



TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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News from the SUPERINTENDENT



Kindergarten round-up, Art Shows, Spring events in full swing—there is a renewed excitement and enthusiasm as we enter the fourth quarter of the school year.

As you will see in this edition, our students are thriving in many areas. Our athletic

teams and Winter Guard are champions at the district, state and even national level. Our performing arts departments welcomed back audiences with outstanding productions. Our charity events at all schools raised incredible amounts of money for worthy causes.

Academically, our schools are doing amazing work—from showcasing student projects in Biology to an exceptional 73 TSD students named as National Merit Finalists to celebrating Reading at all levels, our students and staff are engaged in world class instruction and deep learning on a daily basis.

As we strive to continually improve, it's clear there is one area where we need to focus, and that is the physical environments where our students learn and grow. Our buildings are aging—the average age of our schools is 48 years old—and they are not set up for the way learning takes place today. When our schools were built, instruction was mainly done at the front of a classroom, with rows of individual desks filling the space. Today, student learning must encompass the skills they need for the workplaces they will someday inhabit. They need space to collaborate, to test their theories, to innovate and to demonstrate what they have learned. Classrooms and other learning spaces must be more flexible and adaptable to help facilitate the kind of learning that will help our students succeed in the workplace and beyond. Right now, our teachers are constrained by rigid spaces that are often too small to accommodate student needs, but we are energized by the possibility of that changing. You can read more about this in our Board Corner column in this issue—and you will be hearing more as the process continues.

This is an exciting time in the Troy School District, and we are thrilled to again be able to celebrate our students and staff in a more “normal” way as well as welcome our families back into our buildings.

Lots of great things are in the works, ONE Troy—the best is yet to come!

Dr. Richard Machesky
Superintendent
Troy School District



Spring has sprung and there is a lot to celebrate here in the TSD. See inside for March is Reading month, our new Student Voices feature, sports news and much more.

Welcome Spring

IAE ART SHOW



As part of IA's Diploma program, art students work on a portfolio of art during their junior and senior years, culminating with an end of year presentation as the capstone. Twenty-one students displayed their art, which included all different media including sculpture, colored pencil, painting, digital photography. This event was special as it was the first time it has been held since 2019, and families, students and guests amazed at the student works. “We were so proud to have people come in and share the result of these students’ hard work, the art is truly amazing”, said IAE Assistant Principal, Patrick Griffin. Underclassmen are watching and planning their own future artistic contributions and alumni returned to visit and support their friends.



ATHENS POWERLIFTING BREAKS RECORDS

Last month Athens Power Lifters Claire Dunneback, Reya Johnson, Brooke Lee and Brady Porter competed at USAPL High School Nationals; Claire & Reya both placed 1st for their age (National Champions) and Brooke and Brody each took 4th in the nation for their age. The 3 girls as a team beat out the competition and came home with the 2022 JV Team National Championship! Varsity powerlifters Emma Leonard, Cecelia Chung, Eva Hobley & Christina Johnson competed in nationals along with

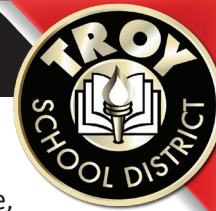
as individuals in their age groups and as a team for Athens, taking 11th, 15th, 16th X2 respectively. Sophomore Claire Dunneback was excited by the wins and proud of her teammates: “Nationals was the best powerlifting experience ever and I can't wait until next year!” According to Coach Nick Lusk, “Every challenge we threw at these young men and women they kept accepting and defeating,” said Lusk. “We will continue to train hard, enjoy being the under dogs and stay DANGEROUS!”





Karl Schmidt, President
Board of Education

TROY SCHOOL BOARD CORNER



The Board of Education recently initiated a Facilities Review Committee (FRC) —46 people comprised of several Board trustees, district building administrators and teachers, parents, and residents without District students. The FRC worked with our architectural partner and general contractor to complete a thorough exploration of capital needs across the District, with a focus on repairs and improvements needed to maintain the District's position as a regional educational powerhouse over the next 30 years.

The committee compared our 21 current facilities—many exceeding 50 years in age—with standards associated with providing a modern, world-class education. That comparison resulted in a prioritized list of District capital needs ultimately estimated at \$750 million. It's a huge

sum, but not surprising given the advanced age of most of our facilities exacerbated by 12 years of inadequate state funding that now requires we operate with 30% less funding than in 2008.

