The Communicator

News & Updates from Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools | Spring 2026



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Superintendent, Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools

Dear Mount Gilead Families, Friends, and Community Members,

I hope we have finally turned the corner on what has been one of the most challenging winters I have experienced in my 20+ years in education. I would like to provide a brief update on where we stand regarding the possibility of making up missed school days.

As of submission of this issue to the printer on March 2nd, Mount Gilead Schools has been closed 11 times due to weather-related safety concerns, including extreme cold, snow, and ice. In addition, we have had five two-hour delays because of fog and poor early morning road conditions. What does this mean for the remainder of the school year?

Several years ago, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce moved away from tracking “calamity days” and instead began requiring districts to meet a minimum number of student attendance hours. Under the old system, students would have needed to make up any days missed beyond the fifth calamity day. If that system were still in place, we would need to use “blizzard bag” work to offset up to three calamity days and then make up the remaining days by shortening spring break, holding school on designated holidays, or extending the school year.

Under the current system, students in grades K–5 must be scheduled for at least 910 hours per year, and students in grades 6–12 must be scheduled for at least 1,001 hours. If we fall below those minimums, we would need to implement a plan to recover the lost instructional time. Options could include extending the school day, shortening spring break, or holding school on traditional holidays.

Currently, students in grades 6–12 are scheduled for 1,118 hours—117 hours (approximately 18 days) above the state requirement. The 11 closure days and five two-hour delays total 81.5 hours. This still leaves us with 35.5 hours (about five days) of flexibility before we would be required to make up time. Our K–5 students have an even greater cushion due to their lower required number of annual hours.



Families with students in our preschool program may be impacted differently. Mrs. Schleichert, our Director of Student Services, will communicate directly with those families if any makeup time is necessary.

I hope this information is helpful as you begin planning for spring and summer. I wish everyone a wonderful spring season and a strong finish to the school year.

Go Indians!

Jeremy Froehlich
Superintendent Mount Gilead EVS

Hey Alumni? Did you know it’s easy to request your HS Transcript?



Do you need a copy of your Mount Gilead High School transcript in order to apply to college, find a job, enlist in the military or for your own personal use, but aren't sure how to get one? The Mount Gilead High School Counseling Office can help! Scan the QR Code to get started or request your transcript online at mghs.mgschools.org/counseling

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Director of Curriculum and Development

Ohio State Testing and End-of-Course Exams Begin in April

The State of Ohio requires all students in grades 3 through 8 to take standardized tests each year in language arts and mathematics. Students in grades 5 and 8 also take state tests in science. At the high school level, students are required to take standardized state assessments in 9th and 10th grade language arts, algebra, geometry, biology, U.S. history, and U.S. government. Below is the testing schedule for Mount Gilead Schools. Please make every attempt possible to have students in school on their testing dates.

Elementary School

3rd Grade

April 15 & 16 ELA	April 27 & 28 Math

4th Grade

April 13 & 14 ELA	April 29 & 30 Math

5th Grade

April 8 & 9 ELA	April 22 & 23 Science 1 & 2	May 5 & 6 Math

Middle School

English Language Arts
April 14 & 15

Math
April 28 & 29

8th Grade Science
May 5

High School

English Language Arts 2
April 14 & 15

American History/Government
April 21 & 22

Math
April 28 & 29

Algebra 1/Geometry
May 4 & 5

Ohio State Testing Dates

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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 27, 28 & 29, 2026
Middle/High School: November 17, 2026

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



Upcoming Band & Choir Performances

Jazz Band and Show Choir "Swing & Sing" Concert: March 26, 7:00 PM
Show Choir at the Marion Harding Spectacular: April 12, time TBA
Jazz Band and Show Choir at the MG Arts Festival: May 7, time TBA
Middle School Spring Band Concert: May 17, 2:00 PM
High School Spring Band and Choir Concert: May 17, 3:30 PM
MG Marching Band in the Memorial Day Parade: May 25, 1:00 PM

Griffith, Rizor, Rosenfield and 64/65 Basketball Team Inducted into HOF

On January 23, 2026 MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed three individuals (Tom Griffith, Lee-Roy Rizor, and Jessica Robertson) and honored the 1964-1965 MGHS Boys Basketball team.

