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Class of 2024



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MGEVS Class of 2024

The sixty members of the Class of 2024 turned their tassels on Saturday, June 1st, to signify the end of their high school careers, and left large shoes to fill for future classes. The class may be one of the smallest to graduate from MGHS – with only 60 students – but they have left very large shoes to fill! Among the graduates there were 6 students wearing the National Honor Society cords and 1 wearing the National Technical Honor Society cords, with 11 students receiving Honors Diplomas from the State of Ohio. The Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 was Aubrey Thompson, and Salutatorians were Parker Bartlett, Emma McDonald, and Mikenzee Clapper, 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, Mason Barnum, Shelba Fisher, and Bryan Sayers, who will be serving in our nation's armed forces.



Class President, Shelba Fisher

Class President, Shelba Fisher welcomed everyone and gave thanks to all who played such an important role in their journey. "Thank you for your endless support and for believing in us, even when we doubted ourselves."

Salutatorian, Parker Bartlett delivered the Salutatory Address where he talked about "back when things were simple." He stated, "My hope for you all is that you realize how much we have grown from not being able to form a straight line to entering our community, paying taxes, and being functional pieces of society," and asked his fellow graduates to promise themselves that they will chase their goals and dreams.



Valedictorian, Aubrey Thomas

Valedictorian, Aubrey Thomas, told of how she depends upon God for direction and making sound decisions. She gave very sound advice when she stated, "Today is just a stepping stone for your future. Take all that you have learned from your time here at MGHS and go make something of yourselves."

The one constant in all of the speakers' messages was that the Class of 2024 is destined for great things!

Senior Choir members, under the direction of Anthony Taylor, sang the National Anthem, and delivered their final high school performance with the Symphonic Choir singing, "Till the Stars Fall From the Sky", while members of our band under the direction of Ross Runyan performed "Pomp & Circumstance", the Recessional, and ending with the MGHS Fight Song.


Class of 2024 Graduates

The ceremony ended with Shelba Fisher leading the graduates in the turning of the tassel.

The class of 2024 motto reads, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." (Ralph Waldo Emerson). This class has lived through unprecedented times, navigating the twists and turns of a global pandemic, and are now ready to take on the world. As their class President stated, "We've learned that change is the only constant and adaptation is our superpower!" The world awaits!

Dr. Howard's Address to the MGEVS Class of 2024

First and foremost…. Congratulations to all of you sitting before me today. The Class of 2024 - You're a special class for many reasons. I've often said that if you want to know about the culture and climate of the High School, look at the Senior leadership first. You're the ones that the underclassmen looked up to. You were the ones in the huddle on a critical 4th and 1 play on the gridiron that made it happen. You were the ones that left your mark at Cardington after you beat them on the road. You were the ones that helped land a State Runner Up Finish in Cross Country. If you want to be a State Champion in XC or Track, I'm proud to tell other Superintendents that you have to run through Mount Gilead first to earn it- because we'll be a force to be reckoned with in the end. It doesn't stop with athletics- you led our band, choir and other performing arts performances. You have 3 members of your class that have elected to serve our country in the military. You've continued to earn credentials at the career center that will lead to good paying jobs, and many of you already have college transcripts where you've earned CCP credits.

I'd like to share one tiny story with you that I'm proud of. Our Treasurer, Tina Gabler and I are members of Kiwanis. One of our service projects is to clean a section of State Route 61 as part of adopt a highway. It was a windy, cool April Saturday and we had one of your peers come join us. It was her birthday nonetheless, and… it was your valedictorian. Thank you Aubrey and the entire Senior Class for displaying excellent leadership in our school community. I don't have to think very long when I need to come up with stories or ways to portray that we have great students here in Mount Gilead. I brag about you often! I'm proud to be your Superintendent. It's a great place to be- one primary reason is because of how respectful and responsible you are. That's always a credit to you, students, when you carry yourself in that manner. But, it's also indicative of this Village (and your loved ones in particular) raising up our kids. As a side note… you may have thought that it's disheartening that we had one student show up to help Kiwanis Members… It wasn't the whole story… The rest of them were back here at the school helping to clean up the grounds for Spring activities that were set to take place.

As accomplished as you are, none of us get to where we are without the sacrifices and impact of loved ones in our lives. Take just a moment to wave to any loved ones you have here today. I know they're proud of you too. So too, is our staff. If you ever get the chance- look them up whether that is today or years down the road to thank them- especially the ones that you know positively impacted your life or you knew was a trusted adult for you - whether that was your Kindergarten teacher, bus driver, food service employee or other. Knowing the work you do matters is important and educators take no greater satisfaction from anything else above knowing you cared about them and that you knew they cared about you - it's the most essential aspect of being a great educator.

I won't ramble on because I know the most important thing that happens for you individually today is hearing your name called so you and your loved ones can celebrate the hard work you've done to walk across this stage.

My advice is this… Don't sweat the little things…Don't let regrets bog you down either, transform those into learning lessons that help you in the future. That to me is how you win life. While this chapter ends, there are new ones ahead that you get to be the author of.

But, please know this. 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!



Graduate Banners to be Available for Pick Up

Mount Gilead High School Class of 2024 Graduate Banners that are hanging throughout the Village can be picked up at the Village Administrative (Mayor's) office during normal business hours beginning July 8th.

From the Desk of Superintendent

Dr. Zack Howard (zackhoward@mgschools.org)

Dear Mount Gilead Schools Community,

This past May, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 250. This new law requires every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cell phone usage during school hours and seeks to minimize student use of cell phones in K-12 schools. This must be in place by July 1, 2025.

HB 250 requires that all districts place an emphasis on limiting cell phone use and reducing cell phone-related distractions in the classrooms. It also includes exceptions for students who require a cellphone to monitor a health concern or for student learning as determined by school officials.

Many districts in Ohio have already implemented cell phone policies that severely limit the use of cell phones during the school day. Examples of some that exist today require students to power their cell phones off during the school day or some require them to remain silent in their locker during the school day.

