

# TROY School District

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## NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



### **Welcome to the start of another great school year!**

**Dr. Richard Machesky**

Though students have been back for more than a month now, every day feels like a new day in the Troy School District. The passion of our teachers and staff and excitement in our students as they grow and learn is contagious.

I have shared with you our four “Characteristics of World Class”—this year, we are turning our lens inward to show you the power when we live into those characteristics. We will take you inside to see what happens when we Prioritize Learning, Empower Students, Attend to Well-Being and Invest in Early Childhood. There are many examples in the pages here, but I wanted to talk about a few more highlights that will have a positive impact for generations to come.

**Empower Students (BLUE):** Larson Middle School students used math & science to determine the best materials and location of a community pathway to their athletic fields and back property. These budding urban planners developed, designed and laid out a path that is both useful and environmentally sound—and can be enjoyed by students and residents alike.

**Invest in Early Childhood (GREEN):** Our new Early Childhood Center is taking shape but if you want to get a real sneak peek into what will be offered, come to our Early Childhood Center Information Night, on December 11th at 7 p.m. at Athens High School. You won’t want to miss hearing about Early Bird Registration as well!

None of these World Class opportunities would be possible without the support of our community. This November, we are asking residents to consider a Non-Homestead Restoration and Replacement Millage. This millage does not affect homeowners (and does not increase the 18 mill rate businesses have paid since 1994) but it does greatly impact our schools. Read more about it in this issue and don’t forget to vote.

*The best is yet to come!*

**Dr. Richard Machesky**  
Superintendent  
Troy School District

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**



**We welcome back teachers, students and families for the 2018-2019 school year! Inside this issue, we’ve got articles about Homecoming, Students Giving Back, National Merit Scholar semifinalists, Back to School Photos and more!**

### EMPOWER STUDENTS

## **IAE STUDENTS HONOR 9/11 ON C-DAY**

Many people view September 11th as a day to reflect on community and peace. At International Academy East, students honored 9/11 by doing good for others out in the real world, not just talking about it in their classrooms. IAE Seniors spent time in Detroit’s Brightmoor District painting fences, clearing flower beds, and harvesting vegetables in Greydale Farms. “Working with the earth allowed us to connect in a very personal way,” said Shivapriya Chandu. “It is empowering to help people you don’t know; it’s real outreach.” Krishna Gogineni agreed: “We don’t have places like this in Troy. Helping people in different circumstances widens our understanding of the world.” And the significance of the date was not lost on this particular group of students, many of whom were born in 2001, the year September 11 became etched in history. “For me, it is a day to remember all the lives that were lost,” said Rohit Chakravarty, “But it’s also a time that we can make a positive difference for others.”



### EMPOWER STUDENTS

## **ART STUDENTS LIGHT THE WORLD**

“We Can All Light the World”—it’s a simple message of the impact we can have on others. It’s also the title of an amazing exhibit at Art Prize in Grand Rapids—an annual art festival that draws more than 500,000 attendees—that was created by students from Athens High School, along with teacher Luba Sordyl.

“It’s a great honor that they selected our work to feature,” says Sordyl. “Our goal was to create a piece that would reach a large audience and that had an emotional impact on all the viewers.”

More than 150 students used light painting and photography to depict struggles that teenagers go through, like anxiety, peer pressure

and depression. “Many students feel they have less real, authentic personal connections with



others due to social media,” says Sordyl. By using the tangible creative arts to tell their stories and speak their truths, “Our students send the message that they are not alone.”



## TROY BOASTS 54 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI-FINALISTS

Fifty-four Troy School District students were named National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This honor is bestowed to less than one percent of students nationwide, based on their scores on the Preliminary SAT. About 1.5 million students take the PSAT every year.

"We are extremely proud of our National Merit Semifinalists," said Troy School District Superintendent Rich Machesky. "Their commitment to excellence and hard work has paid off. Their achievements are a shining



example of what can be accomplished with a strong public school system, dedicated teachers and staff, and supportive parents and

community."

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$31 million that will be offered next spring. The Troy School District will hold a reception for the 54 semifinalists on Tuesday, October 30.