Our strategic plan is designed to make Troy School District an educational community that consistently delivers world-class educational opportunities for ALL of our students. Over the past 7 years, we focused on building our faculty's capacity in deep learning pedagogies. Touring our classrooms today leaves visitors excited about the student-centered, experiential teaching and learning taking place. Now the biggest obstacles to achieving our goals are facilities that can't support our world-class curriculum.

The Troy School District attracts high-caliber, interesting and engaged citizens to our city; it also makes Troy an attractive place for massive industrial and retail investment. If the District

is going to continue being the heart of our city's economic engine into the future, we need to invest in our facilities significantly and soon. With 94% of our operating budget used for salaries and benefits, we have very few general fund dollars available to improve our facilities and have to rely on bond and sinking fund dollars to meet our capital needs. This year, we are fortunate to have older bond debt being retired, so we could raise significant funds via a new bond without raising property taxes. Even so, a "zero increase" approach will leave us far short of our capital needs. As a result, the Board recently completed a Troy-wide survey to explore our community's willingness to support a higher bond ballot proposal. We are currently analyzing that survey data and will reach some decisions about a bond proposal over the next few months. **Stay tuned!**

B THIS BIOLOGY CLASS LEARNING FAIR



Last week, 24 Troy High biology classes participated in a biology learning fair that focused on how humans are impacting the earth and our environment. Students were asked to generate creative and actionable solutions including, but not limited to, Troy High School students, Troy community members, Michigan residents and in some cases, those that live in the United States. Some of these solutions included an actionable or educational event, new programs and even grant proposals.

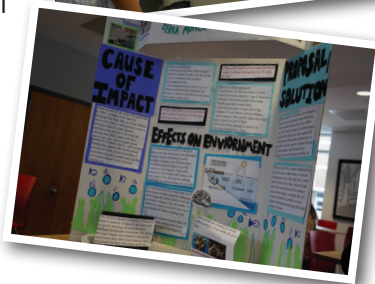
The problems addressed by students were various climate change, invasive species, economic impact, natural disasters, water and air pollution, etc., basically, negative effects

caused by humans. The objectives of the fair were to have an audience for students to present to and show off their hard work; allowing them to learn from their peers and pick up some additional information on things they can do to lessen the negative impact humans are causing. Freshman student Gia M. learned that there are numerous issues that impact our environment, some previously unknown. "Moving forward, because of what I have learned I will plan to be more conscious of contributing toward pollution and being thoughtful about my treatment of the environment."

This project was important to the students because as they continue throughout their lives, they have the ability to make small (or big) changes that can have a large impact on our environment. They learned how they could influence others to also

make changes. This project provided them with a purpose, the need to help our Earth and also provided them with the experience of collaboration, using their critical thinking skills, their creativity, their communication and helped develop a sense of community. In addition, they were able to improve upon their presenting skills and learned how to write a professional email. The projects were displayed in a variety of ways, but mostly PowerPoint presentations and posters.

Approximately 550+ students (24 biology classes) participated in the fair, with over 100 attendees including parents, Central Office members, administrators, teachers and other students.



TROY HIGH'S MODEL U.N. TEAM WINS BEST LARGE DELEGATION AWARD

Recently the Troy High Model United Nations Delegation competed at Michigan State University's MUN conference and took home several individual awards along with the coveted and prestigious Best Large Delegation Award!

Model UN is an extracurricular activity that allows students to strengthen their knowledge and broaden their perspective over global issues through role-playing as delegates within the actual

United Nations. Examples of committee discussions for 2022 include complex topics like transforming food systems for sustainable healthy diets, the emerging challenges of synthetic drug trafficking, the role of regional integration in establishing peace and the fu-

ture of atoms: artificial intelligence for nuclear applications.

Thirty delegates from Troy High School competed against 380+ students, and 12 received awards. "The whole delegation was outstanding," said club advisor "Jacqueline Ciolek.



TSD DOMINATES REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD, LOOKS TO STATES

Our 4 Middle Schools along with AHS and THS are sending teams to the State Science Olympiad at MSU on April 30, having swept the competition at the Regional (County) level. There are 15 kids per team that compete in a total of 23 events. Topics include: anatomy, forensics, and ornithology; lab events such as experimental design and chemistry lab; and “build events” where students have to build various cars, planes, launchers, clocks, and Wi-Fi antennae. The Science Olympiad program is devoted to improving the quality of science education through activities and encouragement of intramural, district, regional, state and national tournaments. “Students have the opportunity to explore topics that of-

ten they would not experience in their normal school day,” said parent coach Sachin Prabhu. “For some activities, the experience is very “hands-on”, as students create designs, solve problems and learn the importance of teamwork.” Smith 8th grader Kashifah Hossain agreed: “We faced many challenges to create a solid team for competitions, and we became like one happy family. Events like Crime Generators, Do It Busters, Green Generation and Write It, Do It taught me so much, I’m excited to experience the competition in person this year!”



