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HSD News

Back to School Raising Our Voices for HSD

Students were greeted with smiles from HSD educators and administrators across the district as we celebrated the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year!

Elementary students were excited to tell their teachers and friends about their fun summer. High school students were welcomed with encouragement by cheerleaders and staff as they headed to class. Meanwhile, students at Southeast Middle were embraced by community partners for their first Mindset Monday at the new thematic school.

The energy was high at all HSD schools as students, families, and staff look forward to raising their voices for HSD in the 2023-2024 school year!



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Greetings HSD Community,

Thank you for making the start of the 2023-2024 academic year so successful. As I visit our schools, it is clear that the commitment to our students has never been stronger. We will remain devoted to ensuring that every student in our district will be able to succeed, not only academically, but also social-emotionally.

HSD will continue to support the whole child. The experiences of students in our schools will be the catalyst behind our decisions and drive every action we take as a district. Our actions demonstrate our beliefs.

That is why initiatives such as piloting our district's fourth thematic school at Southeast Middle are so important. It is also why we will continue the technological and instructional improvements in our classrooms, which are vital to our students' success. HSD will continue to prepare our students to be productive every day, every school

From the Desk of the Superintendent

year, and ultimately in colleges, careers, and life in the 21st Century.

We know the support of our parents and community will be critical in accomplishing this. The Hazelwood School District remains a shining example of the progress we can make when people work together toward a common goal. We must raise our collective voices and continue to promote our success stories! The investments we are making now will produce the next generation of leaders who will raise their voices for HSD.

As we move into our new school year, HSD will continue to be a great place to learn--for ALL students. We will be here to serve the community and be a district of choice for parents and your students. Providing exceptional customer service and support will be vital to the success of our mission, and we will help establish an environment that will make us all, HSD Proud!

We are passionate about helping our students be the best that they can be, and we have the talent, resources, and character to accomplish that. As the new school year continues, HSD is working to bring our customer satisfaction to an all-time high. A new year presents a unique opportunity for all of us to continue building upon our culture of high expectations and excellence.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events, including our homecoming events and parades, the year's first community forum at Central High, and our district's first Friday night football game.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nettie Collins-Art

Superintendent of Hazelwood School District

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HSD's Annual Back to School Fairs Bring Lots of Smiles to All Three Corridors

The Hazelwood School District hosted its annual Back to School Fairs at all three high schools on August 12 to celebrate the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

These fairs aimed to provide students and their families an opportunity to meet with school staff and community partners and provide helpful resources. Backpacks were distributed to students throughout the corridors by our community's first responders. The district partnered with Hazelwood, Robertson, Black Jack, Spanish Lake, and Florissant Valley firefighters to secure backpacks for students attending HSD schools in the fall.

In addition, the crowd was entertained by student performances and DJs playing top hits and crowd favorites. Familiar faces from the district schools, departments, the board of education, and HSD superintendent, Dr. Collins-Hart, welcomed students and families and shared the excitement that another school year brings.

The Hazelwood School District would like to thank our students, their families, and our community partners for participating and raising their voices for HSD!



West High's Joseph Viviano's Love for Music Leads to Prestigious Honor

You couldn't wipe the smile off West High's Joseph Viviano's face this summer when he found out that he was accepted into The St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra (SLSYO) trombone section for the 2023-2024 season.

"I checked my email several times a day waiting to find out the results because I was so anxious to know the outcome," Viviano detailed. "On that Tuesday morning, it was the third time I had checked my email, and there it was, the '23/24 SLSYO Audition Results.' My heart rate went up instantly as I read through the email and saw, 'You have been selected to be a member of the 2023/2024 St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra.' I have never been more relieved to know the outcome of something; I was very excited and couldn't stop thinking about it."

Viviano, a senior at West High, started playing for fun in the fourth grade, but his interest in playing organized music sparked in sixth grade during West Middle's jazz band concert. "Since that moment, I knew that was the path I wanted to take, and soon after, joined the jazz band," he said.

He is now involved in marching band,

jazz band, pep band, and pit for West High's musicals; he plays tenor/bass trombone and baritone, and his list of accomplishments is impressive. On his resume, including being accepted into the SLSYO trombone section, Viviano has accomplished 2nd trombone in All-Suburban band, 2021-22; 4th trombone in All-State band, 2021-22; 1st trombone and baritone in All-Suburban, 2022-23; 2nd trombone in All-State jazz band 2022-23; gold rating for trombone solo at Missouri State High School Activities Association Solo and Ensemble, 2022-23; and Drum Major for the marching band, 2023-24.