**ATHENS:** Jacob Beyer, Rishita Gudeti, Eric Ma



**IA:** Naveen Abraham, Fatinah Albeez, Syed Daiyan, Zarin Farook, Krishna Gogineni, Aditi Hukerikar, Catherine Lu, Sanket Nayak, Nikhil Paruchuri, Ehani Patel, Charan Talwar, Jeanette Wang, Sami Zaidi, Eric Zhong

**TROY HIGH:** Aadharsh Acharya, Priyal Bajaj, Michael Davis, Nathaniel Drasovean, Aaron Feng, Tiffany Guo, Kevin Huang, Sara Huang, Vijayashree Jambunathan, Sribbarat Koripella, David Kuang, Preethi Kumaran, Peizhi



Liu, Raghav Maini, Marina Malyarenko, Iman Manzoor, Renuka Murthi, Yong Jin Nam, Marion Ni, Kulin Oak, Vasanth Palanisamy, Sisir Potluri, Finsam Samson, Srijani Sengupta, Prashant Shankar, Zenon Stepien, Hansen Wang, Matthew Wang, Yujie Wang, Kimberly Xing, Claire Yang, Matthew Yao, Jahow Yu, Hanchi Zhang, Jason Zhang, Frederick Zhao, Anagha Srivasta. Not pictured: Kevin Huang

## TSD AGAIN NAMED BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION



The Troy School District has once again been named Best Community for Music Education, according to the National Association of Music Merchants, for the 10th time in as many years.

As a result of the success and popularity of Troy's music programs, new classes are being offered at Troy High for the Fall of 2018. An AP Music Theory class is running for the first time, available to both Troy and Athens High School music (band, orchestra, and choir) students. "This class allow students to focus on their music theory skills," said Troy Director of Choirs Adrienne Covian. "It's a great opportunity for students looking to continue with music at the college level, as well as become more well-rounded musicians."

In addition, a Cadet Band (in between Concert Band and Symphonic Band), Jazz Exploration, and Drumline classes have been added to Troy High's fall course offerings, along with a Philharmonic Orchestra (also in between Concert and Symphony Orchestras).



And the hits keep coming. Last spring, the combined Troy/Athens Choirs sang with local celebrity Ethan Bortnick at Detroit Music Hall. All four Troy Athens Bands and all four Troy Colt Bands (each Jazz, Campus, Concert & Symphonic) scored 1s across the board at MSBOA District Festival, which according to Director of Bands Brian Nutting has happened before, "...but the subscores on the sheets were collectively the highest ever. It was a very rewarding experience for our students to prepare and perform quality music on the highest level." Troy and Athens bands and orchestras continued to MSBOA State Festival at the end of March and Troy Colt Bands and Orchestras (who also received all 1s at MSBOA) performed in a national music competition at Festival Disney in April. Athens bands traveled to Indianapolis

for Bands of America Grand Nationals where they also received rave reviews, and Athens Orchestras were invited to perform at Greenfield Village, and performed with the Moxie Strings, a contemporary string ensemble. "We are thrilled



to represent Troy in a national arena," continued Nutting, "We aim to inspire others with our musical excellence, flair and passion."

Athens Orchestra Director Ryan Quinn agreed, "These achievements and opportunities by and for the students are a direct reflection of the support we receive from the district as well as the citizens of Troy." Music is taught to all elementary school students, and Troy Schools' secondary music programs (band, orchestra) begin in the 5th grade through 12th. Choir is added in middle school, through 12th grade.





# REMEMBER TO VOTE!

There is a very important question on the ballot this November, one that would replace and restore the Troy School District current Non-Homestead Operating Millage. This millage generates \$22.6 million a year for the day-to-day operations of our schools, including teacher salaries and student programming.

Here's what voters need to know:

- This does NOT affect homeowners. Only businesses and non-homestead properties pay this millage.
- There is ZERO increase to the voter approved 18 mill tax rate for businesses.
- This allows us to collect our full

foundation allowance from the state. If this fails, we lose at least \$400,000 a year.

Voters will go to the polls on November 6 from 7am-8pm. If you have any questions about the Non-Homestead millage, please contact Kerry Birmingham at 248-823-4035 or [kbirmingham@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:kbirmingham@troy.k12.mi.us).



## Did You Know?

- TSD has the top MSTEP scores in the county in English in EVERY grade from 3rd through 7th!
- Outstanding SAT scores districtwide, with Troy High School earning the top SAT average for any public high school in Michigan.
- Raised scores for economically disadvantaged students and English Learners by more than 10%

## Early Childhood Center Update

Our GREEN Pillar on our road to World Class by 2020 is "Investing in the learning of pre-Kindergarten students."

