



The members of the Class of 2023 turned their tassels on Saturday, June 3rd, to signify the end of their high school careers, and left large shoes to fill for future classes. Among the graduates there were 13 students wearing the National Honor Society cords and 1 wearing the National Technical Honor Society cords, with 12 students receiving Honors Diplomas from the State of Ohio. The Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 was Kassandra Webb, and Salutatorians were Ashleah Levings, Kyndra Irwin, Elizabeth Leonhard, Lydia Leonhard, Benjamin Whitt, Madison Hack, Cole Hershner and Carter Kennon, all maintaining a 4.0+ GPA for their high school careers. This class accumulated more than 500 semester hours of college coursework, and among the graduates there are 3 individuals, Maddison Hursey, Nicholas Garvey, and Levi Johnston, who will be serving in our nation's armed forces.

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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent

It's been a great 2022/23 School Year! This time of year is great for celebrating our Class of 2023! They have left a great legacy for Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools. We celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. We particularly appreciate the leadership and MG Pride our Class of 2023 has provided our younger students during the school year.

In my message to our Class of 2023 during the Graduation Ceremony, I shared the following: *You join the long purple line of Mount Gilead Graduates before you. You are always welcome here in Mount Gilead Schools. We love you, we're proud of you, and we wish you all the best in all of your dreams and pursuits! Don't forget the power of relationships first and foremost. Thank you for being a special class and congratulations!*

As the Superintendent, I appreciate the collective efforts of our entire staff as well. I know each of them play an integral part in making our school district successful. This year we celebrated the following staff members who reached important milestones with years of service in the district:

5 Years of Service

Lorena Boller	Teresa DeLaCruz	Tom Lewis
Stephanie Otten	Julie Rhea	Jody Timmer

10 Years of Service

Becky Bartlett	Morgan Dettra	Jason Ross
Whitney Swinehart	Lyndsay Wyeth	

15 Years of Service

Bonnie Bostic	Julie Gregory	Gretchen Jolliff
Elizabeth Kohler	Jesse Thompson	Amy Todd

20 Years of Service

Gary Bartlett

25 Years of Service

Libby Aguirre	Kim Auld	Scott Hines
Mandy Rocks		

Retirement

Maggie McElroy	Luane Campbell
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If you see the above mentioned people out in the community, please thank them for their service to our Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools!

During the 2023/2024 School Year, we will continue to work on our goals that are tied to our Strategic Plan. Our Strategic Plan has three primary goals associated with it. They include:

Goal 1: Increase positive interactions through mentorship for all students.

Goal 2: We will create open lines of communication for all stakeholders.

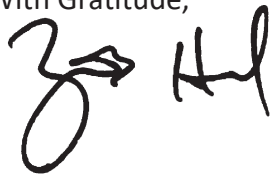
Goal 3: Involve the community, parents, and students to enhance educational opportunities.

We will spend the Summer planning for a successful start to our 2023/24 School Year and we look forward to

continued progress on our Strategic Plan so we can be the district our school community expects us to be!

It's an honor to serve the Mount Gilead Schools! I hope all have a safe and relaxing Summer and we look forward to seeing our students again September 6th for our first day of school in the next school year! Over the Summer, we will communicate "Back to School" Plans and events with the community.

With Gratitude,



Dr. Zack Howard
MGEVS Superintendent

Pair of MG Seniors Participate in National JAG Competition in Florida

Months of preparation and hard work paid off for MG Senior Ashleah Levings who brought home a 2nd place victory in the category of Prepared Public Speaking at the National Career Development Conference in Orlando in April.

Levings and fellow MG Senior Kyndra Irwin headed to the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Competition in Orlando April 20-22. They were two of just 24 Ohio and 3,000 overall competitors. While there, the pair not only competed, but also participated in educational workshops; went to a college/career expo; listened to motivational speakers; saw a hypnotist and got to spend a day at Universal Studios.

On Thursday, they each presented their speeches. Their topic? "How has Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) supported you in looking towards and preparing for the future?"

Under the local direction of JOG Job Specialist Gerry Hartman, Irwin and Levings prepared for this trip. After placing 1st and 2nd at the JOG District Competition.

"If you get the opportunity to be in JOG, do it," said

Levings. "It brings so many opportunities to kids. It's one of the few things we can do to academically challenge ourselves outside of the classroom."

Both Levings and Irwin plan to attend Kent State this fall where they will both be in the Honors program. Irwin will study Visual

Communication Design with hopes of becoming a Graphic Designer while Levings works towards a degree in Psychology to become a research psychologist.

The pair wish to thank their teachers, especially Mrs. Hartman and Ms. Pfeiffer for their support and all those who supported them financially and otherwise in getting them to Florida.

This was the first time Mt. Gilead EV Schools has ever had representation at the National JAG Competition.



MGEVS Graduates the Class of 2023

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Class President, Madilyn Elson welcomed everyone and gave thanks to all who played such an important role in their journey. "We are so grateful for each and every one of you and appreciate the impact you have made in our lives."

Salutatorian, Cole Hershner, in the student message, stated that their fellowship shows the hard work and dedication that has been poured into the graduates. "Today is a great accomplishment that we should all be very proud of...it doesn't end here. Rather, this is where we get to grow and choose where we take our future."