"What has stood out most in my experience at West High is all the great people I have met," Viviano said. "Each year, I have made multiple new friends in marching band. Many I talk to and often see outside of school; it has definitely enhanced my high school experience a ton, and I can't recommend joining it enough."



The Hazelwood School District is proud of Joseph Viviano and all the accomplishments he has already achieved. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as he continues to raise his voice for HSD!



HSD PROUD PASS

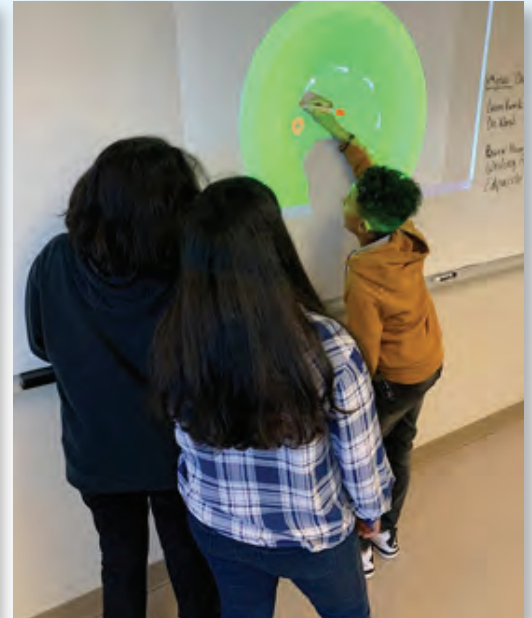
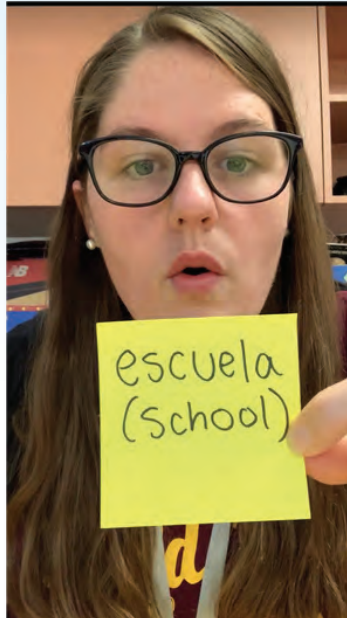
The HSD Proud Activities and Athletics Pass is one way the Hazelwood School District says thank you for your support of our schools. It allows active HSD Hero Readers, active HSD Ambassadors, and district residents aged 60 and over free access to high school and middle school events. HSD Proud Pass holders may receive one free food item and one free drink per event.

For more information visit www.hazelwoodschools.org

North Middle's Samantha Noel Selected as a WIDA Fellow for the 2023-24 School Year

North Middle students and staff are in awe of English Language Art teacher Samantha Noel, who has achieved the prestigious honor of becoming a WIDA (formerly World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) Fellow for the 2023- 2024 school year. Through skillful instructional mastery and a tireless commitment to student success, this honor marks a significant milestone as one of the first WIDA Fellows in the St. Louis region.

"I can't act as if being accepted into the WIDA Fellows program is merely a result of my accomplishments. A team of brilliant educators surrounds me, and they have helped create a beautiful environment filled with encouragement, collaboration, and critical thinking as we strive toward supporting our multilingual learners and families," said Noel.



The Hazelwood School District is excited about Samantha Noel's achievement in the WIDA Fellows program and looks forward to the continued support of multilingual learners and families. We continue to raise our voices for HSD!



SEMS Thematic School Off to a Great Start

Southeast Middle School began the 2023-2024 school year on a high note! The new thematic school highlights vocational and career technical education (CTE) and started the year with the first of many successful Mindset Mondays.

Seventeen community partners engage the school's 490 students each Monday to introduce students to enrichment opportunities, social-emotional learning, and career exploration. Some community partners have multiple representatives and teach multiple classrooms.

"We're excited to have a thematic school with a relentless focus on academics, which correlates with a particular career path," said Marsha Wallace, Southeast Middle principal. "We look forward to developing future leaders for a better tomorrow."

The goal of this thematic school is to create a school that educates the whole child intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Instruction focuses on academic growth, career technical education, and goal setting.



