



The Communicator

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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools is proud to announce our continued commitment to providing our students with the academic, technical, and critical life skills needed for their future success. As part of our Strategic Plan Goal 3, we strive to involve the community, parents, and students in enhancing educational opportunities that prepare our students for a variety of post-graduation paths.

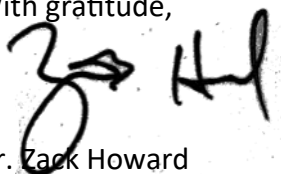
One of the key ways we are achieving this goal is through our close partnership with the Tri-Rivers Career Center, which offers our students the opportunity to pursue skilled trades in grades 10-12. We also see a high percentage of our students go on to pursue higher education, and we have many students choose to give back to our country through military enlistment. We also have students who pursue direct employment upon graduation. Providing a curriculum that is robust and continually reviewing our offerings helps us to stack the deck in favor of our students so that we ensure they are prepared for what comes next in their future. We are excited to continue expanding our College Credit Plus (CCP) offerings, which allow students to earn college credits (and credits toward graduation) while still in high school. Nearly 40% of our student population at the High School end up enrolling in CCP courses, giving them a head start on their college education and reducing the cost of a degree should they pursue this option.

We are proud to offer CCP courses "in-house" in each core area and beyond, meaning students do not have to leave our campus to pursue these options. CCP courses taught include English Composition I and II, Statistics, College Algebra, Western Civilization & American History. This school year we began offering CCP American Government and next year we will add General Chemistry. Our Digital Media Pathway offers Career Technical Education (CTE) courses that are also CCP dual credit classes. New this school year students are able to earn a 12 point industry credential and become licensed in Droning.

Next year we are adding a Business CTE pathway that includes Business Design and Production, a new elective to allow students to pursue an entrepreneurship course while running a school spirit store, as well as courses to enhance their health and life skills such as adding Medical Terminology in the Science curriculum, Life Skills, Officiating (which will allow students to become Ohio High School Athletic Association officials upon successful completion), Indian Video Production to allow students the opportunity to engage with their peers in creating announcements and highlighting current events, and Financial Literacy to educate students on practical principles of finance that will serve them well beyond their tenure in public schools.

As a district, we are committed to continuously improving our curriculum to provide the best education possible for our students. We believe that by equipping our students with a well-rounded education, we are preparing them to become contributing members of our community and beyond. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students and look forward to seeing them succeed in their future endeavors.

With gratitude,



Dr. Zack Howard
MGEVS Superintendent



Middle School, High School and Tri-Rivers Career Center Honor and Merit Rolls for 2nd Quarter are posted at mgschools.org and on the MG Schools App.

Athletes, Coaches Become Hall of Fame Members

The 24th Mount Gilead Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place on Friday, Jan. 17. There was a reception at 6 p.m. in the high school Community Room, and the ceremony took place in between the junior varsity and varsity basketball game against Northmor. The following individuals and coaches were inducted into the Class of 2025: **Denny West**, a 1979 graduate of Mount Gilead High School and a 1985 graduate of Montana State University, dedicated more than 30 years to coaching and teaching at MGHS. After a brief coaching stint in New Mexico, where his cross country team won a state title, he returned to Mount Gilead in 1987 to teach history and coach.

Coach West led the cross country team from 1987-2017, founding the youth running club and the Ron Thill Cross Country Invitational. His teams and athletes consistently reached regional and state meets, with the 2016 boys' and girls' teams qualifying for state together for the first time in school history. In 2017, the girls' team placed 2nd, a school-best at the time. He coached 10 All-Ohio cross country athletes and 26 in track, including Division 3 state record-holder Jake Haughn (3200m, 2002). A versatile track coach from 1987-2018, he mentored athletes in multiple events and contributed to district and regional championships. His impact extended beyond competition, fostering confidence, inclusion, and a strong work ethic among all students, including those with special needs. A multi-time District Coach of the Year, he was honored as the Fred Dafler Career State Coach of the Year in 2007.

As his own coach Ron Thill stated, Denny West was one of Mount Gilead's greatest coaches, shaping not just athletes but young lives. His legacy of excellence, encouragement, and dedication left an enduring mark on MGHS. **Caylor Arnold** was a four-year letter winner in softball and All-Ohio honoree, she earned All-MOAC and All-District honors all four years, was named MOAC Player of the Year in 2012, and holds the school record for most stolen bases. With a batting average over .467 each season, her impact on Mount Gilead softball is undeniable. Beyond athletics, Caylor excelled academically as an Honor Roll student and National Honor Society member. She continued her softball career as a catcher at Northwestern University, earning Academic Big Ten Honors. Now residing in Mount Gilead with her husband, Jacob, and their daughter, she works as a Realtor and business owner. We are honored to celebrate her achievements and welcome her into the Hall of Fame!