Salutatorian, Ashleigh Levings delivered the Salutatory Address where she looked to the future saying that it will look very different for each classmate – some going to college, others to the world of work, joining the military, or attending a trade school. The one constant, however is that the soon-to-be graduates were all "itching to get out in the world and get a little taste of freedom, and mostly get out of the gym." She stated, "I know that we are going to miss this place, miss all the memories we made here, miss the friends we made, the bonds we had with teachers, miss our sports and our coaches, miss the underclassmen, and everything we have done here."

Valedictorian, Kassandra Webb, told of her excitement of being named Valedictorian only to realize that with this honor came the responsibility of delivering the Valedictory Speech at Graduation. She talked about all that her class has learned at MGHS – no, not from books nor academics, but rather, from each other. "We were all able to watch each other grow and become the young adults we are today. We all did things that shaped one another, and we all made choices that affected one another." She gave very sound advice when she stated, "Don't let the roadblocks of life tear you down. Persevere and you can do anything. Today we are turning the page to another chapter of our lives, but before we turn that page, let's celebrate today!"

The one constant in all of the speakers' messages was that the Class of 2023 is destined for great things!

Senior Choir members, under the direction of Cierra Culler, sang the National Anthem, and delivered their final high school performance with the Symphonic Choir singing, "Oceans and Stars", paralleling the voyages the students will be making in life with a river's journey to the sea. "I will miss you, promise you won't be gone long. On your way, sing out your greatest song!"

The ceremony ended with Madilyn Elson leading the graduates in the turning of the tassel, followed by the recessional by the MGHS Concert Band, under the direction of Ross Runyan.

The class of 2023 motto reads, "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails," (Dolly Parton). This class has taken many huge steps while 'adjusting their sails' toward their journey. We are sure that they are well on their way to going far! The world awaits!

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Some of the 19 Tri-Rivers Career Center Students who earned diplomas at Mount Gilead EVS.



Senior Choir members perform the National Anthem during the commencement ceremony.



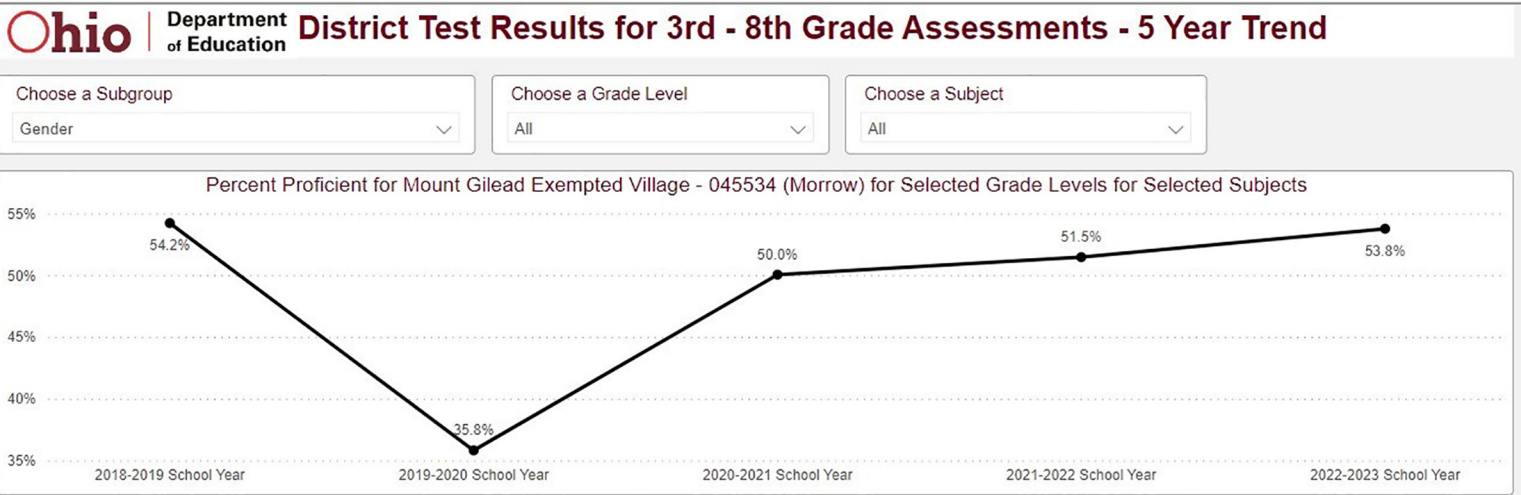
Valedictorian Kassandra Webb

Curriculum & Development News

As we celebrate the end of the school year it is time to reflect on all the accomplishments of our staff and students and recognize their hard work. While nobody loves standardized testing, it is one way we measure academic achievement. We give 20 different Ohio State Tests each spring: 6 End Of Course (EOC) exams at the High School (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, ELA II, American History & Government), 6 grade level Math & English tests for grades 3-8, and 2 Science exams in 5th & 8th grade.

This year when the results arrived there was a lot to cheer about. The state refers to passing the test in terms of proficiency. The scores are rated 1-5, and scoring 3 or above is considered proficient. We had proficiency rates above the state average on 13 out of the 20 tests. We also improved our performance over last year's scores on 13 out of 20 tests, and for 15 of the 20 tests more than half our students scored proficient or better. We had 5 tests where students improved the proficiency rate by more than 20% over last year! It is clear we are recovering from the learning loss experienced during COVID closures and closing gaps.

