

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES

Dr. Richard Machesky
Superintendent



Now that commencement is over and summer is upon us, it's time to celebrate this incredible class and all you have accomplished. As you take the next step in your journey—whether that be college, post-secondary training, the military, or a new career—know that you are ready. You exemplify what a World Class School District is all about, and I am confident you are well prepared for whatever adventure lies before you.

Before we say goodbye to the class of 2022, I want to take a moment to thank a special group of graduates who have served on our Superintendent Student Advisory Board. These students have been an integral part of SSAB during some of the most challenging years. They were freshmen and sophomores who worked tirelessly for two years to help execute our city-wide MLK Day of Service, but once it was their turn to take charge, Covid hit and we were unable to host large events. Still, that did not stop them. This group of students pitched in to help families in need. They volunteered at food distributions and raised funds for those who could use a hand. And just as importantly, they offered their insights and voices, advocating for their schools and fellow students as we all navigated complex issues. As always, they did it with positivity and an eye for solutions.

SSAB grads, you made it your mission to leave the Troy School District a better place than you found it, and I can safely say you did all that and more.

- Sarayu Bethamcherla, Troy High School
- Jadelyn Bui, Athens High School
- Cole Compton, TCCHS
- Hannah DiGiovanni, Athens High School
- Jordan Doyle, Athens High School
- Alex Duda, Troy High School
- Michael Dunayer, Athens High School
- Amita Gowda, Athens High School
- Jordan Jarbo, International Academy East
- Charlotte Ludorf, Troy High School
- Nya Mays, International Academy East
- Britta Pingree, Troy High School
- Nawfal Raza, International Academy East
- Sanjana Sharma, International Academy East
- Asma Syed, Troy High School
- Manaal Syed, International Academy East

Congratulations graduates - the best is yet to come!

Dr. Richard Machesky
Superintendent
Troy School District

Congratulations Class of 2022!



PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

The average age of our schools in the Troy School District is 48 years old. That number is significantly higher than many surrounding districts that have built new schools and substantially remodeled others in the past 20 years. The TSD has instead, opted to be fiscally conservative and invest in the learning that goes on inside the classroom. It has served us well. But that means that over time, our schools and classrooms have become crowded, outdated, and not conducive to the way students collaborate and learn today.

This past school year, a community-led facilities review team studied all of our buildings in great detail. When they finished, their message was clear: the time has come to fix the problems so that Troy students have the

physical spaces they need to maximize learning in the 21st century.

In November, the TSD will put a bond issue before voters to bring our facilities up to date, protect the investment our community has made in our schools, and significantly improve the learning environment for our students—today and into the future. More information, including how this could impact your students, is to come when we return in the fall!

TROY
BOND 2022
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

TCCHS AQUARIUM UNVEILED

The saltwater aquarium at Troy College and Career High School's entrance is the culmination of ideas, dreams, effort and support for the TCCHS Community, and the vision of Principal



Bill Turner's pride in his school and students.

"For a long time, Alternative Education was stigmatized as something second class, and I wished to change that stigma as our students and staff are absolutely first class," he said. Studies have found that the colors, movement and even sounds in aquariums

our students."

The aquarium was funded by private donations and built by students, staff and outside community members. "It is beautiful to look at," concluded Turner, "but also puts a stamp on our change to something much more deserving for our students."

SCHOOL BOARD CORNER

Karl Schmidt
President



Another unusual year ends for the Troy School District, with widespread celebrations across all of our buildings. For the past nine months, we have been tracking weekly community COVID-19 rates and planning accordingly. By late fall, we thought the worst was over, only to see the Omicron variant surge and threaten to shut us down in January. In March, declining numbers finally allowed Oakland County to allow optional masking in our buildings. For the first time in two years, I was able to visit classrooms in person for March is Reading Month. Our commencement ceremonies, though very “normal” in appearance, were booked early

on in open-air venues to reduce the likelihood that a new variant surge might prevent us from celebrating our seniors.

And never mind Coronavirus. The people at every level of our organization from the Board of Education to the Administration to our teachers to our support staff to all of our operations partners—have all had to deal with continued, unprecedented challenges all year: staffing shortages in every area of the district; a lack of companies available to bid on district construction and improvement projects; new equipment delayed in the malfunctioning international supply chain; high inflation; fleet fuel costs that have doubled in four months; and even intermittent food shortages that required our food service staff to assemble some “interesting” lunch combinations that, while unusual, still met Federal balanced diet guidelines. While temporary Federal COVID relief funds have been essential to our recent operations, we

now have to contemplate ways to keep funding new interventions resulting from the pandemic after the Federal money is gone. Our students, while demonstrating amazing resilience overall, also exhibited much higher rates of anxiety and some rusty social skills. Consequently, our counselors and other social-emotional support professionals have been inundated. Like I said, it’s been a very challenging year!