Shawn Frost's achievements in baseball and football have left a lasting legacy. In 2010, he earned 1st Team All-Ohio honors in baseball with a .523 batting average and a 1.023 ERA. On the football field, he was a two-time MOAC award winner and secured 3rd Team All-Ohio in 2009 with 82 receptions.

Continuing his success at Bluffton University, Shawn was a two-time All-Conference athlete, triple majored, and received prestigious honors, including Bluffton's Most Outstanding Athlete in 2014.

Now the owner of Savage Strength gym in Powell, Ohio, Shawn continues to inspire others as a personal trainer. His dedication, leadership, and impact on Mount Gilead athletics are truly commendable.

Olen Jackson dedicated more than 20 years to coaching at Mount Gilead Schools, serving as Head Basketball Coach (1967-1972) and holding various football coaching roles. He was part of Mount Gilead's only undefeated football team, helped lead a state-ranked squad, and contributed to multiple MOC championships. As Head Basketball Coach, he won two Cardington Holiday tournaments and later assisted the Varsity team in a rare Regional Tournament appearance. He also served as Athletic Director and Junior High Principal before retiring in 1992. Beyond athletics, Olen was deeply involved in the community, serving on the Mount Gilead Board of Education, Fire Department, EMS, Hospital Board, and as Morrow County Commissioner, among many other roles. He and his wife Ruby, a retired Mt. Gilead teacher, were married for over 50 years and had three children.



Hall of Fame Inductees (l-r): Denny West, Caylor Arnold, Shawn Frost, and Olen Jackson

Absences Add Up: A Message from Emily Ross, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Attendance at school is very important for student success. To promote student success we want to make sure families are aware when student absences are adding up.

We track absences in 3 categories:

- Medically Excused absences
- General Excused absences
- Unexcused absences

(See the chart below for our board approved excused absence reasons.)

Missing 5% of the school year, which is just 9 days of school, is considered at risk and has a negative impact on student learning. Since students often miss only partial days, the state tracks attendance by the hour. Missing 10% of the school year, just two days a month, is considered Chronic Absenteeism.

- K-5th graders attend school for 6 hours a day
- 6-12th graders attend school for 6.5 hours a day

We are required to notify families when a student is absent (Unexcused or with a General excuse) for:

- 38 hours in one month (~6 days)
- 65 hours in a year (~10-11 days)

At these levels we send an attendance report listing the hours absent and include suggestions for improving attendance.

Unexcused absences count towards Truancy:

- 30 consecutive hours (~5 days)
- 42 hours in one month (~8 days)
- 72 hours in a school year (~12 days)

Reaching this level is when we are required to set up an attendance intervention team which may include mediation with a representative from the Morrow County courts and eventual adjudication if attendance does not improve.

(From Board policy #5200):



MEDICAL EXCUSES*	GENERAL EXCUSES*
• 5 parent call ins for personal illness (a written physician's note verifying the illness is required after 5th call) • Appointment with a health care provider • Illness in the family requiring the presence of the child • Quarantine of the home • Death in the family (3 days max.) • Medically necessary leave	• Observation of a bona fide religious holiday • Travel to participate in a District approved enrichment or extra-curricular activity. • Volunteer at an election in accordance with Policy 5725 • College visitation, up to 3 per year • Absences due to a student's placement in foster care or change in foster care placement or any court proceedings • Absences due to a student being homeless, must be admin approved • Student vacations during the school year, with prior notification only

****Excuse notes are due to the office within 3 school days of absence .***

Honor Flag Dedicated to Local Veteran

On November 27th at the Boys Basketball home opener versus Highland we held a flag dedication ceremony for Specialist 5th class Robert T. Brooke.

Bob and his wife, Penny, have been members of the Mount Gilead community where they raised three children all of which graduated from Mount Gilead High School and have proudly supported their 6 grandchildren through sports, theater, and Band.

This year Bob participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. celebrating the legacy of veterans. In honor of Bob and the countless veterans from our community we unveiled a new flag as a symbol of our respect and gratitude.