Hazelwood Central Football Star Tionne Gray Leads By Example and Aspires to Make History

Hazelwood Central High School has a long list of notable alumni in the school's history, including the football program's head coach and Super Bowl champion, Carey Davis. With Coach Davis' guidance, Hawks senior Tionne Gray is looking to add his name to that list.

"He has the opportunity to put his name on the list of some of the best to ever play here. I want that for him, he wants that for himself, and he wants the team to have success as well," Coach Davis said.

Tionne, an offensive and defensive lineman, enters his last football season at Central High with much-deserved hype from national and local talent evaluators. He currently ranks as a top 10 football prospect in Missouri by outlets such as ESPN, Rivals.com, and 247sports.com, among others.

The four-star recruit, who has verbally committed to the University of Oregon, was recently named to the preseason All-St. Louis County team by prepredzone.com for his work on the defensive line. As a junior, Tionne was named to the All-Conference team in the Suburban Conference Yellow Pool division and named to the All-District team for Class 6 District 2.

His goals going into his senior year are straight and to the point. "I want 50 or more tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 10 quarterback sacks, and as a team, I want to win state," Tionne exclaimed. "I want to make history."

Going into his senior year, the coaching staff raves about the leader Tionne has become for the Hawks football team.

"He's a leader, both on and off the field," Coach Davis boasted. "He works hard, does everything you ask of him, and leads by example. It's always interesting to me that the players who get recruited the most and have the highest ceilings are the ones who work the hardest; it sets the example for the other players."

"I'm trying to be more of a leader, making sure our team is always working together and not against each other," Tionne said. "We have to be together and have that chemistry so we can win state!"

The Hazelwood School District is proud of Tionne Gray and looks forward to watching his success on and off the field as he raises his voice for HSD!



Hazelwood Central Alumna Ashley O'Neal Named One of the Most Powerful Women in Banking



Central High alumna Ashley O'Neal is the senior vice president-retail banking at Midwest BankCentre, and she is receiving national attention stemming from American Banker Magazine naming her one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking.

American Banker Magazine's 2023 NEXT Award recognizes 15 high-achieving women in banking who are on the path to becoming C-suite leaders of tomorrow under age 40.

"I am a proud alum of Hazelwood School District, starting at Jury Elementary moving to Kirby Junior High School, and finishing at Hazelwood Central High School, class of 2002," said O'Neal. "Working, living, and serving in the Hazelwood Community is an honor. As a young student, I never imagined what I learned in Mrs. Lipé's and Mr. Keller's business classes would prepare me for my career in the financial industry. The honoree of Most Powerful Woman in Banking is one I don't take for granted. My passion is serving the community and ensuring the knowledge I have I can share with others."

In 2002, O'Neal received a Hazelwood PTA Council scholarship contributing to her college expenses while attending the University of Missouri. While there, she pursued a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management. This educational preparation propelled O'Neal to become a financial institution industry leader.

Today, O'Neal oversees all 16 of Midwest BankCentre's branches and over 80 retail employees, nearly 30% of the bank's staff.

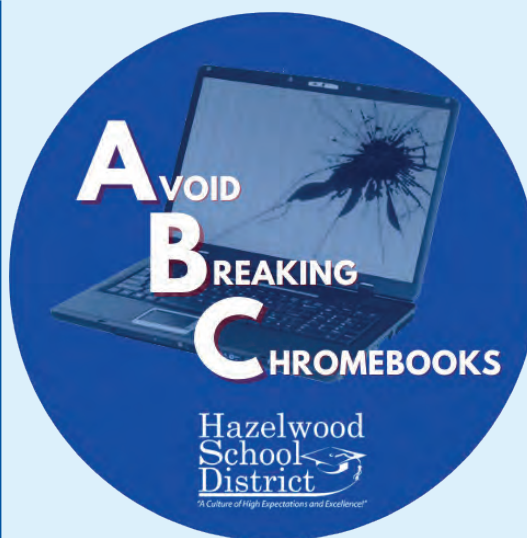
Not only is O'Neal a role model for women in banking, but she also prides herself on mentoring students. "As a senior leader in retail banking at Midwest BankCentre, I am fortunate to work with students in preparing them for their financial future, no matter how old they are," said O'Neal. "Whatever students do, they should not stop believing. They should put their all into everything they do. They must get involved in various organizations that prepare them for adulthood."

American Banker will recognize this year's honorees in New York City at the NEXT Awards dinner on October 3, 2023.