With that said, here’s what struck me the most as I watched our organization in action through this chaos: the ability of our people at every level of the district to engage positively with our students and show them how to creatively navigate through this crazy environment with love, grace, laughter, and respect for one another. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Troy community, thank you for that. It was, undoubtedly, the most important thing you taught our children over the past school year.



Troy’s version of the Newbery Reading Award Program (the Troybery) encourages Troy middle schoolers to read the best middle school-grade books published in a specific year and then vote on their favorites. The contest usually begins in the fall, with students reading nominated books and then voting for them in a March Madness-style tournament.

“Our ultimate goal is to get kids excited about and interested in reading,” said Media Specialist

2022 TROYBERY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Christina Chatel. This year, Troybery was both in-seat and virtual—via a special app, students could access e-book and audiobook copies of Troybery nominees, along with checking out print versions of the books in their school’s media centers.

This year featured new “Troybery Author Blitz” book talks via Zoom all day with eight different authors: Anne Blankman (Blackbird Girls), Supriya Kelkar (American as Paneer Pie), J.L. Esplin (96 Miles), Rena Barron (Maya and the Rising Dark), Laura Martin (Glitch), Lorian Lawrence (The Stitchers), Sarah Allen (What Stars Are Made of) and Dan Pablicki (Ghost Hunters Daughter).

Troybery is modeled after the Newbery Award given each year by the American Library Association to the best children’s books. Mrs. Chatel and Ms. Loch challenged students to read a list of 32 titles from a wide variety of genres. After the mid-

dle schoolers voted on their favorites, the winners were: 3rd Runner-up American as Paneer Pie by Supriya Kelkar; 2nd Runner-up 96 Miles by J.L. Esplin; 1st Runner-up Glitch by Laura Martin; and the overall winner is Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. To see the exciting reveal, visit this private YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/aPcn-DMiObs>

“This year, we really saw the impact of author visits,” said Mrs. Chatel. “After students visited with Troybery authors via Zoom during our Troybery Author Blitz, they rushed to check out those authors’ books. It’s no coincidence that three out of our four top books are ones from authors that we hosted in March.”

For more information about the Troybery Program, visit <http://troymiddleschoolmediacenter.weebly.com/troybery.html>.

TROY UNITED GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYERS WIN ALL-STATE AWARDS

Megan Mocerri and Heidi Blackwell won all-state accolades at the conclusion of the girls’ high school hockey season. The Michigan Girls High School Hockey League coaches vote at the conclusion of each season for first team, second team, and honorable mention awards from all players in the league. Senior and Assistant Captain Heidi Blackwell was presented the Honorable Mention Award for her steady play throughout the season both at forward and defense. Junior and Assistant Captain Megan Mocerri was voted Second Team All-State for de-

fense. This is Megan’s second All-State Award for she also earned honorable mention as a freshman.



TROY AGAIN NAMED BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Troy has been named a 2022 Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) and the Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made exemplary music education part of the curriculum.

This is the 15th consecutive year Troy has received this elite designation, and TSD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Christine DiPilato shares the pride administration feels for this achievement: "This designation highlights our community's commitment to music education. We know that music enriches our students' lives, provides a balance to other academic endeavors, and serves as inspiration and a creative outlet. We are a more complete learning community because of our incredible performing arts programs. We are grateful for our community's continued support and investment in our music programs and look forward to celebrating with you."



ATHENS STUDENT FILM AWARDS

Congrats to Athens seniors Gillian Ciak, Anna DiBella, Garrett Merbach, and Erik Schmidt on winning the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation's MI HEARTSafe School Video Contest! The four students are members of Athens TV and Athens Soccer, and created a video about the team's Heart Night game on May 10th.

Kimberly was an Athens student who tragically passed away due to a cardiac arrest suffered during a water polo game in 2000. The students were inspired by her story and are hoping their peers understand the importance of being heart safe. Athens will receive a \$5000 donation from the foundation, and the students hope it will be used to further heart safe awareness.

