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# Health, safety and

## **Reviewing the District's plans**

chool emergencies can take many of forms. Across the country, public and private schools alike are routinely called to respond to a variety of events beyond the threat of a building intruder. Much more common crises include:

- Student or staff medical emergencies
- Hallway disruptions
- · Power outages
- Severe storms
- Neighborhood gas leaks
- Minor bus accidents
- Non-credible threats received
- Criminal activity in the area

Considering the scope of possible incidents, preparation is the key. That's why one of the ongoing priority goals for Mounds View Public Schools is to review, update and refresh its health, safety and security plans.

"Parents expect us to provide the best education possible for their

students, and they also entrust us to keep their children safe while they're in our buildings," says Jonathan Weinhagen, School Board chair. "All of us take that responsibility very seriously, from the policy level with the School Board to the operations level with our administrators and staff. Safety and security is a top priority, and it requires a team effort."

Addressing this priority has focused on the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Here's what that looks like in Mounds View Public Schools.



**92%** of parents

say Mounds View

**Public Schools** 

provides a safe

environment for

- Morris Leatherman Company, survey

their students.

research firm, April 2022



On the cover:

School Resource Officer Joe Marcoux, a deputy with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, spends time at lunch break with Chippewa Middle School sixthgraders Pranshi Kamboi. Krisha Dubey, Elena Hanggi, Tanishka Pawar and Aditi Verma.

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# security



## Preventing an event

## **Building security**

- Students and visitors only enter and exit through the controlled access main entrance, equipped with a buzzer security system.
- All other exterior doors are locked during the school day.
- Prior to entry, visitors are asked to show a photo ID which is checked by a visitor management system.
- Video camera systems are positioned at multiple entry points and are monitored during the school day.
- Students and staff are asked to be proactive in reporting to administration all suspicious activities or any person who doesn't have a badge or seems out of place.
- A District security committee comprised of operations, human resources and technology staff meets regularly to review and update procedures and practices related to building access including key fobs, keys, alarm codes and staff badges.





Pinewood Elementary School students and staff practice one of their five fire drills for the school year.

## Readiness for an event

- Every school has a crisis response team that meets throughout the school year to review procedures which staff members are trained to follow in the event of an emergency.
- Every school has a comprehensive crisis plan explained in the school's handbook.
- As required by the state, students and staff participate in a series of safety drills annually:
  - Five fire drills
  - Five lock-down drills
  - One tornado drill
- All 911 calls made from schools are immediately reported to the District Center, where additional support can be provided as necessary.
- Every school has a school resource officer (SRO) in the building or immediate access to one who is stationed in a nearby school.

# "Parents entrust us to keep their children safe while they're in our buildings."

- Jonathan Weinhagen, School Board chair



Actions during an event

## **Standard Response Protocol**

The District is adopting common languages and practices used throughout all buildings and shared with emergency responders. This simplified language proactively identifies five possible actions that could be required during an incident or an emergency. Every action carries specific instructions:



• **HOLD** – stay in classroom and lessons continue

These are situations that require students and staff to remain in their classrooms or stay out of access areas. For example, an altercation in the hallway may require keeping students out of the halls until it is resolved. A medical issue may require only one area to be cleared, with halls still open in case outside medical assistance is required.

• **SECURE** – get inside and lock/secure outside doors

The secure action is called when there is a threat or hazard believed to be outside of the school building. This could be violence or criminal activity in the immediate neighborhood or a dangerous animal near the playground.

- **LOCKDOWN** set locks, turn off lights and stay out of sight

  Lockdowns are called when there is a threat or hazard believed to be inside
  the school building. This could include a parental custody dispute or a
  threatening intruder.
- **EVACUATE** leave the school building and move to a designated place

  An on-site evacuation is conducted usually because of a mechanical failure that would disrupt the school day such as a power outage. If it can't be resolved quickly, the school may have to plan for early dismissal. An off-site evacuation may be necessary when it's no longer safe to stay in the building such as a gas leak or bomb threat.
- **SHELTER** seek safety during a hazard

Shelter is called when specific protective actions are needed based on a threat or hazard such as severe weather, tornadoes, flooding or hazardous materials situations.

These actions are not new to Mounds View Public Schools. All of these actions are already being used within the District. The only change is what they're being consistently called — thanks to the new Standard Response Protocol.

## **Collaborative workshop**

The District's Standard Response Protocol was developed by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. The foundation's programs for crisis response and post-crisis reunification are used in more than 30,000 schools, districts, departments, agencies, organizations and communities around the world. Last spring, the foundation presented a workshop for Mounds View Public Schools and other Ramsey County school districts, sponsored by Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate District, the Ramsey County Emergency Management Center and a representative from the Department of Homeland Security.

## **Standard Reunification Method**

One critical aspect of crisis response is accountable reunification of students with their parents or guardians in the event a controlled release is necessary. The Standard Reunification Method, also developed by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation, gives school and District safety teams proven methods for planning, practicing and achieving a successful reunification at a predetermined location where emergency responders are ready to provide assistance.

## Staff training

Principals and building administrators will be introducing the Standard Response Protocol and the Standard Reunification Method to all staff this fall, along with additional continuous improvement training in health and safety efforts. Throughout the year, student drills and school-wide drills will reinforce the procedures on an ongoing basis.



## Actions after an event

- In partnership with law enforcement, District and school staff debrief following each incident to reflect on the response and determine what needs improvement.
- Depending on the nature of the event, communication to families can be provided to explain the details of actions taken, and where those affected by it can find supportive resources.

## **Ongoing attention**

Addressing the health, safety and security of our school communities requires an ongoing effort. The following actions ensure a focus on safety is not a single-year goal.

- Ongoing review of District policies, regulations and forms.
- Continued partnership with District and site-level teams.
- Continued partnership with local law enforcement and emergency response agencies.
- Continued professional development related to best practices.



## **Policies**

Using the policy governance model, the School Board is responsible for setting, updating and approving policies that guide the overall direction of the District. The following policies relate to health, safety and security.

## EG-3102 Safety – Facilities

Facilities must be healthy and safe for staff, students and the public, in accordance with District standards and practices for use of facilities, and all applicable State and Federal laws.

## EG-3103 School Safety and Crisis Response

Mounds View Public Schools will develop and maintain a comprehensive School Safety and Crisis Response Plan and system for school-sponsored activities.

## • School-Sponsored Activity:

School-sponsored activities include all activities scheduled and supported by Mounds View Public Schools. Examples include regular classes, interscholastic athletic and fine arts events, intramural programs and classes sponsored by Community Education.