INVEST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD



Approximately 300 3-5 year old preschool students currently attend Troy Preschools, between our ECP, grant and tuition programs.



Preschool teachers in professional development, learning about authentic literacy as well as connecting to our world class K-12 TSD curriculum & programming.



The new ECC will open Fall of 2019, and can accommodate over 500 students in 26 classrooms.

## EMPOWER STUDENTS

## TCCHS OFFERS DUAL ENROLLMENT

With 13 college credits already earned through dual enrollment, Meg Weis is currently a full-time student at Oakland Community College and will have most of her general education college courses completed while she finishes her Troy College and Career High School diploma requirements - all at no cost to her family.

"This is a head start on college before having out-of-pocket expenses or taking loans out. On top of that, Meg has earned scholarships before even leaving the dual enrollment program," Rebeckah Weis, Meg's mom, said.

Weis is one of 15 students who are dual-enrolled and attend a College Seminar class at TCCHS to further support their college success.

Katie Lichtenberg, senior, took her first college class last winter and now carries 10 credits with plans to gain full-time student status next

semester at OCC.

"One of the best things about Dual Enrollment is having a support system with someone there every day not only to help me but hold me accountable and encourage me to be responsible



for my own education," Lichtenberg said.

**For more information, please call (248) 823-5156 or visit [tcchs.troy.k12.mi.us](http://tcchs.troy.k12.mi.us)**

## PARENT PRESIDENTS POWER THE PTA/PTO



**Pictured are the TSD's new PTO/PTA presidents for 2018-19 from their first meeting of the year** Becky Henry (Wattles), Gail Kobal (Costello), Leslie Diebol (Larson), Melissa Powell (Bemis), Danielle Favret (Martell), Nickey Beorgi (Martell), Jaime Crockett (Smith), Vicki Waldron (Troy Union), Pamila Rama (IAE), Anne Sackrisson (Hill), Peggy Rush (THS), Amy Bastien (Schroeder), Angie Lenthner (Hamilton), Tara Colussi (Baker), Lisa Leitheiser (Wass), Karyn Lennon (Boulton), Elizabeth Lyons (Wattles), Jyl Boehms (Barnard), Mary Frederick (Barnard)



## TSD WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATORS:

**Johnathon Cross:** Principal, Baker Middle  
**Anthony Morse:** Principal, Boulan Middle  
**Christian Mueller:** Principal, Smith Middle (pictured)



**Shari Pawlus:** Principal, Hill Elementary  
**Michelle Barsh:** Principal, Martell Elementary  
**Erin Keyser:** Director, Early Childhood  
**Cassandra Conaton:** Asst. Principal, Baker Middle  
**Kristy Pierce:** Asst. Principal, Boulan Middle  
**Kandice Moynihan:** Director, Finance  
**Sarah Young:** Supervisor, Special Ed.  
**Tim Fulcher:** Dir. Athletics & Enrichment

### EMPOWER STUDENTS

## EVERY KID GETS A ROBOT AT MARTELL

Young learners can gain important skills and spark interest in technology by working with robots—but at several hundred dollars each, the cost puts this activity out of reach for many. So Sanket Nayak, a senior at International Academy East, and his Benzene Bots robotics team, came up with a solution—and invented a robot kit that families or schools could buy for just \$49.

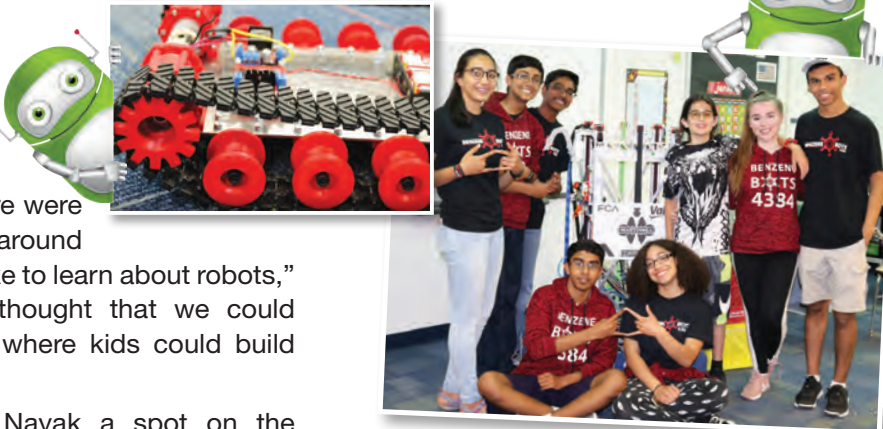
The project is called “Every Kid Gets a Robot” or EKGAR for short, and was inspired by the Bots’ volunteer work teaching robotics after school at Martell Elementary School each week.