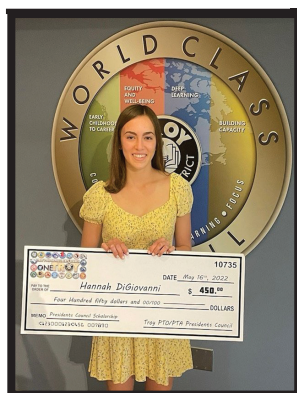


PROJECT SEARCH INTERN ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our TSD Project SEARCH students Phil Chu, David Coleman and Sami Faiz. Project SEARCH is a one year school-to-work program that provides employment and education opportunities to individuals with disabilities, preparing them for the workforce by learning valuable skills in areas like food service, stocking, supply chain/retail and physical therapy. In the state of Michigan, there are 19 program partners, including Troy Beaumont Hospital, where 94 students have participated over the past 9 years, resulting in 39 interns hired!



PTO SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Troy School District's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is pleased to award the first-ever PTO Leadership Scholarship to Athens senior Hannah DiGiovanni.

Hannah exemplified volunteering and service at Athens and was a leader for Charity Week StuGo as Second Vice President, helping to raise \$117,706.46 for

Alex's Saints Foundation. She was a member of the Student Superintendent Advisory Board. Hannah volunteers at her church and in her community and will be attending U of M in the Fall. This scholarship is funded by PTOs across the district, and is hoped to be repeated next year.



COMING THIS FALL: NEW & IMPROVED SENIOR GOLD CARD

We are excited to welcome our seniors to TSD student concerts and performances at no cost through our "Gold Card" program. Seniors will also have the opportunity to volunteer in our schools through the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence. Stay tuned for more information about these special programs, which will kick off in Fall of 2022.



ONETROY Creative TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT SWEEPS NSPRA AWARDS

The TSD Communications team once again won big in the National School Public Relations Annual Awards contest. This year, the TSD won 8 Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards, which recognize outstanding education publications, e-newsletters, digital media programs, marketing materials, videos, social media, websites, and more. With almost 14,000 school districts across the country, to be singled out for so many individual awards is quite an honor.

ONETroy Creative was recognized for excellence across the nation in these areas:

- Website (TSD Press Room)
- Podcasts (3 different TSD podcasts were singled out)
- Print newspaper/newsletter (Troy Times supplement)
- Video (Leading with Literacy in the TSD)

The team also won two merit awards for additional videos focused on TSD Preschool and our original "Refresh" music video to kick off the year.

"We are very proud of the efforts of our communicators and are thrilled to be recognized both online and at the annual NSPRA Conference," said TSD Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives Kerry Birmingham. "We have worked hard to find unique and creative ways to tell the stories of the TSD and give our community an inside look at the amazing work going on inside our classrooms all year long." As always, if you know about an interesting story we should tell, reach out to onetroycreative@troy.k12.mi.us or click on the "Got News?" icon on the TSD website.



TROY HIGH STUDENT SHOOTS FOR THE STARS, WINS NASA CONTEST

Troy High Sophomore Fiona Samson is headed to NASA's GeneLab for a high school summer internship program this summer, a four-week intensive training program in Silicon Valley, CA. Students will train in NASA space biology research and computational biology methods and techniques in order to analyze omics data, apply the bioinformatics analyses to NASA Space Biology science, and develop a competitive team experimental proposal based on analysis of data from the GeneLab Data Repository.

Samson is looking forward to being a part of this program: "I am excited about the new learning opportunities, and can't wait to work with the mentors, NASA scientists and fellow interns." She feels she was

properly prepared for this opportunity by her teachers and classes at Troy High, especially the laboratory research activities in THS' Genetics, Biotechnology, Bacteriology and Embryology class

Only 15 high school students are selected nationwide for this program every year out of thousands of applicants.



NEARLY \$75,000 IN SUPPORT TO TSD TEACHERS FROM THE TFEЕ THIS YEAR!



Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence
Strong Schools. Strong Community.

Since 1987, the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence has proudly supported the Troy School District. This year, the TFEЕ continued this tradition with a \$40,000 grant supporting elementary literacy. These funds were used to purchase thousands of books for the elementary literacy libraries, which are used by all the TSD elementary teachers.

The TFEЕ also awarded more than \$34,000 in multi-teacher

grants, which funded a variety of teacher-driven enrichment opportunities ranging from a student-created Greek mythology-themed arcade to passion projects for high school students. These grants expanded opportunities for all Troy students!

In addition to support for TSD teachers, the TFEЕ is proud to award the Sharon Alexander Scholarship, which remembers long-time TSD teacher Sharon Alexander. It is awarded to TSD seniors involved in the fine arts who will continue this involvement in college. This year's recipients are Athens Senior Ashley Van Kampen and Troy Seniors Britta Pingree, Caroline Samuelsen, and Thejas Mirle.