There have been studies that show students are distracted by cell phones and the notifications they receive. Most school administrators across the State will agree that the increase in social media use has caused peer to peer conflicts that often make their way into the school setting and has potential to cause disruptions to the learning environment. Some of the early adopters of such a policy have indicated that banning the use of cell phones by students has led to an increase in social interaction between them during lunch, etc.

While the law is clear that school districts are required to implement policies to restrict the use of cell phones to limit distractions they cause to the learning process, our Board of Education is committed to passing a policy that works for Mount Gilead. One concern is the ability for parents/guardians to get messages to their children regarding after school plans during the school day. As a district that is one to one with Chromebooks, most students have access to their student email accounts. Every office still has landlines and messages can still be delivered to students as was done prior to cell phones in schools. Additionally, we have safety plans in the event of emergencies where the distinct can communicate messages to parents/guardians should the need arise. Furthermore, every classroom has a phone at the

teacher's desk. During the Board of Education meeting on May 21, it was pledged that we will have a 1st Reading of a policy no later than July of this year so that a policy could be in place prior to students returning to school for the 2024/25 School Year for the 1st Day of School in September. We will be communicating this expected policy change on our district website as this becomes clear.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Or, if you would like to provide feedback, please consider providing input on our survey using the QR code provided on this page.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing Summer and we will look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2024/25 School Year.

With Gratitude,

Dr. Zack Howard

your input is needed

PARENTS: Scan the QR code below with your smart phone camera to take a short Student Cell Phone Use survey.

Team Purple Wins Year-Long May Day Competition



The 7th grade May Day competition came to an end Wednesday May 29th. May Day is a year-long competition that occurs between four seventh grade teams (team purple, team black, team white and team gray). Teams can earn points throughout the year by completing various academic, extracurricular and athletic activities. Some of these events are regularly occurring ways to earn points (quarterly grades) while some of them are sporadic and more specific (catapult launch, kickball tournaments, etc.). The competition concludes with a large end of the year May Day event similar to field day. The team that has the most points by the end of this day wins the May Day trophy and bragging rights. This year's winner was Team Purple!



Congratulations to all of the teams and the work they put in this year. It was a close competition throughout the year.

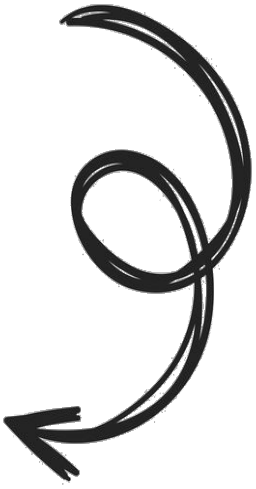
MGEVS Five Year Forecast

Treasurer, Tina Gabler (tgabler@mgschools.org)

The Five Year Forecast is required for each school district in the State of Ohio twice a year, once in November and then again in May. The forecast shows 3 years of history, the current fiscal year and then four years of projections. This only represents the general fund.

The first part of the forecast is the revenues. As you can see the district was impacted by the real estate reappraisal that occurred in 2023. The district is currently at the 20 mill floor as enacted by HB920 in 1976. Due to this the district will realize the inflationary rates. The income tax remains stable over previous years. The additional .75% traditional income tax is due to expire at the end of 2024 and the effect of this can be seen in the year 2025. Unrestricted Grant In Aid is the funds that are received from the state. Due to the reappraisals our state funding will decrease next year by approximately $300,000. All other revenue is expected to remain stable.

The second part of the forecast is the expenses. The first line item, personal services is the salaries/ payroll. The district employs approximately 150 full time and part time people. This makes the district one of the largest employers in Mt. Gilead. The salaries are based on the Union Agreement with the Teachers Union, we are currently in a three year contract. The next line item represents the retirement and benefits, these too are based upon the union agreement and the retirement systems, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio and School Employees Retirement System of Ohio. The third line item is purchased services. This represents contracts related to "services" to the district. Supplies and materials are everything from pencils and paper to paper towels and toilet paper and everything in between. Capital Outlay is equipment. Another way to view these items, supplies are anything that is disposable and capital is anything that is not with a value greater than $5,000. As you can see the transfer out of the general fund has been substantial over the past few years. These funds have been transferred to the Capital Projects fund. This fund is where we have been making all of the major improvements that you will notice around the district. This includes such things as:



- HVAC - District
- All Weather Track
- Football Field
- Scoreboard
- Flag Pole Stadium
- Sound System Stadium
- Stadium LED Lights
- Restroom/Stadium Fieldhouse
- One to One Chromebooks
- Gym Floor Park Avenue
- Playground Equipment
- Gym Cherry Street
- Security Cameras
- Sound System HS
- Maintenance Truck
- Buses
- 2 Vehicles Transportation
- Roof Repairs - District
- Digital Sign/Digital Display Boards
- Sidewalks
- LED Light Project Park Avenue
- Baseball and Softball Fields



The district will end this fiscal year with approximately $6.5 million dollars in the general fund. The Board of Education, Superintendent and Administrators have been good stewards of your tax dollars and will continue to be as the forecast indicates. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for allowing me to be your school district treasurer.