The High School EOC exams also play an important role in Graduation. Students must show competency with their scores on Algebra 1 and ELA II, and can earn seals with their Biology and Social Studies Exams. 133 students met competency on at least one of the two required exams and 63 earned at least 1 seal. Individual student result reports will be mailed by our guidance counselors to each student during the summer.



MGMS 7th Graders Launch Catapults

The 7th grade Science students participated in the annual catapult launch project. The project is assigned to align with their medieval unit in Social Studies. The students must construct a catapult to launch a marshmallow under specific constraints.

The students participate in an initial launch and the top catapults then compete in a second day of competition to determine the winner. The following students advanced to the finals this year: Bailey Bault, Memphis Clapper, Zane Grandstaff, Dakota Kipp, Marshall Hand, Brycen Gabriel, Aiden Keller, Rigley Coniglio, Grayson Smith, and Shelby Hursey.

Zane Grandstaff (pictured right) ultimately took home the catapult champion title with a launch of 79.7 ft. His name will be displayed on the famous green jacket. Thank you to the students and their families for their continued support of this project. This was the 14th year of the catapult competition.



Catapult winner Zane Grandstaff

JOG Students Compete at 2023 Career Development Conference

The Career Development Conference brings together students from across Ohio to showcase their knowledge and skills in one of twelve competitions centered on the soft skills they develop through their time in JOG, such as career preparation, creative decision-making, and employability skills.

This year's North Central JOG conference was held on April 14 at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield, Ohio, where over 120 students from four districts participated in 20 different employability and career-based competitions. Schools in attendance included: GOAL Digital Academy, GOAL's JAG Credit Recovery Program, Mount Gilead, Northmor and Delaware Hayes.

Congratulations to this years awardees:

9th Grade Career Manuals: 3rd place- Alana Patterson, 2nd place- Danielle Pohlkotte, 1st place- Kendall Neal

9th Grade Decision Making: 3rd place- Abby Leonhard, 2nd place- Kendall Neal, 1st place- Owen Hershner

9th Leadership and Collage: 3rd place- Alana Patterson, 2nd place- A'Lesha White, 1st place- Abby Leonhard

10th Grade Decision Making: 3rd place- Natalie Jagger, 1st place- Lia Alexander

10th Grade Public Speaking: 3rd place- Riley Cardwell, 2nd place- Lia Alexander, 1st place Alexis Calsmer

Visual Display: 2nd place- Olivia Long, Cheznee Hart and Faith White

Team Challenge: 2nd place- Riley Cardwell, Kimberly Staley, Natalie Jagger and Joey Baldwin, 1st place- Savannah Wilt, Will Baker, Logan Klemann, Dakota Brocklesby

Cover Design: 3rd place- Kimberly Staley, 1st place Joey Baldwin

Chapter Scrapbook: 2nd place- Aubrey Thomas and Shelba Fisher

Telephone Technique: 2nd place Aubrey Thomas

Employability Skills Test: 3rd place- Shelba Fisher

Application Technique: 3rd place- Aubrey Thomas and 1st place Shelba Fisher

Financial Planning: 3rd place- Aubrey Thomas, 2nd place- Shelba Fisher, 1st Place Kierra Main

Students for Service: 2nd place- Grace Shipman and Madilyn Elson

Public Speaking- 2nd place- Kyndra Irwin and 1st place Ashleah Levings

JOG Garage Sale Proceeds Benefit Local Teen Center

The annual JOG garage sale was held June 8th - 10th at Park Avenue Elementary School gym. This year's proceeds were donated to the Safe Haven Teen Center located at 290 Lincoln Avenue at the corner of Lincoln and Delaware Street in Mount Gilead. Thank you to all who donated items or stopped by to shop.



Call today: 1-800-755-4769

Morrow County Help Me Grow Provides Early Intervention Services

Did you know that services are available to children birth to age 3 who have delays in development?

Early Intervention/Help Me Grow can assist families in assessing your child's development and provide services, if needed, to address areas of difficulty! For more information, please call the Early Intervention intake line at 1-800-755-4769.

CBI Students Earn Ohio Means Jobs Seals

Congratulations to the following Career Based Intervention (CBI) students who met the requirements for the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal and completed all 14 professional skills. This seal is for all High School students to be prepared for work outside of the school. These students are able to add the OMJ Seal to their resumes to separate themselves from others for a possible opportunity for employment in the future: Levi Baer, Devin Bodi, Irene Cuevas, Ashley Hook, Haydan Ingle, Garrick Lemon, Dawson Pickens, Sydnie Salisbury and Kenia Williamson.

Additionally, 12 students completed the Rise Up program and earned 12 points for the State of Ohio Industrial Credit Seal: Payton Ammerman, Isaiah Carmon, Irene Cuevas, Trey Gingerich, Ashley Hook, Haydan Ingle, Garrick Lemon, Sydnie Salisbury, Kierra Main, Marrah Willeke and Natalie Young.

The CBI class is under the direction of Instructor/Coordinator Nathan Davis.