#### • Non-School-Sponsored Activities:

Park and Recreation, community groups, non-residents, commercial enterprises, PTO and PTA groups whose programs schedule and utilize Mounds View Public Schools' facilities through Community Education are not school-sponsored activities.

The Plan and system will identify and:

- a. Annually review and modify where necessary actions to be taken by staff and school administration to minimize potential risk of harm to persons utilizing individual buildings for school-sponsored activities.
- Assure communication between school administration and local law enforcement regarding preventive safety strategies and crisis response plans.
- c. Assure easy identification of authorized presence of individuals in schools.
- d. Provide for periodic updating procedures relative to school safety.

## EG-3106 Health and Safety

Mounds View Public Schools will assist in maintaining the health and safety of children, their families, our employees and the general public. Procedures and regulations will be consistent with Minnesota Statutes M.S. 121A and other applicable state and federal law to accomplish that end.



## SCHOOL BOARD

## **Enrollment increase projected**

Enrollment projections indicate a projected enrollment of 11,270 students expected to attend Mounds View Public Schools this fall. This would be consistent with the findings from the comprehensive enrollment study completed last fall which projects steady resident growth over the next 10 years. Resident enrollment growth is expected to reach more than 12,000 students in that time. All enrollment data will be monitored through the start of the school year.

## **Operational Plan**

Each year, the School Board approves a series of goals and related activities on which the Superintendent and Cabinet will focus their work. This is known as the District Operational Plan (DOP). Priority goals for 2023-24 include:

- Develop an outreach plan that promotes
   Early Childhood and kindergarten programming.
- Implementation of health, safety and security improvements with a focus on:
  - Standard Response Protocol
  - Standard Reunification Method
- Conduct a comprehensive technology audit.

## **School Board election notice**

This November, voters will elect four residents to serve fouryear terms on the School Board. The School Board is made up of seven citizens elected at large by voters in the District every two years to serve four-year overlapping terms. At the end of a four-year term, members may run for reelection to successive



Diane Glasheen, Yolanda Magee, Shauna Bock, Sandra Westerman, Jonathan Weinhagen, Heidi Danielson and Jim DeMay.

terms. Voting takes place at general elections in November, and terms begin the first Monday in January thereafter. The period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of School Board member begins on August 1 and closes at 5 p.m. on August 15. Affidavits of candidacy may be obtained from and filed in the Ramsey County Elections Office, 90 West Plato Blvd., Suite 160, St. Paul, MN 55164. The election will be November 7, 2023.

## **Budget approved**

In June, the Board approved the 2023-24 District budget. Complete details can be found on the Budgets and Finance page at <a href="mailto:mvpschools.org">mvpschools.org</a>. The adopted budget will maintain stable class sizes and current programming, and it will allow the District to continue its commitment to the Pre K–14 plan for all students.



Watch a brief video illustrating the role of the School Board in Mounds View Public Schools. Visit mvpschools.org/board.

## 2024-25 school calendar approved

The Board approved the 2024-25 school year calendar. The calendar reflects non-school days for the following observances:

- October 3-4: Rosh Hashanah
- October 14: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- December 25: Christmas/Hanukkah
- March 31: Eid

Calendars are available at mypschools.org/calendars

## **EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

## Alumna Alex Balsiger keynotes Partnering for Education luncheon

In April, the Foundation hosted its annual Partnering for Education luncheon at the New Brighton Community Center. The event featured keynote speaker Alex Balsiger, a Mounds View High School 2011 alumna who is now working as a project manager at Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, specifically with K-12 schools.

Alex volunteers with the ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program at Irondale High School, and current student mentees Kamlyn Arboe and Lexi Birken presented a recent project they completed to plan and design a hypothetical middle school of the future.

Attendees also heard about the District's evolving work around career and college planning from Superintendent Chris Lennox and Foundation updates from MVSEF Board President Erik Rasmussen. The lunch was made possible in part by sponsors Land O'Lakes, Northeast Bank and the RBC Conlin Wealth Management Group. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, administrators, donors, civic leaders and community supporters who attended.

Missed this year's lunch? Get added to our email list by contacting <a href="mailto:info@mvsef.org">info@mvsef.org</a>. You can also help support current and future students by donating: <a href="mailto:mvsef.org/donate">mvsef.org/donate</a>.



MVSEF Board president Erik Rasmussen, keynote speaker and Mounds View alumna Alex Balsiger and superintendent Chris Lennox.



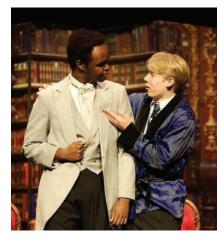
## AROUND THE DISTRICT

# Spring Performances

## 'The Dining Room'

In April, Irondale Drama presented *The Dining Room*. The play featured a mosaic of interrelated scenes from different eras, all taking place around a dining room table. The play explored traditional values that were once revered, but have changed over time. The production was awarded Outstanding Overall Production awards from Hennepin Theatre Trust's Spotlight Education program. The fall musical, *The Addams Family*, also received this honor.





## One Act

Irondale Drama performed The Importance of Being Earnest in the Minnesota State High School League's One Act competition in February, and the play received fourth place overall in the region.

## **'Little Shop of Horrors'**

Showcase at the State Theater in June.

Mounds View Theatre performed *Little Shop of Horrors* this spring, which is one of the longest-running, off-Broadway shows in history. The production was awarded Outstanding Overall Production by the Hennepin Theatre Trust's Spotlight on Education program. The cast was invited to perform a medley of their show as part of the 2023 Spotlight







## 'Shrek The Musical JR.

The theater club at Highview Middle School performed Shrek The Musical JR. in April.



## 'The Claw: A New Children's Musical'

The Pinewood Performing Arts Club performed a beat-by-beat production of *The Claw: A New* Children's Musical at Irondale High School's auditorium. Pinewood students in grades three

through five attended rehearsals twice a week for months, which included auditions, dress rehearsals, backstage work and advertising.





## **Chalkboard Capers returns**

In April, the Mounds View Education Association (MVEA) performed its annual variety show, Chalkboard Capers, for the first time since 2019. More than 1,200 people attended five shows, allowing the MVEA to fund 10 scholarships for Mounds View Public Schools seniors.





## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Mounds View Public Schools

## Do you need a little extra help with food for your family?

Call the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf today to schedule an in-person shopping appointment or curbside food pickup that includes meat, milk, eggs, cheese, bakery, fresh produce, boxed and canned items, child-friendly snacks and meals, diapers, hygiene and cleaning supplies at no charge to you. Home delivery available for qualified individuals and families. For more information, visit ralphreederfoodshelf.org or call 651-621-6280 to schedule an appointment to pick up food.

## Want to help?

Most needed items include kid-friendly, easy-to-open foods for our Schooltrition programs for the 2023-24 school year — granola bars (peanut-free), fruit snacks, fruit cups, pudding cups, microwaveable meals, singleserve hot and cold cereal, crackers, etc. Donation dropoff hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon at the back entrance of 2544 Mounds View Blvd., Mounds View.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

## **Pinewood Library Night** features local author

After reading the book Someone Named Eva, Pinewood Elementary School students wrote cards to the book's author, Joan M. Wolf, inviting her to a Family Library Night at Pinewood. Joan Wolf, also a teacher at Valentine Hills Elementary School, spoke with students about the books that she has written, the inspiration for her books and the publishing process. After a question and answer session, Wolf signed books and bookmarks for attendees, as well as distributed 10 signed copies of the book.



## **Elementary band festival**

Band students from Bel Air, Island Lake, Pinewood and Turtle Lake elementary schools were invited to attend a Beginning Band Festival at Mora High School in April. The participants spent the day rehearsing with guest conductor Dr. Peter Haberman, and concluded the event with a wonderful concert for family and friends. These students have demonstrated remarkable talent and musicianship as first-year band students.



## Schools team up for charity

In March, more than 85 students and staff from Edgewood Middle School and Irondale High School teamed up for a Polar Plunge to raise money for their Unified Clubs, a space for students with and without disabilities to create a community where all are included. Together, the schools raised \$11,145.



## **Pinewood students** testify at state capitol

In March, a group of Pinewood Elementary School students had the opportunity to testify on behalf of Playworks Minnesota at the State Capitol. Playworks Junior Coaches (and Pinewood students) Nehemiah, Molly and Ethan joined a committee hearing via Zoom to share what it was like to be a Junior Coach at recess, and led the committee in a guided Playworks activity. At Pinewood, Junior Coaches act as role models for younger students during recess, ensuring every child is included in play and clean-up duties at the playground.



## FIRST LEGO League Explore Festival

In May, teams of students from across the District gathered for a FIRST LEGO League Explore Festival held at Valentine Hills Elementary School. During a three-month period, the 63 students built and programmed their own motorized LEGO models while learning about alternative energy. At the end-of-season Festival, student teams presented what they learned to judges. More than 250 people attended this event, which included STEM activities and robotics demonstrations. FIRST LEGO League Explore is offered through Community Education for students in 1st–3rd grade.



Students from Sunnyside Elementary School created a model showing how energy is produced and consumed. Graham Stellmaker, Elodie Humphrey, Thalia Stellmaker, Jack Miller, Jacob Schwartz and Nolan Humphrey.

## **South African music exchange**

In April, the South African music ensemble 29:11 International Exchange visited Irondale High School for a guest performance. The group invited Irondale students to sing and dance with them during an hour-long workshop with the intent to inspire hope and reconciliation through music.



## **Fifth annual Pow Wow**

Mounds View Public Schools hosted its fifth annual Student Honoring Pow Wow this spring. The event was a record success, with more than 400 guests in attendance. For the first time, the Pow Wow featured students as head dancers. Additionally, 24 American Indian students were honored for their hard work and dedication to education.



## **Education Commissioner** visits Irondale

The Minnesota Department of Education commissioner Willie Jett visited Irondale High School in May to learn about the Career and College Centers. He met with students and school leaders, and toured the auto shop garage to learn more about the District's efforts to assist each student in choosing their path after high school. "We've made an intentional shift from assuming all students will graduate and go onto college, to asking them, 'What's next for you? What do you want to be?" said superintendent Chris Lennox.



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

## BEING KIND

Mounds View Public Schools is shining the light on some of the typically unseen acts of kindness that are offered by students and staff in the simplest of ways. "Being Kind" puts these stories in illustrated videos narrated by the person who shares them. Watch the first videos in a series. and visit mvpschools.org/beingkind to submit your own.





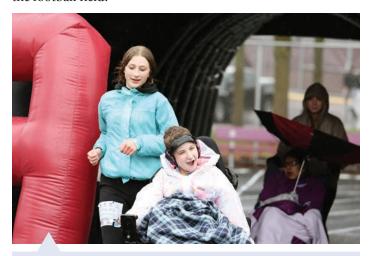
## **Humble Horse**

In June, Chippewa Middle School welcomed a pair of rare, endangered horses as part of a lesson for 7th-grade life science students that looks at the horses' unique adaptations and special connection with the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) community. With the support of its Native American Community Liaison, the school connected with the Humble Horse nonprofit to plan a full experience for students.



## **Fun Run Field Day**

In April, Irondale High School hosted an inclusive Fun Run field day for 72 students who receive developmental adapted physical education (DAPE) services at Irondale, Mounds View High School, Chippewa Middle School and Highview Middle School. Students were paired with 140 peers at the secondary level and completed a Fun Run course by running, walking, biking or wheeling. They finished the event by running through the Knights Football inflatable helmet on the football field.



Irondale sophomore Brea Vandergon rolls through the finish line with her Irondale freshman peer Azelle Besemann.

## **Staff appreciation**

Thank you to the families, students and staff who made Staff Appreciation Week in May a success! In addition to recognition efforts at our schools, more than 3.000 personalized Thank You e-cards were sent to staff members across the District. See below for a few examples of the kind messages staff received.



## **National History Day**

Twenty-four District students participated in the National History Day state competition this spring. Two Edgewood Middle School students, **Rachel Englund** and **Addie Nelson**, earned second place for their documentary and qualified to compete at the national competition in June, held in Washington D.C. Only the top two projects in each category qualified to represent Minnesota at the national level. Other honors from the state competition include:

- **Sreya Subramanian** won a \$1,500 History Day Scholarship.
- Amelie Clemson won fourth place overall for her individual performance.
- **Filsan Nure** won the "Ideals of America's Founding Through Time" topical prize.
- Miriam Robertson won the Holocaust History prize.
- Alex Kasper, Lauren Tranowski, Rylee Jacobson, Isabella Hart, Filsan Nure, Elizabeth Nelson, Reena Azad, Samantha Bolin and Norah Mevissen won Honorable Mention in their project categories.



Rachel Englund and Addie Nelson celebrate their second place win at the National History Day state competition, which qualified them for the national competition in June.