To learn more about the TFEЕ please visit their website: <https://www.troyfoundation.org/>.

TSD STUDENT WINS AMAZON SCHOLARSHIP

Troy High School senior Hyun Kim has been awarded an Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship, including \$40,000 to study computer science at a university of her choosing. Hyun is only one of three students from Michigan, and one out of 250 students nationally to receive this scholarship out of thousands of applicants.



All Scholarship Recipients were chosen based on a variety of criteria, including their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, work experience, future goals, and financial need. Hyun, who is president of Troy High's Physics Club, aspires to become a role model for women in STEM with her anticipated degree in Computer Science and Engineering at MIT. "As a Girls Who Code alumni and a female engineer, I will help close the gender gap by actively inspiring young girls to pursue computer science."

Amazon Future Engineer, Amazon's global philanthropic computer science education program, aims to bridge the divide between interested students and computer science courses and opportunities. The childhood-to-career education program helps students explore computer science through school curriculum and project-based learning, using code to make music, program robots, solve problems, and offers teachers professional development opportunities.

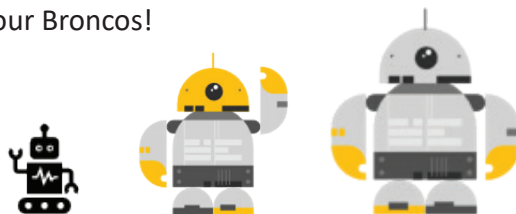
As part of the scholarship, Hyun will also receive a paid internship at Amazon after her freshman year of college to gain hands-on, practical work experience with mentorship from Amazon leaders.



BOULAN PARK ROBOTICS TEAMS COMPETE AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Boulan Park Middle School, robotics is serious business. BPMS sent an all-girls team to the First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics World competition in Houston, TX in April. Team #16607, known as "Midnight Creators," advanced to Worlds after having achieved an impressive 2nd place Inspire Award and 1st Place Motivate Award at the Michigan State Championship.

In VEXIQ, team #48084R ("RogueBots") swept the three highest award categories at States to advance to the World Championships in Dallas. The RogueBots brought home the Build Award from Worlds and were ranked 1st in Michigan and 57th of 3,186 teams in the world for skills! Proud of our Broncos!



IAE CELEBRATES



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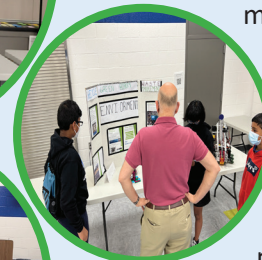
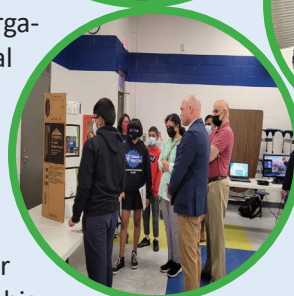
IAE's Environmental Club held an Earth Day Convention on a Saturday in May. There were different booths with passionate environmentalists, keynote speakers, sustainable businesses, and other activities. Speakers included Vallen Krikor and Portia Channa of the Sunrise Movement at Michigan State University, House Representative Padma Kuppa, and our chief guest Dr. Rich Machesky.

According to event organizer and Environmental Club founder Akshitha Sahu "This year's convention was an immense success, and after transitioning from a virtual event last year to an in-person event this year, we've grown a lot." There were environmental booths that were run by passionate environmentalists and businesses, and the chief guest was TSD Superintendent Dr. Rich Machesky, who spoke about the Troy School District's efforts with rebuilding our

schools to become more sustainable, bonds and their environmental plans, and how the TSD supports student initiatives.

Michigan House Representative and keynote speaker Padma Kuppa spoke about her journey as an environmentalist and engineer, how she uses legislation to work on environmental policies, the importance of educating ourselves politically, and how she has impacted the community. The Sunrise Movement's Vallen Krikor and Portia Channa also attended as keynote speakers and spoke about the Sunrise Movement's key values and what the movement has done in the past to promote environmental advocacy.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by each of the board members, who remarked with certainty that the Club has many more plans for the future, including an EcoBricks project where we turn plastics into bricks (currently in the works), a sustainable garden that donates food to families with food insecurity, and a composting program at IA East.





Graduation




The Troy School District conferred more than 1000+ degrees to the **Class of 2022**. It's been an phenomenal conclusion to a stellar year!

2022

SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to the
2022 TSD Graduates!!