Senior CBI Students

Students Learn Awareness of Environmental Issues in MGMS Club

The MGMS Environmental Club wrapped up another successful year! We continue to raise awareness about issues impacting ecosystems and are taking on some beautification projects within the district.

In February, students repurposed recycled paper into handmade valentines with embedded seeds (so that they will grow when planted). Proceeds from the sale of these valentines were donated to the "Save Our Monarchs", an organization dedicated to the conservation of the Monarch Butterfly, which was added to the endangered species list in 2022.

March and April were spent germinating seeds for the purpose of converting the green space in the back of the school into a perennial pollinator garden (to attract monarchs and other pollinators). Students and staff were able to enjoy some Spring color along the side of the middle school, when the bulbs planted by club members last Fall started to bloom. We were able to transplant some of our seed starts into the green space behind the building in May and were fortunate to receive a donation of mulch from the village to aid us in this endeavor. The club intends to continue its efforts in the green space to make further improvements next year.

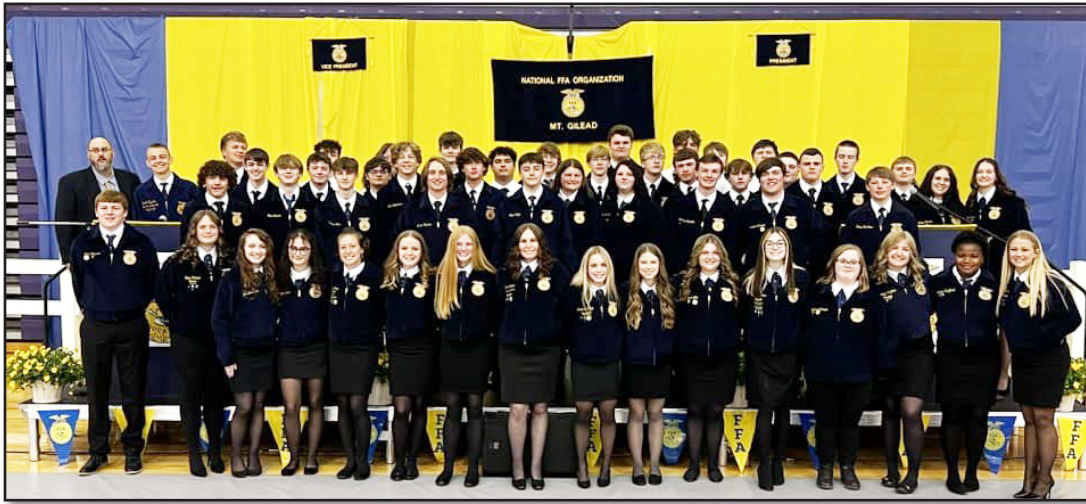
The MGMS Environmental Club is under the direction of 6th Grade Science Teacher Jennifer Reed.



Members of the MGMS Environmental Club and MGMS Builders Club (pictured above and below) teamed up for beautification of outdoor space.



MG FFA Chapter Earns Awards, Elects Officers



The Mount Gilead FFA chapter held its annual spring FFA Banquet on April 15, 2023. There were more than 280 members, parents, teachers, administrators and community members present at this year's event. During our banquet we elected new officers for the 2023-2024 year, gave out Honorary Member Awards, Top Class Awards, recognized the top CDE participants and teams, Dekalb Award recipient, awarded the Star Chapter Greenhand, Chapter Star Farmer, Chapter Star in Agricultural Placement, 4-year membership recipients, the Ag Credit 110% Award winner, American Degrees, and State Degrees.

Top Class Awards were awarded to, Freshman Brogan Pfeleiderer, Sophomore Kimberly Staley, Junior Emily Mattix, and the top Senior was Taylor Ottman. Next we recognized Rebeka Clark as the 110% award winner. The Dekalb Award was presented to Taylor Ottman. The Chapter Star Greenhand was Shalynn Irwin, Chapter Star in Agricultural Placement was Kyle St. Clair, the Chapter Star Farmer was Hunter Meimer. The State Degree recipients of Taylor Ottman, Emily Mattix, Hunter Meimer, Bryan Sayers, Mitchell Sayers and Kyle St. Clair were recognized. As well as Taylor Nelson and Rebecca Staley who will be receiving their American Degrees in November.

Lastly the chapter installed the newly elected officers of Mitchell Sayers (President), Emily Mattix (Vice Pres.), Kimberly Staley (Secretary), Natalie Jagger (Treasurer), Kyle St. Clair (Reporter), Bryan Sayers (Sentinel), Justin Wooddell (Student Advisor), and Lia Alexander (Historian).

The Mount Gilead FFA Chapter also attended the 95th Ohio State FFA Convention at the Ohio Expo Center on May 4th and 5th. The members who attended were able to attend all five convention sessions as well as the career show.

To start off the convention the FFA chapter attended the first session where the chapter was recognized for charitable giving by contributing at least \$500 to a local charity or cause in the community. They were also inspired by the words of the keynote speaker Lasada Phippen. At the fourth session on Friday, Kimberly Staley chapter secretary, Emily Mattix chapter treasurer, and Emma Kincaid chapter reporter (pictured top right) were recognized for their gold rated officer books.

At the fifth and final session, six members were awarded their State FFA Degree: Taylor Ottman, Emily Mattix, Hunter Meimer, Bryan Sayers, Mitchell Sayers and Kyle St. Clair.



