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From left to right: Connor Counterman, Kylee James Cordray, Rose Kennedy, Ainsley Olney and Jason Flood II

2020 CERTIFIED PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIANS (CPTS)

Morgan High School Allied Health Seniors have completed their phlebotomy course and are shown above with their certificates. Additionally, they have successfully completed a national examination and are now Certified Phlebotomy Technicians (CPTs). To qualify for the national exams, the students had to successfully complete intensive classroom training, including but not limited to practicing on teachers, other students in the course and family members, the students completed clinical experiences with Marietta Health Systems. While at Marietta Health Systems, the students achieved real life experiences in the medial field. The students performed skills on actual patients. According to their instructor, Mrs. Meg Suermondt, the students would like to Thank the community who helped with their clinical training.

MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL



On December 12, 2019 the second annual Morgan High School Career Technology Education (CTE) prepared for the Christmas Holiday Season, by inviting several Senior Citizens of Morgan County to join them for a day filled with arts, crafts, and music. The students and Senior Citizens decorated ornaments for the tree, made gingerbread houses and sang Christmas Carols. Students from the Morgan High School Career Technology Programs include, Accounting, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Electronics and Networking, Health Technology, Interactive Media, Precision Machining.





Making Christmas Tree Ornaments for the tree.



Members of Health
Technology preparing
the Graham Cracker
Houses for the visitors
and the students to
decorate.







MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Morgan High School Athletic Physicals

The Morgan High School Athletic Physicals for the 2020-21 sport season will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 and Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 8am to 11am, at Morgan High School. Genesis Health Care will be performing the physicals. The cost is \$15.00 per student athlete.





College Credit Plus Letter of Intent

The College Credit Plus Letter of Intent forms are available in the Morgan High School Office. If your student is interesting in taking college courses in the 2020-21 school year., the letter of intent must be completed and returned to the Morgan High School Office no

later than April 1, 2020. There will be no exceptions.





Scholarship Forms are available in the Morgan High School Guidance Office.

The 2019-2020 scholarship forms are available. Several scholarships have deadlines. For a complete list, schedule an appointment with the Guidance staff, by calling 740-962-2944.

ACT Test Dates for the 2019-20 School Year

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020



Upcoming Events:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are February 6th and 11th in the evenings. Please call the High School to schedule your appointment time.

President's Day is February 17th, 2020. All Morgan Local Schools will be closed.

Special Reports to Parents are being mailed on February 21st, 2020.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

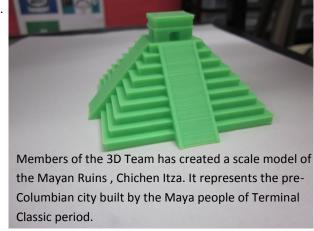
Morgan Junior High School has become a hotbed of technology thanks to the direction of Mr. Michael Lawson, MJHS Technology teacher. Mr. Lawson has organized groups of student-led technology teams to meet each morning or during the BAS after school tutoring program. The teams have access to the same types of technologies that students will encounter as they graduate high school and move into the workforce. Mr. Lawson has shared what is happening at MJHS around Ohio and is extremely proud that Morgan Local Schools are exposing students to avenues for future career paths. The Gaming team takes the popular topic of gaming and has students train to compete with other schools. Communication skills and teamwork are key to success. The 3D Printing team has taken designs and made real-world connections with local businesses to apply their skills. Once created, 3D object uses are endless. The Marketing team strives to promote what is happening at school during the day and activities that MJHS students are involved in after school. Yearbook production, athletic programs, social media releases are a few of the tasks these students run. The Robotics team uses various parts to create robot designs to perform tasks. It's like next level Legos. The Drones team trains to navigate through a course using ei-

ther computer programming or handheld devices. Students fully maintain and repair the drones at MJHS. It is branching out this year to attend competitions. The Green Screen team takes film production and creates videos that highlight activities happening at school. This semester the team will be producing weekly news broadcasts. Interviewing skills and video editing are two important skills utilized.

Members of the Robotics Team are using the skills they have learned to program the robots to move in various patterns.



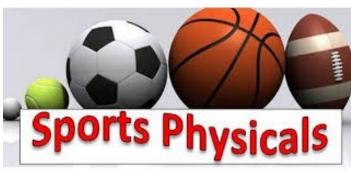
To the left: Austin Dille and Joel Junn, members of the Gaming Team is preparing to use their skills to compete with other schools.



MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH

Morgan Junior High School Athletic Physicals

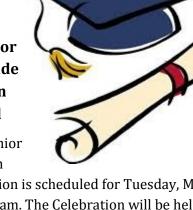
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Morgan Junior High 8th Grade Celebration Scheduled

The Morgan Junior High School 8th

Grade Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at 8am. The Celebration will be held at the Morgan High School Gymnasium.





Drone Repairs are being done by Isaiah Clark and Sue Rhodes, members of the Robotics Team.



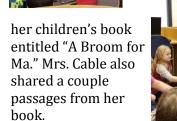
Members of the Marketing Team, from left to right: Abigail Shriver, Kalynn Sparkman, and Evelyn Newton, are viewing past editions of the Yearbook to get ideas. The staff is preparing the yearbooks to freeze their junior high memories in time. Bradley Spencer (above) and Kooper Cain (below) are members of the Green Screen Team. They are getting ready to shoot the activities of the Junior High. The students are learning lighting and production skills.

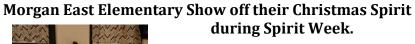


MORGAN EAST

Local Author Rhonda Cable and her broommaker husband, Curt, were visitors at Morgan East. Curt showed some of his broom making skills as well as told stories about his experiences in Appalachia and his early years

growing up in Homer Township, Morgan County. Rhonda, a former teacher in the Logan Hocking School District, explains the author's purpose behind





Mandy Hook and Jean Copeland show their Christmas spirit.



Cai-Lee, Claudia-Joy and Cody Blackburn decked out for the holidays.

Overall winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest held during Christmas Spirit days.

Pictured: Mason Pauley, Preston Mayle, Ava Mayle, Mia Powell, Josie Patterson, and Amond Day.

Individual class winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest held during Christmas Spirit days. Pictured: First row: Ava Mayle, Mason Pauley, Killian Simmons, Preston Mayle, Aiden Kuhn, Colton Lindimore, Kylie Lindimore, Caitlin Clouse, Mia Powell and Josie Patterson. Second Row: Malik Butcher, Hayden Whisman, Addison Lane, Laney Haines, Elijah Griesmyer and Amond Day.





6th grader Mialey Dingey chose to portray Cindy Lou Who from the Grinch Who Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss.



The Grinch stopped by East during Christmas Spirit Week. Koledin Wogan found him lurking the halls and stopped to get a picture with the famous Christmas grump.

East Staff is shown loading baskets of Thanksgiving Dinner items donated by the students and staff of East. Their efforts were able to provide 10 families with a little extra kindness this season.

MORGAN EAST

East 5th and 6th grade students got a rare experience as they were treated to a performance by the Muskingum College Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. David Turrill. The stop at East was their first stop of 5 on a tour that would take them to the Washington D.C. area. In addition to their performance the different instrument types were discussed and demonstrated. East student Dylan Garrett was chosen to lead the group in the playing of

one piece of music during

the visit.





Professor Steve the Science Magician shared some of The Magic of Science with students recently. Emma Griesmyer is shown assisting Professor Steve.



Dude, Be Kind Week observed by students at East

East staff members greeted "trick or treaters" in downtown McConnelsville once again this year. This year's theme was crayon colors. So many positive comments from the children and their families make it all the more rewarding. *(Shown: Carla Fesler, Teresa Moore, Angie Shriver, Karen Camp, Kenzie Jadwin, Erin Matas and Katie Roush-Herron).

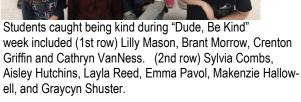


Students who were caught being kind during "Dude, Be Kind" Week were recognized in a school wide assembly and were presented with a t-shirt.

Twenty nineteen was "topped off" by a couple of human ice cream sundaes. Ms. Beth Kutscherenko and Mrs. Crissy Voytko were turned into ice cream sundaes by students who were top sellers in the fall PTO fundraiser. Students topped off the two teachers with lots of chocolate syrup, whipped cream and of course no sundae would be complete without the cherry on

top! Students had a great time both participating and

watching!