## **Best Communities** for Music Education

For the 11th consecutive year, Mounds View Public Schools has won the Best Communities for Music Education Award.



This award is presented by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). Mounds View was one of only seven Minnesota school districts to receive the designation for 2023. This year, more than 3,300 students in grades 4-12 chose to participate in band, choir and orchestra.

## **Highest ACT score**

The following students received a composite score of 36 during recent ACT administrations, the highest score that can be achieved on the exam. This achievement is significant and rare. About one-quarter of 1% of all test-takers earn the top score. Among U.S. high school graduates in the class of 2022, just 3,376 out of more than 1.34 million students who took the exam earned a composite score of 36. Additional students who received the top ACT score were recognized in the fall 2022 issue of *School Talk*.



Maya Arnold Mounds View



Maeve Edgar Mounds View



Caleb Hill Irondale



Jack Ohmann Mounds View



Zoey Tenenbaum Irondale



Michael Wang Mounds View

## **Quiz Bowl nationals**

The Edgewood Quiz Bowl team earned a spot to compete at the national competition in May, in which four students traveled to Chicago to compete against 160 teams from around the country. The team ranked second from Minnesota and in the top 10% of teams nationwide.



From left to right: Coach Zoe Kourajian, Addie Nelson, Cam Miller, Hank O'Hara, Henry Habeck and coach Dan Perucco.

## **Excellence in Career and Technology**

District Career and Technology students who attend Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916 were recently recognized at their Celebrating Excellence event this spring.

## **Irondale High School**

**Automotive Technology** 

Nick Craemer

Computer Hardware, Software and Game Design

Fernando Garcia Alonzo

**Construction Occupations** 

Walter Patterson

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement

Paola Chacon Aguirre

**Emergency Medical Technician** 

Mahay Hsiung

## **Mounds View High School**

**Dental Careers** 

Josette House Edlyne Ogonyo

Introduction to Medical Careers and Nursing Assistant

Maryanne Sani

Introduction to Automotive and Welding Careers

**Charles Toensing** 

**Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy** 

Ava Fallgatter Olivia Moseti

## **Mounds View CLT**

**Introduction to Hospitality** 

Cooper Juliar

**PAES Plus** 

Emma Davern

## U.S. Air Force Academy

Irondale High School senior **Alla Killins** has been accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy and will be attending the prestigious military academy in the fall.





## **Excellence in financial reporting**

Mounds View Public Schools has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended 2022. Given by the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International, the award represents a significant achievement that reflects a commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting.

## **International DECA competition**

Ten Irondale High School students represented Irondale DECA at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Florida this spring. More than 22,000 students competed for international honors against DECA members from all 50 states and a handful of other countries. Three Mounds View High School students represented Mounds View DECA and competed for international honors.

#### **Irondale**

Saylor Gallagher, senior Elias Hamimoune, junior Taylor Hansen, sophomore Cieara Herlofsky, junior Taylor Koch, junior Allyson Leight, sophomore Kelly Martin, junior Stephanie Nazareth, sophomore Kristina Silwal, senior Michael Sipahimalani,

#### **Mounds View**

sophomore

Gillian Anderson, senior Garima Khatiwada, senior Emily Ren, sophomore



Mounds View High School students Gillian Anderson, Garima Khatiwada and Emily Ren represent Mounds View DECA at the International DECA Competition in Florida in April.

## 'My District, My Minnesota' art contest

Island Lake Elementary School fourth-grader Rachael Palke won first place in the "My District, My Minnesota" art contest for State Senate District 36. The contest asked students to submit a drawing or photograph they felt represented life in their Senate district. Her winning piece is on display at the Minnesota Senate Building for the next year.



Island Lake fourth-grader Rachael Palke shows her winning artwork in the "My District, My Minnesota" Minnesota Senate art contest. She is pictured here with State Senator Heather Gustafson.

## **U.S. Congressional Art Competition**

Mounds View High School sophomore Karin Hoyt won first place in the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by U.S. House Representative Betty McCollum. Karin will have her artwork, "Flyaways," displayed in the U.S. Capitol building alongside the other national winners.



## 2023-24 All-State musicians

## **Irondale High School**

#### **Band**

Ben Kuipers Garrett Mahlum Jaidyn Meaux Mia Nordberg Ian Rodgers Jimena Sichiqui Carter Thistle Austin Tranowski

#### Choir

Henry Botten CeCe Okoro **Emmanuel Ramirez** Samantha Wiesner

#### **Orchestra**

Zofia Gutierrez Hannah Young Joseph Young

## **Mounds View High School**

#### **Band**

Colin Bosshard Anna Ding Elias Hagfors Gloria Liu Jonin Morgan Anders Schmidt Natalie Simms Amaris Tu Elizabeth Xiao

Ethan Zhao Vincent Meyer (alternate)

#### Choir

Thomas Baker-Trinity Gabby Haake Ruby Heilman Anja Horsman Emma Lamatsch

#### **Orchestra**

Fiona Dong Ellen Guo Rohan Nash Sarah Pederson Molly Strike Echo Zhai

## **Irondale All-State choir** 2022-23

Ada Vanderbilt, Ava O'Rourke, Peter Markham and Miles Collins were named 2022-23 All-State in choir. They are pictured here at Orchestra Hall in February after a performance as part of the Minnesota Music Educator Association winter conference.



## **Science Olympiad team** wins state competition

The Mounds View High School Science Olympiad team won the 2023 Minnesota state tournament and took 32rd place out of the top 60 teams in the nation at the National Tournament in May in Kansas. Science Olympiad is the country's foremost team science competition, in which teams of up to 15 students compete in 23 different events, ranging from astronomy and entomology to bridge building and experimental design.



## Student wins EPIC award

Mounds View High School sophomore Thanishka Shetty was awarded the Target EPIC Award for engagement, passion, innovation and curiosity in STEM. One of 25 winners from around the state, she was honored at the Target Women in Science & Technology (TWIST) banquet in Minneapolis and will receive ongoing mentorship from Target technology and engineering leaders.



## **Aspirations in Computing award**

Three Mounds View High School students were honored during the 11th annual Aspirations in Computing award ceremony. The award honors students at the high school level who identify as women, genderqueer or non-binary for their computing-related achievements and interests.