Student Art Chosen for 45th Annual Exhibition

Middle School Students Paisley Douglas (7th Grade) and Jazzmine Simpson (6th Grade) along with Park Avenue Elementary students Harper McClelland (5th grade) and Vayda Squires (4th Grade) had artwork chosen to be part of the 45th Annual Youth Art Month and Young Peoples Art Exhibition. This art show is sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association and features 125 pieces of art chosen from all over Ohio from preschool through eighth grade. This is Truly a great honor. The artwork was on display from January 19th to March 1st, 2025 at Riverside

Methodist Hospital, 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus Ohio 43214.



Park Avenue Students Harper McClelland and Vayda Squires (left) and Middle School Students Paisley Douglas and Jazzmine Simpson (right) show their artwork selected as part of the 45th Annual Youth Art Month and Young Peoples Art Exhibition.

Mobile Dentist Returns for Spring Check-Ups and Cleanings

The Ohio Dental Outreach in-school dentist is coming to Mt. Gilead. Even better, dental care is usually at no cost to you. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and Healthy Start – Healthy Families. Keep your child healthy, in school and learning. Through the mobile dentist, students can receive x-rays, cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatments for preventative care - all without leaving the school building.

Park Avenue: April 4th, 7th and 8th

Middle/High School: May 12th

Forms are available at each school
or you can sign up online NOW at www.MySchoolDentist.com.





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Trainer Named Top Central Ohio Scholar Athlete

Carson Trainer was honored as a top Central Ohio Scholar Athlete by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, Columbus Chapter. To receive this honor, you must have achieved honors on the field and in the classroom. Each Central Ohio Conference has one athlete selected for this honor. In the classroom Carson currently has a 4.1 GPA while his on-field performance was honored with 1st Team KMAC, 1st Team Central District, and 3rd Team All-Ohio recognition. Mt. Gilead Football is proud of Carson for being the representative of the Knox/Morrow Athletic Conference.

The National Football Foundation does a tremendous job in making this a very special event with several past and present Buckeyes, as well as other NFL greats in attendance. Carson received a plaque and a scholarship for his next academic and athletic endeavors. Former Buckeye Jeff Logan was the master of ceremonies. Former Buckeye receiver, Miami Dolphin, and current OC at Ohio State, Brian Hartline was the keynote speaker and received the foundation's Golden football award. Also speaking was Jacoby Boren, who played on Ohio State's 2014 National Title team and played for the New England Patriots where he was part of two Super Bowl championships. It was an incredible night and we are very proud that our own Carson Trainer was one of the "greats" honored.



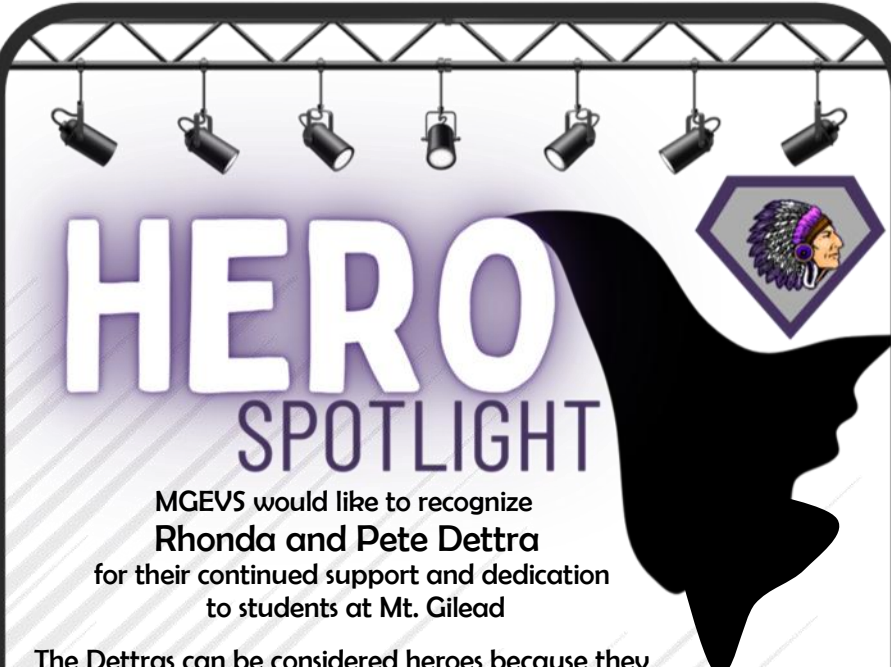
Mark your calendars for the MGMS 3rd Annual Science Fair to be held in the halls of the Middle School on May 15, 2025 beginning at 5 PM.