“We knew that there were other kids in Troy and around the world who would like to learn about robots,” said Nayak, “so we thought that we could design a low-cost kit where kids could build their own at home.”

The idea earned Nayak a spot on the

prestigious “Dean’s List” for the international FIRST Robotics organization. The award is named after the founder of FIRST Robotics, and rewards students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, creativity and entrepreneurship.

Though EKGAR is not yet available for purchase, the Bots have found a manufacturer to produce some of the components that they can’t easily buy at their local hardware store. The group hopes this project will spread curiosity about robotics and make an impact for years to come.



## THE TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF:

David Anderson, Hamilton  
Sara Anspach, Hill/Wattles  
Lisa Aude , Morse/Baker  
Sydney Barosko, Troy High  
Erika Berger, Boulan Park  
Whitney Bernstein, IA East  
Morgan Blain, Wass/Smith  
Jessica Blumer, Bemis  
Janine Bonhard, Bemis  
Jaclyn Botsford, Costello  
Kathleen Bovee, Morse  
Karly Campagna, Niles  
Andrea Clemmons, Morse/Larson  
Christina Connolly, Hamilton  
Angela Correa, Baker  
Liliana Cujar, Boulan Park

Ewa Dabrowski, Hamilton  
Kelsey Drabik, Wattles  
Ashley Erard, Niles  
Georgina Foakes, Bemis  
Shalyn Fortuna, Hamilton  
Stephanie Fraga, Schroeder  
Andrea Garavanta, Larson  
Amy Gaylor, Wattles/Hamilton  
Jonathan Genautis, Athens  
Nicole Gloden, Wattles  
Jacob Greenwood, Troy High  
Abigail Haelewyn, Athens  
Shelby Henderson, Wass  
Jordan Holsbeke, Martell  
Brittney Hopkins, Wattles  
Meghan Jain, Smith

Jessica Jones, Troy High  
Takouhy Kinzer, Hamilton  
Kathryn Knight, Wattles  
Allison Kramer, Wattles  
Michael Krcatovich, Troy High/Boulan  
Kristin Lavoie , IA East  
Gabriella Mancini, Hamilton  
Tess Marshall, Morse  
Rebecca McNally, Hamilton  
Megan Michalczak, Martell/Schroder  
Erin Miller, Troy Union  
Brandy Misra, Morse  
Jaclyn Moelich, Morse  
James Morang, Athens  
Beth Ann Myers, Schroeder  
Rivka Nemes, Morse

Colleen O’Brien, Bemis  
Kaitlyn Pace, Athens/Hamilton  
Leslie Papastefanou, Boulan Park  
Joel Podzikowski, Wattles  
John Pryde, Barnard  
Nicole Ragnoni, Troy Union/Hill  
Gina Ris, Schroeder  
Carl Rizzi, Troy High  
Caitlin St. Onge, Barnard  
Whitney Swichtenberg, Leonard  
Justin Tout, TCT  
Courtney Walls,  
Jennifer Walters, Martell  
Angela Weyland, Bemis  
Kevin White, Boulan Park  
Stephanie Yetter, Niles

### EMPOWER STUDENTS

## RAMPING UP FOR MLK DAY 2019

Donations now being accepted for MLK Day of Service!  
Every year, more than 1000 students,



their families and residents from throughout Troy come together in a Citywide Day of Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We send care

packages to troops serving overseas, pack boxes of food for needy families, tie fleece blankets for hospital patients, assemble warmth and hygiene kits for homeless people and donate hundreds of pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

This massive effort relies on donations from our community. This fall at Parent/Teacher conferences at every school, we will be collecting fleece (in increments of 2.5 yards please! 5 or 10 yards is fine, too—any multiple of 2.5.)

For the first time, we are starting a Go Fund Me to help pay for postage for our care packages overseas. More information on that to come soon. And don’t forget to mark your calendar to participate! This year’s event will take place at Athens High School on Monday, January 21, 2019.