ATHENS STUDENT BAKES MACARONS, BUYS FOOD FOR THE TSD PANTRY



It started as a way to bring awareness to the lack of allergy-sensitive food at our TSD Food Pantry at Morse Elementary. Athens Freshman Ava Bunao—who has friends and family affected by food allergies—saw a need and filled it. To raise the money to fund her project, Ava bakes and sells macaron cookies and uses the proceeds to purchase the food for the pan-

try. “My mom shared my idea (and my macarons) with her friends, and the idea just took off.” Ava has made many deliveries of gluten and allergy free friendly food to the Pantry since the fall and plans to keep her macaron project going into 2022 and beyond.



2022 TSD SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

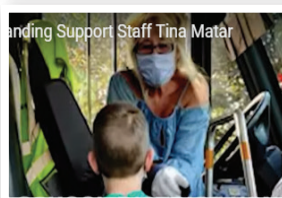
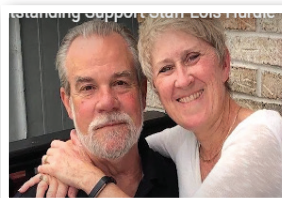
2022 Support Staff Member of the Year: There were so many worthy nominees—47 in all—that two were chosen for Support Staff this year: TRC secretary Lois Hurdle LOIS HURDLE and bus driver TINA MATAR.

LOIS HURDLE

Lois is known as the “glue” that keeps the IT department together, and is thorough, organized, kind and a great communicator.

TINA MATAR

Tina commands a safe but fun bus by celebrating various holidays and recognizing her students’ special days, delivering them to school each day ready to learn.



2022 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

After a year off from COVID, 4 outstanding TSD teachers were surprised in their classrooms with the news that they had been selected as Teachers of the Year, out of a record 65 nominations.



MINA MORI
Japanese Teacher (Athens & Troy High) High School Teacher of the Year



JACLYNN PARKER
Science Teacher (Larson Middle School) Middle School Teacher of the Year



PAIGE CAMILLO
Troy Preschool Teacher Preschool Teacher of the Year

JORDAN HOLSBEKE



Special Education Teacher (Martell Elementary) Elementary and **OVERALL** Teacher of the Year



Welcome Back

The TSD is so excited to welcome back families and parents into our schools. Following update guidance from our public health issues, restrictions that strictly limited guests in schools were lifted after Spring Break. Classroom volunteers returned, along with many traditional in-person Spring events that allow families to celebrate and recognize our learners alongside teachers and staff. Morse Elementary celebrated with a "Muffins with Morse" event, complete with baked goodies from Ridley's and smiles all around.



BARNARD STUDENTS WIN TOP HONORS FOR OAKLAND COUNTY CLEAN WATER STUDENT COMPETITION GUILD

There's something in the water at Barnard Elementary in Troy, where students have again swept the Oakland County 2022 Kids' Clean Water Contest. Out of 600 submissions by 4th & 5th graders in the county, the grand prize winner was Aditya Yogesh, Barnard Elementary 5th grader, whose artwork titled "Save Today, To Survive Tomorrow" is featured on the cover.

Aditya is the only student to have won the coveted calendar contest grand prize for two consecutive years; but there was more Blue Jay artwork inside. Barnard students swept the contest as monthly features, honorable mentions and special acknowledgements from: Advika Poddar, Arielle Tsai, Maddie Pate, Angelina Sirb, Patricia Yanowicz, Abby Diaz, Enes Myrtolari, Grace Smiatacz, and Janai Gude whose art represented the calendar's theme: "We Can All Help to Keep Oakland County's Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Clean!"

"We have learned about how industry and our human footprint can impact our safe water," said Yogesh. "I wanted to create awareness about saving our water resources for our future." The poster contest gives students a chance to teach others some of the ways they can have a positive impact on our environment.

The 2022 calendar artwork gallery can be viewed at www.oakgov.com/calendarcontest, and calendars can be ordered and picked up at the listed local libraries, including the Troy Public Library.



