

ATLANTIS ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL
YEARBOOK

2024-2025

CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

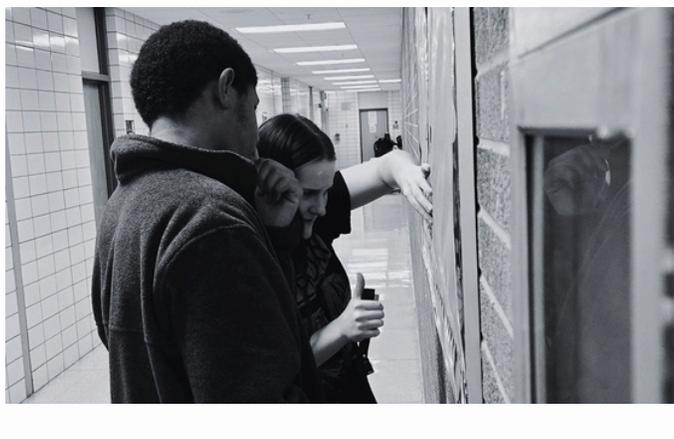
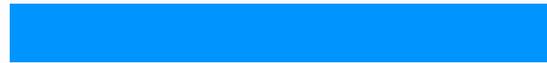


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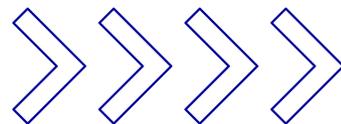


It has been a great year at Atlantis!! We learned a lot about ourselves, each other, and the world we live in. Students were super motivated to get work done this year, and we couldn't be more proud! I love how our Atlantis students worked together and held each other accountable. I hope you always remember how important it is to have each other's backs.

We did some fun things this year, too. I had a great time exploring lessons in nutrition, gardening, and healthy relationships with MSU Extension Services. But we all know I am most excited to see these chickens hatch!!!

I want to extend one last farewell to our graduating seniors!! I am so proud of all you have done to make it across that stage!! Go out into the world and do GREAT things!! Remember to always be kind, take care of those around you, and know that you have people here who love you.

Mrs. Thornton



LIFE AT ATLANTIS



Life at Atlantis Alternative High School works a bit different from a traditional high school.



For one, the school is located in the back of Carman-Ainsworth Middle School. It used to be located in the old Woodland Elementary building, but issues with the building caused Atlantis to move to its current location. Currently, there are three classrooms and two offices in use by Atlantis. Students have the option to attend in-person or online.

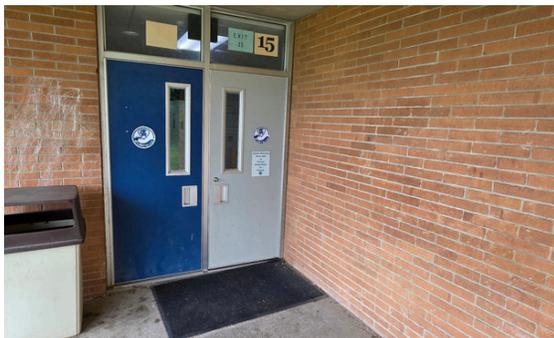


While there are sometimes activities planned, such as classes, presentations, and celebrations, the day-to-day life of a student at Atlantis is largely the same. Students arrive at school and have a little down-time before going to gym - those that take gym, that is. For the rest of the day, apart





from lunch and a break at the end of the day, students stay in the same classroom all day and work on Chromebooks to make up missed high school credits.



Students work on the online platform Connexus (by Pearson), which has all required classes for graduation, plus many, many other electives that they might not be able to take otherwise. Staying in the same room, day-in and day-out can get tedious, so the Atlantis staff try to break it up with various activities and breaks.

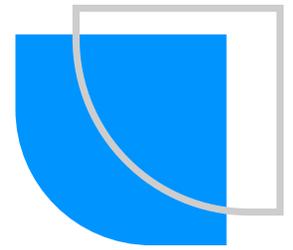


Atlantis provides a great opportunity for students to learn in an environment that may suit their learning style and comfort level better.