Ellen Guo. iunior State winner



Zoke Sackih, iunior **National Honorable** Mention



Leigha Wood, senior State winner

## Mounds View math team adds up wins

The Mounds View Math Team won its division and section, and finished third in the state at the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. The team took fourth place at the state tournament. The team also took first place in Minnesota in the Mathematic League competition. Mounds View won the 9th and 12th grade St. Cloud State University Math Contests. In addition, Mounds View took second place at the MSU Mankato Math Contest.

## **Robotics teams compete** at World Championship

The Mounds View High School robotics team Spontaneous Construction competed at the First Tech Challenge World Championship in Texas in May, and placed third overall. They competed with 191 other teams from 23 countries. They also won an Inspire Award, which recognizes complex programming and global impact.

Irondale High School's KnightKrawler Robotics team finished the year with first-place finishes in both of their qualifying regional tournaments. Team captain Lexi Birken took home the coveted FIRST Dean's List award, and the team received the Sustainability Award at their regional competition in Minneapolis. In late April, the team traveled to the World Championships in Houston, making it to the division playoffs. KnightKrawler finished fourth in the State Tournament two weeks later. KnightKrawler has qualified for the World Championships 10 years in a row.



## **Elementary schools win Science Olympiad events**

Teams from Bel Air Elementary School, Island Lake Elementary School and Valentine Hills Elementary Schools won first place in at least two of the 20 events at the Minnesota Elementary Science Olympiad Tournament this spring. Valentine Hills was the overall winning team.

The Valentine Hills team was the overall winner at the Minnesota Elementary Science Olympiad.

## STAFF HONORS



## **Math Hall of Fame**

Mounds View teachers **Michael Huberty** and **Dan Butler** (retired) were inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League for their over 25 years each of coaching. Mounds View's Math Team has consistently been one of the top five teams in the state and won the state tournament three times during their tenure.

## **Teacher named NASA Ambassador**

Mounds View High School physics and astronomy teacher **Jacob Hairrell** was named a NASA Astronomy Activation Ambassador in April. Jacob is among 18 educators from 14 states to receive this prestigious honor. The program includes access to NASA education resources and training for a new curriculum.



## **Educator of Excellence award**



Mounds View High School business and marketing teacher **Becky Allard** received the BestPrep Educator of Excellence Award in May. With more than 500 educators participating annually in BestPrep programs, the Educator of Excellence Award serves to recognize the top 2% of those who go above and beyond in their commitment to educating Minnesota youth.

## **Teacher of the Year award**

Three District teachers were named semifinalists for the 2023 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. The award is the oldest and most prestigious award honoring excellence in education in the state. After submitting a portfolio earlier this year, a group of 44 semifinalists was chosen from a pool of 132 candidates. The statewide Teacher of the Year was named in May.

**Mackenzie Keimig,** Mounds View High School **Kathryn O'Brien,** Bridges

Richard Rosivach, Irondale High School



Mackenzie Keimig (semifinalist), Kathryn O'Brien (semifinalist), Diane Waite (candidate) and Richard Rosivach (semifinalist) were honored at the 2023 Minnesota Teacher of the Year spring awards banquet in St. Paul.



## IRONDALE



## Athena Award

The Athena Award honors outstanding female high school senior student athletes. This year's recipient, Emily Ellingson, participated in cross country and track and field. S0he also participated in National Honor Society, DECA, Diversity Group and was a peer tutor. She also volunteers for Feed My Starving Children in the community. She plans to study physical therapy at college in the fall.

## New records

Juriad Hughes, Jr. (junior) set a new state record for the indoor long jump. Hughes broke the 41-year-old Minnesota state record with a jump of 24' 11" which breaks the previous record by more than an inch.





Senior **Emmett Botten** broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke, finishing in 1:00.37, compared to the record of 1:00.55 set in 1989. He also set a new school record at 5AA Section Finals for the 100 fly with a time of 51.34 seconds, compared to the record he set last year of 51.77.

## AAA Award

The "Triple A" award, presented by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), honors students who excel in academics, arts and athletics.



**Carson Bockenhauer** Lacrosse, choir, drama, wrestling



Ava O'Rourke Choir, swimming, Nordic ski, drama

## Athletes of the Year



**Noah Besemann** Nordic ski



**Jalyn Wolle** Volleyball



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## **College Commitments**

See the Spring 2023 issue of *School Talk* for additional athletes who signed college commitments in November.

Emmett Botton, swimming, UW-Eau Claire Dane Dedominces, basketball, Hamline University Saylor Gallagher, basketball, Augsburg College Willow Hosmer, basketball, lowa Central Peyton Howie, volleyball, Bethel University Paige Kianni, Lacrosse, UW-Eau Claire Tre Mack, football, Syracuse University Raiah Mandell, volleyball, Concordia University Anselmo Marquez-Reagan, football, Augsburg College Foster Mulvehill, football, Bemidji State University Ralph Naimah, football, St. Olaf University Cooper O'Brien, basketball, Crown College Charlie Shaver, Lacrosse, Rockhurst University Tyler Smith, basketball, Crown College Sam Tschida, baseball, Augsburg College Audrey Walsh, softball, UW-La Crosse Thomas Westbrook, football, Augsburg College Jalyn Wolle, volleyball, Century College



Senior Sam Tschida leading off first base.

## **Baseball**

- Suburban East All Conference 1st Team: Cody Glasheen, sophomore center fielder
- Suburban East Honorable Mention Sam Tschida, senior shortstop and Luke O'Rourke, sophomore pitcher

## **Track**

Results from the state track meet:

Junior **Juriad Hughes**, long jump – 1st place; 200 meter dash – 5th place

Senior Tre'vion Mack, discus – 3rd place

Junior Emerson Mandell, shot put – 4th place

Senior Obang Ojulu, triple jump - 13th place



Pictured above: Sophomore Clifton Doran III, senior Foster Mulvehill, senior Ralph Naimah and junior Juriad Hughes, 4×100 meter relay team – 3rd place.

## **Swimming**

The boys swim team had three Knights compete in the state championship meet. Freshman **Lucas Megahan** finished 12th in finals in the 200 free. Sophomore **Henry Botten** finished 17th in the 200 IM, and was an alternate in finals. Senior **Emmett Botten** finished 15th in the 100 fly and 13th in the 100 breast.