Troy High ACTIVIST Week

Troy High's Activist Week raised **\$31,571** for the Oxford High student government. THS students felt strongly about supporting their peers in Oxford during this difficult year, and wanted them to be the recipients because they weren't able to fundraise this year. The money will be used as Oxford Stuco sees fit.



Athens CHARITY Week

Charity Week 2022 raised **\$117,706** for Alex's Saints Foundation, a local organization that combats the opioid epidemic. Named in memory of Athens graduate, Alex St. Pierre, this group raises awareness of this important issue while providing narcotic rehabilitation financial assistance, helping families who have a loved one suffering from drug addiction.

THE TFEЕ GOLF OUTING RETURNS FOR 2022!

After a two-year hiatus, the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence will once again be hosting its annual Tony Spagnola Memorial Golf Outing. The annual outing is the TFEЕ's major fundraiser, helping to provide a portion of the nearly \$100,000 in grants that the TFEЕ aims to give to TSD teachers and schools each year. This year's outing will take place on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Sanctuary Lake Golf Course.

"After two years away, the TFEЕ cannot wait to hit the links with our friends and supporters, all in an effort to raise funds for the Foundation!" says TFEЕ Executive Director Alison Hendry. "We are so grateful to all of this year's sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, Barton Malow." As of early April, the TFEЕ was seeking sponsors for the event at a variety of levels, and individual tickets will go on sale later this spring. Anyone interested in the event should visit TroyFoundation.org/Golf for more information.



PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT UPCYCLING & GARDENING

Students in the innovation class at Athens High School are partnering preschoolers for a Garden Project using upcycled shipping



pallets as art. On a March Saturday, they kicked off the project with a Painting Party, by decorating the pallets with their own handprints and painted mini flowerpots to take home.



Preschoolers learned about art, gardening, plants, and science as they worked alongside innovation students to design their pallet art.



In the spring, students will come on a Saturday again, on "Dirt Day," to plant soil and seeds in the pallets outside, which will be kept either by the playground or on the large open space out front. They will also work with local gardening experts on plant selection and garden design with the aim to "maintain" the plants.



The preschoolers had fun, as did the high schoolers: "It was rewarding to watch them get so excited about their involvement in the project we have been so greatly anticipating for so long. It is moments like this that grow my love for kids and the desire to become a teacher even deeper," said junior Erin Swartz. Her partner, Mairin Hughes agreed: "It was amazing to see a small idea turned into this huge project involving not only our little ones, but involving parents and students from our community as well."

Stay tuned for more info and photos as the project proceeds.



"LOG OFF & LACE UP!" IS BACK TO ENCOURAGE HEALTH AND FITNESS

Spring has sprung here in the TSD and that means it's time to "Log Off & Lace Up!" to encourage health and fitness! Back by popular demand, our TSD Elementary physical education teachers are once again holding this virtual run as a way to limit screen time and encourage physical exercise. This year, their focus is on all of us taking a break from our devices (cell phones, computers, video games, social media...) and encouraging children, teens, and adults to get some exercise to improve physical and mental health.

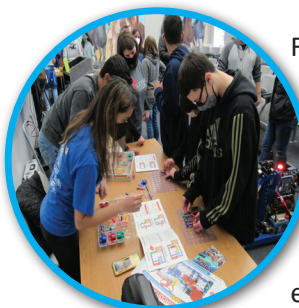
Last year's first-ever Log Off & Lace Up (LOLU) was a huge success, as participants in Troy, across the USA and even around the world joined in! This year's FREE virtual event includes running, walking, biking and hiking (new this year!) in a 1-mile, 2-mile or 5K run/walk format. Folks can choose routes at Athens & Troy High Schools and all 4 Middle Schools (Baker,

Boulan, Larson Smith), and walk/run/bike/hike it on their own time at their own pace. Feeling a little out of shape? You can even set up an on-line training plan in order to get in shape for your very own virtual run/walk.

Registration is March 1 – May 31 so there's still time to join! Check out the LOLU website: <https://logoffandlaceup.weebly.com/>, it has everything you need. Then, register and make a plan to train for your route. Finally, complete your race by running, walking, biking or hiking by May 31st, and don't forget to share your journey with us on social media! Put down that device, grab your family and friends and get up and get moving! For more information, check out <https://logoffandlaceup.weebly.com/>. And make it a happy and healthy 2022.