The Atlantis staff take pride in the fact that we are able to help students achieve their goals via a non-conventional route.

CELEBRATIONS



Breakfast

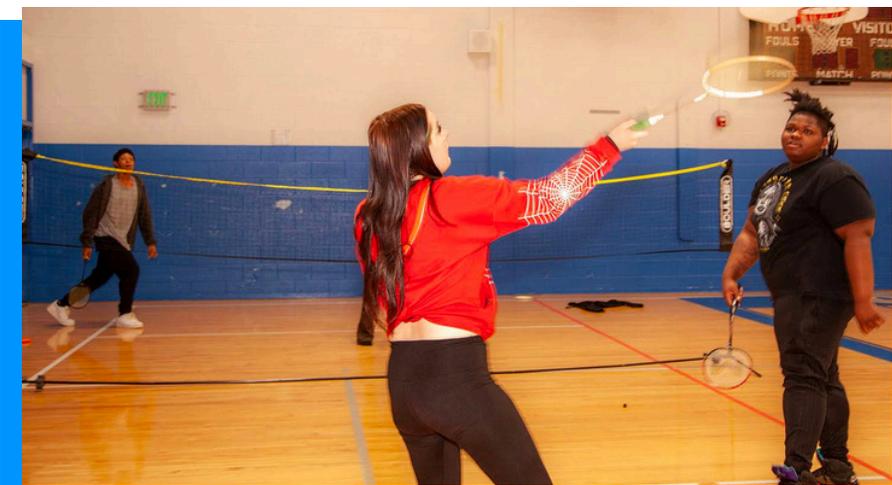
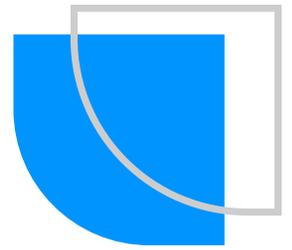
Every so often, the Atlantis staff tries to plan events or activities to celebrate the students at Atlantis. Toward the beginning of the 24-25 school year, they put together a breakfast for all students. The staff brought in eggs, fruit, bacon, and French toast sticks. Tables were set up in the hallway and all students were invited to partake in the delicious celebration!



Winter Party

Typically, the Atlantis staff organizes and prepares a winter celebration right before Winter Break. The staff contacts local restaurants and businesses and asks for food donations for the celebration. They really turned out this year! Jet's Pizza donated boxes of pizza and Blondie's Food & Spirits donated chicken. While they feasted, students could play video games, watch a movie, or play board games. The students even made a selfie station!





MRS. OPPER

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The power of students helping students was the theme this year, and you all absolutely crushed it! Your commitment to holding each other accountable made all the difference. We had the highest number of graduates ever. Our "electric" Classroom Circles really helped bridge the gap between our OG's and New G's. We ended up building a community where everyone thrived.

I'm going to miss our graduates, but I'm also excited to see some of you next year. Please know how incredibly proud I am of everything you've accomplished!