Tom Griffith - 1965

- 4 year letter winner Basketball, 4 year letter winner Track and Field, participated in Football for 2 years.
- 1965 Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete, All Conference (set 3 meet records) and All-District, All State (3rd place) in High Jump.
- Along with Athletics Tom was an active member in the school community while a part of Buckeye Boys State, HI-Y, VAC, Student Council, Senior class play, and a member of the National Honor Society.
- Tom served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1970-1976. He earned his Bachelors degree at The Ohio State University in 1970 and his Masters degree in 1974 from Miami University.

Lee Roy Rizor - Class of 1981

- 3 year letter winner Football, 4 year letter winner Track and Field
- Football: All Conference and All District 1979, 1980. 1980 MOC Player of the Year. All-Ohio Special Mention 1980. 1980 18 Touchdowns and 1,204 yards.
- Track: All Conference and All District 1980, 1981. All Ohio Pole Vault 1980, 1981.
- Lee did not attend college, but was heavily recruited by many colleges. He is married to Beth Anne Rizor with children Lee Michael and Shelby.

Jessica (Robertson) Rosenfield - Class of 2009

- 4 year letter winner Softball, 1 year letter winner Volleyball
- 2007 1st Team MOAC, 2008 2nd Team MOAC, 2nd Team Central District, 2009 1st Team MOAC, 2009 MOAC Player of the Year, 1st Team Central District, All-Ohio
- At the time of her graduation Jessica was the all-time winningest pitcher in school history with 50 wins. During her senior year Jessica batted .405 with 39 RBI. While on the mound she had a 1.307 ERA, 90 Strikeouts, and a 10-2 record.
- Played College Softball at Dennison University and graduated in 2013.
- Married to Jordan Rosenfield with a child, Jackson.

1964-1965 Mount Gilead Boys Basketball Team

Head Coach: Gerald White

Assistant Coaches: Olen Jackson and John Campbell

Team members: Rick Geyer, Larry Furniss, Tom Griffith, Bill Toplyn, Mike Lancaster, Ralph Smith, Phil Lee, Terry Wigton, Val Harris, Paul Nicholson, Steve Hart, Ron Shirley, Louis Sarr, Gary Craven

Record: 16-4

MOC Champions- (for most of the senior players, this was their 3rd MOC Championship)

Offense: 67.4 points per game

Defense: 54 points per game



Jessica (Robertson) Rosenfield, Lee Roy Rizor and Tom Griffith were individuals inducted into the MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame



The 1964-65 Boys Basketball team was also inducted. Members present were Tom Griffith, Mike Lancaster, Bill Toplyn, Ralph Smith, Olen Jackson (Assistant Coach) and Steve Hart.

Photos courtesy of Melissa Cassidy

MGHS FFA Chapter Celebrates a Busy and Successful Start to New Year

The Annual Judging Invitational was held on February 21 at MGHS and the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Nearly 600 FFA and 4-H members from across the state participated in six different contests. Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who helped make this large event a success.

Earlier in the month, on February 7, chapter members partnered with GRABB Catering to set up and serve a BBQ dinner for the community. We appreciate everyone who attended and supported the event.

Congratulations to Cooper Nelson for earning 2nd place at the county FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest held at Highland High School.

This holiday season, chapter members also demonstrated their commitment to service by donating, shopping, and volunteering their time to adopt six children from our school district.

We are proud to announce that four MGHS alumni have been approved at the state level for the American FFA Degree, the organization's highest honor. Kimberly Staley, Miguel Martinez Castaneda, Natalie Jagger, and Colton Beck will advance to the national level for final approval in August and are slated to receive their degrees at the National FFA Convention in October.