MGMS Hosts Science Fair

Mount Gilead Middle School was pleased to bring back the Science fair this Spring!

The event featured projects of many varieties that were completed by our 6th and 7th grade students and we welcomed several judges from the community as well as surrounding school districts to help determine the top participants.

We are greatly appreciative of the outpouring of support received from parents and community members as the projects progressed.



The 2023 Science fair Winners are (left to right): Lily Martin (1st Place), Amelia Newsome (2nd Place), Marshall Hand (3rd Place), Gwen Hershner (Principal's Award), and Neko Biederman (Superintendent's Award)

Freshmen JOG Students donate blankets, visit Fire Station

The high school freshmen JOG program made 11 fleece blankets this year. On May 11th the students walked to the fire station to donate the blankets to the EMT department to hand out to children during an emergency.

The students also learned about how to become a firefighter and the use of some of the equipment. Thank you, Chad Swank and Connor McKirgan for hosting us.



PAE Students Participate in Cooking Class

Several Park Avenue Elementary 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students participated in an afterschool 4H cooking class taught by Rebecca Barker, Robin Conrad and Jan Johnson.

The students learned to read recipes, proper hand washing, measuring, mixing and how to properly use a microwave, stove and oven. The final class consisted of making a lasagna dinner, which consisted of vegetables and dip, Lasagna, Italian bread, homemade butter and homemade peanut butter cups.



Peyton Hayes Named PAE Featured Artist

The Park Avenue Elementary featured artist is 5th grade student Peyton Hayes.

Peyton not only creates wonderful illustrations, he has been sewing and creating stuffed characters since he was eight years old. His grandma taught him to sew during the pandemic. Peyton created all the characters he is pictured with at right.

Peyton plans to keep sewing and creating new characters.



Students Win Outstanding Artist Awards

Four middle school students (pictured right) won outstanding artist awards at this year's Artapalooza at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield, Ohio.

The Artapalooza Fine Arts Exhibit is one of the largest displays in the area, featuring over 500 student artworks from regional public and non-public schools.

Congratulations students!



District Fine Arts Festival Highlights Many Talented Artists

The Mount Gilead School District Fine Arts Festival 2023 was a huge success! Students showcased their artwork and awards were won!

This year, our Middle School Principal selected a Principal's Choice and 2 honorable mention Awards from the art show.

Principal's Choice: Shelby Robinson, 8th grade

Honorable Mention: Avery Johnson, 8th grade

Honorable Mention: Reyna Esparza, 7th grade

This year, 8th grader Maddi Ammerman (pictured right), was the first middle school student to win the High School Principal's Purchase Award for her found object artwork, titled "Sass".



The Middle School Art Club was very active and doing fundraising during the Art Show. Students volunteered their time selling snow cones, applying Henna tattoos, making goodies for the bake sale and spent a few months prior to the art show making beautiful handmade roses to sell for Mother's Day or to give to that special someone!

MG Athletes Receive KMAC Awards

Softball

1st Team- Greer Simpson
Honorable Mention- Kierra Main
All Academic- Alexis Staats

Baseball

1st Team- Carter Kennon
2nd Team- Gage Baker
Honorable Mention- Nick Garvey
All Academic- Judah Reid

Middle School Girls Track & Field

1st place High Jump: Bailey Bault
1st place 1600m: Gwen Hershner

Middle School Boys Track & Field

1st place 200 Hurdles: Taelan Davis

High School Girls Track & Field

Runner of the Year: Madilyn Elson
1st place 100m: Madilyn Elson
1st place 4x100m: Grace Shipman, Natalie Waugh, Faith White, Madilyn Elson
1st place 200m: Madilyn Elson
1st place High Jump: Danielle Pohlkotte
2nd Team 100 Hurdles: Rebeka Clark
2nd Team 4x200m: Grace Shipman, Claudia Hernando-Montes, Faith White, Danielle Pohlkotte
2nd Team Discus: Mikala Harris
Honorable Mention 400m: Madilyn Elson
Honorable Mention 300 Hurdles: Darbie Dillon
All Academic: Grace Shipman



High School Boys Track & Field

KMAC Champions
Lauren Huelsman Co-Coach of the year
1st place 4x100m: Owen High, Quade Harris, Matthew Bland, Abram Shonk
1st place 200m: Quade Harris
1st place 3200m: Will Baker
1st place High Jump: Owen High
1st place Long Jump: Matthew Bland
2nd Team 4x800m: Aaron Gannon, Wyatt Mowry, Parker Bartlett, Will Baker
2nd Team 1600m: Will Baker
2nd Team 400m: Matthew Bland
2nd Team 200m: Jonathan Miller
2nd Team 3200m: Parker Bartlett
Honorable Mention 110 Hurdles: Ceegan Moore
Honorable Mention 300 Hurdles: Wyatt Mowry
Honorable Mention Discus: Ben Whitt
All Academic: Ben Whitt

In addition to the above named awards, the OHSAA and Mount Gilead Track & Field is proud to announce that three athletes have qualified as Academic All-Ohioans for this season.

Requirements include a 3.5 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale, compete in the state meet, and be a sophomore or older.

Congratulations to Aaron Gannon, Parker Bartlett, and Will Baker on this achievement.



