

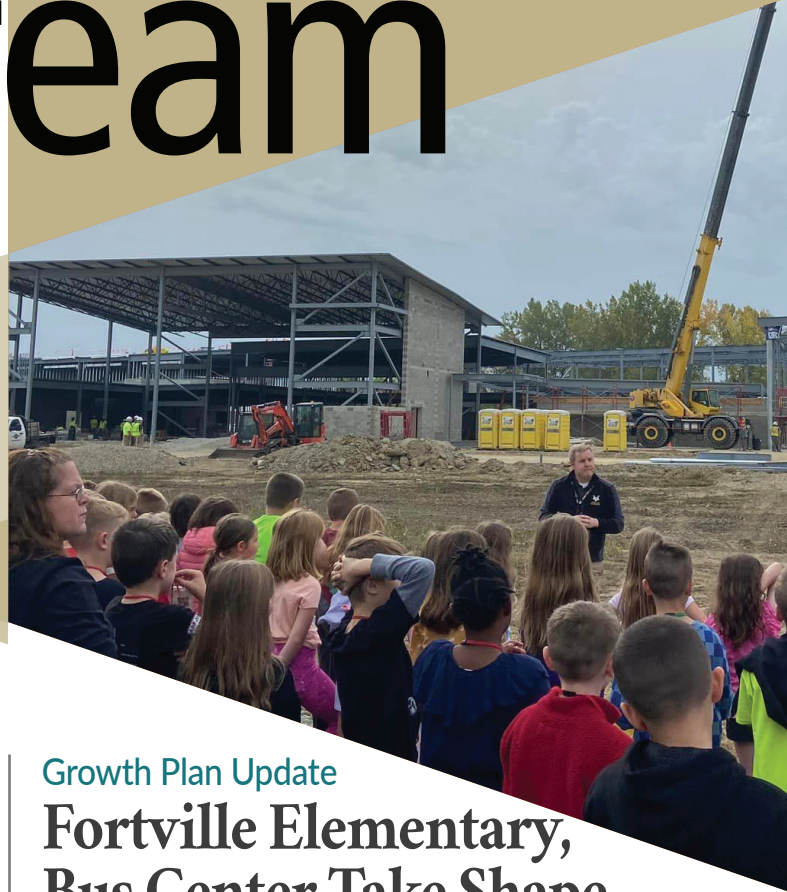
MT. VERNON

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# Mainstream



FALL 2023  
Building Success



## Mt. Vernon schools earn high rankings

### MVHS among US News' 'Best High Schools'

Mt. Vernon High School (MVHS) has been ranked one of U.S. News & World Reports' "Best High Schools" for 2023. MVHS was named to the top 40% of the nation's high schools and is now ranked 47th within Indiana and 16th in the Indianapolis metro area. The 2023 edition of Best High Schools includes a numerical ranking of nearly 18,000 public high schools nationwide.

MVHS Principal, Mrs. Brooke Tharp, said, "I am pleased to see Mt. Vernon High School receive such a high ranking by U.S. News & World Report. I believe it is a strong reflection of our school's high-performing students and our teachers' hard work to provide academic excellence. As our school continues to grow, our focus is to make our students' education the top priority and provide an immersive positive learning environment to help prepare them for their futures."

To determine its rankings, US News draws data from state departments of education. The Common Core of Data, College Board (especially AP test data), International Baccalaureate data, and the statewide accountability proficiency test results are the among measurements. US News examines such factors as AP exam participation rates, college readiness indexes and graduation rates; Mt. Vernon ranked high in all of these areas.

U.S. News and World Report uses a four-step process; the first three ensure that the schools serve all of their students well. If schools made it past the first three steps, a fourth step assessed the degree schools prepare students for college-level work.

### Growth Plan Update

## Fortville Elementary, Bus Center Take Shape

Work is progressing steadily on two important facility and capacity improvements for Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation. Board of Education members recently toured and receive progress updates on both Fortville Elementary and the transportation center, both under construction. Future Fortville Elementary students had a chance to sign structural beams.

The transportation building is scheduled to be ready for use by April 2024, and Fortville Elementary School will welcome students and staff in the Fall of 2025.



HIGH RANKINGS continued on back



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## All 5 schools earn “Highly Effective Schools” accreditation

All five schools in the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation have earned a Highly Effective Schools Accreditation from Solution Tree. This is a significant achievement that reflects all five schools’ commitment to learning and maintaining the highest levels of educational quality.

Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon Middle School, Fortville Elementary School, McCordsville Elementary School, and Mt. Comfort Elementary School earned this accreditation by driving permanent, positive, and significant impacts on student achievement. These areas are directly aligned to the Professional Learning Communities at Work® (PLC) process and the High Reliability Schools™ framework.

**“This confirms and demonstrates the dedication our staff and school leaders have to continue their mission to help students become successful in and out of the classroom.”**

—DR. JACK PARKER

Superintendent Dr. Jack Parker shared, “All five Mt. Vernon Schools are equipped with hardworking staff that strive to provide a top-quality educational environment where all students are able to learn and thrive. The Highly Effective Schools Accreditation confirms and demonstrates the dedication our staff and school leaders have to continue their mission to help students become successful in and out of the classroom. As the Mt. Vernon Schools continue to grow, we are proud to say we have kept these principles at top priority to provide a positive academic experience to prepare students for their future and continue to learn.”

## Save the Date:

**Mark your calendars for April 6, 2024.**



That’s the date of the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation’s Black & Gold Gala. This annual event combines fun – dinner, reception, silent auction, and dancing – with an opportunity to support the Foundation’s mission of providing grants and scholarships that further enhance the excellent learning opportunities offered by MVCSC.

**When:** 6 - 11:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**Where:** Indiana Roof Ballroom,  
140 Washington Street,  
Indianapolis

**Cost:** \$109 a person

**Contact:** 317-485-3100 or Education  
Foundation website:  
[mtvernonfoundation.org](http://mtvernonfoundation.org)