Additionally, four MGHS seniors — Boe Sayers, Brooke Jagger, Cooper Nelson, and Kaden St. Clair — will be recognized at the Ohio State FFA Convention and receive a special pin marking a significant step toward earning the American FFA Degree.

Congratulations also to Kaden St. Clair (Reporter), Shalynn Irwin (Secretary), and Brooke Jagger (Treasurer) for earning gold-rated officer books.

Recently, the Chapter held it's annual Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Morrow County Consignment Auction.

Matt Gompf (mgompf@mgschools.org) serves as the FFA Advisor at MGHS.



Two Upcoming Productions Coming to MG



The Frozen Kids cast is hard at work bringing Arendelle to life this March! Made up of talented students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, along with a few outstanding sixth graders serving on our junior production staff, this year's show is truly a school wide celebration of creativity and teamwork.

Our character breakfast for this year has already SOLD OUT!!!! Get your show tickets today! Performances will take place on **March 19 and 20 at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are **$5** and can be reserved online at MGSChools.org or purchased at the door (if seating allows).

Our production is under the leadership of **Briana McCaffrey (Director), Hannah Barenthin (Music Director), Kascidee Shawver (Assistant Director), and Amber Dailey (Stage Manager).** Junior production staff members are **Katie Kirkpatrick (Junior Director), Jackie Edwards (Junior Choreographer), Shelbie Barnum (Junior Music Director), and Peyton Snyder (Junior Stage Manager).**



The cast has been rehearsing since early January — even with a few unexpected school closures thanks to Elsa "letting it go!" Their hard work and enthusiasm are sure to make this a magical event for our community.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for individuals or businesses who would like to support our students and help make this production possible.



The high school theatre department will be rolling onto the stage Xanadu! Come get warm and enjoy the music of Electric Light Orchestra and Olivia Newton John. Performances will be **March 20th @ 7 PM, March 21st @ 7 PM and March 22nd @ 2 PM in the MGHS Auditoria.**

Tickets will be sold at the door and only cash will be accepted. Due to copyright laws, no recording or photos are allowed to be taken of the production so save those cameras for after the show and join our roller disco dreams to Xanadu!

Mid-Ohio ESC ARTaPLOZA

Dates: April 15—April 22, 2026
Location: Mid-Ohio ESC in Mansfield
Selected MGEVS Student Artwork on display
Information will be sent home with students who have artwork on display.

STUDENT ART SHOWCASE

May 7th | 4:30 - 7 PM
MGHS Auditorium



Lady Indians Youth Night and 10K Shot Club Inductions

On January 31st, the Lady Indians hosted a youth night to celebrate the MS and youth girls basketball teams. The evening started with the varsity players signing autographs for the youth players. The players were invited to warm up with the team as well as led them in their run out of the locker room. The middle school girls 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 several 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 7 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.

The inductees were:

4th grader: Airyana Shaw
Middle Schoolers: Emilee Hoffmaster, Karter Nettle, Chloe Sergent and Jaycie Overmyer
High Schoolers: Kendall Neal and Bailey Bault

The program also recognized girls who made 5,000 shots in the off season. Those girls were:
4th grader: Ronni Ruffner
Middle Schooler: Val Mounts
High Schoolers: Kylee Whipple, Cassady Irwin, Charlie Brannon, Livie Brannon, Makayla McKenzie and Brenna Leonhard