WOMEN OF TOMORROW
MENTOR & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TCCHS SENIORS ARE “WOMEN OF TOMORROW”

Three TCCHS seniors were celebrated at a very special event put on by the Women of Tomorrow. Hailey Swanek, Hannah Petty, and Alyssa Mclarty were acknowledged by TSD School Board Trustee Nancy Philippart, TSD Assistant Superintendent Christine DiPilato, and others as Mentees of the Year. Since 2004, The Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program empowers young women to live up to their full potential through unique mentoring programs and scholarship opportunities. TCCHS students have been involved in this program since 2012.

Additional Congratulations go to Dr. Philippart on receiving the Women of Tomorrow Mentor of the Year Award. For more information visit <https://womenoftomorrow.org/about/>





LARSON INNOVATORS PITCH TO “SHARKS”

Larson Innovation Incubator students competed in the Larson Shark Tank finals. They presented the pitches for their inventions to a panel of “sharks” to try to earn investments. The pitches that earned the most investments in this semester’s competition were the ML Concrete portable concrete mixer by Andrew Cermak and Tyler Cook, and the Spinny Cubes fidget pencil grip by Raiqa Haq, Avanthika Hemakumar, and Emma Spahic. The “sharks” included Karl Schmidt (Owner of Emicity market research and president of the TSD school board), Vinod Undemane (Senior IT Manager- GM), Kevin Rose (retired engineer), and Anik Undemane (entrepreneurship student in U of M’s Ross Business School and former Larson Shark Tank contestant). Each contestant also received \$10 Amazon gift cards from the PTO.



TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES 20 RETIREES

The Troy School District congratulates the following staff members on their retirements, who together represent over 400 years of combined experience in the TSD:



Joyce Brasington	Principal	Wattles Elementary
Cheryl Buxton	Teacher	Hamilton Elementary
John Fedyk	Workforce Staff	Troy Career Center
Tatiana Godlewski	Teacher	Athens
Dawn Hayes	Teacher	Athens
Kathy Hoppe	Secretary	Troy Learning Center
Lois Hurdle	Secretary	Services Building
Lynda Keough	Workforce Staff	Troy Career Center
Jackie Kochanski	Para-Professional	TSD Preschool
Laura Laga	Secretary	Services
Jeff McCoy	Teacher	Martell/Morse
Jane McKenney	Teacher	Baker Middle School
John Morrison	Teacher	Troy High
Brad Morton	Teacher	Athens
Jane Moss	Teacher	Athens
Tammy Polena	Teacher	Schroeder
Rick Rinnan	Counselor	Athens
Cheryl Schubeck	Workforce Staff	Troy Career Center
Rosanne Thomas	Teacher	Barnard/Wattles Elem
Rita Ward	Teacher	Morse Elementary



Smith Brings Back Festival of Cultures

Smith Middle School brought back their Festival of Cultures this Spring. Hundreds of students, families, and community members shared an evening learning about different countries, cultures, and religions from around the world. 55 different student groups created tables representing people from around the world where they shared cultural items, foods, dress, and much more for our guests. There were even live dance and vocal performances throughout the evening. This year, the Festival of Cultures fundraised over \$1400 dollars for Ukraine charities.



Troy Sends Record Number to MSBOA

After last year’s conference was cancelled due to COVID, a record number of middle and high school students were selected for the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) All-State bands and orchestra ensembles. These students traveled to Grand Rapids this past spring to rehearse and perform with other students from around the state, having been named among the best student musicians in Michigan. TSD’s strong music program sent 35 musicians--more students than any district in the state.



TSD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTED TO OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

TSD School Board Trustee Steve Gottlieb has been elected to the Oakland County Board of Education by the boards of Oakland County's 28 school districts. Gottlieb will serve for a six-year term beginning July 1, 2022.



A 47-year resident of Troy, Gottlieb taught in the Troy School District for 41 years, has served for 5 years on the Troy school board, and holds a Master's degree in Education Leadership from Central Michigan University.

During his years teaching at Troy Athens High School, Gottlieb taught vocational auto mechanics, video game design, computer networks and repair, photography, government, and economics. His goal for all of his students was to prepare them to thrive in the world by providing a classroom culture of excellence. "When classroom instruction is filled with purpose and meaning, when student voice is prioritized, when belonging is nurtured, when students are making a contribution to the world, students feel good about themselves and the person they are becoming," said Gottlieb. "This is what all students deserve."