State swimmers: **Emmett Botten, Lucas Megahan** and **Henry Botten** 





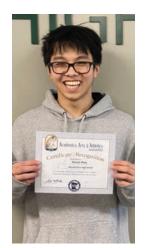
## **MOUNDS VIEW**

## **AAA Award**

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**Alana Schmitzer** Swim & dive, Nordic ski



Steven Zhou Swim & dive

## Athletes of the Year

Emily Aman – tennis, softball, Nordic ski Aidan Petrich – soccer and hockey

## Student Athletes of the Year

Elliott McArthur - cross country and track **Brynn Mills** – swimming and Nordic ski

## **Athena Award**

The Athena Award honors outstanding female high school senior student athletes. This year's recipient, Taylor Isabel, participated in cross country and track and field for Mounds View. She also participated in chamber orchestra and Mustang Mentors, as well as serving as the National Honor Society President. She also volunteers at Mercy Hospital in the community. She plans to study biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota and run cross country and track.



## New school records

The boys swimming and diving team broke two school records at the state tournament in March.

Joshua Wallin, Nathan Hare, Steven Zhou and Justin Wang swam the 200 medley relay in 1:35:88, beating the record from 2007. The team took sixth place overall.

Joshua Wallin earned the school record in backstroke, originally set in 2011, placing third overall.



## Coach of the Year

Wrestling head coach Dan Engebretson was named the Coach of the Year for Section 4AAAA by the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association. Coach Engebretson is a 1991 Mounds View graduate who has been wrestling program coach for 29 years, with more than 330 wins.



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## **College Commitments**

This spring, the following student athletes signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and academic achievements at the college level. See the spring 2023 issue of School Talk for additional athletes who signed college commitment letters.

Abdallah Abed, football, Bethel University Yazzy Abed, basketball, Hamline University Jacob Becher, basketball, North Central University Maddie Boespflug, diving, University of St. Thomas Cece Bronson, volleyball, Salve Regina University Colby Deluce, basketball, Crown College **Grace Freimuth,** soccer, University of Mary Kenneth Guerrero, lacrosse, Tiffin University Tanner Hoemann, baseball, St. John's University Hope Iverson, track, Bethel University Roman Janes, football, Bethel University Emily Johnson, soccer, St. Olaf College Sam Kettelhut, tennis, Crown College Aubree Klein, track & field, St. Olaf College Celine Klum, soccer, University of Wisconsin - River Falls Gavan Moua, volleyball, Augustana College



Caden Persuitti, football, Bethel University
Joey Price, baseball, Concordia College
Dieudonnee Reponse, football, Southwest Minnesota
State University

Alana Schmitzer, swimming, St. Olaf College
Andrew Simon, baseball, University of Northwestern
Katerina Smiricinschi, tennis, Carleton College
Jacob Solheim, wrestling, University of Sioux Falls
Anthony Willier, track & field, St. John's University

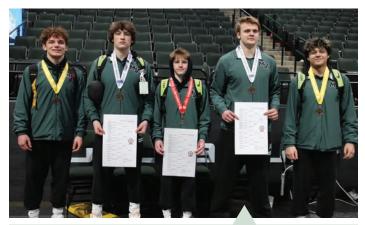
## **Boys tennis**

The boys tennis team was named conference champions for the 37th time in school history.



## Wrestling

Nine Mounds View wrestlers competed in the state tournament. Five wrestlers placed in their events, which is a new single-season school record.



Left to right: Joey Muhlstein, sophomore, fourth place; Quin Morgan, junior, third place; Brett Swenson, sophomore, second place; JRoc Solheim, senior, third place; Apollo Ashby, junior, fourth place.

## CLASS OF 2023



Mounds View Public Schools has a goal of preparing all students for opportunities of their choice after high school. Ensuring that all

students have an opportunity to pursue post-secondary success involves a promise the District calls the Equity Promise. The Equity Promise aims to disrupt systematic patterns associated with race, socio-economic status, gender and disabilities to provide equal opportunities for success for every Mounds View Public Schools student.

This spring, seniors from Irondale High School, Mounds View High School and the Area Learning Center (ALC) received Equity Promise Scholarships acknowledging their achievements during high school and supporting their

educational goals post-high school. Funded in part by the Mounds View Schools Education Foundation, this unique award recognizes a broad range of students who have demonstrated success in their high school journey through a variety of ways. Recipients have demonstrated academic growth and sustained participation in activities throughout high school. Some may aspire to be the first in their families to attend a technical college, two-year college or fouryear university. All have overcome challenges, displayed perseverance and exhibited grit along the way.

Mounds View Public Schools would like to thank the donors who contribute to Equity Promise Scholarships. These donors and their contributions reinforce the Equity Promise and give deserving students a chance to pursue postsecondary continued education.

## Class of 2023 Equity Promise Scholarship recipients

#### **Anderson Family**

Osman Ibrahim Celeste Noonan

#### **Bailiff Memorial**

Loyce Agboola Puna Ekka Kather Mouneim Celeste Noonan Makenzie Nowobielski Naom Nyakundi Thomas Ohmann Brooklynn Oliver

### Beisswenger

Amariana Lewis

#### **Chalkboard Capers**

Jonathan Fleischer Ashlyn Glasheen Olivia Haugen Willow Hosmer Ava O'Rourke Anna Rosivach Jackson Taylor

## Fridley American Legion Auxiliary (Unit 303)

Anabella Canfield

#### Fridley American Legion (Post 303)

Miles Collins Brennan Snyder

#### Friendly Chevrolet

Mahdi Huseen

## Marie Greenwald Memorial

Noah Tran

## Laura Harris Memorial

Alla Killins

#### Jonathan Hogan Memorial

Parker Henry Calvin Huynh Eden Kounthapanya Kenny Le Foster Mulvehill Ralph Naimah

## Connor Wolf **Hoverman Family**

Samuel Tschida

Puna Ekka

#### Irondale Class of 1979

Jadon Eyberg Molly Muehlhauser

#### **Irondale Girls Volleyball Booster Club**

Elise Fulwider Raiah Mandell

### Victoria Adekemi James **Memorial Scholarship**

Mayra Chimbay Balvoa

#### **Thomas Kraft Keimel** Memorial

Leevi Kaasa

#### **Kopp Family Foundation**

Zackary Donnelly Leah Hanson

## **Mounds View Community Theatre**

Lydia Nau

#### **Mounds View Lions Waste Witte**

Nicholas Craemer Molly Gombold Hannah Malecha Kather Mouneim Austin Porath Charles Tromblev Leo Walther

### **Mounds View Schools Education Foundation**

Gabriel Luhman

## **Narigon Family Scholarship**

Jordan Bernier

#### **New Brighton Eagles** Aerie #3718

James Chiri Dane DeDominces Angelica Severin

### **New Brighton Eagles** Auxiliary

Makenzie Nowobielski

### **New Brighton Lions Club**

Caiden Bird Coen Breuch Samuel Buck Jada Cannon Clare Hinnenkamp Gus Jablonski Hannah Paape Anika Poehler Aileen Ruiz Saavedra Tin Tran Madison Weimer

### **New Brighton Mounds View Rotary**

Matteo Beach

## **Shardlow Family**

Joe Ward

### Tallman Math/Science

Zoe Fieberg



Samia Abdulle addresses her classmates during Irondale's commencement ceremony in June.