MG Alum Pursuing Doctor of Veterinary Med Degree Hopes to Return “Home” Soon

Erika Stevens graduated with honors from Mt. Gilead High School in 2014. She graduated Cum Laude from Ashland University in 2018 with a Major in Biology and a minor in Psychology. While attending Ashland Erika participated in a two year research project at the Wetlands in Ashland. She also interned at the Duke Lemur Center in North Carolina after graduating from Ashland. Upon returning from NC Erika worked at a local boarding kennel and grooming salon, a local dairy farm milking cows and at a thoroughbred horse farm caring for and assisting with foaling horses. She now works at an infectious disease lab at the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine and at a vet clinic in Sunbury, OH.

Erika is currently attending The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree with a focus on large animal care. She hopes to eventually return to Morrow County after completing her DVM to fill a much needed large animal veterinary vacancy.

Erika's parents are Fred and Carol Stevens of Mt. Gilead.

News from the MGEVS Central Kitchen



BREAKFASTS:

Total breakfasts sold district-wide: 28,771
Breakfasts sold in Elementary: 21,773
Breakfasts sold in Middle School: 3,880
Breakfasts sold in High School: 3,118

- District-Wide Paid Students for the school year we served 9,569 breakfasts
- District-Wide Reduced Students for the school year we served 3,148 breakfasts
- District-Wide Free Students for the school year we served 16,054 breakfasts

LUNCHES:

Total lunches sold district-wide: 79,887
Lunches sold in Elementary: 38,635
Lunches sold in Middle School: 18,669
Lunches sold in High School: 22,583

- District-Wide Paid Students for the school year we served 38,575 Lunches
- District-Wide Reduced Students for the school year we served 7,086 Lunches
- District-Wide Free Students for the school year we served 34,226 Lunches

Total Meals sold District-wide in 2022-2023: 108,658

Total Student Enrollment for Mt. Gilead Exempted Village Schools: 1,026
Total Students enrolled as Paid* Students: 625
Total Students enrolled as Reduced* Students: 73
Total Students enrolled as Free* Students: 328



* Schools had some flexibility during COVID in that they could serve all kids free meals. Those options have expired, so schools can't serve meals free anymore. Instead, families need to do what they did before COVID. Schools will take applications and use family income to qualify kids for free, reduced-price, or paid meals. This application process needs to be completed every year. Contact your students' school office for more information.

MG's Will Baker takes Podium Stand at State Track & Field Meet



Congratulations to the Mount Gilead High School Boys Track and Field Team and Coaches on another successful season.

A few of our athletes qualified for the OHSAA State Competition. Will Baker took the podium in 7th place in the 1600 earning him All-Ohio honors. Additionally, Aaron Gannon, Parker Bartlett, Baker, Owen Hershner and Carson Mowery qualified for State events.

MG Clothes Closet to Distribute Again in September

The Mount Gilead Clothes Closet will begin distributing free clothing in mid-Sept. Forms will be available for students K-12 and will be distributed in each building. Families can participate in The Clothes Closet in addition to other community clothing assistance programs.

Coach, Players Compete at North Central Ohio All-Star Football Classic

MGHS Football staff and under the direction of Coach Mike Reid were selected to Coach in the North Central Ohio Football All Star Game. The game was held at Clear Fork High School on Friday June 9, at 7:00 PM. Four Mt. Gilead players were on the team we are coaching: Matt Bland, Judah Reid, Owen High, and Garrett George.



MG to Host Unstoppables Youth Camp

On Wednesday, July 19th, The Mt. Gilead Football program will be hosting the Unstoppables and conducting an adaptive youth football camp for young people with special needs. It will be a free camp open for any person with special needs, from any school, from grades K-12. It will run from 6-8 PM.

For more information, or to register, please visit unstoppablesports.org



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Mount Gilead Alumni and Honor Brick Program

The MG Music Boosters is proud to make paving bricks available to honor or memorialize ANY alumni. The bricks will be placed at the High School Football Field around the Victory Bell. These are for anyone, not just members of the music program.

There are two sizes of bricks to choose from and spacing allows a maximum of 15 characters per line, including spaces.

Any purchase of 5 bricks or more will include a 20% discount. Any graduating senior will also receive a 20% discount. These make great graduation gifts!

Scan the QR Code to the right with your phone camera to complete the form and arrange payment. All Checks should be written out to MG Music Boosters, Inc. Payments should be mailed. Each Brick Order will need a separate order form. Payment can be combined if contact info matches on all orders.

Mail payment to: MG Music Boosters, PO Box 425, Mount Gilead, OH 43338



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MGMS Student Makes Splash in Swimming Circuit

Mt. Gilead 7th Grader Evan Irons has been swimming competitively for the New Albany Aquatic Club & Mt. Gilead Barracuda's for the last four years.

Through his dedication to the sport and his personal improvement, Evan has become a regional champion and Ohio State Jr. Olympic qualifier. In July 2022, Evan won the 100 breaststroke at Kenyon College which qualified him for the State Jr. Olympics at Miami University (long course) where he finished 7th in the state!

Recently, he qualified in 7 events at regionals (short course) place 1st in four of those events. Evan swims nearly year-round, 4- to 5- days a week, including summers at Denison University, Kenyon College and New Albany.