Featuring projects from all 6th and 7th grade students, the event culminates as students present their independent research to a variety of judges from around the community.

SPRING BREAK
MARCH 24-28



Senior Carson Trainer with MG Varsity Football Coach Mike Reid (above) and with his award (left)



HERO SPOTLIGHT

MGEVS would like to recognize
Rhonda and Pete Dettra
for their continued support and dedication
to students at Mt. Gilead

The Dettras can be considered heroes because they use their extensive experience as retired educators to step into challenging classroom situations on short notice, ensuring continuity of education when regular teachers are absent, effectively acting as a vital support system for students and the school while still enjoying the satisfaction of continuing to teach after retirement.

"Rhonda and Pete Dettra have been some of our most reliable substitute teachers in our district over the past several years and this is on top of them retiring from our district several years ago as teachers. They continue to serve the community and our students and staff love them! If you see one, you often see the other as they often team up to cover classes. We are very grateful for the Dettras!"

~ Dr. Zack Howard, MGEVS Superintendent

Thank you Rhonda and Pete

FFA Students Perform Well in Fall/Winter Contests

- ◆ Congratulations to our officers who submitted officer books for evaluation. Lia Alexander - Reporter, Savannah Wilt - Treasurer, and Shalynn Irwin - Secretary (top right). All 3 earned a gold rating and will be recognized at the Ohio State FFA Convention on Friday May 2, 2025.
- ◆ Congratulations to Garret Baldwin, Cole Fricke (second from top) for winning the District 6 Ag. Power and Diagnostic contest at Bane-Welker Equipment in Plain City on Valentine's Day. They qualified for the State Contest at UNOH in Lima.

The Ag Power and Diagnostic contest serves as an authentic assessment designed to evaluate students' knowledge in recognizing and repairing malfunctions in agricultural and or industrial power equipment. The skills Agricultural Education students' employ in this CDE is the same skills required by agricultural and industrial technician.

- ◆ Cooper Nelson (pictured with plane) represented himself as well as the chapter in late January at the district 6 FFA public speaking contest at Northeastern HS in the extemporaneous division. He did a great job and learned a lot to be applied to next year.
- ◆ Cooper Nelson also won the County FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest at Highland High School in late January. Cooper qualified for the sub-district contest at River Valley.
- ◆ Members made the long drive to Southeastern High School near Springfield in mid-November for the Subdistrict Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Our advanced team (bottom left) of Natalie Jagger, Kimberly Staley, Savannah Wilt, Miguel Martinez, Brogan Pfeleiderer and Cooper Nelson just narrowly missed winning to finish in 2nd place and advanced to the district contest.

The novice team (bottom right) of Brenna Leonhard, Nicole Staley, Darby Allen, Lilly Darst, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Memphis Clapper, Caden Lewis and Colton White finished 2nd in a tough contest and also earned their way to the district contest.



Lady Indians Host Youth Night, Induct 3 into 10,000 Shot Club

On January 29th, the Lady Indians hosted a youth night to celebrate the MS and youth teams. The evening started with the varsity players signing autographs for the youth players. The players were invited to warm up with the team, lead them in their run out of the locker room and were asked to join side by side for the national anthem. It was a great night celebrating all of the hard work of every girl within the program.

During the event, 3 young ladies were also inducted into the Lady Indians 10,000 shot club. The club requires the girls to make 10,000 shots in the off season. This takes a certain level of commitment and discipline that many won't take on but 3 young girls completed the challenge. They received an exclusive 10,000 shot club t-shirt and their name was added to the 10,000 shot club record board. If you are interested in joining this club this season please reach out to a high school coach.



7th Grade Students Jaycie Overmyer and Chloe Sergent along with 6th Grader Emilee Hoffmaster stand with Coach Elle Foster.



HS JOGS Classes Busy Making a Difference

Students participating in HS JOGS Classes have been busy. They've made dog treats for the local shelter, visited Marion Technical College, held a Pizzaburg Fundraiser and used the proceeds to purchase and wrap gifts at Christmastime and recently had fun with their elementary school "buddies" during a Valentine's Day Party.

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) is offered to students in 9th-12th grades and is a program that helps Ohio high school students develop career skills, graduate and find success after high school.







Photos courtesy of Abby Leonhard Photography; Class Dojo and various school-related Facebook pages.