Tina Gabler, MGEVS Treasurer
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Mount Gilead Exempted Village

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023 Actual;
Forecasted Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 Through 2028

		Actual				Forecasted				
		Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Average Change	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
	Revenues									
1.010	General Property Tax (Real Estate)	$3,465,515	$3,559,511	$3,729,532	3.7%	$4,497,357	$4,587,304	$4,679,050	$4,772,631	$4,915,810
1.020	Tangible Personal Property Tax	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
1.030	Income Tax	2,456,953	3,342,492	3,522,094	20.7%	3,500,059	2,625,045	1,750,030	$1,785,031	$1,820,731
1.035	Unrestricted State Grants-in-Aid	7,042,346	6,400,464	6,311,051	-5.3%	6,373,500	6,073,500	6,134,235	6,195,577	6,195,577
1.040	Restricted State Grants-in-Aid	282,186	379,428	504,448	33.7%	526,886	530,000	530,000	530,000	530,000
1.045	Restricted Federal Grants-in-Aid - SFSF	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
1.050	State Share of Local Property Taxes	445,537	461,632	463,543	2.0%	553,354	$556,121	$558,901	$561,696	$564,504
1.060	All Other Revenues	1,238,631	505,277	852,250	4.7%	1,121,243	1,022,700	1,032,927	1,043,256	1,053,689
1.070	*Total Revenues*	14,931,168	14,648,804	15,382,918	1.6%	16,572,399	15,394,670	14,685,144	14,888,191	15,080,312
	Other Financing Sources									
2.010	Proceeds from Sale of Notes	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
2.020	State Emergency Loans and Advancements (Approved)	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
2.040	Operating Transfers-In	0	10,996	0	0.0%	0				
2.050	Advances-In	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
2.060	All Other Financing Sources	5,028	1,538	94,057	2973.1%	6,623				
2.070	*Total Other Financing Sources*	5,028	12,534	94,057	399.8%	6,623				
2.080	*Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources*	14,936,196	14,661,338	15,476,975	1.9%	16,579,022	15,394,670	14,685,144	14,888,191	15,080,312
	Expenditures									
3.010	Personal Services	6,595,153	7,105,207	7,504,584	6.7%	8,108,145	8,513,552	8,854,094	9,031,176	9,211,800
3.020	Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits	2,140,541	2,380,154	2,674,849	11.8%	2,647,345	2,753,239	2,863,368	2,949,269	3,037,747
3.030	Purchased Services	2,916,941	1,570,923	1,822,483	-15.1%	2,227,770	2,272,325	2,295,049	2,306,524	2,329,589
3.040	Supplies and Materials	500,741	491,899	624,348	12.6%	720,808	725,000	725,000	730,000	730,000
3.050	Capital Outlay	177,064	181,579	64,217	-31.0%	245,674	175,000	175,000	180,000	180,000
3.060	Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
	Debt Service:									
4.010	Principal-All (Historical Only)	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.020	Principal-Notes	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.030	Principal-State Loans	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.040	Principal-State Advancements	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.050	Principal-HB 264 Loans	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.055	Principal-Other	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.060	Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
4.300	Other Objects	595,867	440,984	481,047	-8.5%	529,146	531,792	534,451	537,123	539,809
4.500	*Total Expenditures*	12,926,307	12,170,746	13,171,528	1.2%	14,478,888	14,970,908	15,446,962	15,734,092	16,028,945
	Other Financing Uses									
5.010	Operating Transfers-Out	400,323	3,170,335	3,029,035	343.7%	2,512,559				
5.020	Advances-Out	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
5.030	All Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
5.040	*Total Other Financing Uses*	400,323	3,170,335	3,029,035	343.7%	2,512,559				
5.050	*Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses*	13,326,630	15,341,081	16,200,563	10.4%	16,991,447	14,970,908	15,446,962	15,734,092	16,028,945
6.010	*Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses*	1,609,566	679,743-	723,588-	-67.9%	412,425-	423,762	761,818-	845,901-	948,633-
7.010	Cash Balance July 1 - Excluding Proposed Renewal/Replacement and New Levies	6,855,065	8,464,631	7,784,888	7.7%	7,061,300	6,648,875	7,072,637	6,310,818	5,464,917
7.020	*Cash Balance June 30*	8,464,631	7,784,888	7,061,300	-8.7%	6,648,875	7,072,637	6,310,818	5,464,917	4,516,284
8.010	*Estimated Encumbrances June 30*	66,105	49,362	65,463	3.6%	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Reservation of Fund Balance									
9.010	Textbooks and Instructional Materials				0.0%					
9.020	Capital Improvements				0.0%					
9.030	Budget Reserve				0.0%					
9.040	DPIA				0.0%					
9.045	Fiscal Stabilization				0.0%					
9.050	Debt Service				0.0%					
9.060	Property Tax Advances				0.0%					
9.070	Bus Purchases				0.0%					
9.080	*Subtotal*	0	0	0	0.0%					
10.010	*Fund Balance June 30 for Certification of Appropriations*	8,398,526	7,735,526	6,995,837	-8.7%	6,598,875	7,022,637	6,260,818	5,414,917	4,466,284



The 4th Quarter Honor and Merit Roll for middle and high school students are posted on the district website (mgschools.org) and in the district app

MS Science Fair Showcases Initiative, Ingenuity

All sixth and seventh grade students participated in a science fair on May 16 in the halls of the middle school, presenting their research and experiments.

The purpose of the event was to encourage young scientists' interest and curiosity for science through following the scientific method. Participants spent time in class and at home over the prior three months researching and collecting data to formulate a hypotheses, background and conclusion for their topic of interest.

The 2024 MGMS Science Fair Project winners are:
Emmi Beltz - 1st Place: Emmi investigated how different smoking products affect the lungs. She built models to simulate how the smoke/chemicals accumulate on our tissues.

Carolyn Barr - 2nd Place: Carolyn's project focused on how different types of water affects plant growth. She meticulously documented her findings as she grew her plants in pre-lit greenhouses.

Addie Baisden-Napper - 3rd Place: Addie investigated the effects of different time and temperature ratios on cake baking. She discovered a lot about the temperatures necessary for certain chemical reactions to occur in the process.

Jordan Partlow - Superintendent's Award: Jordan's project focused on a topic that holds a personal connection to her as she investigated which type of chicken feed would yield the most eggs from her flock.