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MRS. OPPER'S CLASS

Bailey
Bachmeier



De'Andre
Ball



Milan
Bowling



Faith
Brewer



Elizabeth
Brown



Joseph
Brown



Bryce
Burell



Robert
Carr



Trinton
Carr



MeCheryl
Cooley



Akil
Dean



Dahnaven
Fields



Ta'Lia
Finney



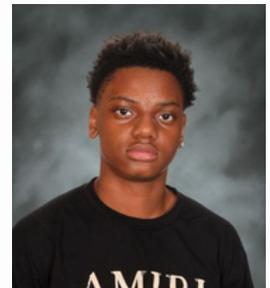
Cartier
Frye



Darian
Hamilton



Rodelius
Harris



Zaire
Horne



Aubrie
Howell



Antonio
Jamerson



Alaiah
Johnson





Ja'Maron
Kidd

Abbigale
Knight

Lyric
Koch

Hope
McDonald

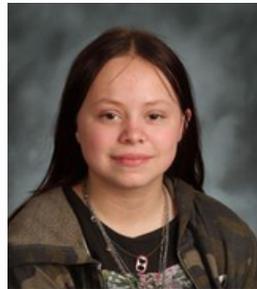


Victoria
McEwen

Ericka-Rose
Miller

Mariella
Molina

Kianna
Montgomery



Mykailynn
Morris

Jada
Murphy

Monica
Myers

Navaeh
Myles



Zamarion
Nichols

Omokaro
Olise

Leola
Riojas

Montrelle'
Rutherford



Desmir
Savage

Dominic
Sekelsky-Rathbun

Damarion
Sharp

Henna
Shukairy



Tay'Shaun
Smith



Cheyenne
Stamm



Amir
Thomas



Jevaun
Thompson

Alisia
Williams



Brutavion
Wilson



Beonca
Wilson



Syncere
Wright



Sarai
Wysinger





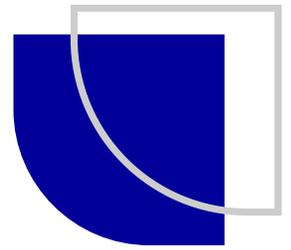
MCC TRIP

Juniors and seniors at Atlantis had the opportunity to visit Mott Community College in the fall of 2024. Being able to visit Mott got students thinking about what they wanted to do after high school, which is one of the focuses of Atlantis.

On the trip, students were given a presentation of what programs Mott offers and, generally, what Mott is all about. They were also given a tour of the campus and got to see where their potential future classes would be. Students were excited to take the trip with Mr. P and Mrs. Thornton and get thinking about their futures. Thank you to Mott for having us!



ATLANTIS LIBRARY



This school year, Atlantis got its very own library! Put together and run by Teacher Orvis, the library boasts 317 titles, all for Atlantis students to read!

The library is in Teacher Orvis's room and has a system to check in and out books. Donations of books were accepted from some of Teacher Orvis's friends, the Middle School librarian - Mrs. Anderson - and other community members. Teacher Orvis logged all of the books and organized them alphabetically by author.

"I noticed that students were interested in reading," said Teacher Orvis, "but they would have to go up to the middle school media center to get a book. So, I talked to Mrs. Thornton, who was super on board, and the library was born!"



TR. ORVIS

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This year has been an exceptionally challenging and, yet, very rewarding year - not only for me, but for our students.

My students completed more classes this year than any other year that I've been a teacher at Atlantis. To say that I'm proud of my students is an understatement. They kept their goals in mind and many worked tirelessly to achieve them.

While this year, like any other school year, came with its challenges, my students' respect, compassion, and kindness toward each other made it a whole lot easier. There were a couple of times when I had to be absent for a few days at a time. I appreciate my students' ability to continue working and behave while I'm gone.

Every single one of my students holds a special place in my heart. I don't have children of my own, so it's like my students are my kids. I pride myself on cultivating a classroom so that we become like a family. Respect is a huge thing for me and being able to have moments where we can all laugh together, yet students help each other grow, means the world to me.