## TTEE SAVE THE DATE

June 21st, 2019 is the 17th annual Tony Spagnola Memorial Golf Classic. This yearly event is hosted by the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence, a non-profit organization that funds school programs across the District. Last year’s event raised over \$30,000, which went directly back into classrooms in the form of teacher grants.





## EMPOWER STUDENTS

# BARNARD STUDENT LEADS EFFORT TO TURN OFF TECH FOR THE SUMMER

With the prospect of a whole summer ahead, what can be done about the temptation of staying on your iPad all summer? 5th grade Barnard student Charles Young IV had an idea to inspire his classmates to turn in their devices and tune in to real life activities.

Many kids wanted to keep them, saying there wasn't anything else to do. "What?" said Charles. "There is a world of things out there! Like playing sports, helping around the house, caring for pets, making new friends, and spending time with family." What about the effects of too much screen time on students' developing brains? And more unstructured time with the iPad at home increasing the chances of dropping or misplacing it?

Charles worked with classmates on a presentation for his teacher and principal and held a petition drive to gain fellow students' support (he got over 500 signatures!). His idea eventually caught the attention of Troy Schools Director of Technology, Beth Soggs, who worked with Charles to implement the plan. "He volunteered his time assisting with cleaning and casing hundreds of iPads. Charles is an inspiring young man who has the spirit of leader with a bright future."

"We did it!!" exclaimed Charles. "We did something big and made a change; it shows you how successful you can be when a whole bunch of people come together for something important."



## ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

## LINKS CONNECT AT BOULAN PARK

Friday mornings, before school starts, you can find a group of students meeting with counselor Ann O'Neill. These are Boulan's LINKs, students chosen to help peers with Autism Spectrum Disorder navigate their school day, and make social connections. "Students with ASD struggle with communicating and connecting with others, and the best way to assist them is peer-to-peer support," said O'Neill.

Many of Boulan's ASD students spend their day in regular classrooms, accompanied by a LINK peer, a different student every hour. 8th grader Natalie Haras said she was inspired to become a LINK by last year's students, who she saw in the hallways throughout the year making progress. "It's eye-opening to see students reacting and learning in different ways, and I wanted to be a part of this program to help other students reach their potential."

The LINKs meet every Friday to work together on strategies to help "their" students. They use charts that help them identify triggers and suggest solutions. "I learned that my student really likes the computer," said 8th grader Max Hayden.

"So, I have that in mind when I ask him to try difficult things, so he has something he looks forward to doing."

The LINKs program is in place in other schools in the district, and is popular among Boulan students, with 60 applicants for only 25 spots this year. "These kids take their roles seriously, and get to know their students on a personal level," concluded O'Neill. "It's a real commitment, to give up an elective and come to school early one day every week," said 8th grader May Hseuh. But she feels her time is worth it. "I have the opportunity to make a real difference in another person's life." And that's pretty amazing.



## SCHOOL BOARD CORNER



Karl Schmidt, President  
Board of Education

### The Power of One

One of my favorite novels is **The Power of One** by South African writer Bryce Courtenay. The beautifully written book chronicles the adventures, struggles, and triumphs of an African boy, Peekay, as he endures family and social hardships, discovers powerful friend-

ships that transcend race and status, and ultimately uses those experiences to become a confident, happy adult. The book's central theme explores Peekay's gradual recognition that he has the power within him to become the person he wants to be—but the reader also witnesses as mentors in Peekay's life critically influence who he becomes. Most of our students' young lives are probably less dramatic than Peekay's, but for 13 years, we in the Troy School District can act as powerful mentors to these kids nonetheless. We can help them self-discover and cultivate the special gifts that will ultimately shape who they become.

At our Welcome Back Day for all District staff back in August, I was struck by the energy and enthusiasm of our learning community. I navigated the rapidly filling parking lot at Athens and watched as nearly 1,000 faculty reunited after a few weeks of R&R and entered the auditorium. The THS Marching Band and THS Cheer Team kicked things off. Dr. Machesky then opened by challenging the staff to continue our trek toward "World Class by 2020" by identifying new ways to deepen learning for our students. Our keynote speaker, noted Dutch designer and futurist Daan Roosegaarde, took us on a journey where teams have solved seemingly unsolvable problems with solutions that engaged both the practical and aesthetic areas of our minds.