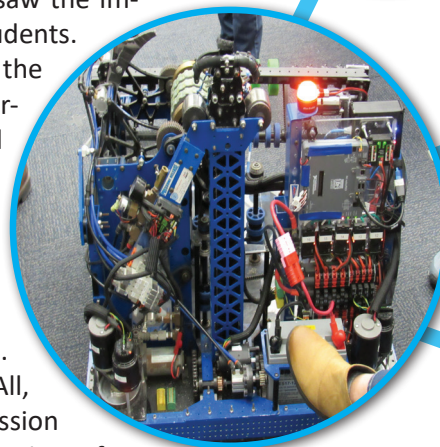


HAMMERHEADS ROBOTICS SHARES LOVE OF STEAM THROUGH MAKERSPACE-4-ALL



For the Hammerheads Robotics Team, FIRST Robotics Club 226, it's all about the STEAM---Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics. It's about learning and sharing their passions with others. Recently a group of high school students from Athens, IAE and Troy High held an event at the Early Autism Services in Troy and saw the impact they made on the students. "The kids were excited by the demonstrations like Snap Circuits, robots and Legos," said Tanisha Panchal, THS senior and Hammerheads Business Vice President. FRC226 contacted other schools in the district to provide similar experiences to more students. They call it MakerSpace 4 All, and it supports their team mission of cultivating a future generation of STEAM leaders while influencing the community, inciting a passion for STEAM within others.

"It was rewarding for us all to be able to shape their lives in some way," continued Panchal. "As strong advocates for STEAM learning, believe that it is our responsibility to cater our events and initiatives to audiences of all forms." Demonstrating that ALL really does mean ALL here in the TSD.



March *was* Reading Month

"March is Reading Month" was celebrated at all Troy Schools, who approach it a little differently



Bemis has had an amazing March is Reading Month filled with Mystery Readers, special theme days like "hat day" and awesome read-ins.



Schroeder held a spectacular MIRM Drive-In Reading Night, where families ate pizza, visited food trucks, and read together while sitting outside their cars.



Wass held a Family Book Club by reading the book *Wishtree*. Families read together following the reading calendar and listened to recordings of Wass staff reading each chapter.



Wattles students and families read *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* for One Book...One Wattles along with a virtual author visit, mystery readers, and a school-wide book swap.



Baker's Flashlight Fridays dimmed the lights in the classroom to create a cozy ambiance while allowing the students to focus on the novels. Kids made blanket forts to camp out and read under the covers!



Martell "Reading for the Gold" Olympic theme included an all-school read of *Green Eggs and Ham*, spirit week, and a Book Character parade where students dressed up as their favorite book character.



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TSD Preschoolers were visited by their future elementary school principals, who read books for MIRM and Transition to Kindergarten activity.



TSD Athletes from Athens and Troy High read to students at Morse and Leonard respectively.



IA East Houses participated in MIRM Competitions to win an ice cream social and students held a raffle to win a "lunch for friends" bought by the English Department.



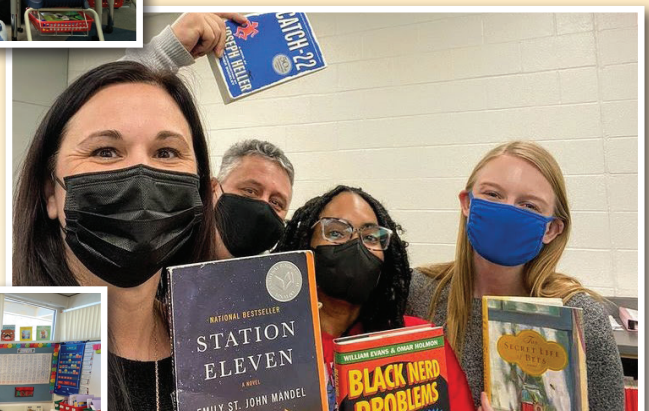
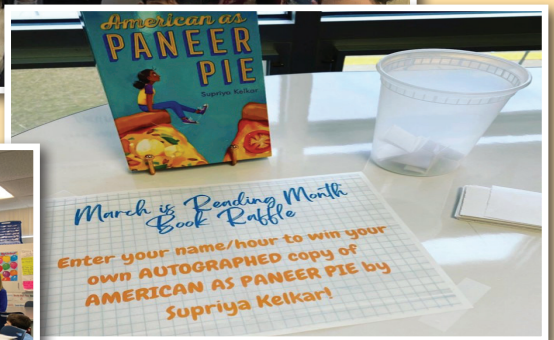
The David Purvis Agency held a MIRM contest and recognized Wass Teacher Beth Mayne with a \$100 Scholastic e-gift card for her classroom and a basket of goodies for the kids.