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TR. ORVIS'S CLASS

Connor
Alexander



Harmony
Ash

Cameron
Bartelle

Sana
Basata

Amyrah
Blanks

Curtez
Blocker

Adrian
Brown

Johnathan
Brown



Nacarie
Burnett-Russell

Jakayla
Butts

Bry'Lae
Carr

Zaria
Choate



Gracie
Clements

Corrin
Crawford

Peyton
Davidson

Manuel
Davis



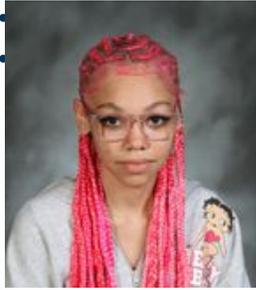
Savannah
Diaz Smalley

Qualaya
Dodds

Autumn
Edelen

Jayden
Fleming





Shari
Greenlee

Erica
Holman

Tau'Yonna
Horne

Benjamin
Ingram



Kaniya
Ingram

M'Kyhala
Jackson-Brown

N'Kya
Jones

Tay'vion
Jones



Dior
Lay

Caiden
Lechota

Mariah
Montgomery

Isabelle
Morgan



Sklyer
Myles

Jayson
Nierman

Breonna
O'Neill

Sklyer
Owens

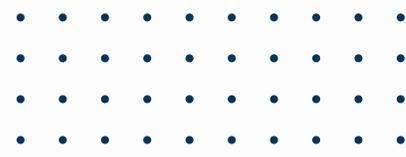


Draven
Ramm

Alfred
Reyes

Azalea
Rodriguez

Damarius
Rosebud



Kristena
Seeton



Ava
Shoemaker



Makayla
Sieradzki



Amaree
Small



Toriyah
Small



Raven
Terry



Jejuan
Thompson



Kaylin
Tucker



Kelvin
Turner



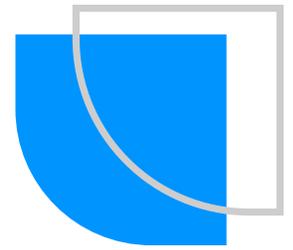
Arreonta
Wright-Gray



Tatiana
Zapata



MSU EXTENSION CLASSES

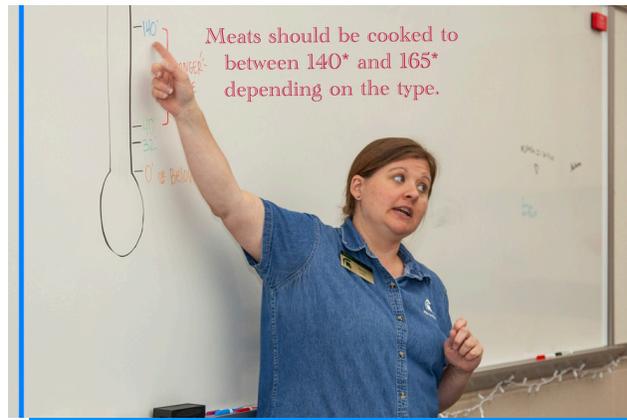


Cooking

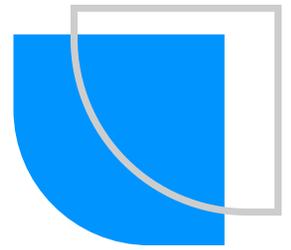
Thanks to a partnership with the Michigan State University Extension Campus this year, students were able to participate in various classes. Two classes, focused on cooking, took place toward the beginning of the year. Students were taught the fundamentals of safe food handling, best cooking practices, and nutrition. They prepared food during the class and were able to taste their creations!



“I think everyone liked it and had fun,” Breonna O’Neill said. “I learned that I prefer to cook alone.”



Meats should be cooked to between 140* and 165* depending on the type.



Gardening

Atlantis students were able to participate in two gardening classes this year, hosted by the Michigan State Extension Campus. The first was a class all about planting seeds. Students planted various seed types in seed-starting trays, which they took back to their classrooms to look after. The second class focused on germination and propagation. Students germinated seeds in bags of damp paper towels and propagated plants in planters. They learned how plants grow and what environmental conditions will affect them.



Chickens

As part of the MSU Extension Campus program, Atlantis was able to get chickens! Students were able to see the process of incubating eggs and waiting for them to hatch. As of now, they haven't hatched, but the students are excited for them to arrive!

MR. PIECHOWSKI

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This marks my ninth year at Atlantis, and it has undoubtedly been a memorable experience.

While last year saw a record number of graduates, this year we have surpassed that achievement by a significant margin. I was fortunate to have a group of students return from last year who worked diligently to not only catch up, but graduate. Furthermore, I welcomed new students to our family who demonstrated remarkable dedication in their pursuit of their diplomas. Overall, 18 students who have been with me throughout the year will be graduating.