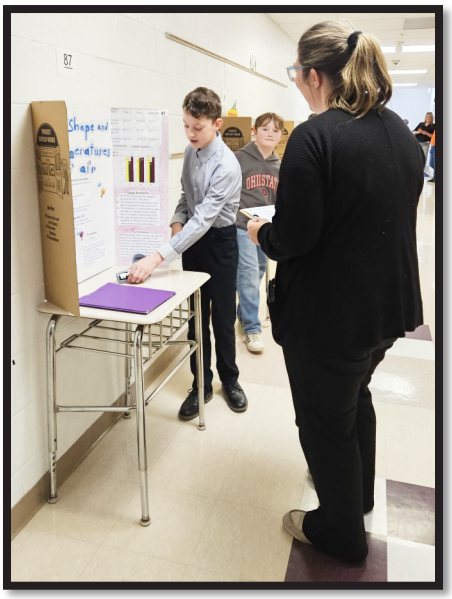
Ellie Williams - Principal's Award: Ellie grew bacteria from various cultures in an incubator of her own making to discover which part of the school was most likely to make her sick.

Thank you to all who participated in, and came out to support our students in this event! We had a lot of great projects and appreciate all the hard work everyone put forth to make the science fair a success.

The Middle School Science Fair is coordinated by 6th grade Science teacher, Jennifer Reed (jreed@mgschools.org)

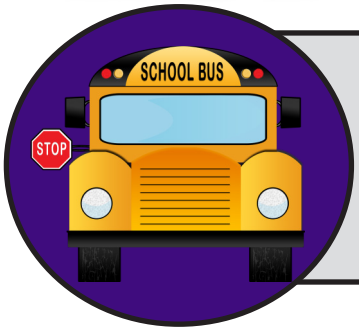


1st Place Winner Emmi Beltz poses with Middle School Principal Clay Grube



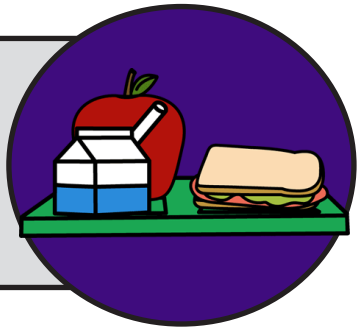
Sixth grade student Peyton Hayes explains his project to judge, Jennifer Carrick.

23/24 NOTABLE NUMBERS

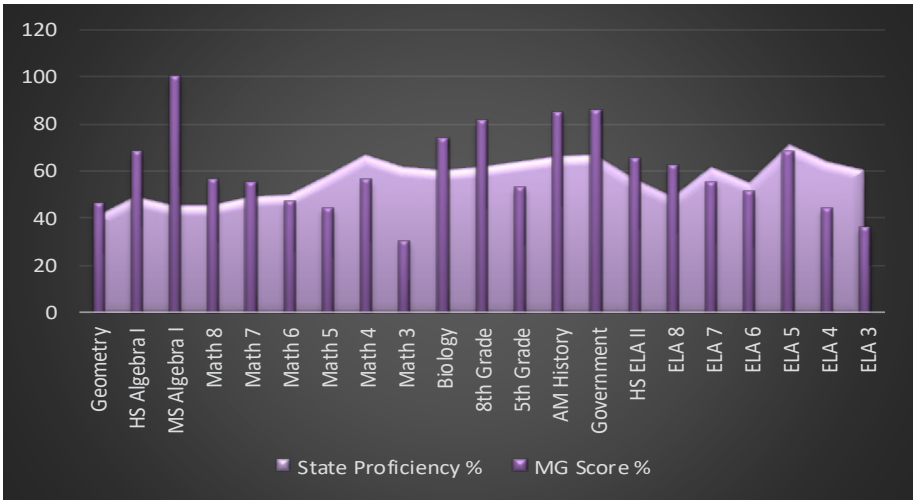


The transportation department drove **795 miles EACH SCHOOL DAY**!!!! To put that into perspective, that is the approximate distance between Mt. Gilead and Denver, Colorado! An extra 25,367 miles were driven for sporting events, competitions and field trips.

Our food service team served 31,838 breakfasts this school year. Additionally, they served 27,755 high school lunches, 21,409 middle school lunches and 40,284 elementary lunches. That's a total of **121,286 meals served**!!!!

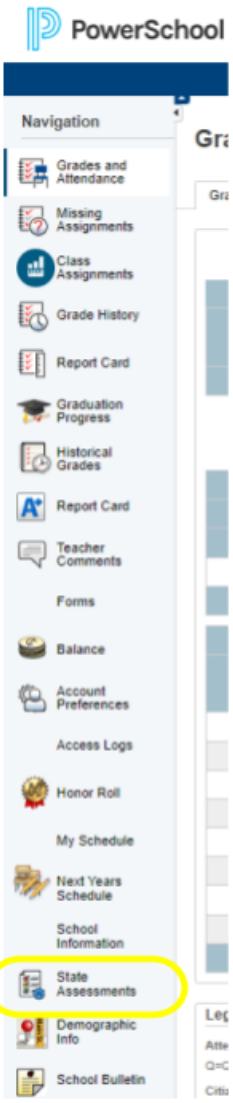


Student Test Scores Improve over Previous Years



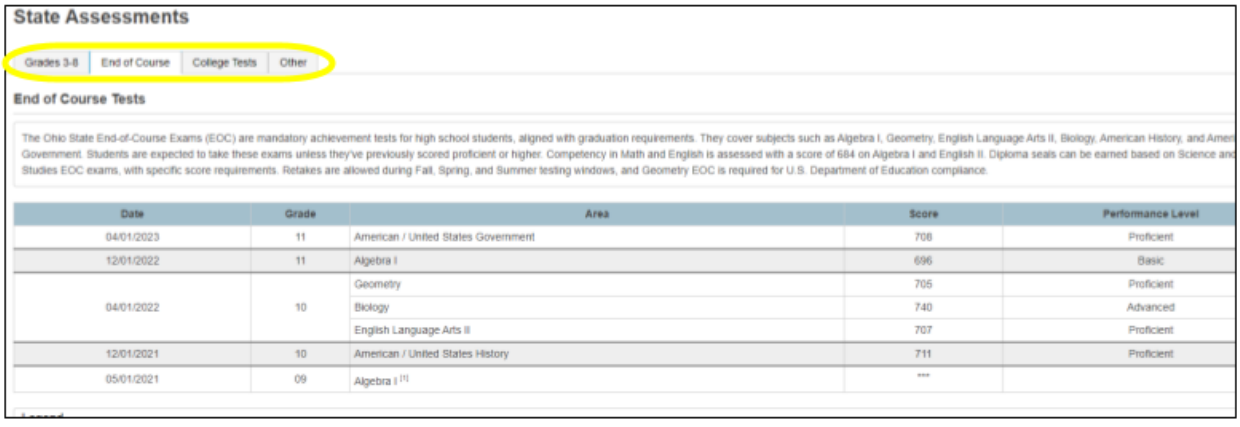
- Our district improved in 10 tested areas compared to last year (where we saw vast improvement over the previous year).
- Our district has improved our scores in 14 of 19 tested areas from this school year compared to 2 years ago.