Troy Union celebrated the power of community by reading *Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord for their "One school, One book" program.



Hamilton used a TFEI grant to buy copies of *Drawn Together* by Minh Lee, which is the story of how drawing helps a Vietnamese grandfather and grandchild connect despite differences in language. Our kids have also written cards to senior citizens in theme with the book.





ONETROY Creative Student VOICES

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TSD Student NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION



By: SARAYU BETHAMCHERLA
Troy High School, 2023
National Equity Project Youth
Consultant and MASC/MAHS
Board of Delegates President

On track to finishing the year strong, Troy High School students have not been a stranger to balancing their collective academic strengths and extra-curricular activities in the past few weeks. The winter sports season underscored unprecedented success with our Girls Synchronized Swimming State Championship, the Girls Basketball team advancing to the state's elite eight as the first Regional Champions in history, individual state qualifiers in Boys Wrestling and Swim & Dive, and hosting the OAA unified basketball tournament. Our fine arts programs performed sold-out shows of Mamma Mia in addition to both our Band and Orchestra programs receiving 1st division ratings at the MSBOA District Festival. Our annual IASA show was invigorating with the highlight of the award-winning Troy Zahara, the Indian fusion dance team; Troy Riyaz received great praise at the 2022 Desi Tashan show. Moreover, a team of 112 competed at HOSA states in Traverse City with 28 qualifying for international competition in Nashville, and a team of 75 competed at DECA states in Detroit with 31 qualifying for international competition in Atlanta. Our Student Government attended the leadership state conference in Grand Rapids, receiving the Award of Excellence and Star School Award. Following the record-setting achievement of our 2022 Activist Week in partnership with Oxford High School, the organization also hosted the Senior Citizen Matinee and the first annual Middle School Leadership Conference. While our seniors are itching for graduation in eight weeks, there is no doubt that the legacy of this class will be remembered.



By: YARA MASHAL
Intl. Academy East, 2023

The International Academy East kicked off March with their March Reading Competition. Through competing with houses, students were able to take a picture with their book and keep their eyes on the leaderboard displayed in the commons area. Houses have been a new addition to the IA this year. With six different mixed-grade groups, these houses allow for smaller community building as monthly seminars are held which include team bonding, activities, school spirit, and more. The IA had their first annual Culture Show this past month where donations were collected to support Ukraine. Traditionally run as the IASA show, this new transition opens the stage for all students at IA East to showcase and celebrate their culture. The first annual Spring Olympics were also a new addition this year. Along with the Fall Olympics, students had the opportunity to compete

in various events such as volleyball, speed chess, trivia, tug-of-war, basketball, and more, where competitions were organized between houses. Spirit week was held leading up to the games as school spirit flourished throughout the building. The same week, the Boy's Powderpuff Volleyball game was held in rivalry between the juniors and seniors. Unique to the IA is the International Baccalaureate program. The IB program entails a focus on academic rigor while emphasizing individual student development. This past month, the juniors have been working diligently on their Extended Essay, a 4000 word independent research paper, while meeting with their supervisors. Similarly, the seniors had their final language oral assessments, which are one-on-one conversations with their classroom teacher in either Spanish or French. Both the EE and the orals are elements that contribute to our students earning their IB Diploma!



By: LARSON FREE PRESS STAFF
Larson Middle School

Larson's student journalists shared that athletes had an excellent girl's volleyball season and look ahead to 7 & 8th grade track and field. Rebels celebrated diversity in March for Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day and encourage everyone to always think positive thoughts and look on the bright side of things. Larson's March pet of the month

is a guinea pig named Seasons, and a section of their Newspaper called "Rebels Untamed" is dedicated to fun facts about sharks, called "Uncharted Waters." Larson 8th graders are looking forward to the annual Washington DC trip, which will take place May 8 – 22. Larson journalists remind their classmates to take time out for self-care by waking up at a consistent time, eating healthy foods, trying something new and doing something you love.

ATHENS WINTER GUARD

What an incredible season for the Athens Winter Guard teams! Both Varsity and JV won State Championships in the competitive Scholastic Regional A. The Varsity team finished a perfect season with all FIRST-place awards in every competition and the JV team broke an AHS school record at the championship competition to bring home the gold. The entire Athens community is very proud of these amazing student performers, who represented the TSD in incredible fashion all season long.



ART HISTORY @TCCHS

For the first time in its history, Troy College and Career High School is offering to its students, the challenge of an Advanced Placement course: A.P. Art History.

