

# WE ARE MONROE

The **Monroe Public Schools** Newsletter

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

**Strive to Engage  
EVERY LEARNER**



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## National Reading Month - March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 HBA Home Improvement Show	4	5	6	7	1 Half Day, End of 2nd Trimester, HBA Show	2 HBA Home Improvement Show
10	11	12 Board of Education Meeting #5	13 Half Day for Students	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Board of Education Meeting #6	27 Half Day for Students	28	29 End of 3rd Quarter	30
31						

## April 2019 - Autism Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break
7	8 Classes Resume	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday No School	20
21 Easter	22	23 Board of Education Meeting #7	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## May 2019 - Mental Health Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Education Meeting #8	15 Half Day for Students	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day No School	28 Board of Education Meeting #9	29	30	31	

## Reminder

### Spring Break 2019 April 1-5

Please keep in mind as you make any travel arrangements, this year Spring Break is April 1-5, 2019.

The scheduling of Spring Breaks (and Winter ones, too) is arranged years in advance with common dates among all the schools in Monroe County. In the case of Spring Break, an attempt to include the Easter weekend is made as long as it does not conflict with the State's assessment testing window requirements. In 2018 it was not a problem, but the holiday falls much later in April of 2019. We realize this is less than ideal for people that travel to spend Easter with families, but hope this advance notice allows you to have discussions with your family, brainstorm potential alternatives if necessary, and plan accordingly to avoid making reservations/buying tickets for the wrong dates.

Monroe WILL be observing Good Friday; There will be NO School scheduled on Friday, April 19, 2019. School will resume Monday, April 22nd, after Easter. Hopefully, the long weekend will still provide an opportunity for families to gather for the Easter Holiday.

## Clubs Provide Enriching Activities for Students

Extra-curricular activities can take many forms for students at Monroe Public Schools. Not only are there abundant opportunities for students to participate in competitive athletics, there are also a variety of clubs for students at all grade levels.

At Monroe High School, there are 36 different clubs that students can join in a variety of interest areas. From art to autos to books to entrepreneurship, students have many choices. Monroe High School even has a Fishing Club! Meeting each week on Tackle Box Tuesdays, the MHS Fishing Club has competed in high school fishing tournaments throughout the state of Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

“Fishing at Monroe HS has created a positive community for our student-anglers,” said Assistant Principal and club advisor Michael Foley. “Our club focuses on team work, acceptance, building community, and exploring the outdoors.”

At Custer Elementary, there are seven student clubs that meet after school on different days of the week. From Story Book STEM to Math Games to Global Problems, Reader’s Theater and Word Study, clubs aren’t just for high school students. Custer even boasts of a School Beautification Club at which students are painting works of art on the ceiling tiles and will even paint a mural in the gymnasium

“The school beautification club gives students the opportunity to truly make a change at our school,” said Custer School Improvement Coach Danielle Jozwiak. “They have a voice in what we do, and get to explore their love for art while using it to express themselves.”

*UR: Monroe High School Fishing Club members Logan Complo, Evan Earnest, Zachary Schroeder and MR Alec Neidinger and Andrew Thompson, compete in the Michigan HS Fishing Association Tournament. LR: Custer Elementary 6th Grader Malachi Tomalak paints a ceiling tile. LL: Custer Elementary School Beautification Club meet to paint ceiling tiles.*





## 10th Induction Ceremony for the Monroe High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Six athletes, a teacher/coach and an entire basketball team were honored at the 10th Induction Ceremony for the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame on November 30, 2018.

Inductees included Larry Aaron, for his skill as member of the 1978-1979 Men's Basketball team; Art Eversole, for his speed on the track/cross country team from 1953-1956; Debbie Chavis Laney for her athleticism as a member of the Varsity Softball Team from 1988-1990; Coach Marlene Rex, a teacher and coach from 1957-1993, she started the Flamingo

Synchronized Swimming Club, leading MHS to the state championship in 1991 and 1992 among many other accomplishments; Tom Salow Jr., a gifted baseball player from 1982-1984; Ray Stein, 1931 state pole vaulting champion; Sarah Howe Waidelich, who scored 1,001 career points in Women's basketball from 2003-2006; and the 1976 Men's Basketball Team, touted as the best basketball team ever assembled in school history.