See State Test Scores on the Parent Portal!



Due to changes in reporting requirements by the state we are no longer sending test score reports home. Instead all state assessments can be found in the Parent Portal. Test scores from Spring 2024 were posted the week of May 20th. Here's how to find them:

- Visit https://ps-mg.metasolutions.net/public/home.html
  - If you need login information please contact your school secretary
- On the left side Navigation Menu scroll down to State Assessments
- There are 4 tabs for various tests
  - Grades 3-8 are the scores for Math, English & Science (only 5th & 8th grade)
  - End of Course are the High School required exams (Algebra 1 & Geometry, Biology, ELA II, American History & Government)
  - College Tests are ACT or SAT results
  - Other includes Pre K or Kindergarten assessments along with any Career Technical exam scores





Congratulations to the Career Based Interventions (CBI) Senior class on their 100% Graduation rate as well as to the Juniors and Seniors on their 100% employed rate. The CBI program, under the direction of Nathan Davis, is designed to help students improve academic competency, develop professional skills and implement a career plan that will serve them on the path to graduation and beyond; and utilize a combination of in-class educational and on-site experimental learning opportunities to maximize student success.
















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Signing Day
#OhioMilitarySigningDay








FREDERICKTOWN STADIUM
FREDDIES
GUEST
DOWN
TO GO
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BENJOLMIN
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Indians
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MOUNT GILEAD
Tips go to
MGHS
Boys
Basketball

FFA Hosts Annual Banquet, Elects New Officers

The Mount Gilead FFA chapter held its annual spring FFA Banquet on April 13th, 2024 There were more than 330 members, parents, teachers, administrators and community members present at this year's event. During our banquet we elected new officers for the 2024-2025 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, State Degrees

Top Class Awards were awarded to Freshman Cooper Nelson, Sophomore Shalynn Irwin, Junior Kimberly Staley and the top Senior was Mitchell Sayers. Next we recognized Kyle St. Clair and Justin Wooddwll as the 110% award winner. The Dekalb Award was presented to Emily Mattix. The Chapter Star Greenhand was Kaiden St. Clair, Chapter Star in Agricultural Placement was Mitchell Sayers, the Chapter Star Farmer was Bryan Sayers. The State Degree recipients of Morgan Beck, Colton Beck, Miguel Martinez, Natalie Jagger and Kimberly Staley were recognized.

Lastly the chapter installed the newly elected officers of Kimberly Staley (President), Natalie Jagger (Vice Pres.), Shalynn Irwin (Secretary), Savannah Wilt (Treasurer), Lia Alexander (Reporter), Brogan Pfleiderer (Sentinel), Miguel Martinez (Student Advisor), and Abigail Leonhard (Historian).

The Chapter also attended the 96th Ohio State FFA Convention at the Ohio Expo Center on May 2nd and 3rd. 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 they 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 Krista Simpson Anderson.

At the fourth session on Friday Kimberly Staley chapter secretary, Natalie Jagger chapter treasurer, Kyle St. Clair chapter reporter (pictured above) were all recognized for their gold rated officer books. At the fifth and final session, six members were awarded their State FFA Degree. Morgan Beck, Colton Beck, Miguel Martinez, Natalie Jagger and Kimberly Staley received their State FFA Degrees. The chapter would like to congratulate all of them on a job well done.



Kimberly Staley chapter secretary (right), Natalie Jagger chapter treasurer (left), Kyle St. Clair chapter reporter (center) were all recognized for their gold rated officer books at the 96th Ohio State FFA Convention.

BUY THE BOOK THEY'LL CHERISH

High School Yearbooks always contain your student's memories of that school year: the people, the clothes, the events and more. By purchasing the 2024 Mizpah, you're buying something your student will cherish always. Please note that we have changed publishers, so follow the information below to order:

1. Go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com
2. Click on the top menu option: Yearbook→ Buy a Yearbook
3. Enter the school order number: 25621 - or - search for the school name: Mount Gilead High School

Follow the directions after that to select your yearbook and options for personalization. It is highly recommended that seniors order a book with the ship to home option.

Deadline to order the 2023-2024 Mizpah is June 30, 2024

2024-2025 MGEVS CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUST
- 19: No School - Teacher Work Day
- 20: No School - Teacher In-Service
- 21: No School - Teacher Work Day
- 22: No School - Teacher In-Service
- 22: Street Fair & Open House

SEPTEMBER
- 2: No School - Labor Day
- 3: No School - Teacher Work Day
- 4: First Day of the 2024-2025 School Year
- 20: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)

OCTOBER
- 18: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)

NOVEMBER
- 1: End of 1st Quarter Classes
- 7: 1-Hour Early Release (P/T Conferences)
- 12: 1-Hour Early Release (P/T Conferences)
- 27-29: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER
- 11: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)
- 23-31: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY
- 1: No School - New Year's Day
- 16: End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Classes
- 17: No School - Teacher Work Day
- 20: No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 29: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)