And then the staff headed out for intensive professional learning designed to help them engage and challenge the amazing kids of our District. I walked out of Athens that morning truly inspired.

We as a community are served by an exceptionally powerful school district—but it isn't an accident. We excel because we have an administration and teaching staff who are willing to continually challenge themselves to grow and learn. Here's to **The Power of OneTroy!**



# Homecoming 2018



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# Students Giving Back

The Troy **Athens** Cheer Program volunteered at the 2018 Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day Walk as part of a cheering section and support group on the final day of the 60 mile journey. Athens Athletes encouraged the walkers and provided cold towels to help battle the heat.



Instead of gifts for her 16th birthday, **Troy High** junior Shruthi Sunilkumar held a Kids 2 Kids Kite Fundraiser, which raised enough money to donate 62 bikes, 20 helmets and \$700 in cash



to Foster Closet of Oakland County.

**IA** juniors traveled to Gleaners Community Food Bank on 9/11, where they helped unload trucks, organize food and pack up boxes for delivery to needy families. Then they returned to campus to work on making ceramic bowls for their Empty Bowls Project at their Spring Art Show. This project is an annual tradition, where students display their art, and student-made bowls are



sold to patrons, with all proceeds going to Gleaners Food Bank.

**Troy Center for Transition:** Students helped with this summer's iPad takeback initiative, collecting almost 15,000 iPads, and cleaning and preparing



them for redistribution. The GROW team displayed amazing work ethic and helped get a huge job done.

**Martell** students honored first responders on Patriot Day by delivering hand-made cards and letters to Troy Fire Station #2.



**Troy High** Student Government started the year off right with Colts Care Week activities like High Five Day, Bracelet Day, Club Fair and morning welcome tunnels. Said THS StuGo president Caitlin Smith: "It is very noticeable, kids are eating lunch with new people, students are joining clubs, and there's a ton of school spirit and positive energy."





ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

## ATHENS CORNER COLLECTION

On any given Friday at lunchtime at Athens High School, you can find students browsing the racks at the “Corner Collection,” to see what new items have come in, or to drop off items to donate. “I branded the Corner Collection as a ‘recycling store,’ where kids (and community members) can donate gently used items, from clothing and sports gear to specialty items like homecoming and prom dresses,” said teacher Dawn Hayes, who recognized a need at Athens for basic necessities like school clothes. But how to reach those students and families who may be struggling financially? Easy. Open the store to any student in the building and make every item free, so there is no stigma attached to ‘shopping.’

Hayes calls it ‘retail therapy,’ and has made the store cozy and inviting. The only thing Hayes asks of each student is to fill



out a “shopper feedback form,” which lets her know how her ‘customers’ are doing, and has space for them to call out a fellow student or teacher who has done something special in their lives, paying the positivity forward. “I look forward to Fridays. It’s always fun to see what new things are in the store,” said one student. “I feel what you’re doing is a great help, not just for the kids who need it, but for all students. Thank you for setting up this store, and for teaching us to be gracious and positive,” said another student.

“It is so satisfying to help these great kids boost their confidence,” concluded Hayes. For more information, or to make a donation to the Corner Collection, contact Dawn Hayes via email at [DHayes@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:DHayes@troy.k12.mi.us), directly by phone at 248-823-3046, or at Athens’ general number 248-823-2900.

ATTEND TO WELL-BEING

## MORSE WATCH DOGS



Walk into Morse Elementary School any day of the week, and you’ll find DOGS-- Dads of Great Students—fathers spending time in the building during school hours, fostering a sense of community with strong male role models.

Dad Mike Micene started this program 5 years ago, and encourages dads to get involved.

“Dads help with reading or math, hang out in the cafeteria at lunch, or high-five students as they get off the bus in the morning, starting the day with positive interactions,” said Micene. “Our Dads actively look for good behavior and immediately recognize it with a small prize, pencil, sticker, etc.” he continued.



The kids look forward to seeing the DOGS. “It makes me proud to see my dad at school,” said 4th grader Trevor Capogrossa. And Morse staff members have noticed a difference in the tone of the building. “The Morse Watch DOGS program is much more than volunteering for our school,” observed principal Stephanie Zender, “It’s life-changing for our kids.”

EMPOWER STUDENTS

## OSTC: PREPARING FOR A REAL CAREER

The world of beauty is changing—and students are choosing careers today that require top technical skills and a head for business. Thanks to Oakland Schools Technical Campus, students from Athens and Troy High are receiving the training they need to get their cosmetology licenses.