MORGAN SOUTH

South Elementary Honors Veterans

South held their annual Veteran's Day program on November 8. The students did a wonderful job of singing and honoring our everyday heroes. All veterans attending were treated to a lunch buffet in their honor after the program. The classes participating in the program this year were both Miss Rishel and Mrs. Young's fifth grade, Mrs. Jenne's fourth grade, Mrs. McDermott's third grade, and Miss Latture's second grade. Well done everyone!





The Wilds and Columbus Zoo at Morgan South

South Elementary hosted a visit from the traveling team who brought many animals to 'awe' and 'wow' the students. The students listened and watched as presenters informed us about the animals' habitats, needs, and behaviors. A few delights of amazement were the bird of prey, the kookaburra, the penguin, and especially, the cheetah.







Students from left to right: Adalynn Moore, Khloe Kincaid, Alyssa Sparkman, Madeline Christman, and Willow Young.

Season of Giving:

It was certainly the "Season at Giving" at South on Friday as a group of girls from Mrs. Lang's fourth grade class delivered gifts to every student in the school. Madeline Christman, Khloe Kincaid, Adalynn Moore, Alyssa Sparkman, and Willow Young showed true compassion when they asked Mrs. Lang about starting up a project that would allow every student in the school to receive a gift for Christmas. Their teacher was beyond proud of their generosity and went to work along with their principal, Mr. Fox, to make it happen. The joy on the students' faces as the girls delivered presents said it all!

MORGAN SOUTH

Under the direction of Mrs. Best, students from Mrs. Parsons's 2nd grade, Mrs. Lang's 4th grade, Mrs. Mayle's and Mrs. McNutt's 6th grade class performed Holiday Snowtime by John Jacobson. Newscaster Don,

Stormy, and Mary give the kids some wonderful news- it's snow time!



Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled

for Tuesday, February 25, 2020

from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the

Willow Young performs a Solo during the Christmas Program.



**Attention: Spring Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.



5th and 6th grade students practicing for the Christmas Program.

Students performing at the Christmas Program from Left to Right: Greyden Welsh, Kaden Norris, Craig Bennett and Clayton Blackburn.

South Gymnasium.

Morgan South Change of Heart

The South Change of Heart team is up and running again this year at South! The students have been helping out around the school, volunteering during after school festivities, and even bringing around a "hospitality cart" to deliver goodies to teachers! This very busy group of 15, fifth and sixth graders, continues to grow each year. Keep up the great work, Team!



First row from left Calie Tompkins, Keira Parsons, Greyden Welsh, Zach Smith

Second row: Connor Stuthard, Rhett Travis, Jude Garber, Chloe Baker. Rylee Casto

Third row: Colt Parsons, Witten Schaad, Nevaeh Mayle, Ryann

Eddleblute, Melena Mayle, Selena Thomas.

Ryann Eddleblute and Connor Stuthard with the Hospitality cart in October.







Calie Tompkins and Jude Garber with the Hospitality cart for August.

MORGAN WEST Pie in the Face for MCUM

Pie anyone? That's what 20 students from West Elementary said when they won the Cereal Drive for the Morgan County United Ministries. The students and staff collected cereal for one week and the top 20 students chose a "willing" staff member to throw a pie or two or six (Mr. Gifford graciously took six of them to the face) into their face. Over 300 boxes and bags of cereal were collected for MCUM, and students had fun watching their teachers get a little "piece" of the pie.



Mrs. Vanhorn is giving pointers to Will VanHorn on his technique for future pie throwing competitions.



Eli Moore prepares his pie throwing technique as Mrs. Johnson prepares for the inevitable.





Holiday Program

Morgan Local West Elementary held their Holiday Program on December 12th at 7:00 PM. It consisted of performances from the 1st and 2nd grade choirs and solos from a few 6th grade students. The program that





evening consisted of five pieces from varying time periods and languages. Families and friends throughout the community came together to hear the talented West students perform their lovely tribute to the Holiday Season.





MORGAN WEST

Career Day took place in October at West. We had presenters from various careers on hand to share with the students what is expected with those jobs and how important it is to stay in school to make that happen. The Electronics and Cosmetology classes were here to show what they are learning at the high school. Other presenters were the Sheriff's Dept., Pierdinock Auctioneers, Attorney Jenna Woodburn, Ridenour Auctioneers, Attorney Auctioneers, Attorney Auctioneers, Attorney Auctioneers, Attorney Auctioneers, Attorney Auctioneers, Attor

to Sales, and PJ Hinkle Farms.