Eleven upper classmen were invited to join the class which focuses on the study of world history through the lens of art. The course covers 32 centuries of human existence by examining the artwork they created and how it reflects the human experience from a truly global perspective. Students will become experts on 250 pieces of curated art from all over the world; from pottery and architecture, to weaving and paintings.

“The first day we learned about cave paintings painted on cave walls before language existed, then the next day we learned about this guy from Hong Kong making art with holograms,” says Junior Benji Teves. “You really never know what to expect. We’re learning history, but were learning about people really, that’s what’s most interesting.”





TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 20, 2022-AUG 12, 2022
PRESCHOOL
SUMMER CAMP



CLASSES BEGIN 06/20/2022 - CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

FULL DAY (5-DAY) 8:00am-3:00pm MON - FRI	HALF DAY (5-DAY/AM) 8:00am-11:00am MON-FRI	HALF DAY (3-DAY) 8:00am-3:00pm TUE, WED, THUR
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 205 West Square Lake Road - Troy MI 48098

SCAN TO ENROLL



TROY HIGH STUGO HOSTS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE



This March, Troy High Student Government held the first-ever oneTROY Middle School Leadership Conference. Over 100 7th and 8th grade students at-

tended the beach-themed event from Baker, Boulan Park and Smith Middle Schools. Following welcoming remarks from Keynote Speaker, 2011 THS Alum Lynsey Makomul (Press Secretary to Attorney General Nessel) StuGo students led sessions like “Troy High 101,” escape room, successful

study habits and leadership lessons. A favorite session was “Street Smart”, which included basic advice--like what stairs to take, what things to bring to class, how to navigate the lunchroom, etc. “This conference gave middle schoolers tips on how to study in high school and how to be balanced academically and socially, which is a big deal,” said StuGo Leadership Chair Adana Douglas. StuGo president Alex Matthews agreed: “Students were worried and had many questions at the beginning, but by the end of the day they made new friends, felt confident and a lot more relaxed about high school.” Plus, they got to sample some of THS’ famous cookies!



Students **GIVING BACK**



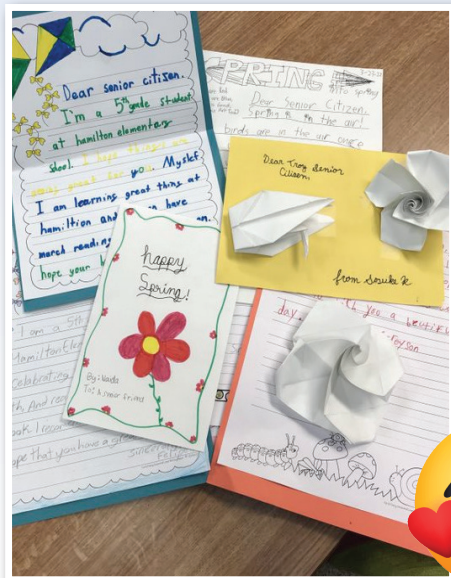
BARNARD had a food drive for the TSD Bridge the Gap pantry, then made goodie bags during their Valentine parties with games, cards and treats to go along with the food.



WATTLES students chose to spend \$100 of their Fall Fun Run money to buy items like games, crafts and coloring books for Children's Hospital.



IAE Students held a successful food drive for "Food Bag Fridays"



HAMILTON students made cards for their senior friends at Brookdale Assisted Living, who they have not been able to visit due to COVID.



TROY HIGH'S Theatre Ensemble invited a group of seniors to see their spring production of "Mamma Mia." Lunch was provided by Student Government and fun was had by all.



ONETROY SPORTS

Spring Sports are in full swing with great stories from Golf, Basketball, Rugby and more! Here are some of our favorites:



Athens Anika Grimes placed 16th and 20th in the State for Slalom and Giant Slalom respectively in the 2021-2022 MHSAA Division 1 State Championships!



Athens Men's Varsity Golf improved on Day 2 of the Southern Swing to 8th place out of 15 teams. Great team effort!



Athens Women's LAX: Double win for the Girls LAX JV and Varsity home openers against Cass Tech.



Troy Men's golf 2022 season is underway with a middle of the pack showing after a chilly, rainy & hail filled Round 1 at the Southern Swing!



Troy Girls Varsity LAX started the season off with a convincing win over Clarkston, 17-3.



Troy United Girls Hockey team played a 25 game season against 20 high school teams in the tri-county area and successfully completed their 3rd season.