PTO Holds Annual Dance, Plans New Event

The Park Avenue PTO continues to bring exciting events and activities to the elementary students. In February, a movie night was sponsored at the Capitol Theater with a showing of The Lion King and we held our 4th Annual Denim & Diamonds dance where our little ladies got to dance the night away with their special adult. A special thank you to Erin Kelty, Victoria Knuckles, and Melinda Martin, K-kids advisors, for taking pictures for our little Indians.

Our 3rd annual Indian-Ball (dodgeball) event will be held March 15 from 6 to 8 pm at Cherry Street. This year the event will be fully sponsored by the PTO and all of our Park Ave students and their families are invited to a night of friendly competition.

New this year will be an event in April just for our gentlemen and their special person...watch for details to be shared soon.

Interested in learning about future events and volunteering? Park Avenue PTO meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library. Stay up-to-date by following them on Facebook at Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization).

"Always with Confidence" MGMS Academic Challenge Takes on Tough Questions

The Mount Gilead Middle School Academic Challenge Team is once again in full swing within their season! Academic Challenge practices weekly to compete in three sanctioned trivia tournaments, hosted by the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. Our middle school team is so large that we actually have two competing teams, consisting of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, all competing at the 7th and 8th grade level! Students compete in four - person panels, rotating through multiple rounds so that each one of our 18 students can participate!

Questions include topics like academics, history, math, science, literature, pop culture, entertainment, sports, and so much more! This year's favorite "fun guess" is Edgar Allen Poe, which students tend to use if they run out of legitimate answers for a question! AC is all about diversifying your knowledge, working together as a team, and growing your confidence, which is why our motto is "Always with Confidence!" Our last two competitions are March 18 and May 14 at the ESC, so come out to support these big-brained Indians!



Pictured: Front Row - Owen Sellers, Maci Guy, Evyahnna Ahli, Redacted Name, Maddie Dailey, Xiomara Mendez. Middle Row - Marcus Fleming, Lily Martin, Hudson Hand, Carolyn Barr, Addie Baisden-Napper, Connor Arndt. Back Row - Kat King, Eliza Rogers, Aiden McLain, Griffin Evans. Not Pictured - Ricky Edwards and Earl Eckelberry. The MGMS Academic Challenge teams are Coached by Abby Baer and Sarah Hammer.

MIZPAH 2025

The 2025 yearbook "Remember the Memories" held their ad sale campaign October through December 2024. If the yearbook staff, unfortunately, did not reach out to you, please email Mrs. Gerber at jgerber@mgschools.org to get more information about how you can be included in the historical record of businesses in the town. The staff plans to finalize the ad section in early April, so please reach out as soon as possible so we can reserve your spot.

Ad created by students Anthony Copen and Dom Stone



**Chiefs Club
Summer SACC**

**JOIN US
THIS SUMMER**

**June 9th-July 17th
Monday-Thursday**

Intervention,
Themed STEM
activities, Crafts,
and Field trips

**Available for
Park Avenue
students currently
enrolled in
K-5th Grade**

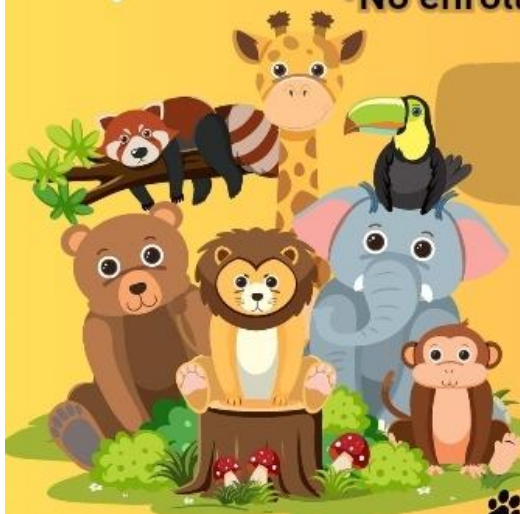
Scan here to
request a packet



**Enrollment forms due
by May 1st**

***No enrollment forms will be accepted after May 1st**

Contact Erin Whipple
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chiefsclub@mgschools.org



State Champion Cross Country Banner, Championship Rings Presented

On January 28th we honored the Mount Gilead Boys and Girls Cross Country teams on another fantastic season as we revealed the 2024 Cross Country State Champion Banner.

Our Girls team was able to capture the KMAC Championship and finish 3rd in the OHSAA District meet and won the tie breaker with Northmor to claim the final qualifying spot to the OHSAA State Championship where they finished 20th place.