FEBRUARY
- 13: 1-Hour Early Release (P/T Conferences)
- 17: No School - Presidents' Day
- 18: 1-Hour Early Release (P/T Conferences)

MARCH
- 14: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)
- 21: End of 3rd Quarter
- 24-28: No School - Spring Break

APRIL
- 18: No School (P/T Conference Comp Day)
- 25: 2-Hour Early Release (PD)

MAY
- 26: No School - Memorial Day
- 30: 1-Hour Early Release - Last Day of Classes
- 31: Graduation - Class of 2025

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools
Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education for Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at either 6 or 7 PM. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 7 pm
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 7 pm
Tuesday, August 20, 2025 @ 7 pm
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 6 pm

Meetings are to be held at the office of the Board of Education, unless indicated or changed by majority vote of the board. Reach out to the Board anytime by emailing BOE@mgschools.org

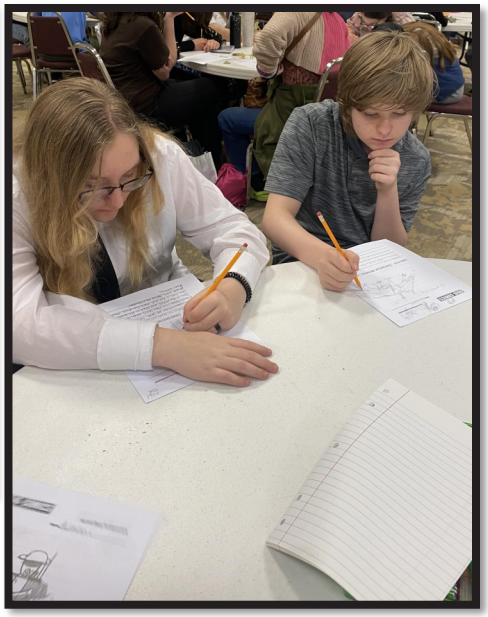


DOJO Comic Workshop Attended by MS Art Students

MGMS Art Students attended an Art and Story Fundamentals workshop with Dojo Comics teaching artist and non-profit Director Luke Beekman. The workshop took place on April 15th at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield.

Students learned about and worked on creating characters, worlds and quests in graphic novel and comic book formats. They also had a chance to see their artwork displayed for Artapalooza.





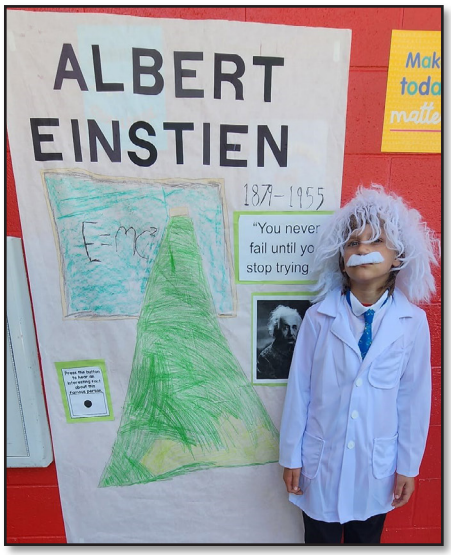
Article and pictures provided by MGMS Art Maria Miller

Living Wax Museum Comes to Life with Park Avenue 4th Graders









Congratulations JOG 2024 State Placers

The following students placed in their competitions in the JOG (Jobs for Ohio Graduates) State Competition: Dakota Brocklesby - Financial Literacy- 3rd place; Olivia Long and Faith White- Students for Service- 2nd Place; Savannah Wilt- Employment Skills- 1st Place and Gauge Shipman, Owen Hershner, Kendall Neal, and Abram Newson- Knowledge Bowl-1st Place.

Mount Gilead's JOG Program is offered to students in 9th-12th grade was under the direction of Gerry Hartman (ghartman@mgschools.org).



MOUNT GILEAD ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

2024/2025 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Golf Outing Sponsor

Sponsor a tee and/or green for our annual Golf Outing at Valley View Golf Course on July 27, 2024.

PRICE: $100 each; Reusable Sign: $25

Sponsorship Banner

Show your support in style with a 3' x 5' full-color banner featuring your company logo, contact information, or a message to our athletes. Banners will be placed in the stadium for fall, in the gym for winter, and will be modified to run on our electronic scoreboard for the spring.

PRICE: $300 one season, $500 two seasons, $600 all three seasons; Reusable Banner: $100

Popcorn Sponsor

Provide the first 100 bags of popcorn for fans at an athletic event of your choice. Your full-color company logo, contact information, or a message to our athletes will be on every bag.

PRICE: $250 each game

Tailgate Sponsor

Provide funding, food, and/or volunteers for one of our football tailgate fundraiser dinners.

PRICE: $TBD - let's talk!

Program Sponsor

Include your company logo, contact information, or a message to our athletes in our digital athletic program. Programs featuring all in-season teams are available electronically and distributed by QR Code at athletic events.

PRICE: $50 one season, $75 two seasons, $100 all three seasons

OH Report Sponsor

Contribute toward the cost of video coverage for MGHS football, volleyball, boys basketball, and girls basketball events. Select games will be available through livestream and free for fans to watch.

PRICE: your choice - every contribution helps!

PROUD TO SUPPORT MOUNT GILEAD ATHLETICS

GO INDIANS!

Your participation in these sponsorship opportunities will support ALL student athletes in ALL sports at MGHS!

Please contact us!

Jessica Trainer
Athletic Boosters President
Email: jessleetrainer@gmail.com
Phone: 419-210-0311

We are also always happy to accept donations of TIME! Please let us know if you and/or your business or organization would like to volunteer!

The mission of the Mt. Gilead Athletic Boosters is to promote continuous involvement, excitement, and pride among our students, parents, and community, in order to provide the resources necessary to support all athletes, coaches, and programs.

Spring Sports Recap

Jack Bault, Athletic Director (jbault@mgschools.org)

This spring, the weather presented us with many challenges. We faced rain, cold, and numerous rescheduled contests at the start of the season, but our teams persevered and had success.

