez,
 Josephine Goche, Analise Hyden

SECONDARY

Best Product Pitch
Desserts First – Abigail Alston

Best Product/Service
4 Bee Farms – Presley Bray

Best Display
SkySnap –
 Christian Koszka-Lombardo

Best Advertising
Jordyn's Jewels –
 Jordyn Campbell

Best Business Plan
Downriver Steel –
 Blake Cabrera, Kegan Hallahan

Honors Overall
Misty's Critter Creations –
 Misty Adams
emilysjewelry – Emily Benitez
BrandoNatic – Brandon Miller

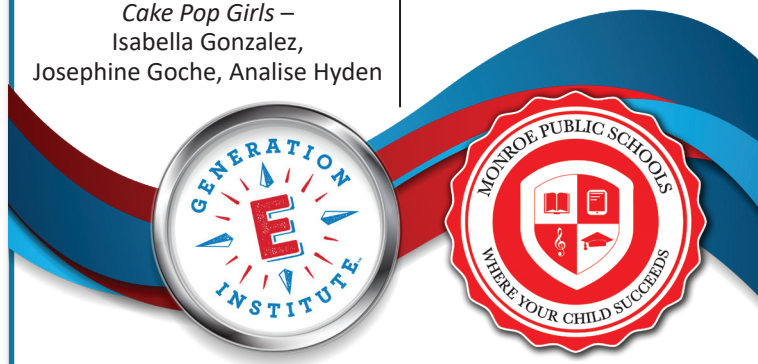
Keynote Speaker

Andrew Marchese, a Monroe High School Construction Trades and Gen E Industrial instructor, who works with his father as an officer at Marchese Properties, LLC, was the keynote speaker.

Sponsors

Special thanks are extended to the event's sponsors:

Kohler Architecture
Sodexo
Launch 734
Red Letter
Monroe's Best Car Wash



Student Board of Delegates

A new voice in district issues, decisions



A new leadership opportunity for the district's students launched in 2022 — the Monroe Public Schools Student Board of Delegates.

The new group is comprised of students, grades 4-12, representing every school in the district. Superintendent, Dr. Julie Everly, meets monthly with the delegates to gain student perspective and insight on key issues.

“The Student Board is designed to amplify student voice, creating a forum where students can share ideas and ensure student needs are heard and addressed,” Dr. Everly explained. “It is also an opportunity for students to strengthen their leadership and communication skills.”

During the group’s first meeting, increasing the number of water filling stations in the district’s schools emerged as a top priority. At subsequent meetings, the students formed subgroups, completed research, and identified benefits in three areas — environment, health, and school. The delegates made a formal presentation to the MPS Board of Education at the June 14th meeting, requesting that the district purchase 13 water filling stations. The Board passed the students’ motion unanimously. Installation is planned to take place over the summer.

Future priorities include revisiting the student dress code and increasing handicap accessibility. The Student Board will resume meeting in the fall.



DeMekko Adams
Orchard Ctr., 11th



Meredyth Bashaw
Monroe M.S., 8th



Leah Harris
Raisinville, 5th



Jayden Hawthorne
Monroe H.S., 9th



Ashlynn Jensen
Custer, 6th



Quinten Kaczmarek
Raisinville, 6th



Jacob Krueger
Custer, 4th



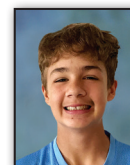
Emilia McLeod
Monroe H.S., 12th



Chloe Pabin
Monroe H.S., 10th



Daniel Rhoades
Monroe H.S., 11th



Rooney Scoles
Manor, 6th



Jude Stamper
Monroe H.S., 11th



Kaleb Tignor
Waterloo, 4th



Marilyn Tyner
Manor, 5th



Karson Zimmerman
Arborwood, 5th

Schools and grade levels shown are from the 2021-2022 school year.



Ryleigh Nusbaum



Briella Colpaert

Young Author Winners

Two Waterloo Elementary students were among the winners in the Monroe County Library Young Authors Contest. **Ryleigh Nussbaum** was the 1st Place Informational Winner in grades 3-5 for her entry, "All about Veterinarians." **Briella Colpaert** was the 2nd Place Informational Winner in grades K-2 for "How to kick a ball."

Arborwood Car Show



Sixth grade students at Arborwood Elementary hosted a Car Show as part of a Project-Based Learning assignment. The event featured displays of their research projects and vehicles that included new and classic cars, motorcycles, a police car, an ice cream truck, and even a helicopter. The students designed t-shirts, planned advertising, and created a fun environment with a DJ and facepainting.