As for his goals for working on the Oakland County School Board, he feels that Oakland Schools can play a huge role in supporting students through the four technical campuses and also through shared services, professional learning, and networking. He is committed to working with the rest of the board to ensure that we advocate for ALL of our children and our teachers. "Our students come first, and in order to do that our educational system needs to find ways to show teachers the respect and professionalism they have earned." He hopes to accomplish this through a collaborative, transparent culture of excellence.

This is Gottlieb's sixth year on the Troy School Board. He owns a real estate business in Troy, is the Chairman of the Board of a credit union, and serves on the executive board of the Clawson Chamber of Commerce. He lives in Troy with his wife, Jennifer.



TFFE GOLF OUTING RETURNS

After several year's absence due to COVID, the 18th Annual Tony Spagnola Memorial

Classic returned to the links at Sanctuary Lakes golf course for the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence's biggest fundraiser of the year. On a beautiful summer Friday, 115 golfers gathered to play, eat, and bid for one of the 54 silent auction bas-

kets. Just over \$52,000 was raised, which will go back into our schools in the form of grants that will touch every building in the district. For more information about the TFFE, visit www.troyfoundation.org.



ONE TROY Creative STUDENT VOICES



PROS & CONS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

By: Eden Kakos & Stella Lloyd, *Smith Middle School*

When our teacher first asked us to do re-search on the Pros and Cons of Social media, we thought we knew most of the answers. For instance, one of the positives is how fast information spreads. People of all ages can easily be updated on current events. It helps job recruiters find employees and job seekers find jobs, as 96% of job recruiters use social media in the recruiting process. It allows people to connect with each other more easily, helps with voter participation, and college applications. It improves the economy by creating new jobs, and spreading awareness to small businesses. Lastly, it reduces social stigmas by normalizing things people are afraid to talk about.

Social media comes with many negatives as well. It creates privacy issues because users are vulnerable to identity theft and hacking. It's addictive and damaging to the eyes and brain. It enables the spread of false and unreliable information and creates friendship and relationship problems.

It's an easy way to cyberbully someone. Lastly, Students who are heavy social media users tend to have lower grades, spend less time interacting face-to-face and creates self-esteem issues. The next time your teachers asks you to do an assignment, be open to it, as you may learn more than you expected.

HILL HUSKIES Experience Hands-on Space Exploration

Students at Hill Elementary took a 45-minute journey through the universe from the comfort of their gymnasium, with an assembly from Mobile Ed productions. They were introduced to a "star filled" sky and were guided through the stars of the Northern Hemisphere exactly as they appeared on the day of the presentation with the use of a digital planetarium projector and a laser pointer. Students also learned how to identify every planet in our solar system and were introduced to Greek mythological characters to see how these heroes of the past can be found in the stars. This experience (sponsored by Hill's PTO) was truly "out of this world!"



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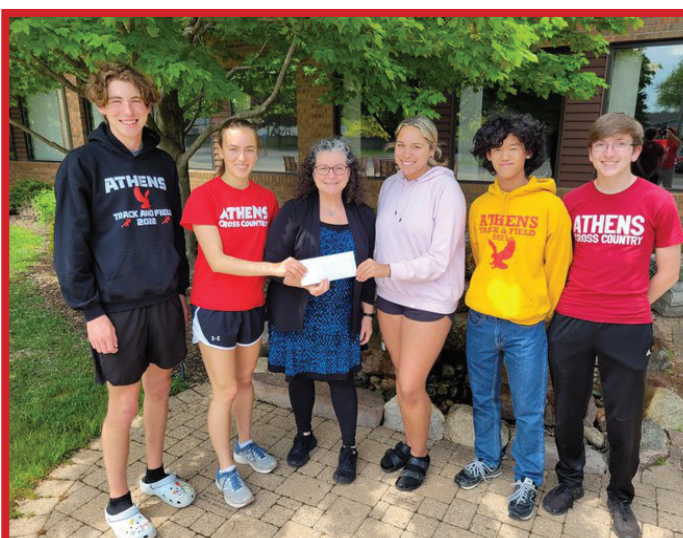


HAMILTON - Hamilton Student Council has been leading many initiatives this year to give back to the community through a food drive, animal rescue drive, and more! Their final event of the school year is our Penny Drive for Clean Water! Students in all grades are competing to earn the most points in a penny drive competition! Student Council representatives worked hard to film a commercial, create flyers, and build awareness around the school about a very important cause: clean, safe drinking water. All money collected will be donated to Charity Water, which is an organization committed to solving the water crisis by providing clean, safe water to all. To keep things interesting, the grade that collects the most will get to dunk Dr. Recker in the dunk tank on field day! Students are excited to take their community initiatives global for this important cause.