10,000 Shot Club Inductees



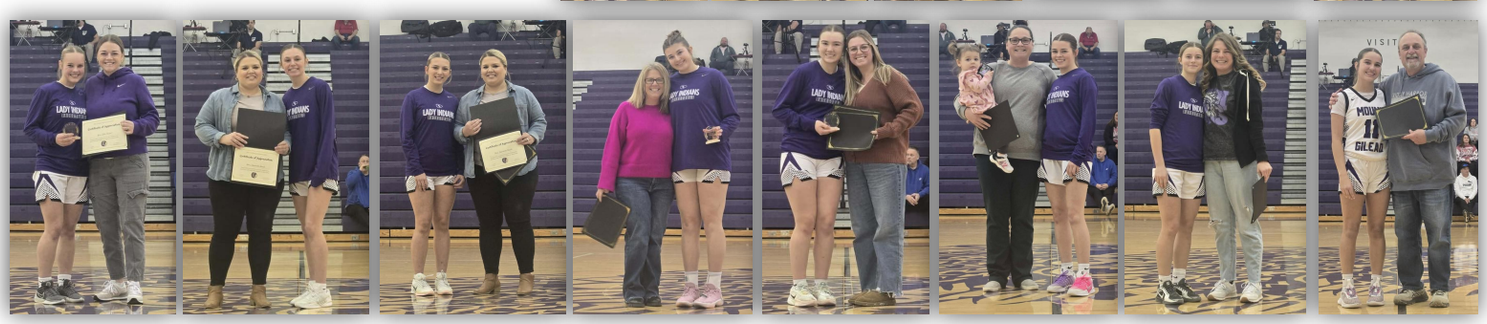
Lady Indians Host Teacher Appreciation Game

On February 4th our Girls Basketball Team hosted a Teacher Appreciation game.

"Behind every student-athlete in this gym is at least one educator who has pushed them, believed in them, and refused to let them settle for less than their best. Teachers, coaches, counselors, aides, administrators—you do far more than teach content. You build confidence. You create opportunity. You change lives. The lessons taught in the classroom show up right here on the court. These young women compete the way they do because of the expectations and support you set for them every day," announced the coaches.

On behalf of our players, coaches, and school community—thank you for everything you do.





PTO Hosts Student Favorites - Denim & Diamonds Dance and Indian Ball

The Park Avenue PTO continues to bring exciting events and activities to the elementary students. In December, the PTO brought in local crafters for our Santa Shop and provided the opportunity for elementary students to purchase Christmas gifts for family. In February, we held our annual Denim & Diamonds dance where our little ladies got to dance the night away with their special adult.





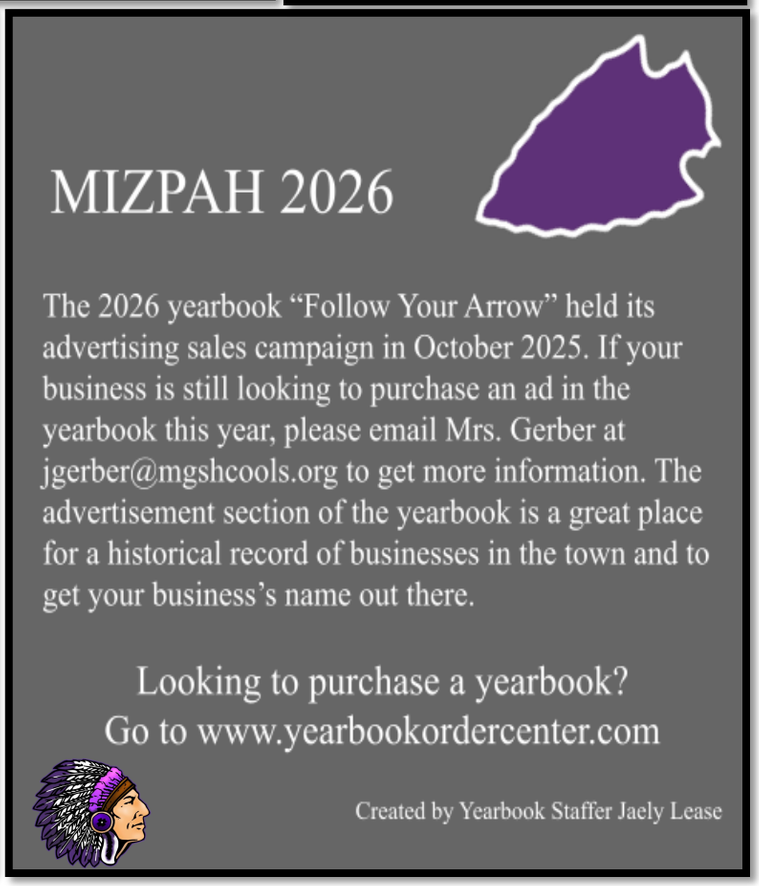
Our annual Indian-Ball (dodgeball) event will be held March 14 from 6 to 8 pm at Cherry Street. All of our Park Ave students and their families are invited to a night of friendly competition.



