

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Sports, Awards, Student Voices & More

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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES

Dr. Richard Machesky
Superintendent



The Troy School District continues to set the standard for excellence in education, with innovative experiences for students and a strong foundation of learning for all. This means we never rest on our past successes. There is no finish line, where we stop and say, “good enough.” Instead, like any world class organization, we are on a continuous journey of improvement, always looking for ways to strengthen our practice, expand opportunities for students and benchmark ourselves against the best in the world.

The pandemic forced us to press “pause” on some of our normal cycles of review, because there was no normal—and it was impossible to measure against any kind of typical year. But now we are back in our regular patterns of examination, which includes curriculum reviews. Every 8 or 9 years, we begin a review of one area of our curriculum to ensure that we have the most up-to-date, relevant and rigorous program for our students. For the past three years, our teams have studied our K-8 math curriculum and piloted two new options for student learning.

What’s clear is that the study of mathematics has changed significantly in the last decade. Best practice has moved away from a heavy emphasis on computation toward an emphasis on comprehension. Students today must understand how to identify and approach a problem, how to collaborate with others, what multiple methods they might choose to solve it and how that process can be used in even more complex problems and concepts to come.

This echoes exactly what our business community is telling us they look for in future employees. We recently revamped our TSD Business Leaders Roundtable, which brings together executives from top companies in our area—and the message was evident: they need creative and flexible thinkers who can problem solve across multiple areas, who can work together toward a common goal and who can apply critical analytical skills to a variety of problems and obstacles. The two new math curriculums we are considering provide the opportunity for students to learn and hone those skills—embedded into the most rigorous and deep program of learning in mathematics.

As we move forward this year and beyond, we will continue to partner with universities, business and industry leaders and the experts in education to ensure that our students are best prepared for success in whatever post-secondary opportunities and careers they choose to enter. The best is yet to come!

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TROY 2022 BOND

STATUS REPORT

Exciting things are happening as the TSD moves forward with improvements, thanks to the passage of the Bond—and students have been involved every step of the way. In February, 125 students interested in business and finance were able to witness the sale of the first bond series worth \$190 million. After that, planning and design began in earnest.

Our Smith Middle School team has been hard at work, collaborating with staff, students and architects on what’s important in the blueprint of the new building. They have also visited other school districts to see some great ideas in action — because the design of the new school needs to be based on how it will best function for our learning community. The next phase will consolidate those important elements into a cohesive design that will serve students for years to come. There are site plans and environmental studies and all kinds of steps in between, but if all goes well, we are preparing to break ground on a new Smith Middle School sometime next Spring.

Across all our schools, furniture design is also deep in the planning process. Teachers, students and principals have been meeting to design what future classrooms might look like—and several furniture pilots are set to get

underway this Fall. The key is to purchase furniture that can be flexible to meet the needs of various types of learning and reconfigured quickly if students need to collaborate or work in different ways. Playgrounds are also on the fast track in the first bond series, and this is

another area where students are learning and exploring alongside the adults. As part of the media center experience, for instance, groups of students have been exploring playground materials and designing accessible playgrounds where everyone can have fun. Students then share their ideas with architects, who will work to incorporate those suggestions into the final layouts.

And finally, we are beginning some badly needed planning and

design work on high school athletic fields and the Boulan Park Middle School track. Residents who use the track after hours will be happy to hear that it will be resurfaced and re-stripped this summer for all to enjoy.

None of this would be possible without the support of our community and we are so thankful!

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW



SCHOOL BOARD CORNER

Karl Schmidt
President



Happy spring! From now until June is a busy and exciting time for everyone in our school community, as our outstanding staff and students work toward capstone projects, celebrations, and transitions. In the midst of all

this, the Board and Central Administration are continuing our work on our "Portrait of a Graduate" that I introduced in this column in January. If you recall, Portrait of a Graduate is a thoughtful document that spells out the traits all students from a district should have by the time they leave us. Since January, we have been in listening mode, running discussions with students, parents, and other community stakeholder groups. Board members have visited classrooms and had amazing conversations with our students from Pre-K through Seniors. Those discussions included 250+ students across 12 different buildings. We have also had discussions with Troy senior citizen groups and our business leader roundtable group. Additional conversations are still scheduled with a variety of other community stakeholder groups.

Student feedback was amazingly consistent across the district. When asked to describe the type of learning they felt best contributed to their own growth, four key themes emerged: depth (project-based learning with time to explore and discover big ideas); experiential (doing, experiencing, and interacting rather than absorbing text); experimental (solving a puzzle or problem and making mistakes along the way to finding the answer rather than being told the answer up front); and, connected (learning experiences that relate to them personally, their current world, and their post-HS future in terms of additional education and careers). Students also talked about "soft skills" they want the opportunity to regularly practice and improve before they graduate: communication, collaboration, and independent responsibility.

Our discussions always ended with the same question: "If an employer ever called you out for positive job performance with the comment, 'I bet you went to Troy,' what traits do you hope they are seeing in you?" The answers were again consistent AND amazing: "I want to be seen as... smart, knowledgeable, dedicated, hard-working, collaborative, resourceful, and resilient—but also kind, caring, and sensitive to others' perspectives."

