



Superintendent's Comments

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For the November 27, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (#20)

- **Additional Instructional Time and Interventions grant:** Monroe Public Schools has been awarded an initial grant award of \$74,900.57 for the Additional Instructional Time and Interventions grant. Funding will be used to assist with the cost of additional instructional time to those pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified by using Michigan Department of Education approved screening and diagnostic tools as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. This funding was authorized by Section 35(a)5 of the State School Aid Act, P.A. 265 of 2018.
- **Raisinville RoadRunners Robotics:** Raisinville Elementary's First Lego Robotics Team competed in their first competition on November 17. Their robot, Frank, successfully and reliably completed one mission during the tournament. All of the programming, design and building of Frank was completed by ten 4th-6th grade students. They will be attending the December 11 Board of Education meeting to provide you with a demonstration of Frank.
- **Ward Olsen Custer Elementary Turkey Trot:** Also last Saturday our Custer Families were busy with the Ward Olson Turkey Trot. Families completed the 1 mile run crossing the finish line together to determine their order. Turkeys, donated by Danny's and Hi Lite, were awarded to the top 6 families. Nancy Schlosser and her dad, Ward Olsen - the one responsible for bringing the Turkey Trot to Monroe Public Schools in the late 1950s also attended and handed out the turkeys and medals the top boy and girl in

each grade level. He also awarded a pound of bacon to the last place team because they “brought in the bacon.”

- **FAFSA Night:** Monroe High School held their annual session to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on November 20th.
- **MPS Athletic Hall of Fame:** We will be hosting our 10th Induction Ceremony this Friday at the MHS Varsity Boys Basketball Game. The following are the honorees: Larry Aaron, Art Eversole, Debbie Chavis Laney, Marlene Rex, Tom Salow JR., Ray Stein, Sarah Howe Waidelich and the 1976 Boys basketball team.
- **MHS Student Council Blood Drive:** The Monroe High School Student Council will host a blood drive this Friday December 7 in the auditorium.

- **Christmas Productions Posted to School Calendars To Date:**

MHS Expressions Choir will perform at the Toledo Zoo Lights on Thursday, November 29 between 5:30-9:00 p.m.

MHS Generations of Sound will perform their elementary school tour this Friday, November 30. They will perform at the Administration Building at approximately 10:50 a.m. for about 10 minutes.

The Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on Friday, December 7 at St. Paul’s Church at 6:30 p.m.

MHS Orchestra will play at the Monroe Center on Health Aging at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 9.

The MHS Choir will perform at Matthes Tree Farm at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9.

MHS will perform "Elf: the Musical" on December 14-15 at 7:30; December 16 at 3:00 p.m.

The MHS Band will perform in the Monroe Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 15.

The MHS Orchestra, Choir and Alumni will perform their Candlelight Classics Concert at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The Custer Elementary 3rd Grade Classrooms will perform their music concert in the Monroe High School Auditorium on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

MHS Choir(s) will perform their holiday concert on Thursday, December 20 in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Generations of Sound will perform during Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village on Friday, December 21 at 5:45 p.m.