Troy United Rugby Club played their first two matches of the year with Alex Afnan named Big Hitter of the Match, Brett Jansen for being named Player of the Match.



Troy United Girls Skating took 5th place finish at States!



Troy United Synchronized Swim team on took 1st place in all categories for both figures and routines at States!

TROY UNIFIED BASKETBALL CONGRATULATIONS!!

Troy Unified Basketball team finished the year with a record of 7-1-2 (which included a win on the Pistons home court!) and finished second place in the OAA Unified Basketball tournament. Special thanks to our partners and Coach Aldinger!

CONGRATS THS VARSITY SOCCER:

Congratulations to THS Varsity Soccer academic all-state athletes: JD Armstrong, Aiden Baraiac, Will Endres, Brett Hartenburg, Albert Hua & Caden Schlenker.

DISTRICT ROUND UP

Athens High:

Troy Athens JV and Varsity Winter Guard teams are state champions! Both teams are directed by Sarah Curran, a Troy Athens alumni.

IA East:

This year IAE divided the school into six houses, Harry Potter style; their names are Latin and based off IB Learner profile characteristics: Scimus "we know," Valemus "we are strong," Audemus "we dare," Somnamus "we dream," Miramur "we wonder" and Curamus "we care." IAE events, activities and competitions all focus around the houses.

TCCHS:

TCCHS students are among the 17,000 chosen to receive new manufacturing & engineering career & technical education opportunities within the Michigan-based SME Education Foundation.

Troy High:

A team of 3 THS Juniors placed 1st at the Michigan Future Problem Solvers Senior Division State competition, advancing to the FPS International Conference at the University of Massachusetts Amherst from June 8-June 12.

Baker MS:

Baker's StuGo created Candy Grams for a fundraiser, raising \$277 for Teen Clean Closet in Royal Oak, who supplies clothing, toiletries & hygiene items for kids in the community.

Boulan Park MS:

BPMS students swept the Michigan Council of Women in Technology annual Website Design competition, earning 1st, 3rd and Honorable Mentions in the competitive contest.

Larson MS:

The Larson Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Band recently participated in MSBOA Festival Competition. Both groups earned all Division 1 ratings.

Smith MS:

195 social studies students qualified for the History Bee, 373 students for the Geography Bee and 11 students took the science bee on their own and qualified!

Barnard:

Students displayed self-portraits with unique borders, presented family treasures, and showed off their amazing outfits that represent their heritage during International Night.

Bemis:

Students had a great time reading and getting to know future Solar Bears by reading to them at TSD Preschool.

Costello:

The 16th Annual Costello Auction was a tremendous success! Huge shout out to our parent volunteers who coordinated this event and to all who donated or attended!

Hamilton:

Used a TFEE grant to get each student a copy of Drawn Together by Minh Lee, which is the story of how drawing helps a Vietnamese grandfather and grandchild connect despite differences in language, culture, and age.

Hill:

Art Teacher, Colleen Price, received a TFEE grant for \$4500 to support the STEM work in the arts, allowing her to purchase materials for Hill as well as all twelve elementary schools.

Leonard:

Students learned how to code robots during their Dash Olympics in our Maker-Centered Media classes, and guided their robots through Olympic-style events.

Martell:

Martell's outstanding staff includes 60+ adults from noon aides to custodial, lunch staff to teaching and ancillary staff; this year 4 of our teaching staff were nominated for Teacher of the Year including Jordan Hosbeke, TSD Overall Teacher of the Year.

Morse:

On family game night, over 160 Morse families gamed "screen free," and took home the @ DolphinHatGames fun family game "Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza" and shared a large Little Caesars Pizza.

Schroeder:

Dragons continue to develop in character education and recite the Schroeder Pledge each morning: I am kind. I persevere, I am respectful. I am a Schroeder Dragon.

Troy Union:

After a successful fall Fun Run, the Troy Union PTO and Troy Union staff worked closely together to revamp classroom libraries, delighting students as they explored new books.

Wass:

During MIRM students donated books from home to a Book Swap. They have enjoyed reading each other's books, and all books collected will be donated to St. Jude's Church in Detroit.

Wattles:

Fifth graders safety and service squad leaders walk kindergarten students to their buses, pick up recycling, raise and take down the flag, set up safety cones at arrival and dismissal, take down classroom chairs for younger students. Many of them also serve in our LINK program where older students are matched up with younger students and act as mentors.

Troy Preschool:

Preschoolers participated in Drum Circles where they sang songs, worked on patterns & rhythms & rhyme, and took turns with shared leadership.



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