Additionally, five fifth-year students joined our program to complete their remaining coursework and earn their diplomas, giving me 23 total graduates.

I am very proud of their hard work and accomplishments, and I look forward to supporting our returning students next year as they continue to grow and work toward graduation.

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MR. PIECHOWSKI'S CLASS

Shuriah
Barnes



Ari
Barrett



TaTyana
Boone

Darnes'
Broadnax

Bry'Ah
Carr



Nikhaia
Chambers

Austin
Crawley

Miracle
Deloney

Taj
Donald



KaMeeko
Dukes

Zyarra
Edwards

Xavior
Eldridge-Bush

Leo
Fant



Camryn
Felton

La'Tia
Finney

Jacoby
Fleming

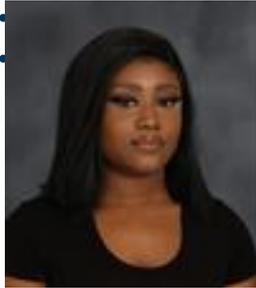
Gabrielle
Goza



Roshad
Harris

Jadyn
Hearn

Kaden
Houser



Tayveion
Jackson

Natalie
Johnson

Zay'lan
Jones

Torri
Kemp



Aiden
Kerr

Niegel
Lewis

Savannah
Lucas

Tramier
Lyle



Lyric
McGee

Amilia
Meeks

Allyson
Mohler

Haley
Myers



Kadin
Palmer

Faith
Reed

Matthew
Reed

Esperanza
Reese



Romey
Reese

Geyonna
Rice

JaQuan
Robertson-Johnson

Brooklyn
Robinson



Jah'dai
Robinson



Antonio
Segrest

Cameron
Seng

Micah
Southall

Wiley
Spencer

Makye
Starling

Aniyah
Stovall

Jamere
Tucker

Cameron
Vincent

Destinee
Walker

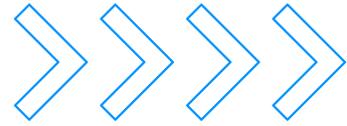
Johnny
Walker

Giovonni'
Williams

Alereo
Wilson

Delano
Woods





FINANCIAL REALITY FAIR



Carman-Ainsworth Middle School hosted a Financial Reality Fair for the 8th grade students. Atlantis students were able to partake in the activity, as well. Students headed to the Media Center, where Genisys Credit Union had various stations set up with volunteers. Students used an app on their phones to simulate financial life choices. They chose careers, then decided how much they would spend on housing, transportation, entertainment, and more.



It was an eye-opening experience for some, as they were able to see how far (or little) a dollar stretches when you're independent. Students walked away with a good understanding of how to budget, and how choices can impact their financial situations.

MRS. RACQUEPAW

This school year was Mrs. Racquepaw's second year as the secretary of Atlantis. She also serves as the Guidance Office Secretary for the Middle School, so while her desk is located in the Middle School office, she is constantly running back and forth. She spends her days filing and running reports, coordinating meetings, and helping with attendance (especially during the Count period).



MS. KAYLA



Ms. Kayla recently joined the Atlantis staff as a part-time Student Success Coordinator, a role she shares with the Middle School. One day a week, Ms. Kayla takes various groups of students to do different activities, whether they be in her room in the Middle School, or around Atlantis. Students participate in games, arts and crafts, and other activities while they talk about topics that are on their minds. They share stories, get to know each other better, and talk about their feelings.



ATLANTIS STAFF

Jennifer Thornton - *Principal*
Emily Opper - *Teacher*
Kai Orvis - *Teacher*
Jeff Piechowski - *Teacher*
Heidi Racquepaw - *Secretary*
Kayla Edwards - *Student
Success Coordinator*
Butler - *Security*

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Milan Bowling
Robert Carr
Erica Holman
Alaiah Johnson
Savannah Lucas
Breonna O'Neill