Our amazing students clearly know how they want to learn and to what ends. Their voice will be the primary "fuel" in our Portrait of a Graduate—and then the challenging work continues for the adults like me who are committed to their success.

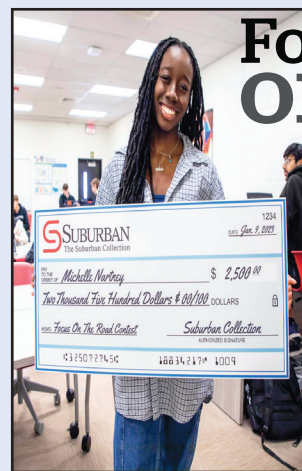


Michigan Chillers Author Johnathan Rand VISITS MORSE ELEMENTARY



Johnathan Rand is famous for spooky storytelling as the author of the popular kids' series Michigan Chillers and American Chillers. He took time out

of his busy schedule (he has written over 120 books!) to visit with students at Morse Elementary. His main message was encouraging students to read: "Books don't have covers, they have doors—they can take you anywhere in the world." Rand told the students how he got into the storytelling business—he spent time in his college's radio station, where he learned the value of speaking and writing. "If you know how to read, speak and listen, you can learn how to write," said Rand. Leaving his young charges with advice about pursuing their passions and that reading isn't something you do, it's a place you go. A perfect message for March is Reading Month!



Focus on THE ROAD

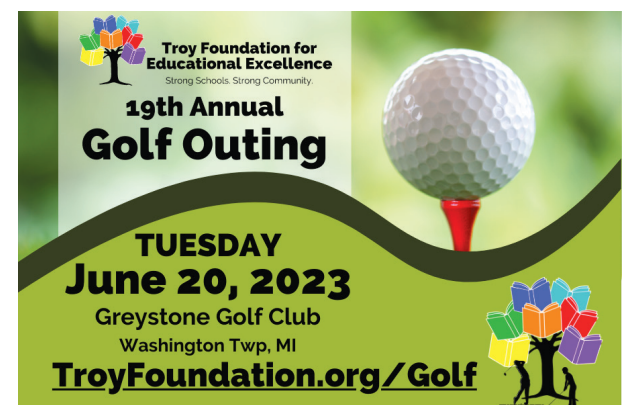
Athens junior Michelle Nartey was awarded 1st place for The Suburban Collection's Focus on the Road PSA competition for her PSA titled "Get Rid of the Distraction!" Selected from 150 submissions, Michelle was surprised with a giant check for \$2,500. You can find her video on Suburban's page or at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRY2_EQKEOw.

Drive safe everyone!

19TH ANNUAL TFEE GOLF OUTING

On June 20, 2023, the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence (TFEE) will host their 19th Annual Golf Outing at the Greystone Golf Club in Washington Twp., MI. The outing raises funds for the TFEE's teacher grants program, which funds enriching projects and programs that benefit all TSD Students. Tickets are \$150 and include a round of golf, contests, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Visit TroyFoundation.org/Golf for more info.

The TFEE thanks the following sponsors for their support of the 2023 Outing: Barton Malow, Chartwells, DM Burr, Miller Canfield, TMP Architects, Applied Innovation, BMS Cat & Jarvis, Clark Hill, Conventional Carpet, Fiber Link, Safe-Ed, Thrivent, Collins & Blaha, and Town Center. Information on becoming a sponsor can also be found at TroyFoundation.org/Golf.



2023 ATHENS & TROY HIGH CHARITY & ACTIVITY WEEK

February saw two of the biggest high school charity events in the state and country take place. Athens' Charity Week and Troy High Activist Week.

Athens High School was a beehive of activity for Charity week, holding events like "Comfy" spirit day, pancake breakfast, Jail 'n' Bail, carnival night, a "belly flop" contest, a volleyball tournament, hypnosis show, film festival, and a parent cook-off followed by the Mr. Athens Pageant. And as the crowd of 1,550 students, teachers, administrators, and friends looked on, the giant banner was peeled back, to reveal the 2023 number, an incredible **\$115,184.24!!** These funds will be donated to Athens' chosen charity for 2023: **Carol's Angels and Warriors**, an organization that provides support and advocates



for change in the areas of public safety, mental health, and financial stability for victims of abuse and trauma.

Over at Troy High, Activist Week raised money for a cause close to students, as their chosen charity, **Colts 4 A Cause**. After spirit days, Top Golf, restaurant nights, Coinstall, Ticket to Skip it, Crush 4 Your Crush, and Survivor, the money was tallied for the grand reveal: **\$33,923+**, with the final amount totaling **\$34,762**. **Colts for a Cause** will help students here at Troy High with things like food, clothing, prom tickets, glasses, and even dental work. Many students are struggling and in need - we wanted to help our own family first this year.



TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER STATE & NATIONAL AWARDS



In January, Character.org--a national advocate and leader for character development in schools and communities--designated Leonard Elementary as a State School of Character and Troy High and Martell Elementary as Emerging Schools of Character.

Character.org certifies schools and districts each year at the state level that have developed and implemented an intentional, proactive, and comprehensive approach that embeds character into all aspects of school life. Leonard Elementary School is a new State School of Character. They have been working hard for several years to achieve this milestone. Leonard principal Dr. Erin Detmer credits the "Leonard Kids with Character" students (Leonard's version of Student Council) and teachers for their leadership in demonstrating character daily. "We are proud to be honored as a State School of Character," said Dr. Detmer. "Our community has been intentionally cultivating a culture that nurtures character development. The distinction of School of Character is a celebration of our collective commitment to educating the whole child, focusing on our core values alongside world-class academic instruction." Leonard's Character pledge is as follows: "Together we practice Kindness, Responsibility, Integrity, Respect, and Perseverance for ourselves, our community, and the world."

Martell Elementary and Troy High were recognized as Emerging Schools of Character, meaning they have officially begun the journey to the State and National School of Character, which takes several years to complete. TSD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Christine DiPilato was excited to receive the news: "We're thrilled that Character.org recognized three more Troy Schools for their continued commitment to creating inclusive and engaging environments for all students."

Leonard, Martell, and Troy High join the following Troy Schools that have achieved Emerging, State, or National School of Character that are listed below at their highest designation level:

- RECOGNITION IN 2022**
Schroeder Elementary- Emerging School of Character
Costello Elementary - State School of Character
Morse Elementary - Emerging School of Character
Smith Middle School - Emerging School of Character
- RECOGNITION IN 2020**
Wass Elementary - National School of Character
Wattles Elementary - National School of Character

- RECOGNITION IN 2021**
Bemis Elementary - National School of Character
Troy Athens HS - State School of Character
Troy Union Elem - National School of Character
- RECOGNITION IN 2019**
Larson Middle School - National School of Character



The 2023 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2023 and honored at our 30th Anniversary International Forum next fall in Washington, D.C.



THS & AHS STUDENTS SUCCEED MODEL U.N. COMPETITION @ HARVARD UNIVERSITY

In January, the Troy and Athens High School Model UN Delegation competed at Harvard’s Model UN (HMUN) Conference in Boston, where they competed against 4,000 delegates from schools from over 40 countries around the world.

Of the 21 delegates that attended (including one student from Troy Athens), eight received awards, two of which received the highest award of “Best Delegate.” These awards came after spending over 23 hours in various committee sessions, debates and resolution writings--at times competing against over 400 other delegates.

Model United Nations (also known as Model UN or MUN) is an educational simulation in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. At a MUN conference, students work as the representative of a country, organization, or person and must solve a problem with other delegates from around the world. MUN teaches participants skills like research, public speaking, debat-

ing, and writing, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership. Model UN is meant to engage students and allow them to develop a deeper understanding of current world issues.

“I am always so proud of each of them and their hard work, enthusiasm, and overall passion for this club and world affairs,” said Model UN Advisor Jacqueline Ciolek.



Spirit of MUN Award Winners **These Students truly embody and exemplify what it means to be a part of Model UN and are resilient, positive, and inclusive.

MUN Award Winners:

1st	Best Delegate	
	Catherine Sivier	2024
	George Perakis	2023
2nd	Outstanding Delegate	
	Rena Foo	2023
	Tianhui (Grace) Zhu	2023
3rd	Honorable Mention	
	Erin Zia	2023
	Daniel Xiao	2024

Spirit of MUN Award Winners:

Verbal Communications

Krish Ghosalkar & Yuktha Gowda

Honorable Mentions

Kaeshav Krishna & Mahima Mahajan

Outstanding Delegates

Daniel Xiao & Katherine Mandia

Best Delegates

Mahee Kavdia (AHS MUN),
Sanjay Shyamsundar & Erin Xia



TSD TEAMS BRING HOME MICHIGAN QUIZ BOWL TROPHIES

TSD students swept the 28th annual Michigan Japan Quiz Bowl and brought home seven trophies.

The annual competition for Michigan non-heritage learners of Japanese in grades K-12 is sponsored by the Japanese Teachers Association of Michigan (JTAM). Hundreds of students from all over Michigan demonstrated their Japanese language and culture knowledge in a "quiz bowl" format. The event also featured a Cultural Expo, including Japanese arts & crafts, kimono try-on & martial arts demonstrations.