Our Middle School Boys Track and Field team captured the KMAC Championship, which set the tone for an impressive Track and Field season across all levels.

At the High School level, both our Boys and Girls Track and Field teams won the KMAC Championships. Additionally, the High School Boys Track and Field team clinched the District title, showcasing their depth and talent across the board.

Our Baseball team concluded their season with a 6-13 record. Despite the tough season, the team displayed great effort and determination in every game.

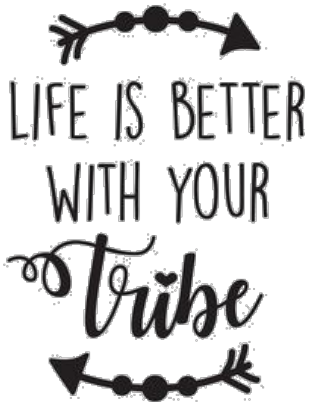
The Softball team made significant strides this year, finishing with a 7-15 record, a notable improvement from their previous season. Their progress and growth have the future looking encouraging.

We are also incredibly proud to announce that eight of our student-athletes have committed to participating in college athletics. This achievement is a testament to their talent, hard work, and the support from their coaches, families, and community.

Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for their hard work and achievements this season. We look forward to building on this success in the future.



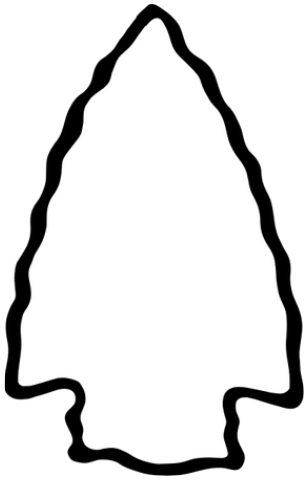
2023-2024 Spring Sports Awards



MS Track & Field
Bailey Bault HJ, LJ
Gwen Hershner PV, 800M, 1600M
Andrew Gannon 1600M
Henry Bartlett 800M
Tyler Miller 200M, 4x200M
Aiden McLain 4x800M
Grayson Smith 4x800M
Landon Mosher 4x800M
Brycen Gabriel 4x800M
Marshall Hand 4x200M
Matthew Horton 4x200M
Levi Johnson 4x200M

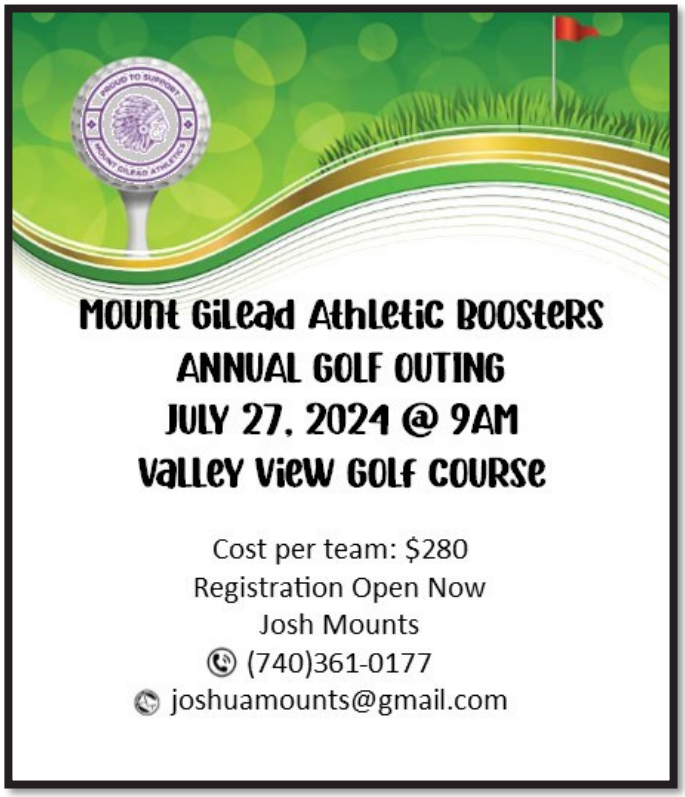
HS Boys Track & Field
Logan High Runner of the Year, 1st Team 100M, 1st Team 200M, 1st Team 4x200M, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier
Will Baker 1st Team 1600M, 1st Team 3200M, 1st Team x800M, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier, 1st Team All-Ohio 1600M
Tae Davis 1st Team 110M Hurdles, Regional Qualifier, Alternate
Jon Miller 1st Team 4x200M, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier
Collin Gabriel 1st Team 4x200M, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier
Quade Harris 1st Team 4x200M, HM 400M, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier
Owen Hershner 1st Team 4x800M, Regional Qualifier
Liam Stalnaker 1st Team 4x800M, Regional Qualifier
Parker Bartlett 1st Team 4x800M, 2nd Team 3200M, All Academic, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier, 1st Team All-Ohio 3200M
Wyatt Mowery 2nd Team 300M Hurdles, Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier
Joey Baldwin 2nd Team Shot Put, Regional Qualifier
Gage Bowersmith Regional Alternate, State Alternate
Lauren Huelsman Coach of the Year

HS Girls Track & Field
Danielle Pohlkotte 1st Team HJ, 1st Team 4x100M, 1st Team 4x200M, 2nd Team 200m, Regional Qualifier
Faith White 1st Team 4x100M, 1st Team 4x200M, Regional Qualifier
Natalie Waugh 1st Team 4x100M, 1st Team 4x200M, HM 4x400M, Regional Qualifier
McKenzie Mosier 1st Team 4x100M, Regional Qualifier
Darbie Dillon 1st Team 4x200M, 2nd Team 100M Hurdles, HM 300M Hurdles, HM 4X400M, Regional Qualifier
Sophie Mosher 1st Team 4x800M, HM 4X400M
Haley Pfeifer 1st Team 4x800M
Adriana Hershner 1st Team 4x800M
Kimberly Staley 1st Team 4x800M, 1st Team 3200M, 2nd Team 800m, HM 1600M, Regional Qualifier
Kendall Neal HM 4x400M
Abby Leonhard HM Discus, Regional Qualifier
Shelba Fisher All Academic
Olivia Long Regional Alternate
Kenlee Trainer Regional Alternate
Lauren Huelsman Coach of the Year