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS JOB FAIR



JOIN the MPS TEAM



Meet with representatives from:

- MPS Human Resources Office** (Many Categories)
- Sodexo** (Food Services) **METS** (Transportation)
- EduStaff** (Sub Teachers) **Roberts Security**
- HES Facilities Management** (Custodial)

July 20 & Aug. 10 / 2:30-6:00 PM
Monroe Middle School Cafeteria
503 Washington St. / Please enter Doors J or H

BACK-TO-SCHOOL • 2022

mark these dates on your calendar

Monroe Virtual Registration
held at Riverside Learning Center
August 16-18
Grades K-12: 9 am - 12 pm

Monroe H.S. Orientation
Check-in times assigned
by student last name

Seniors: August 22
A-L: 8-10 am / M-Z: 11 am - 1 pm

Juniors: August 23
A-L: 8-10 am / M-Z: 11 am - 1 pm

Sophomores: August 24
A-L: 8-10 am / M-Z: 11 am - 1 pm

Freshmen: August 25
ALL freshmen: 8 am - 1 pm

Make-ups: August 26
8 am - 1 pm

Jump Start
August 22-25
Young Fives, Kindergarten
held at each elementary school



Open Houses
Wednesday, August 31
Orchard Center H.S., 4:30-6:30 pm
Monroe Middle School, 5-7 pm
All Elementary Schools, 6-8 pm

Classes Begin September 6

REGISTER NOW

for Kindergarten and Young Fives

The Start of Something BIG!



Registration begins **ONLINE**
at: www.monroe.k12.mi.us

Student Registration
Register **ONLINE** here.



Go to the MPS website and click on the button pictured above. Select 22-23 Registration. When you have completed the form AND have uploaded ALL documents, submit your form.



Your child is eligible for **KINDERGARTEN** if:

Your child turns 5 between **Dec. 2, 2021 and June 15, 2022.**

Your child is eligible for our **YOUNG FIVES** program if:

Your child turns 5 between **June 16, 2022 and Sept. 1, 2022.**

Your child is eligible to obtain a state waiver to enter our **YOUNG FIVES** program if:

Your child turns 5 between **Sept. 2, 2022 and Dec. 1, 2022.**

Spectacular Summer Semester

SUMMER, 2022

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Spots Are Still Available — Call NOW to Register!

We still have room in several summer programs. Classes are **FREE** for MPS students and include meals. Call the schools directly to register:

Manor	734-265-4700
Waterloo	734-265-5100
Orchard	734-265-3700
High School	734-265-4000

HEARING *and* VISION CLINIC

provided **FREE** by the Monroe County Health Dept.

Please call **734-265-3080** to schedule an appointment.



August 23 / 12 - 6:45 pm
Arborwood South

August 25 / 9 am - 4 pm
Custer I



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1275 N. Macomb St.
Monroe, MI 48162

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Superintendent's Remarks

This issue of *We Are Monroe* provides a glimpse into the vast spirit of celebration that is alive within Monroe Public Schools. The beaming faces reflect the immense pride of our school community — in the achievements of our students and in the opportunities we provide them together.



Be inspired by our students and their accomplishments:

- ★ Monroe High School, Orchard Center High School, and the Monroe County Learning Bank Class of 2022; students transitioning to middle school and high school; and our youngest learners “sliding” into first grade
- ★ Young entrepreneurs transforming ideas into products and services; construction students completing the third Trojan Build home; and new student leaders working together on issues they believe in

Graduations and recognition ceremonies happen at the end of the year, but the planning, lessons, programs, and activities take place every day, as our teams work together to provide MPS students the best educational experiences. Talented teachers and staff are joined by involved parents, dedicated Board of Education members, and residents and organizations that support and invest in our shared success.

Thank you for partnering with us to make MPS a beacon in our community. SHINE BRIGHT, Monroe!

Believe. Engage. Excel.

As always,

Dr. Julie M. Everly
 Superintendent

Monroe Public Schools

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- Robert Nichols President
- Larry Zimmerman Vice President
- Rosalie Pasko Secretary
- Matthew Bunkelman Parliamentarian
- Heather Boone Trustee
- Susan Marlin-Zeisler Trustee
- Lawrence VanWasshenova Trustee

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- Dr. Julie Everly Superintendent
- Katherine Eighmey Executive Director of Business & Finance
- Cindy Flynn Executive Director of Human Resources
- Terry Joseph Executive Director of Student Services
- Jerry Oley Executive Director of Operations
- David Payne Executive Director of Technology



**School starts
 September 6**