- MS Div, 1st place: Larson MS; Gargi Sonawane, Mitra Preisha, Janvi Agarwal
- HS Div. 1: 3rd place: Athens; Indya Banks & Corynn Lewis
- HS Div. 2: 2nd place: Athens; Sarah Delia, Lucia Bonino, Haein Suh
- HS Div. 3: 1st place: Athens; Aryan Vadlamudi, Ava Bunao, Joshua Gallega, Michael Natchev
- HS Div. 3: 2nd place: Athens & Troy High combo team; Yashvanth Aravinth, Ella Sidorowicz (AHS) & Vaishnavi Paliwal, Zahra Khan (THS)
- HS Div. 4: 1st place: Troy High, Seongjin (Jay) Shyn & Huyen (Sophia) Nguyen
- HS Div. 4: 2nd place: Athens, Saisha Srivatsan, Kurt Sajonas, Sierra Seidel



IA-EAST ORCHESTRA BRINGS INSTRUMENT PETTING-ZOO TO TROY PRESCHOOL

The IA East Orchestra traveled to the TSD Preschool on Tuesday, 4/4, to put on an "instrument petting zoo" where preschoolers were able to touch, strum, pluck, and use a bow on various stringed instruments. High schoolers read books to the classes as well as performed as a large group. Preschoolers heard familiar songs like "Twinkle, Twinkle", and theme songs from "Bluey", "Peppa Pig", and more. It was an incredible learning experience for both our oldest and youngest learners in TSD, and a perfect example of our Green Pillar, which focuses on Early Childhood to Career!





TROY CHESS TEAM

SWEEPS CHAMPIONSHIP

WITH PERFECT SCORE



The Michigan High School and Junior High Team brought together 234 players representing 36 schools from across the state at Oakland University on February 25, 2023.

The Troy High "Team Colts" displayed exceptional teamwork, strategy, and precision. After four rounds of play, Team Colts emerged victorious, sweeping the field with an impressive perfect score.

The Team Colts of Troy High School was formed by four exceptional players, each of whom was also a member of the Troy High Chess Club.

Congratulations to all of the players, and special thanks to all of the parents and to the chess club sponsor Ms. Toni Isaac for supporting weekly club events by providing facilities and other amenities.


Adhvaith Rajanish
A junior and the club's vice president, earned a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament.

Leyou Jiang
A junior and the secretary and treasurer of the club, helped secure crucial victories for the team.


Abhinav Rajanish
A freshman and member of the club, played an essential part in ensuring the team's critical success.

Shamanth Shastry
A sophomore and member of the club, played an instrumental role in the team's critical wins.

CHAMPIONS



Three Athens Theatre Company students attended the December 2022 Michigan Thespian Festival in Lansing and were offered an incredible combined \$1,138,500.00 in scholarships (pictured left to right):



Katie Redmond: \$422,500.00
Julian Kirchler: \$367,000.00
Grace Cafagna: \$349,000.00

The festival is a 2-day event for high school theatre students and teachers from around the state. There are nearly 100 workshops, 18 competitive event categories (called Thespy's), over 50 exhibitors and sponsors, full-length shows, and scholarship opportunities to choose from. Most of all, though, it was just a great way to come together to share their love of theatre and compete for scholarships.

CAREER FAIR



It's one thing to learn. It's quite another to be able to apply that learning. And at Troy College and Career High School, students have the skills that employers want. They held their first in-person Career Fair, and the 30 business/training programs in attendance were pleased with the tremendous response and the many



qualified candidates for post-graduate employment or continued education programs. Organizations such as Troy Police/Fire, Dorsey College, all five branches of the US Military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines), MAT2 Apprenticeship Program, the Motion Picture Institute, Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship and Michigan College of Beauty, to name a few.



TSD CELEBRATED MARCH

BAKER:

Students had so much fun visiting future Bobcats at Morse & Costello as secret readers.



ATHENS:

English classes participated in a Door decorating contest. The winners were: Schindler's List for re-creation of an existing cover, The Odyssey for best NEW cover design, and Minions for best reading-inspired door.



LEONARD:

Mrs. Hogan's 1st-grade class won a visit from Channel 4's Jason Colthorpe by student Ritwika Thanigaivel. In addition to reading one of his favorite Skippy Jon books, Jason presented Ritwika with a \$100 Amazon card for her class and a \$100 Buddy's Pizza card.



WATTLES:

We were honored to have guest author Jacqueline Marie, speak to our students in grades 3-5. She discussed the writing process as she shared her story of Felix the Lightning Bug.



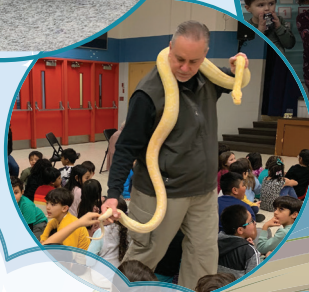
LARSON/ATHENS:

Girl Botz Robotics FTC 22918 students and youth robotics mentors - Ava, Gargi, Jason, Joshua, Rachel and Sruthi - gathered 204 brand-new books for the pediatric patients of Troy Beaumont Hospital.



HAMILTON:

Hawks were wild about reading nonfiction books and welcomed "Dan the Creature Man," who let students interact with many wild animals we'll be reading and learning about like snakes, iguanas & frogs!



PRESCHOOL:

Former TSD student and now professional baseball player for the Miami Marlins Jon Berti read to Ms. Maddi Penz classroom. Each student got to bring home one of his baseball cards -



TROY UNION:

Celebrated with a one-school/one-book community initiative by reading The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate, a book about being courageous and finding the true meaning of friendship and family.