The Hazelwood School District is proud of how Ashley O'Neal is raising her voice within the financial institutions serving our community!



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Nurses

Pay Range: \$39,000-\$83,496 / Per Year

School Safety Officer

Pay Range: \$17.12-\$23.74 / Per Hour

Teacher

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Teacher Assistants

Pay Range: \$16.68-\$20.33 / Per Hour

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- ✓ District Paid Medical, Dental, & Life Insurance
- ✓ Holiday & Vacation Days
- ✓ Tuition Reimbursement
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program
- ✓ Tuition-based early childhood classrooms in every elementary school. The cost is \$100 per child, per week, including pre/post care for HSD staff.



To apply, visit hazelwoodschools.org

West High Students Awarded to the College Board National Recognition Program

HSD is proud to announce that six West High students from the class of 2024 have been selected as College Board National Recognition Program awardees.

The College Board has four recognition programs that award academic honors to underrepresented students. Those four categories are the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA), National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA), National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA), and National Indigenous Award (NIA).

These recognitions acknowledge students based on their academic achievements and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP exams.

The following West High School students received College Board National Recognition awards: Jayla Chambers, NAARA; Laura Westberg, NRSTA; Madisynn Beckum-Herron, NAARA, NRSTA; Nikiya Wesley, NAARA; Penda Diop, NAARA; Xavier Coleman, NAARA.

“We are exceptionally proud of these six students for receiving these recognitions from the College Board,” Dr. Demetrius Adams, West High’s building principal, said. “It is important for students to catch the eye of colleges and universities, and this distinct honor will help separate them from the pack.”

The College Board encourages these students to list this honor on college



applications to stand out among their peers. For students planning for college following high school, sharing their academic achievements is a chance to get recognized by colleges and programs that are actively looking for diverse talent.

The Hazelwood School District wants to congratulate these students on being selected as College Board National Recognition Program awardees, and we look forward to each of them raising their voices for HSD as they continue their academic success.

Tutoring & Social/Emotional Support Line

The Tutoring and Social/Emotional Support Line is a resource for tutoring, homework help, and access to general social/emotional needs.

Teachers and social/emotional staff will be able to assist students and parents with both tutoring and homework help, and will be able to connect families with other resources as needed.

Call the Tutoring or Social/Emotional Hotline:
314-953-5140

Hours: Monday - Thursday 6pm - 8pm,
Saturday 10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Tutoring or Social Emotional Hotline.



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HSD Stadium Upgrades Progressing Toward Completion with District's First Home Night Game on the Schedule

There is some exciting progress taking place at each of our three high school football stadiums!

"It is exciting because we are getting a lot of new stuff coming in. This is my last year, and it is motivation to go out with a bang," Ca' Shawn Love, East High senior, detailed. "It lets us know that the district supports us for what we are doing."

Among the exciting new upgrades at Central, East, and West High Schools, also featured on our website, are the brand-new turf football fields, stadium lights, an eight-lane track, and new scoreboards.

"It will be so fun to have the new football field, and it's going to be so much nicer. I'm excited," exclaimed Meka Atherton, a 10th-grade student at Central High.

"The new stadium, with new turf and lights, is going to be a good experience for everyone," Anthony Miller, senior at West High, said. "With it being my senior year, it will be nice to have Friday night lights. Friday football games will be a good addition to the school."

HSD is excited to announce that West High will host the district's first night home game on October 6 vs. Fox High School at 7 p.m. To track the progress of these Prop H stadium updates and other projects, visit www.hazelwoodschools.org.



HSD's Explore Teaching Program Produces New Teachers for the District

In 2012, West High piloted the Exploring Teaching Program to allow students to explore the education industry while taking various courses throughout the pathway. Alexis Wells was the first teacher cadet and now works at Russell Elementary as a second-grade long-term substitute teacher. However, she's not the only one, as the program has come full circle with two former students starting their careers as full-time teachers in the Hazelwood School District.

Brooke Wenzara, a 2018 West High and Exploring Teaching Program graduate, accepted a job at Jamestown Elementary and will teach first grade. Sara Plambeck, also a 2018 graduate, accepted a position at Lusher Elementary and will teach fourth grade.

In the DESE-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, Wenzara and Plambeck learned about different industries while applying that knowledge through their coursework in various capacities within HSD's elementary schools and middle schools. In these settings, they worked with classroom teachers and librarians to gain a deeper insight into their chosen career path.