Photo to the Left: Morgan High School Electronic Students show the student the Vex Robots.

Photo to the Right: Morgan County Sheriff 's Officer shows the students the cruiser.



Photo below: Morgan High School Cosmetology students braid the hair of some the West students.

Photo to the right: PJ Hinkle shares his knowledge about growing vegetables to the students.

Battle of the Books



The 2019/2020 Battle of the books competition was held here at West Elementary on Tuesday, November 26th. This is a competition open to all 5th/6th grade students. Teams answered questions about the titles and authors of twelve books they've read over the past eight weeks. The more books team members read, the more facts they can remember, the better their team will do.

Two teams competed. Team 1: Victoria Ligon, Jessilyn Everley, Shilah Shook and Wiley Palmer. Team two consisted of Audrey Kirkbride, Clayton Ferguson and Kendall Eveland. Team 2 earned a first place ranking and were granted the opportunity to compete against the first place teams from South and East Elementary

Schools on December 5th. Our winning West Elementary team earned first place at the final showdown.



First Place Team from left to right: Clayton Ferguson, Audrey Kirkbride, and Kendell Eveland.





Students discussing their thoughts before giving a final answer from left to right: Audrey Kirkbride, Kendall Eveland, and Clayton Ferguson.

BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED

Second session is up and running at BAS!

As of January 6th, after school students have an all-new schedule of classes. One of the things that we pride ourselves on is the variety of classes and clubs available at the after school program. That being said, one thing that we love to offer is the chance to mix things up. Students have access to over 20 different classes as part of our program including: sewing, yoga, cooking, cosmetology, homework help, reading and math intervention, and many others.

One of the newest programs that we offer is eSports. A combination of video games, strategy, and collaboration, eSports is a competitive gaming league that is growing rapidly in the US and goes from youth leagues all the way up to professional gaming competitions. CNN reports that eSports have "turned casual gamers into serious stars who can sometimes rake in seven-figure earnings and massive brand endorsements."

There are a number of different games and platforms used in these competitions as well, from Fortnite to Madden NFL, where teams of players face off against each other to take home anything from bragging rights to real cash prizes. Believe it or not, there are even varsity-level collegiate programs, "More than 50 colleges have varsity eSports programs, recognized by a governing body called the National Association of Collegiate Esports. NACE championships dole out thousands of dollars in prize money, which is put towards scholarships for the winners."

Our BAS teams are co-led by Mike Lawson and Jason Mardis and are comprised of 20 players in total com-

peting in both Rocket League and League of Legends. The primarily 7th and 8th grade squads have already found success in scrimmages against both the high school teams as well as teams from other districts, and thou are leaking forward to starting.

they are looking forward to starting competitive play on January 14th.

ROCKET

From left to right: Ethan Jarvis, Collin Southall,
Richard Page, and Trey Mendenhall face off against
other gamers in League of Legends.

Below left to right: Matthew Johnson and Logan Reier. Background: Cole Krigbaum. Logan plays on while Matthew and Cole wait to rejoin their games.



RAIDER YOUTH ACADEMY EAST

One of the students' favorite clubs each session is Cooking with Mrs. Smith. Students are introduced to a variety of foods that they are taught to prepare. They practice reading recipes and making accurate measurements. Some of the dishes that they have cooked so far this year are: pumpkin muffins, pancakes, chocolate chip cookies, chicken and

noodles, and pizza casserole.



Students have been using "Stop Motion Photography" to create short animated videos. Daisy Hardie is pictured showing off her video about jungle animals.



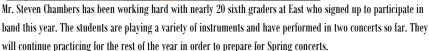
Charles Hockman is putting the cake mix in for the cupcakes Mrs. Smith showed the students

how to make.



Students at East are blessed to have Mrs. Roberts, our librarian, leading them in a Book Club. So far this year the students have been listening to the classic C.S. Lewis book, <u>The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe</u>. When the students finish the book they will watch the movie by the same title.









Starts March 8, 2020





HOT OFF THE PRESS NEWS...