The Boys team also captured the KMAC championship for the 7th time in the last 9 years. They won the District Championship for the 9th straight year and the Regional Championship for the 7th straight year. The Boys capped off their season as the 2024 Cross Country State Champions!

Both teams saw many individuals get onto the All-Time performance lists during the season. Junior Owen Hershner earned First-Team All-State Honors and Senior Will Baker was State Runner-Up. Will also completed his Cross Country career holding the fastest time in Mount Gilead Cross Country history and is the first boy ever to be a 4 time Cross Country All- Ohio athlete for Mount Gilead.

During the ceremony, Athletic Booster President, Jessica Trainer, presented State Champion Rings to the 10 athletes who traveled to the State Meet. The 10 athletes were: Brycen Gabriel, Ryan Swalley, Gage Bowersmith, Ethan Turner, Liam Stalnaker, Nolan Hershner, Henry Bartlett, Tommy Emberg, Owen Hershner, and Will Baker.

We want to thank the District, Administration, and the WHOLE Mount Gilead community for the tremendous support throughout the season.



Middle School Spellers Compete at Tri-County Bee

Mount Gilead Middle School was lucky enough to send three students to the Morrow/Crawford County Spelling Bee this year. Aiden McLain (8th), Corbin Stamper (7th), and Conner Tschudi (6th) all did a wonderful job, spelling words like "caftan," "Gemini," and "mirthful."

The most interesting word we heard was "wysiwyg," answered by one of our elementary students. Aiden and Conner were selected to move forward to the in-person Tri-County Spelling Bee held at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and represented our school well!

The middle school spellers are proudly advised by Abby Baer, who thinks they have done an E-X-C-E-L-L-E-N-T job!



Pictured (l-r): Connor Tschudi, Corbin Stamper, and Aiden McLain

Key Club Spreads Kindness Through Service

Written by: Senior Chase O'Brien, Key Club Secretary

Over the past few months, our Key Club has been busy making a difference in our school and community through a variety of service projects. From spreading gratitude to brightening up local businesses, we have had an amazing time working together to give back!

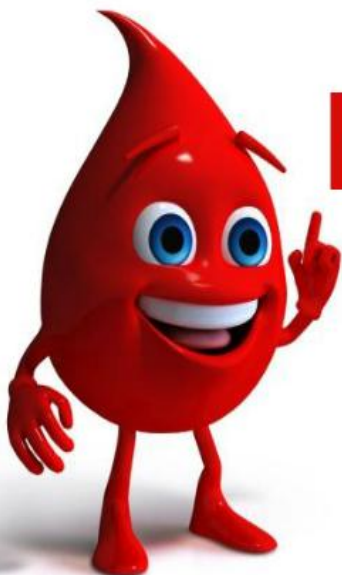
One of our favorite activities was “Thankful Turkey”, where we encouraged students to reflect on what they were grateful for. We collected handwritten notes from students and teachers and attached them to our paper turkey, creating a powerful visual reminder of gratitude throughout the school.

As the holiday season approached, we brought some festive cheer to town by window painting for the annual Christmas parade. Our club members decorated the windows of local businesses with colorful and creative holiday designs, helping to make our community feel even more magical.

We also had the opportunity to give back in a meaningful way with “Adopt A Child”. We were given a list of a child’s favorite things—movies, books, clothing sizes, and more—and came together to buy them special gifts. Knowing that we were able to make their holiday season a little brighter was truly rewarding.

Most recently, we shared some love with our fellow students through “Locker Notes for Valentine’s Day”. We collected anonymous, uplifting messages written by students and placed them on lockers throughout the school. This small act of kindness brought smiles to so many faces and reminded everyone of the power of a thoughtful note.

Key Club is all about service, leadership, and making a positive impact, and we are so proud of everything our club has accomplished so far. We can’t wait for the next few months of projects and opportunities to continue spreading kindness in our school and community!



Blood Drive!