"During my time in the Explore Teaching Program, it helped me solidify that I wanted to go into education for my career," detailed Wenzara. "The program provided the opportunity to work in elementary classrooms and a daycare setting. A lot of the content I learned through the program helped me in my first year in college. My favorite part was that I got



to experience working with students before I even started college."

The program is open to all high school seniors in HSD. Students must have senior status to participate in the Exploring Teaching Capstone and Exploring Teaching Internship courses.

The Hazelwood School District is excited to welcome back Brooke Wenzara and Sara Plambeck and look forward to watching them continue to grow in the district and raise their voices for HSD!

HAZELWOOD PARENTS AS TEACHERS EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME

Parents as Teachers is a free program for all families residing in the Hazelwood School District. This program serves families from pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. It is designed to inform, support, and encourage parents in their important role as their child's first and most influential teacher. Let us partner with you to give your child the best possible start by ensuring optimal development during their first years of life.



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New Gymnasium Floors At Central High, West High, and the Opportunity Center Bring Excitement to HSD

In May 2023, the HSD Board of Education approved utilizing Prop H funds for repairs/refinishing of the floors for the Central High School field house and small gym, the West High School main gym, and the Opportunity Center main gym. As the 2023-2024 school year begins, students and the schools' sports teams will be able to enjoy the finished product.

"The back to school fair was the grand opening of the new gym floor," said Subrinia Chappelle, West High's Athletic and Activities Director. "The community was able to see the amazing finished project, and the volleyball team is looking forward to playing on the new floor this fall season."

"Having a new gym floor is extremely exciting. Not only does it greatly enhance the appearance of the gym and our school, but it also reflects the investment into our students and the environment we are creating for education and extracurricular activities," detailed Dr. Nicholas Howard, Central High's Athletic and Activities Director. "This is something we want to show off to our community and visitors. This also enhances school spirit and excitement for all stakeholders to be able to use such a nice gym."

These are just the latest improvements in a long list of projects following the approval of Prop H in November. Prop H was a \$130 million zero-tax-rate-change bond issue ballot measure for the Hazelwood School District. Prop H was approved by nearly 80% of voters.

"Having a large bond issue pass is extremely exciting just knowing the entire school community is truly invested in creating the very best environment for student achievement both inside and outside the classroom," exclaimed Dr. Howard. "Having new and improved facilities not only enhances the student experience, but it will continue to attract families to come to our schools for years to come. Prop H funding is going to allow our students to utilize facilities and tools that will enhance their learning environment and overall high school experience."

The Hazelwood School District looks forward to continuing to roll out all Prop H improvements and building an exciting future for all HSD students. To track all of our exciting updates, visit www.hazelwoodschools.org.





The “New Hazelwood Central” Featuring A Renewed Focus On Student and Family Engagement

With the start of the 2023-2024 school year, Hazelwood Central High School is renewing its focus on customer service, student engagement, student voice, and outreach and partnerships with our families.

“I’m excited about the things we have planned for our school community,” Dr. Syreeta Holland, building principal at Central High, said. “We have worked tirelessly to provide updates to our campus and within the walls of CHS. Although we have made significant gains, we are excited by what is still to come.”

“I am excited about the new students, staff, and administrative team,” said Dr. Rhonda Key, Assistant Superintendent for High School Education. “We look forward to the new school year at the new Central High School.”

Part of the school’s excitement comes with the new administrative team. Led by Dr. Holland, the administrative team consists of Cori Cloyd, 9th-grade assistant principal; Anthony Smith, 10th-grade assistant principal; Jami Vault, 11th-grade assistant principal; Joshua Fullerton, 11th and 12th-grade assistant principal; and Cassandra Brown, 12th-grade associate principal.

In addition, among the new faces at Central High is the school athletics and activities director, Dr. Nicholas Howard, who brings 14 years of educational leadership experience to HSD.

“I am really excited to engage our students about all the opportunities we can provide at such a large high school like Hazelwood Central,” Dr. Howard explained. “The first thing we focused on is improving the lines of consistent communication with all stakeholders. Now that we have fluent communication, we can implement effective practice,

and from there, we can build trust and phenomenal relationships. We want to create that family atmosphere with all stakeholders so we can create an environment for student achievement.”

Communication with parents is a central focus for school leaders, with the team planning intermittent opportunities for stakeholders to have their voices heard at community forums.

There is a heightened sense of focus on culture and climate, with visual reminders as you walk the halls of Central High and see the new decor, highlighting major universities from across the country, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), character words, and positive affirmations.