HS Baseball
Gage Baker 2nd Team, 2nd Team Central District

Softball
Greer Simpson 1st Team, 2nd Team Central District
Kierra Main 2nd Team, 2nd Team Central District
Anavey Jodrey HM, HM Central District





Students Win No Vaping Contest, Artwork on Billboard Display



Middle School Art Students participated in a No Vaping Poster Contest sponsored by the Morrow County Health District. All winners received amazon gift cards. The first place winners (pictured above) were 8th graders Tommy Young and Keaton Ayers.



Their artwork has been displayed on the billboard on 95. Second place went to 8th grader Emma Osborne and third place was 8th graders Ava Charles and Megan Webb.



Attention Alumni: If your class is having a reunion and you'd like to spread the word, or if you've already met and would like to share information or pictures, please contact *The Communicator* Editor Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org or (419) 947-9517 x 2218

Find all alumni events at mgschools.org/students/alumni

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Park Avenue Elementary - Kindergarten through 5th Grade

In an effort to help every student be prepared for learning and to ease the financial burdens of our Park Avenue Elementary families during the "Back-to-School" time, the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools will again be partnering with the United Way of Morrow County.

The United Way will provide classroom sets of scissors and a box of crayons for each of our students in Grades K-5. We are very grateful for their partnership. The district will purchase all other supplies needed for learning except for headphones, note books, and a pencil/crayon pouch.

We hope our plan helps to ease the financial burden to families but also simplifies the supply purchase process for them.

- ❑ Plug-In Headphones (over the ear, not Bluetooth)
- ❑ Notebooks*
- ❑ Pencil/Crayon Box*

*Note: All teachers may not ask for notebooks or pencil/crayon boxes; but all students will need headphones.

Class lists will be posted on the windows at Park Avenue Elementary in mid-August. Any specific class supply requests in addition to those listed above will be posted by your students' teacher.

Mount Gilead Middle School

6th Grade

- ❑ Pencils - a lot
- ❑ 1 pack of highlighters
- ❑ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ❑ 4 composition or single subject notebooks
- ❑ 3 big glue sticks
- ❑ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ❑ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ❑ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- ❑ 1 pack colored pencils
- ❑ 1 pack markers
- ❑ Earbuds or Headphones

7th Grade

- ❑ Pencils - a lot
- ❑ 1 pack of highlighters
- ❑ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ❑ Paper: loose or in a notebook
- ❑ 1.5" or 2" 3-ring binder (math)
- ❑ 3 big glue sticks
- ❑ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ❑ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ❑ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- ❑ 1 pack colored pencils
- ❑ 1 pack markers
- ❑ Earbuds or Headphones
- ❑ TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)
- ❑ Pencil Pouch

8th Grade

- ❑ Pencils - a lot
- ❑ 1 pack of highlighters
- ❑ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ❑ Paper: loose or in a notebook
- ❑ 1.5" or 2" 3-ring binder (math)
- ❑ 3 big glue sticks
- ❑ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ❑ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ❑ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
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- ❑ 1 pack markers
- ❑ Earbuds or Headphones
- ❑ TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)

Mount Gilead High School - 9th through 12th Grade

The High School does not have a "mandatory" supply list since students are in a variety of classes. Normally, we ask students to bring normal organizational and classroom supplies.
Below you will find some suggestions for items which will be helpful as we navigate the 2024-2025 school year:

- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Colored pencils
- ❑ Pens
- ❑ 3 x 5 index cards
- ❑ Ruler w/ metrics
- ❑ Erasers
- ❑ Highlighters
- ❑ Divided notebooks
- ❑ Loose paper - college ruled
- ❑ 3-ring binder (1/2" for English, 1" for Science)

* Teachers may request specific supplies for the individual courses on the first day of class.



Ohio Sales Tax Holiday Expanded to 10 Days

Gov. Mike DeWine announced recently that the annual Ohio Sales Tax holiday will be held this year from **midnight on July 30 to 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 8** . During this holiday eligible items up to $500 will be included for the tax-free purchase. Purchases will able to be made either in-store or online.

In prior years, the holiday was only held for just three days for school-related items. Maximum prices of eligible items were also much lower in previous years.



Student Supply Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year

- ❑ $35.00/student at Park Avenue Elementary
- ❑ $35.00/student at Mt. Gilead Middle School
- ❑ $35.00/student at Mt. Gilead High School
- ❑ $10.00: MG High School Class Fee (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)
- ❑ $20.00 Technology Fee (Freshmen & Sophomores only)

Student Supply Fees are annual fees paid directly to the school (or by PaySchools). Fees will be added to student accounts beginning in August for the 2024-2025 school year. That money helps to pay for extra school supplies, workbooks, journals, ID badges, planners, printer ink, art supplies and more. Unpaid school fees accumulate and can be found on your student account balance.

No Shots? No Records? No School.



School-Age Vaccine Requirements

As another 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

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Thursday, August 22, 2024

5-6 PM: Community & Food Vendors
Meet the MGMS/MGHS Fall Athletes
In front of Park Avenue & MGMS/MGHS
6-8: PM Meet the teachers/Student Orientation
Inside student classrooms and school buildings.

Do you think you received this newsletter by mistake? *The Communicator* is designed for all taxpayers who reside within the Mount Gilead (Ohio) Exempted Village Schools district. However, there are postal routes that wander outside of our district. Since bulk mail is the most cost effective way to send this newsletter, and since the entire postal route has to be included, we have chosen to include those outlying routes. We hope that you will enjoy *The Communicator* anyway. If not, please pass it on to someone who may enjoy it or place in a recycling bin.