March 18, May 13th & July 22nd

Noon to 6:30 PM

Mt. Gilead Church of Christ

Sponsored by MGHS National Honor Society

Schedule your appointment today

at RedCrossBlood.org



**Congratulations to all of our
Winter Sports Athletes who received
All-KMAC honors!**

HS Boys Basketball

Gage Baker - 1st Team
Rowan Fitzpatrick - Honorable Mention
Carson Trainer - All-Academic

HS Girls Basketball

Faith White - 1st Team
Dani Pohlkotte - Honorable Mention
Ava Baker - All-Academic

MS Basketball

7th Grade Boys Team - 2nd place regular season
7th Grade Girls Team - KMAC Runner Up
8th Grade Boys Team - 3rd place regular season
8th Grade Girls Team - KMAC Champions

HS Bowling

Boys Bowling - KMAC Tournament Champions
Mason Hupfer - 1st Team, Top 8 KMAC
Tournament
Shay Irwin - 1st Team, Top 8 KMAC
Tournament, District Qualifier
Larissa Coleman - 2nd Team
Levi Harvey - 2nd Team
CJ Kneipp - 2nd Team
Jacey Snelling - 2nd Team, All Academic

Swimming

Niles Bush - District Qualifier
Abby Griffith - District Qualifier
Nolan Hershner - District Qualifier
Evan Irons - District Qualifier
Jaxon Tinch - District Qualifier

HS Wrestling

Rocco Castricone - 1st Team
Cody Meimer - 1st Team
Jayden Simon - Honorable Mention

MS Wrestling

Colton Fenner 1st Place

TRACK & FIELD YOUTH CAMP

For students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade

**April 14th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 23rd and 24th
from 5:30pm-6:15pm**

**Visit MGSchools.org or the MG Schools App for more
information and registration information.**



Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters

We are proud to support all MGHS
student athletes in all sports!

Would you like to get involved?

(Contact Jessica Trainer - athleticboosters@mgschools.org - for more information.)

**Best wishes to our Baseball, Softball, and Track
& Field athletes this spring - GO INDIANS!**

www.facebook.com/mgindians
athleticboosters@mgschools.org



Boys Basketball

- Our 7th grade Boys Basketball team finished their season with a 11-4 record and earned 2nd place finish in the regular season standings.
- Our 8th grade Boys Basketball team finished their season with a 9-6 record and earned a 3rd place finish in the regular season standings.
- Our JV Boys Basketball team finished a record-breaking season with 20-2 overall record. This season's team broke the previous record of 19 wins.
- Our Varsity Boys Basketball team finished with a 10-13 overall record, which is a 4-win improvement from last year.

Girls Basketball

- Our 7th grade Girls Basketball team finished their season with a 11-5 record and earned Runner-Up in the KMAC Basketball Tournament.
- Our 8th grade Girls Basketball team finished their season as KMAC Tournament Champions with a 11-5 record.
- Our JV Girls Basketball team finished their season with a 6-12 record this season. From the beginning of the season to the end the JV Girls showed many flashes of improvement.
- Our Varsity Girls Basketball team finished their adversity filled season with a record of 10-13 and lost a hard-fought game vs Centerburg in the OHSAA Sectional Final contest.

Bowling

On the Boys side, the Bowling team finished with one of the best records in their history and captured their first KMAC Bowling Tournament Championship. The team had contributors from top to bottom and we are excited for next season as we only lose 2 seniors.

The Girls team finished with a 5th place finish in the conference tournament and saw many first-year bowlers achieve Personal Record's and vast improvement. Junior Shay Irwin qualified for Districts.

Swim

Our Boys and Girls Swim team was smaller than most teams that we competed against this season, but we still managed to have District qualifiers on both sides. On the Boys team we had a relay team qualify for Districts and on the Girls Team we had Sophomore Abby Griffith qualify for Districts and just miss out on advancing. Both teams had ALL athlete's achieve personal bests throughout the season.

Wrestling

Our Wrestling team currently has 2 state-ranked wrestlers: Rocco Castricone and Cody Meimer. Rocco and Cody recently won their weight class at the KMAC Tournament, while Freshman Jayden Simon finished 3rd to earn Honorable mention honors. Rocco Castricone captured the Sectional Title for his weight class, while Cody Meimer earned a Sectional Runner-Up.

On the Middle School team, we had 2 placers in the KMAC Tournament. Camden Castricone earned a runner-up finish, while Colton Fenner, finished as KMAC Champion.

We want to thank all volunteers who worked the ticket gates, concession stands, scoreboard operators, announcers, transportation, custodians/maintenance, and anyone else who volunteered their time to help our events go on throughout the winter.