“We are working to create a welcoming environment for all students, which is evident by the flags from various countries that are represented in our student population,” Dr. Holland said. “Part of our back to school professional development entailed educators discussing how they will contribute to the positive atmosphere of our school and take ownership of the culture and climate.”

Dr. Holland and her team are working to rewrite the school’s mission and vision, expand inclusivity, better detail expectations, and improve instruction.

“We will be revamping our extended learning opportunities while focusing on creating career pathways and highlighting pathways to allow students to earn various certifications,” Dr. Holland detailed.

Hazelwood Central will continue to be a great place to learn for all students, and we look forward to providing exceptional customer service and support to them and their families.

Pre-K Program Expansion Sees Record Enrollment

The Hazelwood School District is excited about the record Pre-K enrollment following the expansion of our Early Childhood Education Program! A new addition for the 2023-2024 school year, the redesigned Pre-K Early Childhood Program is now offered at all 19 elementary schools, and each classroom also reserves tuition-based spots for staff and the community.

“This expansion has been a part of the district’s vision for several years, and I am proud to see it come to fruition,” said Hazelwood School District Superintendent, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart.

There are 31 Pre-K classrooms at elementary school sites and 317 students at those sites. In total, there are now 57 Pre-K classrooms across the district, including Early Childhood Center locations, and 584 students in the Pre-K program. There is also a waiting list.

The Early Childhood Program provides Pre-K services with before and after-school care to district employees at a reduced rate of \$100 per week and \$200 per week for the non-employee rate. There is no fee for students eligible through our free and reduced lunch program. The hours

are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session for HSD staff. Transportation is also provided.

“Hazelwood is also able to offer supports for students that cannot be found in traditional daycare programs,” said Dr. Stacy Ray, Director of Early Childhood Education. “We have curriculum and programs based on standards with a focus on early literacy and mathematics.”

All of Hazelwood’s Pre-K classrooms are taught by teachers certified in early childhood education.



HSD’s #TeacherProud Tuesday To Return in 2023-2024 School Year

In the 2022-2023 school year, the Hazelwood School District joined a regional initiative that celebrates those currently serving in education. The district wants to continue that celebration and is bringing the campaign back for the 2023-2024 school year.



HSD’s #TeacherProud Tuesday is designed to share the many wonderful stories of individuals going above and beyond for the students they serve.

Parents, students, staff, and community members are encouraged to nominate district educators who go the extra mile. Each month, the communications department will choose one from the list of nominees to be honored via social media and on the district website on the second Tuesday of that month. The #TeacherProud Tuesday winner will also be featured in HSD’s monthly newsletter.

The Hazelwood School District is looking forward to another year of promoting our great educators throughout the district! To nominate an HSD educator for #TeacherProud Tuesday visit www.hazelwoodschools.org/teacherproud.



The No Guns in School campaign specifically targets guns and mobilizes students, parents, and the community to partner with the district to achieve one goal: **No Guns in School. Did you know that a student who brings a gun to school will be suspended for up to 180 days? Additionally, barring extenuating circumstances, the student will be expelled, which means they will not be able to attend any public school in the state of Missouri.**

The key to achieving the campaign goal is participation from all stakeholders. The information below explains specific ways each stakeholder group can support the campaign.

HSD Director of Maintenance, David Dudley, Receives Missouri School Plant Managers Association Facility Manager Certification

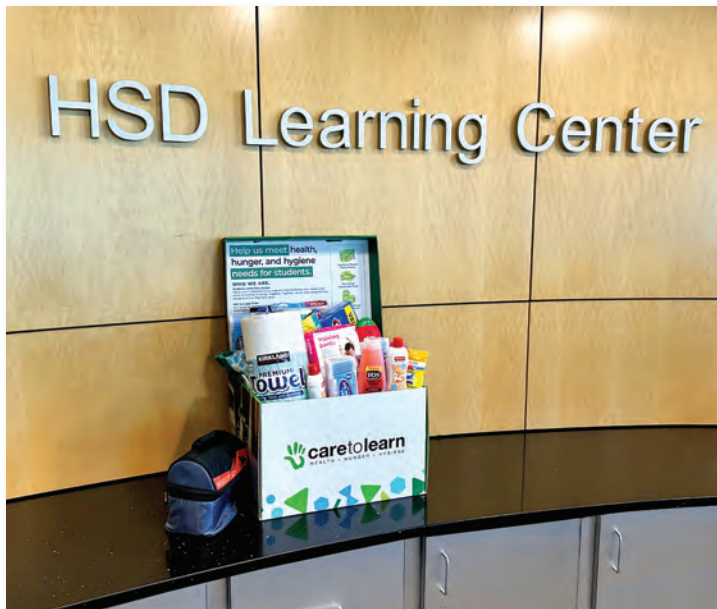
The Hazelwood School District Director of Maintenance, David Dudley, now holds the honor of being a Certified Facility Manager after successfully completing the Missouri School Plant Managers Association (MSPMA) Manager Core Certification Program.