PRESCHOOL:

Mayor Ethan Baker, Superintendent Dr. Rich Machesky & School Board President Karl Schmidt read to Preschool students.

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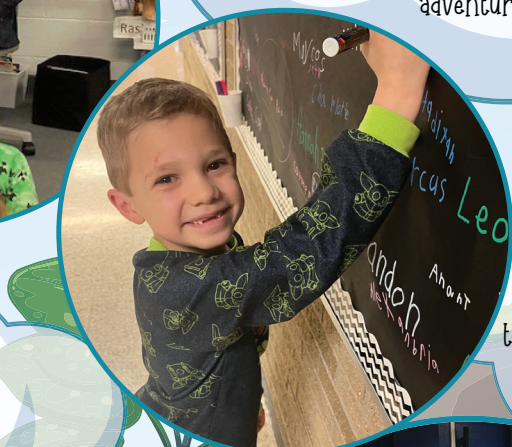
Held a MIRM Booksweek where students donated, traded, and picked up books.

MARCH IS READING MONTH



SCHROEDER:

The Dragons' theme was "Get Your Paws on a Good Book!" Students ate at the pancake dinner, read with family in the media center, participated in a STEM station, donated pet toys to an animal shelter, and picked up the school-wide book **Fenway and Hattie**. Throughout the month Schroeder celebrated reading and students took their mini-stuffed dogs on their adventures.



WASS:

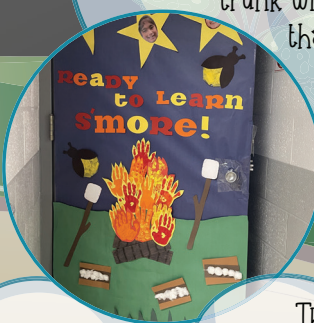
The Wass Family Bingo Night was totally awesome as we hosted over 300 Wolf Pack members 80's style.



WASS:

Dr. Machesky kicked off March Is Reading Month by reading the first chapter of *The Bad Guys* at our 8th annual Wass Read-In. The entire Wass Wolf Pack read for 30 minutes as a school community.

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BEMIS:
Reading is a home run! Bemis has partnered with United Shore Professional Baseball League to reach our goals in reading! We had Ribbi the Diamond Hopper from Jimmy John's Field visit for our kickoff assembly and welcomed special guest readers including Troy Mayor Ethan Baker & Senator Michael Webber.



HILL:

Has transformed the building for our March Is Reading Month Theme - Camp Read-a-lot: The S'more You Read, the S'more You Know. Teachers became "counselors," students ate lunch in the "mess hall," the classrooms were "cabins" where they have decorated their doors as a team, and each classroom is going to be building a "tree" where the trunk will be spines from the books that they have read.



BARNARD:

The PTO presented the school with a book vending machine where students can stop by and get books. Each student at Barnard will be able to choose a book on their birthday.

TSD SENIORS NAMED SEMI-FINALISTS FOR 2023



Coca-Cola

SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

Six TSD high school seniors out of 1,557 students nationwide were selected as Semifinalists for the prestigious 2023 Coca-Cola Scholars Program from a pool of over 91,000 (1.7% of all applicants) who submitted applications from across the country based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities. These Semifinalists are now in the running to become Finalists, who will compete for 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000 each.

International Academy East seniors **Diya Gehlaut**, **Tanvi Mandadi** and **Max Stefansk**; Athens senior **Arnav Shah**; and Troy High seniors **Deepti Aggarwal** and **Sonnet Xu** will move to the next round of the selection process to become a Coca-Cola Scholar and receive a \$20,000 college scholarship. As a joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program

is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2023 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 6,750 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$81 million in scholarships over the course of 35 years.

"We believe that identifying these young leaders throughout the country and encouraging their passion for serving others not only empowers the students but also lifts those around them," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Foundation. "The Coca-Cola system is dedicated to giving back to the communities they serve, and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is proud to be a part of that commitment."



BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS

bee

Scripps National Spelling Bee



Aryan Khedkar has always loved words. He learned to read before he was two years old and his fascination with words paid off with a win in the Oakland Schools Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at Oakland University this past March. Aryan, a 7th grader at Baker Middle School in Troy, correctly spelled "Macedonian" to win the bee, out-spelling 70 other contestants. "I felt exhilarated when I won the Regional Spelling Bee. It was like a dream come true!"

This is not Aryan's first Scripps Spelling Bee win; he was the State Elementary winner in 2021 when he was a 5th grade student at Barnard. Aryan will represent Oakland County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C. area in late May.

Boulton's primary Science Olympiad team competed against 12



other Oakland County schools at the Regional tournament at Detroit Country Day and qualified for the Michigan State Science Olympiad tournament (which will be held on the campus of Michigan State University on April 22, 2023.) Said head coach

Anil Ghorpade: "This success is a symbol of our teamwork and strenuous efforts from our coaches, students, and parents. Out of the 23 STEM events, our students were placed 1st in 8 events, 2nd in 2 events, 3rd in 8 events, 4th in 2 events, 5th in 2 events followed by 6th in 1 event." Stay tuned for excellence.



TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

festival
CHOIRS

Athens High School Auditorium

Troy’s 2023 Festival of Choirs showcased TSD’s vocal program and spanned four spectacular nights. This annual event is a demonstration of the K-12 vocal program from elementary to high school, allowing students and parents--as well as the community--to see all ages perform and, for our younger students, to look forward to vocal music throughout the various ages and stages of K-12. Each night featured three elementary schools, their feeder middle school, and high school choirs.

This was the first time this event has been held in person since the pandemic, and the teachers and students were excited to share a stage and perform again in person. Said Elementary Vocal Music Department Chair and TSD K-12 Vocal Music Coordinator Corrie Spurlin: “The students are always in awe when they enter Athens to rehearse and perform. Their enthusiasm in and for singing and

engagement in performance were incredible – the energy was electric.” Students learned pieces with their classes at their individual buildings and each night ended with a finale piece that featured all of the choirs called “The Rhythm of Life.” Other pieces were uplifting songs, both old and new, that inspired all to reflect on the impact of music from a young age all the way through adulthood.

“I’m grateful to have such an incredible team to collaborate with on this performance, especially concerning our revised rehearsal schedule which allowed three elementary schools to sing together simultaneously with their feeder school’s choir director,” concluded Spurlin. “This focus on relationship building through music had a significant impact on our students; the vocal music team is grateful to our district for such unwavering support of our program!”



IAE STUDENTS ARE CONRAD INNOVATORS

The Conrad Innovators program is a prestigious national competition that challenges students to innovate! At IAE, students have been participating in the program for the past two years through their Economics Club and have learned about business concepts in weekly sessions during the 4-month competitive season. Current IAE students were supported by recent IAE alumni who are presently UofM Ross School of Business seniors. They've developed amazing business plans and pitch videos for their innovative solutions making it to Conrad Innovator status for submitting strong plans and videos to the judges.



Over 800 teams competed in the 2nd round Innovation Stage this year, and all four IAE teams were named Conrad Innovators in 2023. This badge of excellence is a point of pride that will follow these students in their educational careers and qualify them to join the ranks of Conrad Challenge alumni to help the next generation of high school students. The Conrad Challenge is creating the next generation of entrepreneurs who will no doubt change the world. And students at International Academy East are leading the way.



The Troy School District OUTSTANDING Teacher & Support Staff of the Year

Four outstanding Troy School District Teachers and one Support Staff were surprised in their classrooms and workspaces with the news that they had been selected as Teachers of the Year, out of 63 nominations received, and Support Staff of the Year out of 25 nominations.



ERICH BEREZSZASZY
Science Teacher, Athens High School,
High School Teacher of the Year



SHANNON DZIWANOWSKI
Science Teacher, Larson MS,
Middle School Teacher of the Year



PATRICIA GRANDY
Troy Preschool Teacher, Preschool
Teacher of the Year



KAREN ROSEWARNE
5th Gr. Teacher, Leonard Elem.,
Elementary AND Overall Teacher of
the Year.



STEFANIE GERVAIS
TSD Catering Supervisor, Support
Staff Member of the Year out of 24
nominations received.

As TSD Overall Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Rosewarne will also receive a two-year vehicle lease, courtesy of the Suburban Collection.


The winning Elementary, Middle and High School teachers and Support staff have been sent to Oakland County for inclusion in the county-wide Teacher/Support Staff of the Year competition. (Oakland County does not have a preschool competition at this time.)

Outstanding ToY Nominees:

Fifty-nine other outstanding TSD teachers were nominated by parents, students and colleagues. Each of them was singled out for the dedication and commitment they show every day for their profession.

- Dr. Jennifer Anderson, (HAM)**
Emily Allen, (MAR)
Jacquelyn Aronoff, (WAT)
Meredith Bolden, (SCH)
Kathleen Bovee, (HAM)
Carolyn Brown, (WAT)
Karen Brozowski, (SCH)
Lisa Carruthers, (LEO)
Cindy Christiansen, (LAR)
Abigayle Cohen, (PRE)
Kaylee Comes, (WAT)
Scott Crecelius, (LAR)
Pat Dawood, (AHS)
Raymond Dawood, (AHS)
Melissa Dodge, (BOU)
Carol Dospil, (HAM)
Stephanie Everett, (PRE)
Brian Fahnestock, (BAK)
Kevin Flaherty, (THS)
Georgina Foakes, (BEM)
Stephanie Fragg, (SCH)
Laura Garver, (LAR)
Nicole Given, (MAR)
Nina laquinto, (BAR)