TCCHS - Lily McLaren did fundraising in January selling hot cocoa and cookies. She then sold popcorn and lemonade in April. She was able to raise an outstanding \$300 for the Happy Feet Dog Rescue Mission of Flint.



ATHENS - AHS Track and Field reading to Barnard Students.



ATHENS - Athens Track and Field raised \$125 for Troy People Concerned Food Pantry for the purchase of milk.



ATHENS - AHS Project Lead donated 330 items to benefit Bottomless Toy Chest

IAE - Fundraising events including a basketball tournament, restaurant nights and spirit days raised over \$850 for much needed medical supplies to those in Ukraine.



SMITH - Smith Middle School brought back their Festival of Cultures this Spring. Hundreds of students, families, and community members shared an evening learning about different countries, cultures, and religions from around the world. 55 different student groups created tables representing people from around the world where they shared cultural items, foods, dress, and much more for our guests. There were even live dance and vocal performances throughout the evening. This year, the Festival of Cultures fundraised over \$1400 dollars for Ukraine charities.



LEONARD - Leonard Elementary won this spring's "Step Up to the Plate" contest put on by the Troy Chamber of Commerce. Leopards visited area restaurants and collected their receipts for a total of \$769.79.



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SPORTS

Spring Sports are in full swing with great stories from Golf, Soccer, Baseball & Softball, Track, Tennis and more! Here are some highlights:



TROY HIGH Troy boys 4x200m Relay team finished 8th clinching All-State honors by running the 2nd fastest time in school history, 1:29.83. Way to make your mark!



ATHENS Girls Soccer were Back2Back District Champs and also made an appearance in their second straight Regional Finals!



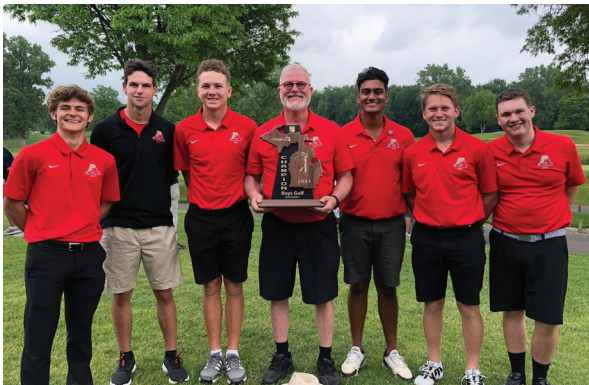
TROY HIGH Troy boys JV Baseball finished their season with a 16-1 win over Cranbrook for a 13-13 final season!



ATHENS Golfer Olivia Hamilla finished the season with a T-9 at the MHSAA Div. 1 State Finals. Her scoring Average of 71.45 and her SIX WINS and two Runner-ups placed her on the All-State Super Team!



TROY HIGH Girls Soccer had a strong season, making it to District Semi-Finals and ending with a final record of 10-3-4!



ATHENS Men's Varsity Golf finished the season with a spectacular score of 305 and as 1st Place MHSAA D1 Regional Champions!



TROY HIGH Girls Tennis Team celebrated their best season since 2003 with a 12-1 record, Overall Record Regional Champions. 3rd in the state!



TROY UNITED Synchronized swim team are State Champions for 2022!

SIGNING DAY

Brings Excitement for TSD Athletes

- Savanah Baranowski (THS) for Volleyball to Keiser College
Madison Caradang (AHS) for Cheer & Stunt to Alma College
Alyssa Carnes (AHS) for Soccer to Northern Kentucky University
Maya Carter (THS) for Soccer to the University of Virginia
Jordan Doyle (AHS) for Lacrosse to Kalamazoo College
Ryan Gruca (AHS) for Soccer to Ohio Northern University
Lance Hardwood (AHS) for Golf to Northwood University
Kara Hunes (AHS) for Cheer & Stunt, to Davenport University
Brendan Kassa (THS) for Bowling to Rochester University
Shreya Kaylan (AHS) for Soccer & Track to Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Madison Kinsman (AHS) for Volleyball to Clarion College
Alyssa Matuza (THS) for Basketball to Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame
Xavier Newell (THS) for Football to Johns Hopkins University
Olivia Rush (THS) for Soccer to University of Indiana
Charlotte Sobotka (THS) for Soccer to University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Trey Vincent (AHS) for Football to University of Findlay
Kendal Zeiter (THS) for Basketball & Volleyball to University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Kayla Ziemke (THS) for Softball to Saint Bonaventure

One of the most exciting days for high school senior athletes is Signing Day, when students commit to attend the college that affords them the best sports and academic experience.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP

ATHENS

12th grader Mandy Chu won 1st place in Oakland County Resources Commissioner's "Preserve MI Waters" Manhole Cover art contest. She received a \$1000 scholarship from Commissioner Jim Nash, and her artwork titled "Mallard In Flight" will be displayed on manhole covers across Oakland County.