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



MOUNT GILEAD SP

HS Track & Field

3/29 10:00 AM	@ Col Crawford
4/5 9:30 AM	@ Bucyrus Elks Invite
4/8 4:30 PM	@ Northmor
4/12 10:00 AM	@ Danville Invite
4/12 10:00 AM	@ Lexington Invite
4/15 4:30 PM	@ Fredericktown
4/19 9:00 AM	@ Loudonville Invite
4/19 10:00 AM	@ Heath Invite
4/22 4:30 PM	Mixed Gender Relay
4/25 5:00 PM	@ Marysville Relay
4/29 4:30 PM	@ Lexington
5/1-5/2 TBD	@ Wayne
5/2 4:00 PM	@ Mapleton Invite
5/6 4:30 PM	@ Clear Fork
5/10 10:00 AM	MGHS Invite
5/13 4:30 PM	KMAC

MS Track & Field

4/2 4:30 PM	@ Northmor
4/5 10:00 AM	@ Northmor Relay
4/9 4:30 PM	Home Meet
4/12 10:00 AM	@ Triad Invite
4/16 4:30 PM	@ Fredericktown
4/22 4:30 PM	Mixed Gender Relay
4/25 4:30 PM	@ Loudonville
5/1 4:30 PM	@ Fredericktown Relays
5/3 9:30 AM	MGMS Invite
5/9 4:30 PM	KMAC

Varsity Baseball

3/17 5:00 PM	Elgin (Scrim)
3/21 5:15 PM	Fairfield Christian (Scrim)
3/24 4:30 PM	@ Colonel Crawford (Scrim)
3/26 5:15 PM	Lucas (Scrim)
3/29 12:00 PM	North Union
3/31 5:30 PM	@ Tree of Life
4/1 5:15 PM	Ridgemont
4/2 5:15 PM	Danville
4/3 5:15 PM	Wynford
4/4 5:15 PM	@ Danville
4/7 5:15 PM	@ Centerburg
4/9 5:15 PM	Centerburg
4/10 5:00 PM	@ Elgin
4/11 5:15 PM	Northmor
4/14 5:15 PM	@ Northmor
4/15 5:30 PM	Shekinah Christian
4/16 5:15 PM	Fredericktown
4/17 5:15 PM	Crestline
4/19 11:00 AM	@ Northridge (DH)
4/21 5:15 PM	@ Fredericktown
4/23 5:15 PM	East Knox
4/24 5:15 PM	@ Harding
4/25 5:15 PM	@ East Knox
4/28 5:15 PM	@ Cardington
4/30 5:15 PM	Cardington
5/3 12:00 PM	Loudonville (DH)
5/6 5:30 PM	@ Granville Christian
5/8 5:15 PM	Ridgedale
5/9 5:15 PM	Plymouth
5/15 5:00 PM	@ Lucas

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JV Baseball

3/17 5:15 PM	@ Elgin (Scrim)
3/24 5:00 PM	Col Crawford (Scrim)
3/29 12:00 PM	@ North Union
4/3 5:00 PM	@ Wynford
4/7 5:15 PM	Centerburg
4/9 5:15 PM	@ Centerburg
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4/28 5:15 PM	Cardington
4/30 5:15 PM	@ Cardington
5/3 12:00 PM	@ Loudonville (DH)
5/9 5:00 PM	@ Plymouth



Softball

3/13 5:00 PM	River Valley (Scrim)
3/19 5:15 PM	@ Pleasant (Scrim)
3/20 5:00 PM	@ Harding (Scrim)
3/24 5:00 PM	@ Col Crawford
3/27 5:00 PM	@ Lucas
3/29 12:00 PM	@ Madison-Plains (DH)
3/31 5:30 PM	@ Tree of Life
4/1 5:15 PM	Ridgemont
4/2 5:15 PM	Danville
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5/2 5:15 PM	@ Delaware Christian
5/3 12:00 PM	Loudonville (DH)
5/8 5:15 PM	Ridgedale
5/9 5:15 PM	Plymouth

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Important Upcoming Events

March

14: 2-Hour Early Release: PD
15: PAE PTO Indian Ball
18: ARC Blood Drive
18: MG BOE Meeting
21: End of 3rd Quarter
24-28: No Classes - Spring Break

April

8: HS Sing & Swing Concert
12: FFA Banquet
15: MG BOE Meeting
18: No School: P/T Conference Comp
25: 2-Hour Early Release: PD
26: HS Prom

May

1 & 2: Shrek Jr. the Musical (PAE)
1-2: State FFA Convention
7: Baccalaureate & Senior Awards
13: MGEVS Fine Arts Festival (K-12)
15: MGMS Science Fair
15: K & 2nd Grade Concerts
18: 5th Grade Band Concert
18: MS/HS Band & Choir Spring Concerts
20: MG BOE Meeting
26: No School - Memorial Day
30: 1-Hour Early Release
Last Day of Class
31: Graduation - Class of 2025