- Sara Jozefiak, (BAR)**
Kelsey Kavulich, (COS)
Stacie Klumpp, (AHS)
Meghan Kusters, (THS)
Lynne Krutty, (IAE)
Vanessa LaRocca, (WAS)
Drew LaTorre, (BAK)
Frank Leone, (BOU)
Jennifer Locke, (MAR)
Carolyn Maher, (WAS)
Holly Malavolti, (SCH)
Lindsey Maliepaard, (COS)
Greyson McKinney, (COS)
Mackenzie Morris, (THS)
Amanda Morton, (BAR)
Kelly Naugle, (WAS)
Elizabeth Neuville, (PRE)
Colleen Nietzel, (PRE)
Alexandria Oleksienko, (MOR)
Jerusha Ondra, (THS)
Kimberly Phillips, (WAT)
Joel Podzikowski, (BAR)
Mike Reimann, (AHS)
Christine Russell, (BAR)
Jenna Russell, (IAE)
Kathryn Ruterbusch, (TRU)
Jackie Skinner, (WAS)
Katie Starn, (LEO)
Sabrina Stevanovic, (BAR)
Vanessa Suarez, (TRU)
Emily Beski Threm, (IAE)
Stacey Tran, (TRU)
Noelle Wald, (THS)
Rachel Weiner, (HAM)
Debbie Wilson, (TRU)



It's award season again for our talented high school student content creators.

Here are the TSD 2023 NATAS (National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences) Michigan Student Production Award Nominees:

NON FICTION- SHORT FORM:
Charity Week Returns (Brianna Johnson & Makayla Potter)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Loved to Death (Katie Schmidt & Brianna Johnson)

MUSIC VIDEOS:
Halley's Comet (Michelle Narthey & Evelyn Apahidean)
Remember Me (Anurag Komaragiri & Jeffery Wu)

COMMERCIAL:
Space to Grow (Jack Kelly)

AUDIO/SOUND:
The Objective (Anurag Komaragiri)

DIRECTOR:
The Objective (Jeffery Wu)

DIRECTING TALENT:
Ella Musto Reel (Ella Musto)

EDITOR:
Macy's Messy Monday (Ella Musto)
The Objective (Jeffery Wu)

PHOTOGRAPHER:
Gone (Anoush Rophael)
The Objective (Jeffery Wu)
Evelyn Apahidean Photography (Evelyn Apahidean)

TALENT – PERFORMER:
Range/MVT Talent Reel (Macy van Tiem)

WRITING:
Project Jessabellmy (Grace Cafagna)

Winners will be announced later this year!



TSD Superintendent
Dr. Rich Machesky
WINS CHAMBER LEADERSHIP AWARD

TSD Superintendent Rich Machesky was presented with the top Leadership Award at the Troy Chamber Business Excellence awards ceremony. We are thankful to have such a wonderful leader at the helm of the TSD.



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CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 2023

ATHLETE COMMITMENTS

These TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT Senior athletes have committed to play for the following schools:



EMMA LEONARD (AHS)
School: Adrian College
Sport: Softball



HALEY HURLEY (AHS)
School: Notre Dame College
Sport: Softball



COOPER BATZOLD (AHS)
School: Macomb Comm. College
Sport: Baseball



AUSTIN POKLEY (AHS)
School: Lansing Comm. College
Sport: Baseball



BENJAMIN MAHER (AHS)
School: Wheaton College
Sport: Soccer



DANIEL WATKINS (AHS)
School: Madonna University
Sport: Soccer



REBEKAH DELIA (AHS)
School: Olivet Nazarene Univ.
Sport: Soccer



AMANDA LEONARD (AHS)
School: Purdue Univ. Ft. Wayne
Sport: Soccer



ANNELIESE SCHRIBER (AHS)
School: Heidelberg University
Sport: Volleyball



LILIANA TASICH (AHS)
School: Rochester University
Sport: Girls Lacrosse



OLIVIA HEMMILA (AHS)
School: Oakland University
Sport: Golf



RYAN MADDOCK (THS)
School: Madonna University
Sport: Baseball



DARIUS WHITESIDE II (THS)
School: Grand Valley State Univ.
Sport: Football



MEGAN MOCERI (THS)
School: Hilbert College
Sport: Hockey



BRET DICKERSON (THS)
School: Alderson-Broadbudd Univ.
Sport: Lacrosse



ANNELIES BERGMANN (THS)
School: Cornell University
Sport: Women's Hockey (Div. 1)



KATE HELFEN (THS)
School: Univ. of Cincinnati
Sport: Soccer



ONETROY

SPORTS

Troy Unified



Congratulations to the Unified Basketball team for their huge win over Seaholm 41-59!

Troy United



Congratulations to the Troy United Figure Skating team who tied for 3rd place at the State Championships!

Troy HS



Troy Varsity Women's Tennis is currently undefeated and ranked as the #2 team in the state---and have their eyes on State Championship!

Athens HS



Congrats to Athens JV Lacrosse, who won their first home game 6-4 against Royal Oak!

Athens HS



Athens Men's Swimming: 200 Free Relay Team set a new school record (1:30.83) at the Regional Meet! Congrats to Brandon Tranter, Matt Schwiderson, Matt Young, and Jacob Young!