IAE

Thank you to all the families, students, and clubs that helped to raise over \$850 help buy and send much needed medical supplies to those in Ukraine.

TCCHS

36 Dual Enrollment students including seniors, underclassmen, and Intersect students were enrolled in 107 courses at Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw Community Colleges. The combined college grade point average for these students was just under 3.0.

TROY HIGH

Troy High students performed songs from the hit musical Mamma Mia! at Mayor Baker's State of the City (Troy) presentation, wowing the crowd of dignitaries with their talent. Seniors Alexis Gearty, Caroline Samuelsen, Mia Simone and Varun Ganapathy and Junior Kiara Gilmore were nothing short of incredible!

BAKER

In an amazing display of learning, 7th grade social studies students built arcade games depicting mythology using Bloxel programming, funded by the TFEE.

BOULAN PARK

8th graders attended Civil War Day at the Troy Historical Museum, where they observed presentations by actors playing Abraham Lincoln and Sojourner Truth and saw what historical buildings looked like in the 1800s.

LARSON

8th graders created websites with artifacts of their authentic middle school learning for their Portfolio Interviews. They then practiced interview skills to participate in a mock interview with volunteer professionals in the Troy community.

SMITH

Smith Knights welcomed incoming 6th grade students to visit. Our awesome Smith Connectors showed them around and answered questions, making for a smooth transition in the fall.

BARNARD

TFEE sponsored Summer Enrichment Packs for students including a new book and other materials for enrichment activities throughout the summer. Parents were also provided with a list of opportunities to encourage families to connect and stay engaged in learning.

BEMIS

5th graders presented an American Revolution play for our entire school and their parents. The amount of preparation and work paid off as they shared their passion for American history and their performance abilities.

COSTELLO

2nd graders created a "Smoothie Cafe"--based on an idea they had when playing kitchen in the classroom. Healthy smoothies were for sale for \$4, with goodies and a painted rock table for purchase as well. Some students from Athens were on hand to help, and other classes came down to "shop" at the cafe, making sure everyone learned a little something. (The smoothies were amazing, btw!)

HAMILTON

Our community has enjoyed a return to many of our end-of-year traditions, ranging from The Hamiltcott writing competition to the Hamilton Family Picnic. Our school also kicked off our four character values of responsibility, resiliency, empathy, and integrity with an interactive assembly led by Jim "Basketball" Jones!

HILL

Hill Huskies visited outer space by experiencing a 45 minute presentation from Mobile Ed productions allowing them to explore outer space from inside the special dome. The experience was out of this world!

LEONARD

Leonard Leopards held their first CHARACTER DAY, celebrating their CORE VALUES of respect, integrity, responsibility, perseverance, and kindness through fun activities, reflections, and games all day long; stressing the importance of being good people for ourselves, our community, and our world.

MARTELL

Martell's first-ever Outdoor Spring Fling was the perfect way to celebrate reuniting our community in person. Food trucks, outdoor games, pony rides and bounce houses were a huge hit with everyone!

MORSE

"Morse Summer Nights" are Wednesdays 6-7 pm including a free lending library and activities! The Tina M. Houser "Bridge the Gap" food pantry will also be open including fresh fruits & vegetables at 475 Cherry street.

SCHROEDER

Schroeder teachers showed their appreciation for PTO members and headroom parents by coordinating a PTO Appreciation Luncheon where parents enjoyed lunch with their child's classroom teacher.

TROY UNION

Troy Union celebrated our students as Makers. Building wide all students spent the month of May designing games in honor of Caine's Arcade. On Friday, May 27th students built their games to create our very own TU Arcade.

WASS

Students truly gave their personal best for "Running with the Wolves, while raising over \$31,000 for the Wass PTO during the annual Run.

WATTLES

21 students participated in Math Pentathlon tournaments playing math games to develop math skills each week, with their results recognized at a special celebration on June 7.

PRESCHOOL

TSD Preschool will be hosting a job fair on Wed., July 20 9-11:30 am., hiring assistants, support staff, lunch & health care aids. Visit <https://tsd-preschool.troy.k12.mi.us/> for more info.



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