Morgan East Preschool Earns 5-Star Rating

Morgan East Preschool is proud to announce their continued Top 5-Star rating for Ohio's Step Up to Quality. Step Up to Quality is Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System conducted by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Morgan Local School District is proud of all the hard work and dedication of Morgan East Preschool staff to ensure a high quality education for our youngest Morgan students. Congratulations!

Pictured from left to right: Susan Buchanan (Aide), Haley Strelec (Teacher), Barb Patterson (Teacher) and Debbie Finley (Aide)

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 10 Snow Plow Contest Announces Winner ... Congratulations to Morgan Junior High Art Department, winner of the contest



Morgan High School Art Department's Theme is Alice in Wonderland.

MORGAN HIGH

South Elementary Art Department's Theme is Save The Turtles.

Morgan Junior Art Department's Theme is the Night Before Christmas.



East Elementary Art Department's Theme is East Students Throw Kindness Like Confetti.



West Elementary Art Department's Theme is Happy Halloween.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 School Year for all

Morgan Local Elementary Schools





Registration Packets are available at in the main office of East, South, and West Elementary Buildings or at the Morgan Local School District Office, located at 65 West Union Avenue, McConnelsville.

*Return the <u>Registration Form</u>, <u>Health History</u>, <u>Certified Birth Certificate</u>, <u>Immunization Record</u>, <u>Custody Papers</u> (if applicable), <u>Proof of Residency</u>, <u>Photo Id</u> (of Parent/Guardian enrolling student), and <u>Social Security Card</u> of student to the District Office by March 27th to ensure a screening appointment during the week of April 6th.

Morgan Local Schools District Office will be open the following times to collect the information: <u>Tuesdays</u>, <u>Wednesdays</u>, <u>Thursdays</u>, and <u>Fridays from 8:00am to 4:00pm</u>. <u>Mondays (March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd) <u>8:00am to 7:00pm</u>. <u>Saturdays March 7th and 21st from 8:00am to Noon</u>.</u>

If you have any questions, please call Leslie Robbins at 740-962-2782 ext. 2110.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Morgan Local Schools are looking for typically developing preschool students to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. Our preschool opportunities are funded using different methods which means the requirements differ based upon grant restrictions. Please review the current preschool options and register accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of our preschool teachers.

TEACHERS

TRANSPORTATION

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

	Preschool Application for TYPICAL ROLE MODELS	*Live in Morgan County *Screening Process	Must be 4 to 5 years of age usually the year before kindergarten	East Elementary & West Elementary Classes held 4 days per week	Mrs. Patterson Ms. Barringer Mrs. Weaver	Parents must provide transportation	\$60.00 monthly fee	Fill out an application form at any elementary building by April 8th then plan to attend a screening on April 29th. Parents will be contacted with detailed information prior to April 29th.
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	Early Childhood Education Grant	*Live in Morgan County	4 years old by September 30, 2020	East Elementary & South Elementary	Mrs. Strelec Mrs. Strelec	Parents must provide transportation	Free-Parents must meet 200% poverty level guidelines	Register at East Elementary March 25th from 1pm to 3pm Register at South Elementary March 25th from 9am to 11am. What to bring to registration: *Certified Birth Certificate *Student's Social Security Card *Immunization Record *Custody Documentation, if applicable
				days per week				*Proof of Address (utility bill, etc.) *Proof of Income-2019 W2, tax return,
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Morgan Local School District 2019-2020 Calendar

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August 2019

15) New Teacher Day 16) Cert Flex Day 19-20) All Staff Days 21) First Day of School

Setptember 2019

Labor Day- No School
 Morgan County Fair- No School
 Staff PD Day

October 2019

End of first grading period
 No School- Staff PD

November 2019

4 & 7) P/T Conferences 11) Veteran's Day- No School 27-29) Thanksgiving Break- No School

December 2019

2) No School 20) Last Day before Christmas Break Christmas Break - Dec. 23- Jan. 3

January 2020

School Opens after New Year
 End of 2nd grading period
 MLK Day- No School
 No School- Staff PD

February 2020

6 & 11) P/T Conferences 17) Presidents' Day- No School

March 2020

20) End of 3rd grading period

April 2020

Good Friday- No School
 Easter- No School

May 2020

25) Memorial Day- No School 27) Last Day of School 28) All Staff Day

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