Evan's future goals are to earn an appointment to the US Air Force Academy or US Naval Academy and become a pilot.

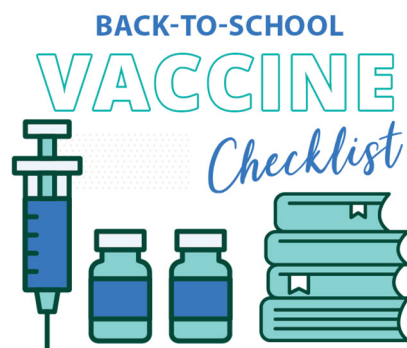
Evan's proud parents are Lindy Irons and Don Robinson

Many Mt. Gilead Students to Take the Stage this Summer

Many of our talented students will be rehearsing this summer for Morrow Little Theatre's production of Disney's The Jungle Book Kids. The performances will be held July 21st and 22nd at 7pm, and the 23rd at 2:30pm at the Mount Gilead High School auditoria.



Additionally, four MGHS students and a MGMS student will have parts in Galion Community Theatre's production of The SpongeBob Musical. Show dates are June 16, 17, 24, 25 at 7:30 PM and June 25 at 2 PM.



School-Age Vaccine Requirements

As the new school year approaches, it is important to ensure students are prepared with all their necessary supplies and that they are on top of all their required immunizations.

Several immunizations are required for school attendance and some children may have been delayed in getting boosters due to the pandemic.

However, it is crucial to stay on schedule with these immunizations. Immunizations save lives and protect kids from serious illnesses.

For children needing immunizations to meet State of Ohio requirements, parents and guardians can contact their family doctor, or the Morrow County Health District at (419)947-1545 x 323

2023-2024 Required School Vaccines

Kindergarten:

- 4 doses Dtap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis),
- 3 doses Polio,
- 2 doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella),
- 2 doses Varicella,
- 3 doses hepatitis B

7th Grade:

- 1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis),
- 1 dose Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)

12th Grade:

- 2 doses total of Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)

Additional immunizations recommended by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Hepatitis A

MS Cross Country

Monday	8/21/2023	Northmor XC Invite
Saturday	8/26/2023	Tiger Classic- Seneca East
Saturday	9/2/2023	Highland XC Invite
Saturday	9/9/2023	Stars, Stripes, and Lights- Seneca East
Saturday	9/16/2023	Galion Cross Country Festival
Saturday	9/23/2023	Bill Brown Invite- Ontario
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Denny Stevens Invitational
Saturday	9/30/2023	TBA
Saturday	10/7/2023	Harding Invitational- Marion Harding
Saturday	10/14/2023	KMAC League Meet- Kokosing Dam

MS Football

Wednesday	8/23/2023	Lucas	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/31/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	Loudonville	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/14/2023	@ East Knox	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/21/2023	Centerburg	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/28/2023	@ Northmor	5:00 PM
Thursday	10/5/2023	@ Danville	5:00 PM
Thursday	10/12/2023	Cardington	7:00 PM

MS Volleyball

Tuesday	8/15/2023	@ Mansfield	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/19/2023	Elgin	10:00 AM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Danville	5:00 PM
Tuesday	8/22/2023	Colonel Crawford	5:00 PM
Wednesday	8/23/2023	@ Northmor	5:00 PM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Loudonville	10:00 AM
Monday	8/28/2023	@ Centerburg	5:00 PM
Tuesday	9/5/2023	@ Grant	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	@ Gilead Christian	5:30 PM
Monday	9/11/2023	@ East Knox	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/13/2023	Cardington	5:00 PM
Monday	9/18/2023	Danville	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/20/2023	Northmor	5:00 PM
Monday	9/25/2023	Centerburg	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/27/2023	Bucyrus	5:00 PM
Monday	10/2/2023	Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Tuesday	10/3/2023	Wynford	5:00 PM
Wednesday	10/4/2023	East Knox	5:00 PM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Granville	11:00 AM
Monday	10/9/2023	@ Cardington	5:00 PM
Saturday	10/14/2023	@ KMAC	10:00 AM

Athletic Passes On-Sale August 1 at the MGHS Office



Student Pass Options

\$40	Fall Sports Only
\$50	Winter Sports Only
\$75	All Sports

Adult Pass Options

\$55	Fall Sports Only
\$80	Winter Sports Only
\$125	All Sports

Family Sports Pass Options

(2 adults and K-12 Children living in the same household)

\$135	Fall Sports Only
\$220	Winter Sports Only
\$325	All Sports

Senior (Grandparent) Passes

For anyone 60 or older. Annual Purchase.

\$25	All Sports
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Passes will be available at the High School Office beginning August 1: M-F, 8 AM to 2 PM

Full payment is required at time of purchase (checks payable to Mt. Gilead Schools)

Pass entitles holder to entrance at any regular season home sporting event.

Passes must be presented at each event or regular price will be charged.

Passes are NON-TRANSFERABLE

Passes do not apply to post-season events.