## Monroe High School Vocal Arts, Band and Orchestra Entertain Monroe

Monroe Public Schools continues to showcase its excellence in band, orchestra and vocal arts this year. During its Pre-festival concert on Thursday February 21, the MHS Band and Orchestra entertained a large audience with its abundance of student talent in preparation for its March 7 and 8 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival.

Monroe High School hosted 2,000 singers at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Middle School Festival on March 1 and 2. Guests were treated to performances every 15 minutes, including several from MHS and MMS. All Monroe groups gave very solid performances and three qualified to move on to the state choral festival in Brighton on May 1-3.

## Monroe High School Adds New CTE and AP Courses

Beginning in the Fall of 2019, Monroe High School will be offering 10 new Career and Technical Education classes, as well as four new Advanced Placement classes for students.

In the career area of Education Foundations, two new courses titled Education Occupations 1 and Education Occupations 2 will provide students with an introduction to the unique characteristics of the child, develops respect for children, and guidance skills that help them grow and develop. The student will gain knowledge that enables him/her to decide whether working in the field of education is a suitable, personal career goal and will expand knowledge of the teaching field.

Two courses in Multi-Media and Broadcasting will be offered, titled TV/ Multimedia Broadcasting 1 and 2. These courses will provide a fundamental understanding of production principles and experience with the video camera, lighting instruments and techniques, microphones, script creation and basic editing. Students will perform assignments both on-camera and off-camera in the studio as well as in the control room. Additionally, students will learn program development, field production and crew job skills.

Drones will be introduced through the addition of four new courses in the Electro-Mechanical Program area. Fundamentals of Drones and



and the Remote Pilot Certification. Internships and support in developing a small business will also be included.

Students interested in expanding their knowledge and experience with Computer Networking and Cyber Security will be able to enroll in Computer Networking & Cyber Security 3 and 4. These courses will prepare individuals to assess the security needs of computer and network systems, recommend secure solutions, and manage the implementation



and maintenance of security devices, systems, and procedures leading to higher levels of secure network management and design.

“We need to remember that not every student plans to attend college,” said CTE Director Steve Pollzzie. “With robust CTE course offerings, we can help students get the training they need to be job ready right after high school, or to pursue more education and training should they choose.”

New AP course offerings include a course in Environmental Science, providing students with a deep dive into understanding the interrelationships of the natural world. The new Psychology course will build on students’ knowledge of the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals.

Finally, two advanced courses in visual arts; 2-D Portfolio Development, in which students will create 2-D artworks for three required portfolio sections, and 3-D Portfolio Development in which students will create 3-D artworks for three required portfolio sections will be offered.

Advanced Placement courses offer students rigor and helps develop an understanding of the time management, study skills and independent learning needed for the demands of college.

“We are so excited for the opportunities these new courses offer to our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly. “Insuring that all students have the opportunity to be prepared for college or a career at Monroe High School.”

## Board Says Goodbye to Mentel and Welcomes Zimmerman



Vuncia Council, Coordinator of the Learning Bank, pays tribute to Floreine Mentel at her last Board of Education Meeting on December 11, 2018.



MPS Board members Front L-R: Rosalie Pasko, Cheryl Sweeney, Cynthia Taylor. Back L-R: Matthew Bunkelman, Robert Nichols, Larwrence VanWashshenova and Larry Zimmerman.

## Monroe Middle School Competitive Cheerleading Team Pose for Photo



## Monroe Middle School Performs with State Honors Choir



## 8th Grade Tips on Preparing for Monroe High School

Over the course of the next few months, both Monroe Middle School and Monroe High School are beginning to prepare 8th grade students for their transition to a high school student. With robust curriculum offerings in a variety of career pathways, here are some things you can do to help prepare your student for meeting with their counselor.