“Joining the MSPMA and going through their core module program was very informative,” Dudley explained. “The program helped hone my skills to lead my department and our maintenance employees in order to reach the department’s goals. I increased my knowledge of maintaining our facilities through both the classes and the networking contacts and their experience.”



The Missouri School Plant Managers Association is an organization that provides informational support to educational entities throughout Missouri. Its purpose is to provide for the exchange of information that will improve school plant management, maintenance, and care through the promotion of acceptable policies, standards, and practices, as well as facilitating the professional advancement of school plant management personnel.

HSD wants to congratulate David Dudley on this distinct honor; your hard work and dedication make us HSD Proud!



HSD and The Hazelwood Care To Learn Chapter Host Successful CaretoShare Supply Drive

The Hazelwood School District, in conjunction with the Care to Learn - Hazelwood Chapter, hosted a successful district supply drive for families in need, CaretoShare.

Donation boxes were placed in each high school for HSD’s Back to School Fairs, with another box located in the lobby of the HSD Learning Center. Together, the community donated over 100 new personal hygiene and health items.

“I am very proud of the community for coming together and supporting those in need,” Christian Bertel, Coordinator of Health Services and Care to Learn - Hazelwood Chapter liaison, said. “Our children are our community’s most valuable asset. Care to Learn allows us to support them with dignity so they can focus on learning and just being themselves. We look forward to more supply drives in the near future!”

Care to Learn works with our schools to meet emergent needs in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene so every student can succeed in school. The Hazelwood School District appreciates the work Care to Learn does in our schools and community, and we look forward to continuing our great partnership with them.

The Hazelwood School District Hosts Legislative Update

Sixteen elected officials and representatives recently gathered with several Hazelwood School District Board of Education members and superintendent, Dr. Collins-Hart, for HSD's Legislative Update. Legislators discussed their recent bills, upcoming legislation, and the impact it could have on schools and education. During the meeting, legislators stressed the significance of working together at all levels of government.

The District also took the opportunity to recommend legislation for the elected representatives to consider that could positively impact schools. Among those in attendance were the following: Councilwoman Shalonda Webb; Shonte Harmon-Young, Legislative Aide to Councilwoman Shalonda Webb; Representative Chantelle Nickson-Clark; Senator Angela Walton Mosley; Councilwoman Rita Heard Days; Maria Thomas, Legislative Aide to Councilwoman Rita Heard Days; Desiree Whitlock, Educational Liaison to St. Louis County Executive; Marilyn E. Beck, Assistant to Councilwoman Kelli Dunaway; Danielle Spradley, Outreach Director for Congresswoman Cori Bush; Representative Gretchen Bangert; Representative Alan Gray; Representative

Marlene Terry; Senator Brian Williams; Robert Arbuthnot, Senator Williams' Chief of Staff; Sam Saffa, State Deputy Director for Senator Josh Hawley; and Andy Dominic, Office of Senator Josh Hawley.

HSD looks forward to continuing our relationship with all elected officials and representatives and thanks them for engaging in meaningful conversations about our schools.



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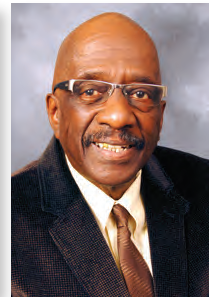
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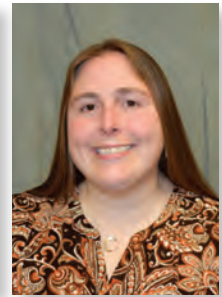
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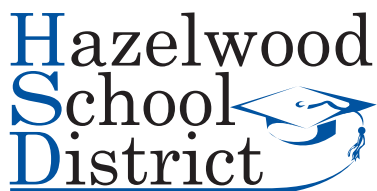
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