Students often plan to attend a community college or university business program if they wish to eventually manage a salon, join a franchise, or open their own business. “The Cosmetology Program really sparked my ambition and creativity; I plan to specialize in skincare after graduation and open my own business,” said

Athens senior Madison Oliver.

Former Troy students have gone ahead and done just that. 1990 graduate Heather White, owner of

general. “My training gave me the tools I needed to be successful, not only as a cosmetologist but as a small business owner.” She credits the program with giving her the confidence to open her own shop.



Through OSTC, students earn the 1500 hours needed for the mandated requirements, and become eligible to sit for the State Board exam. Earning a degree through OSTC-NE during their school day, rather than attending a private beauty school / private cosmetology school after high school graduation, will save them more than \$20,000! “At 156 students, our program is at capacity this year,” said Randy Maddock, counselor at OSTC-Northeast. “It is becoming more popular each and every year as

Studio Two Salon in Troy, said OSTC prepared her both for the cosmetology industry and business in

word spreads of its success.” For more information, contact Randy at 248-451-2710.





# TSD Welcomes All Back to School





## EMPOWER STUDENTS

## ATHENS ABROAD VISITS AUSTRALIA

31 students said “G’day” to Australia and New Zealand this past summer, with “Athens Abroad,” a group of teachers who offer annual educational trips. Highlights included climbing Mt. Tarawera, touring the famous Sydney Opera House, and snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef. “The scenery everywhere we went was beautiful, and traveling with my peers made the trip even more fun,” said Athens junior Alexa Lower. Next June’s trip to Italy and Spain is open to Troy High students, and a STEM-based trip to Iceland is scheduled for July 2019. For more information, contact: Susan Syme at [SSyme@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:SSyme@troy.k12.mi.us).



## TROY CONTINUING ED

There’s more to Troy Schools than traditional K-12 education. Troy Continuing Education is housed in the Niles Building, at 201 W. Square Lake Rd., and comprises an umbrella of offerings and services like ESL for adults, adult & youth enrichment, youth services, learning lab, tutoring, intramural sports, swim lessons, before & after school childcare, and so much more.

“There are over 60 different types of classes for students to seniors, such as all kinds of art, sports like flag football and lacrosse, various music and language lessons, public speaking, financial planning, ‘girls who code’, and tai chi & yoga, to name a few,” says Community Education Manager Dawn Wyatt.

Even though fall classes have already started, you can still sign up until early November, and new sessions start in January. To view all courses visit [www.troyceonline.com](http://www.troyceonline.com), or call 248-823-5100.

## EMPOWER STUDENTS

## TROY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY LAB RECEIVES GRANT

Troy High School recently received a grant for new equipment for their Automotive Technology Lab from chassis and driveline technology supplier ZF North America. The \$3,000 grant will be used for welding equipment for THS’ automotive STEM programs, encouraging future growth in science, technology, engineering, and math.

“ZF North America is excited to provide this grant to Troy High, to help develop new programs and advance their STEM goals,” said Daniel Wellman of American Welding Society Detroit. “We are pleased to encourage this public/private partnership in order to enhance our CTE (Career & Technical Education) programs,” said Troy High Principal Remo Roncone.

“Our students can walk into good, high-paying jobs after graduation, get further training at a community college, or head into a four-year university armed with marketable hands-on skills and education,” concluded Troy High teacher and NATEF Certified Automotive Instructor Dustin Warner.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Athens:** Varsity Boys Soccer is undefeated & ranked top in the state. Boys Varsity Tennis has a league and a tournament win and big plans for states. Sideline cheer has grown and has perfected new, exciting skills. Football is gaining confidence and skills and getting points on the board under their new coach Billy Keenist. Volleyball is 2-0 in league play, X-Country teams are #3 & #4 in their divisions, & Swim/Dive opened their season 3-1. Girls Golf, and Boys Water Polo are young teams with bright futures.