1. Discuss with your child(ren) what career pathway they are most interested in pursuing.
2. Become familiar with the MHS Curriculum Guide located on the MHS web page.
3. Review your students 5 year Educational Development Plan with them.
4. Learn about the Advanced Placement and College course opportunities that will be available to them when they qualify.
5. Check out the over 35 student clubs at MHS!



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## Custer Special OPS Honored for Being Examples

Every other month, Custer Elementary honors students who have helped to foster a positive school climate. Teachers select a student from their classroom whose performance has distinguished them from their fellow students in the following ways:

- Scholar
- Positive attitude & persistence
- Excellent effort
- Citizenship
- Inquisitive, independent, take initiative
- Attendance (good)
- Leadership skills



## Virtual High School Fits Student Learning Styles

The curriculum offerings through Monroe Virtual High School is driven by the individualized needs and strengths of the students, with targeted instruction to give students, the education they want, need, and deserve. MVHS offers flexible face to face time options, self-paced and interest-based learning, and multiple ways to connect with your instructor, fitting any student's learning lifestyle.

MVHS currently has 63 full-time high school students enrolled. And, students in good standing may participate in any MHS clubs, sports, or extracurricular activities and also walk at the Monroe High School Commencement Ceremony. For more information call (734) 265-4915.

## School Custodian is a Lost Tooth Sleuth!

Peggy Miller means a lot to Raisinville Elementary School, its staff and students. "She goes above and beyond every day for the kids," said Jill Wener, administrative assistant.

When Evan Shanafelt, a Young Fives student, noticed he lost his first tooth during lunch, he started looking but could not find it anywhere. "He was distraught," said Wener, "and explained his situation to Ms. Peggy." Evan even gave her his mom's telephone number in case she came across his tooth after lunch was over.

Little did Evan know, but during the few minutes between lunches, Ms. Peggy lifted all of the tables and searched for his lost tooth. When she found it, she placed it into a little box and personally delivered it to him.

"While it may not seem like much," said Wener, "with all Ms. Peggy has to do, she still takes the time to take care of our students as well as our building."

"Monroe Public Schools is proud of all of our staff, including our custodial and maintenance team members," said Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly. "This is just one example of how we care for one another each and every day at MPS."



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## Superintendent's Remarks

Spring is in the air! This time of year brings a host of new, fresh opportunities in all areas of our school community! Each and every day learners of all ages renew their interests, blossom their passions, and grow their skills. As we greet the last stretch of the school year, I hope that this edition of *We Are Monroe* finds you filled with excitement over what has been accomplished and the possibility of what spring brings!



Monroe Public Schools strives to engage every learner. Whether it is participating in a school club, making history as an athlete, or wowing audiences in the vocal and performing arts, there is something at Monroe Public Schools to engage every-one. We are also proud to announce the expansion of our College Board Advanced Placement courses, and Career and Technical Education Program at Monroe High School. Our district is truly big enough for choice, yet small enough to provide every child with a caring environment.

As we move into the graduation season and unbelievably the end of the school year, I am reminded of how much we already have to celebrate and how much more we will have to be proud of as we send another well-prepared group of young men and women to the next wonderful chapter of their lives. I know they will make us proud, and I cannot wait to see what they are able to accomplish!

### We Are Monroe!

Believe. Engage. Excel.

As always,

Dr. Julie M. Everly,  
 Superintendent

This year we are proud to host the statewide Generation E Young Entrepreneur Showcase. At this exciting event, students from all over the state, including our very own students, will showcase their student-designed businesses. Our participation in this program provides your entrepreneurs with an economically-informed mindset, fostering the next generation of leaders and innovators in our community. Please join us on April 27th at Monroe High School to celebrate these efforts and enjoy shopping!

Inside this edition you will also see amazing examples of how

## Monroe Public Schools

### Board Of Education

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**Young Entrepreneur  
SHOWCASE**

**GENERATION  
E  
INSTITUTE**

**Join Us!**

**April 27, 2019**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Monroe High School  
 901 Herr Rd  
 Monroe, MI 48161