Troy HS



Troy Colt Men's Swimming: Congrats to Josh, Matthew, Trevor, and Teddy for getting their state cut in the 200 Free Relay!

Troy HS



Congrats to the Troy Colt Men's Wrestling team for earning the OAA White League Champ title.

Athens HS



Athen's Mens Track: Julian Farrell and Myles Linden took three first-place finishes each at the 9th-10th grade Spring Break Invitational at Dakota and Julian broke a 9 year-old record in the 400M.

Athens HS



Athens Women's Varsity Soccer team is off to a 4-0-1 start this spring. The girls recently defeated the defending state champions and are currently ranked #6 in the state of Michigan.

Troy HS



Troy High senior Lacrosse player Annelies Bergmann made hockey history as the first female to play in an NAHL game -- which is the top junior hockey men's league in the country.

Troy HS



Troy Varsity Baseball won 1 and lost 2 against Oxford, putting their season standings so far at 3 & 2.

Athens HS



Athens Women's Varsity power lifters are 2023 State Champs!

DISTRICT ROUND-UP

ATHENS

Athens students celebrated their diverse communities with food, dance, music and more at their annual Ethnic Fair, which was well attended by students, families and community members.

IAE

IA East hosted its annual Art Exhibition and Empty Bowls Dinner, which showcased student art and served patrons homemade soup in original kiln-fired clay soup bowls.

TCCHS

45 TCC students toured Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus, met with guidance counselors and observed college students at work in OCC’s Automotive Lab, HVAC Lab, Science Labs, and Criminal Justice and Emergency Services facilities.

TROY HIGH

The 226 Hammerheads dominated at the FIRST Michigan State Championships (MSC) at Saginaw Valley State University winning many top-tier awards including the Consumers Energy Field Division and FIRST Impact award, as they prepare to compete at World Championships in Houston at the end of April.

BAKER

Students had a blast learning about polymer/plastic properties and physical/chemical changes during our PlastiVan presentation!

BOULAN PARK

BPMS’s Math Team won the State Mathcounts competition for the 12th time in the last 14 years at the GM Tech Center, advancing to Nationals in May in Florida!

LARSON

17 students recently competed at the 66th annual Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit, earning many Top 5 finishes—including the Grand Award and two First Place submissions.

SMITH

Smith's Symphonic Band earned first-division ratings and all A's at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Festival.

TSD PRESCHOOL

Elementary Principals, Literacy Specialists, Kindergarten Teachers, Social Workers and even school mascots from all 12 Elementary Schools visited Troy Preschool as guest readers and had a chance to spend time with future Kindergarten students.

BARNARD

4th graders recently hosted a Cultural Celebration for the whole school community, modeling traditional ethnic clothing, shared cultural art and family treasures, and performed songs to represent music around the world.

BEMIS

3rd grade teacher Ms. Nancy Kast was thrilled to receive a \$100 Scholastic Books e-gift card and a basket of goodies for her classroom for March is Reading Month from the David Purvis Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

COSTELLO

Students hosted their annual “Smoothie Café” to earn money for their own English Language Learner Library and the Humane Society. They sold healthy smoothies along with painted rocks, sweet treats and coffee, raising an impressive \$815.27!

HAMILTON

Over 100 students submitted original picture books to tell stories in various genres for the 7th annual Hamilcott writing contest; they hosted a celebration of the authors and the newest Hamilcott books are now in circulation in the Media Center!

HILL

Three 3rd grade classes—60 students—honored their heritages by singing songs, sharing facts and dressing in cultural clothing at the first in-person Diversity Celebration in 3 years!

LEONARD

Students explored passion projects by finding a topic of interest, researching in the media center, working with their teachers, and presenting their projects to their peers. This activity was partially funded by the Leonard PTA.

MARTELL

The staff at Martell has always believed in the education of young people and is providing a one-time grant of \$500 to be awarded to a former Martell student (who progressed through Troy Schools through High School).

MORSE

Mustangs celebrated Autism Acceptance Month with a guest speaker and challenge activities to promote inclusivity, as well as an acceptance-themed spirit week!

SCHROEDER

“Get Your Paws on a Good Book!” saw students at a pancake dinner, reading with family in the media center, participating in a STEM station, donating pet toys to an animal shelter, and reading the school-wide book *Fenway and Hattie*.

TROY UNION

Students participated in a service-learning project during February’s Month of Service, with the theme “Love Our Planet, Love Our People” and collected coats, books, and newspapers for animal shelters.

WASS

The Wass Family Bingo Night was totally awesome as they hosted over 300 students and family members 80s style, and the entire Wolf Pack read *The Bad Guys* for their One School/One Book initiative.

WATTLES

Students are participating in a STEM Robot Challenge by learning to program Dash-, Cublet-, Beebot- and Sphero- robots, among other coding challenges.

TROY CENTER

TCT will be the new home for the district’s Tina Houser Food Pantry; they are distributing the current supply on an as needed basis and will be moving dry goods from Morse over the summer in order to have the new Pantry fully operational by next fall. Stay tuned!

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