Golf

Wednesday	8/9/2023	KMAC #1- Wyandot GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	8/16/2023	Cardington/Centerburg- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM
Thursday	8/17/2023	@ East Knox- Apple Valley GC	4:00 PM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Centerburg- Wyandot GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	8/23/2023	Cardington/East Knox- Kings Mill GC	9:00 AM
Wednesday	8/30/2023	KMAC #2- Apple Valley GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	Cardington/Fredericktown- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM
Tuesday	9/12/2023	@ Fredericktown/Northmor- Vernon	4:00 PM
Saturday	9/16/2023	KMAC #3 Vernon View GC	8:00 AM
Wednesday	9/20/2023	@ Cardington/Northmor- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM

HS Cross Country

Tuesday	8/22/2023	Upper Sandusky Icebreaker
Saturday	8/26/2023	Kipp Krinn XC Invite- Col Crawford
Saturday	9/9/2023	Stars, Stripes, and Lights- Seneca East
Saturday	9/16/2023	Galion Cross Country Festival
Saturday	9/23/2023	Fleet Feet- Strongsville
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Denny Stevens Invitational- Kokosing Dam
Saturday	9/30/2023	TBA
Saturday	10/7/2023	Harding Invitational- Marion Harding
Saturday	10/14/2023	KMAC League Meet- Kokosing Dam



Varsity Football

Saturday	8/5/2023	@ Bucyrus/Hardin Northern (Scrim)	10:00 AM
Friday	8/11/2023	Plymouth (Scrim)	6:00 PM
Friday	8/18/2023	@ Triad	7:00 PM
Friday	8/25/2023	Upper Sandusky- Military Appreciation Night (All Veterans get in no charge)	7:00 PM
Friday	9/1/2023	@ Grove City Christian	7:00 PM
Friday	9/8/2023	@ Loudonville	7:00 PM
Friday	9/15/2023	Fredericktown	7:00 PM
Friday	9/22/2023	East Knox	7:00 PM
Friday	9/29/2023	@ Centerburg	7:00 PM
Friday	10/6/2023	Northmor Homecoming	7:00 PM
Friday	10/13/2023	Danville Senior Recognition	7:00 PM
Friday	10/20/2023	@ Cardington	7:00 PM

JV Football

Saturday	8/19/2023	Triad	10:00 AM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Upper Sandusky	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/2/2023	Grove City Christian	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/9/2023	Loudonville	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/16/2023	@ Fredericktown	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/23/2023	@ East Knox	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/30/2023	Centerburg	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Northmor	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/14/2023	@ Danville	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/21/2023	Cardington	10:00 AM

HS Volleyball

Tuesday	8/8/2023	@ Crestline (Scrim)	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/10/2023	Delaware Christian	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/15/2023	Colonel Crawford	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/17/2023	Mansfield Christian	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/19/2023	Elgin	12:30 PM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Gilead Christian	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/22/2023	@ Danville	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Loudonville	10:00 AM
Monday	8/28/2023	@ Clear Fork	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/29/2023	@ Centerburg	5:30 PM
Tuesday	9/5/2023	@ Plymouth	5:30 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	Northmor	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	Fredericktown	5:30 PM
Tuesday	9/12/2023	East Knox	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/14/2023	@ Cardington	5:30 PM
Saturday	9/16/2023	@ Ridgedale Invite	10:00 AM
Tuesday	9/19/2023	Danville	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/21/2023	@ Northmor	5:30 PM
Saturday	9/23/2023	@ Ridgedale Invite (JV)	10:00 AM
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Centerburg	5:30 PM
Tuesday	10/3/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:30 PM
Thursday	10/5/2023	@ East Knox	5:30 PM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Granville Christian	12:30 PM
Tuesday	10/10/2023	Cardington	5:30 PM
Saturday	10/14/2023	Northside Christian Senior Recognition	11:00 AM



MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Mount Gilead High School Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, their school, and our community through excellence in athletics.

The deadline to nominate is August 31st. The Induction Ceremony will be held on Feb 10, 2024 prior to the varsity basketball game vs Cardington. For more details or to download application packet, visit: mgschools.org/athletics/mghs-hof



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Tradition Continues with Middle School Principal

Two eighth graders were selected to paint a mural on a brick in Middle School Principal Clay Grube's office.

Sophie Mosher (left) painted the mural representing the current 8th grade graduating class and Avery Johnson (right) painted the mural for the graduating class of 2027.



**ALUMNI
EVENTS**
CALENDAR

Did you know you can look at upcoming Alumni Events by visiting the newly-designed mgschools.org website? Simply click on Alumni under Quick Access Links for upcoming alumni events as well as important alumni information. Have information to share? Contact Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org to have your event included.

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools

BACK *to* **School** **OPEN HOUSE** *& Street Fair*

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Street Fair 5- 6 PM

Open House 6-8 PM

Join us outside for food trucks, and local vendors while we welcome students back and announce our Fall athletes. Then, join us inside our buildings and tour your students classroom and meet our staff!

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Important Upcoming Events

June

17: MG Athletic Booster Golf Outing
20: Board of Education Meeting

July

18: Board of Education Meeting

August

15: Board of Education Meeting
24: MGEVS Street Fair & Open House
25: Military Appreciation Night Football Game vs.
Upper Sandusky (All Veterans get in free)
31: Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline

September

4: No School - Labor Day
5: No School - Teacher Work Day
6: First day of classes for grades 1 through 12
22: 2-Hour Early Release - Teacher In-Service

happy
SUMMER!

Classes Resume