The class of 2023 included Peter Markham, Alla Killins, Ada Vanderbilt, Ava O'Rourke, Clare Hinnenkamp, Emmett Botten and Miles Collins.



Principal Vichai Saefong congratulates graduate Orison Piper.



## Virtual ceremonies

In addition to in-person ceremonies, all commencements were also live-streamed for viewing at home. Watch the ceremonies at ninenorth.org/schools/mounds-view.

# Class of 2023 senior department and activities awards

Art

Clare Hinnenkamp

**Business Education** 

Munir Abdi

**Language Arts** 

Lily Thai

**Mathematics** 

Carson Bockenhauer

Multilingual

Abdikhaliq Abdi

Music - Band

Isaiah Vazquez-Matze

Music - Choir

Ada Vanderbilt

Music - Orchestra

Sarah Gunderson

**PE** and Health

Tommy Robertson

Science

Jayna Bhakta

**Social Studies** 

Miles Collins

**Spirit of Learning** 

Isaiah Joe

World Language - ASL

Elise Fulwider Kenzie Zumwalt

World Language - Chinese

Vincent Vang

World Language - French

Carolyn Waterhouse

World Language - Spanish

Eva Pena

**DECA** 

Kristina Silwal

Drama

Cate Causey-Mullaney

Honor Athlete (Boys)

Noah Besemann

**Honor Athlete (Girls)** 

Jalyn Wolle

Math Team

Puna Ekka

**Mock Trial** 

Angelica Severin

**National Honor Society** 

Melissa Perszyk

**Quiz Bowl** 

Puna Ekka

**Robotics** 

Matthew Huesman

Speech

Dhega Moussa

**Student Council** 

Alla Killins Angelica Severin

Yearbook

Hannah Malecha

## Class of 2023 Equity Promise Scholarship recipients

#### **Bailiff Scholarship**

Lensa Hashim Hope Iverson Jooha Kim Jizelle Lobley

#### Beisswenger **Scholarship Fund**

Jordan Williams

### **Chalkboard Capers Scholarship**

Cole Friedman Hope Iverson Elliott McArthur Ryan Moore Jessica Sprague Allison Thyren

## **Doug Christenson Memorial**

Maren Durand

## **Carev Crimmins Memorial Scholarship**

Jacob Solheim

## **Eggert Family Dentistry Scholarship**

Nya Aadland

#### **Sherry Lou Engebretsen** Memorial

Grace Countz Kate Demeny

#### **Fridley American Legion Unit 303**

Caden Persuitti Lillian Riedel

## **Fridley American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship**

Lucia Nitti

## The Gulli Family Scholarship

Ashley Arnold

### **Hannah Hoiland Memorial Scholarship**

Grace Feng

#### Michael Holmgren **Education Scholarship**

Alyson Sroga

### **Hoverman Family Scholarship**

Winston Gisemba

#### **Kopp Family Foundation**

Logan Bone

William Schrab

#### Joseph F. Kunze Memorial

Abigail Casey Jooha Kim

#### Josh Lavalle Memorial

Abdallah Abed **Enoch Lee** Aubrey Willford

### Mounds View Community Award

Jean Xie

## **MVCT Fine Arts Scholarship**

Ava Moen

#### **MVHS Class of 1972**

Mounika Gadela Hysem Hamid

#### **MVHS Volleyball Booster Club**

Cecelia Bronson Ava Fallgatter

## Mounds View Schools **Education Foundation Scholarship**

Cyrus Kianian

#### **Thomas Narigon Memorial Schlarship**

Hope Evanson **Emily Fatkhiyev** 

#### **New Brighton Eagles** Aerie # 3718

Austin Han Jayden Peter

#### **New Brighton Eagles** Auxiliary

Skylar Weirens

#### **New Brighton Lions Club**

Henry Cahoon Erica Ganske Josette House Tynija Jones **Emily Krautbauer** Taylor Schmidt Mia Thomas Neya Venugopal Noah Voght **Daniel Wong** 

## The Bruce and Marj Perry **Memorial Scholarship**

Madison Olson-Jones

### **Riggs DeMay Family Scholarship**

Iris Ren

### **Roseville Area Community Foundation: Ashbach Family Scholarship**

Raija Jytyla Luke Murray

### **Rush Family Scholarship**

Kevin Zhang

#### **Don Segner Memorial Scholarship**

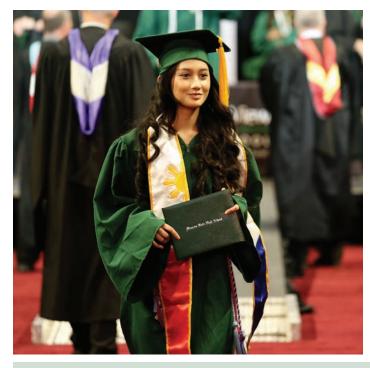
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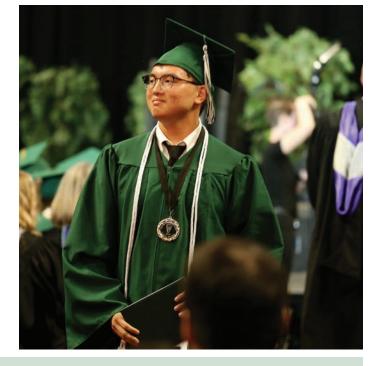
### **Marit Mary Swenson Memorial Scholarship**

Olivia Moseti

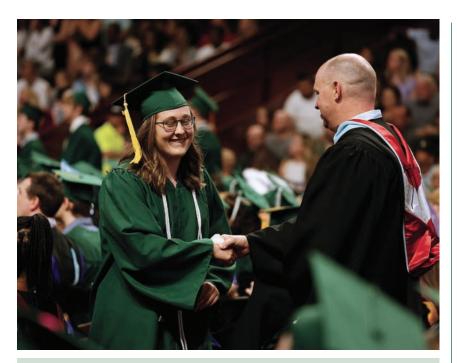
## Vadnais Heights **Community Partners**

Ian Buerge Steven Zhou





Keziah Soto and Joseph Shin accept their diplomas.