**The TSD** is pleased to recognize the following students for being named All-Star Athletes Spring of 2018 for excellence in athletics, by the Michigan High School Athletic Association:

Angela Anderanin (9, THS Tennis)  
 Paige Anderson (9, THS Track)  
 Tahra Brodbine (11, THS Soccer)  
 Jenna Doyle (11, AHS Track)  
 Lauren Fulcher (11, THS Track)  
 Grace Johnson (10, THS Track)  
 Morgan MacDonald (11, THS LAX)  
 Lauren Miller (11, THS Soccer)  
 Hannah Palomino (12, THS Track)  
 Sahaja Pinnu (11, THS Tennis)  
 Hailey Stewart (12, THS Soccer)  
 and Megan Worrel (12, THS Track)

**Troy:** Varsity football came back from a 21-point deficit against Stoney Creek to win in overtime 27-21. Jennifer Liu shooting a 79 in golf. Girls Swim off to a very good start heading towards a league championship. Jagan Nallani coming back from being down 5-1 in the first set to beat his Clarkston opponent in a 3 hour and 45-minute match. Volleyball off to a good start eyeing the league championship. Troy United synchro team was recognized at half time of the Sept. 7th Football game for winning the state championship last season.





## DISTRICT ROUND UP

**Athens:** The Athens cross country team was recently awarded a chocolate milk grant from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. The team is drinking chocolate milk for their recovery beverage during this season because it contains the right mix of carbs and proteins.

**IAE:** IA East 11th graders celebrated Constitution Day with Judge Michael Warren and County Clerk Lisa Brown at the Oakland County Circuit Court for an opportunity to role play actual cases in the courtroom.

**TCCHS:** Student Leadership students are hosting a Book Drive October 1- 19. Books in good condition may be dropped off at Troy College & Career High School and will be given to K-12 schools in Pontiac.

**Troy High:** Journalism teacher Jayna Rumble received the Journalism Education Association Rising Star Award, for teachers who are making a significant impact on journalism students.

**Troy Center for Transition:** TCT's tier 1 students are helping fellow students prepare for a productive and fulfilling adult life via classes and social skills groups, by staffing their TCT Coffee Hut, and serving as role models.

**Baker Middle:** "Workshop Models" help 6th & 7th grade ELA classes focus on mini lessons that strengthen skills and spark a LOVE for reading and writing.

**Boulan Park Middle:** BPMS recognizes that success is about more than just academics. We're proud of the 40 students who joined Connectors Club and the 221 in Cross Country just this month!

**Larson Middle:** Phase 1 of Larson's student-led Path Project is now complete with new concrete and signage, directing and welcoming visitors!

**Smith Middle:** The UKnighted program will continue to concentrate our work on lessons in school culture, digital citizenship, service learning and more.

**Barnard Elementary:** On Constitution Day, the Athens Marching Band played the National Anthem, while Students recited the Preamble and Barnard's Principal, Melanie Morey, shared a short history lesson.

**Bemis Elementary:** Bemis held their annual jog-a-thon to help raise funds to improve their school and for other learning projects. Go Solar Bears!

**Costello Elementary:** Costello's PTO invited new families to a special pizza night, to make them feel welcome and encourage them to get involved in school activities.

**Hamilton Elementary:** Hamilton's PTO provided \$15K in funding to purchase flexible seating for the media center, allowing students to collaborate and use movement as they learn.

**Hill Elementary:** 5th graders produce a television program called station K.I.D.S. where they plan, write, film, direct, edit, and broadcast the daily news to each classroom in the building. Future TV journalists!

**Leonard Elementary:** Leonard Leopards are implementing a new bird watching project. Combining science inquiry and nature makes for incredible engaged learning!

**Martell Elementary:** Martell had a record-breaking first PTO meeting, with many new parents signing up to help throughout the year, and a successful Jog-A-Thon.

**Morse Elementary:** Morse hosted parent Tech Talks, to educate parents on how to keep kids safe on the internet.

**Schroeder Elementary:** The PTO hosted Outdoor Movie Night where families sat on blankets on the soccer field while enjoying "Toy Story 3" on a huge outdoor movie screen. TS3 focuses on Friendship.

**Troy Union Elementary:** Troy Union kicked off the new school year with one word: culTure. This word is a reminder that the TU children, parents and staff are front and center in creating a positive culture where everyone thrives.

**Wass Elementary:** Wass teachers have been working collaboratively to motivate, encourage, support, and teach students to have a love and passion for reading through establishing good reading habits through guided reading and reading recovery.

**Wattles Elementary:** Wattles' PTO has joined the Wattles staff in promoting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities throughout our school, by purchasing tools such as a 3D Printer and circuitry boards for student exploration.