Lillian Riedel accepts congratulations from science teacher Mark Johnson.

## Green & White award

Green and white medals are presented to a select group of students who exemplify the Mounds View High School mission of building an inclusive community of responsible, respectful and resourceful citizens who value learning. These students not only maintain high academic standards, but they have also made valuable contributions to the Mounds View High School community through volunteering and/or participation in co-curricular activities.

Sumayo Ahmed	Anika Metz
Abiola Bakare	Edlyne Ogonyo
Lauren Coffey	Foster Quehl
Gajan Dileepan	Alex Salas-Rivera
Langston Hall	Alyson Sroga
Tollie Jackson	Broderick Stefanik
Ruth Javier	Thierry Thao
Victor Lelinga	Stella Warren

## Mounds View senior awards

#### **Business & Marketing**

Gillian Anderson Garima Khatiwada

#### **English**

Maya Betti

#### Family & Consumer Science

Frutambu Fon

## Fine Arts Student of the Year

John Nitti

## Fine Arts - Art

Lydia Hronski

#### Fine Arts - Band

Skylar Weirens

## Fine Arts - Choir

Lucy Ehlers

#### Fine Arts - Orchestra

Annabel Grindheim

#### Math

Harini Avula

## Phy. Ed. & Health

Brody Stefanik

#### Science

Samantha Gillis

#### **Social Studies**

Ava Frey

### Self-Advocacy & Academic Achievement Award

Noelle Wehlage

### World Language – American Sign Language

Olivia Moseti

Elliot Sprain

## World Language - Chinese Ian Buerge

World Language - French

## World Language – German

Colette Whalen

## World Language - Spanish Jace Blood

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Elias Belhadri looks at the crowd during the commencement ceremony.

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## **Area Learning Center**

The Area Learning Center's graduation ceremony recognized 89 graduating students on June 1 at Bethel University's Great Hall. The ceremony was also live streamed for those viewing from home. Watch the ceremony at <a href="mailto:ninenorth.org/schools/mounds-view/">ninenorth.org/schools/mounds-view/</a>.

## **Equity Promise** scholarship recipients

#### **Bailiff Scholarship**

Jai Lia Vue Carlitha Wilder

#### **Marjorie and Ray Cox Memorial Scholarship**

Samira Abdullahi Jai Lia Vue Carlitha Wilder

#### **New Brighton Lions Club**

Jaki Hurst-Williams Ashley Wilson

#### **Thomas Kraft Keimel Memorial Scholarship**

Perla Velazquez Espinoza



Carlitha Wilder addresses her classmates.





Jai Vue, Samira Abdullahi and Timothy Lee celebrate after the ceremony.

## **Adult Education**

Adult Education students who earned their GED and Adult Diploma in the last year were invited to participate in the graduation ceremony hosted by Mounds View Adult Education. This event was held at the Mounds View Community Center and recognized 13 high school diploma students, 35 GED students and 46 Career Pathway students. Pathway students include: paraeducator, certified nursing assistant and information technology students.



# World champions!

For the sixth consecutive season, the Irondale Drumline advanced to the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championship Finals in April. After two days of competition against 38 other schools in the country, the 46-student ensemble finished in first place, winning the first-ever Drumline World Championship for a team from Minnesota. Their final championship score of 95.625 is the highest score ever received by a Minnesota unit at the World Championships. This is Irondale's third time receiving a medal in the WGI competition. They have previously earned third place in the 2003 Scholastic Open Class and second place in the 2018 Scholastic A Class. The Irondale Drumline is directed by Paul Weber, Tyler Shipe and Ellie Mehr. Weber and Shipe are both alumni of Irondale's marching arts program.



The Irondale Marching Knights is a year-round marching arts program that includes marching band, winter color guard and winter drumline. In its 35th year, the highly-regarded program regularly wins elite competitions and championships. The Irondale Marching Knights are the 2021 and 2022 Minnesota State Class AAA Champions. The Irondale Winter Guard is a former North Star Circuit Class Champion, WGI World Finalist and the 2002 WGI Scholastic Open World Champion.



## Congratulations to these world champion performers

Logan Ingbretson

Zali Akiba (Mounds View) Audrey Anderberg (Mounds View) Joey Bastian Nicholas Brogdon Abigail Casey (Mounds View) Logan Casey

(Mounds View) Elliot Combites

Luis Cruz

Cailin Donahue Marlena Dufault

Elijah Englund

Wyatt Erwin

Ray Fieberg

Nate Finley

Max Forman

William Gaulke

Frannie Gorton

Abby Grose

(Mounds View)

Jace Gryniewski

Ethan Gylling (Mounds View)

Matthew Hahn

(Mounds View)

Ella Johnson
Jinx Johnson
Benjamin Kuipers
Rosa Menning
Madison Mokosaik
Braden O'Keeffe
Andrew Payne

Jackson Peroni

Sheridan Petersen

Gunnar Scherman

Liam Scherman (Edgewood)

Eli Smith

Mehg Solamillo (Mounds View)

Tommy Talarico

Izzy Tapp

(St. Anthony Village)

Carter Thistle

Cy Treuenfels

Jo Treuenfels

Ayden Van Amber

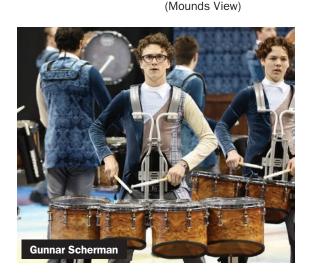
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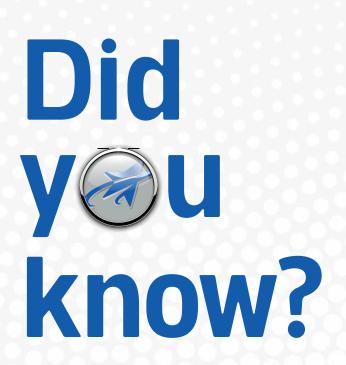
Hana Weegman

Finley Wilkey Burns

Addie Wood

Braxton Xiong







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The School Board certified a property tax decrease of more than 4% for 2023.



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90% of students report that teachers care about them.

- Minnesota Student Survey, 2022



More than 8 out of 10 resident students choose to attend Mounds View Public Schools.



Our students' graduation rates surpass the state average by seven points.

Minnesota 83.6%

Mounds View 90.6%





**Jobs & Internships** 

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40 community organizations are participating in partnerships with the District to bring real-world experience to students.