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).







Enrolling? Enlisting? Employed? Counseling Office Ready to Help

The Mount Gilead High School Counseling Office has been in full swing supporting our students as they plan for life after high school, explore new opportunities, and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Junior year is a vital time as students begin solidifying their post-secondary plans. We had excellent participation from our juniors who completed the ACT on February 24. All juniors will also have the opportunity to take the ASVAB on March 25, 2026, and will attend a college visit to The Ohio State University at Marion on March 13, 2026. These experiences help students explore college, career, and military pathways as they consider their next steps.

Our seniors have remained focused as we help them prepare to cross the high school finish line. We are grateful for the many generous scholarship opportunities provided by our community members and school organizations. As graduation season approaches, we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026 at Indian Signing Day on May 8, Senior Awards Night on May 20, and Graduation on May 30, 2026.



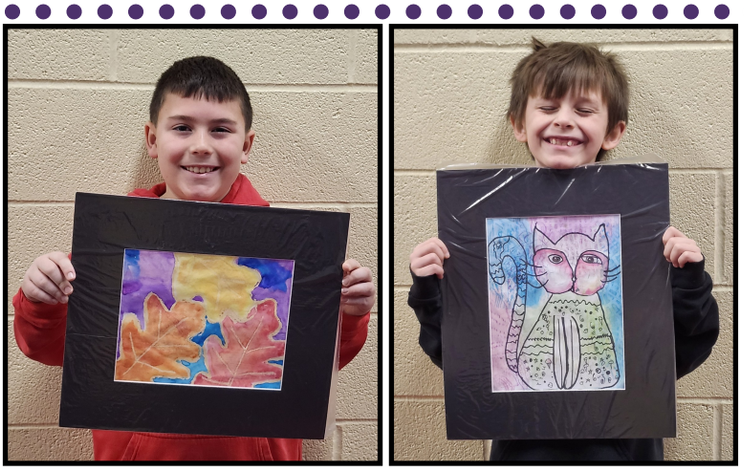
Group Celebrating 60th Class Reunion

Mount Gilead High School Class of 1966 meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month for lunch at the Edison Depot Restaurant. This year, the class will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. Pictured, left to right, during the Jan. 7 meeting are (front row): Marie Bishop, Barbara Brewer, Patty Crum, Carol Thornton and Mary Ann Wilder; back row: Ellen McMurray, Mary Jo Corwin, Shawn Shere, Sandy Sautter, Janet Helman, Ed Sayers, Roger Beall, Micke McKinney and Steve Hart. (Submitted Photo)



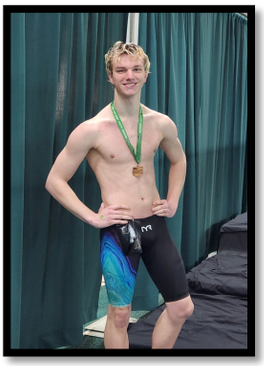
Two Chosen as Honored Art Guests

Park Avenue 3rd grade students Colt Keesee (right) and Owen Highman (far right) were chosen as honored artists for the 46th Annual Youth Art Month Exhibition sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association. There are eight regions in Ohio representing the OAEA, and this year's show includes 118 student artworks from all over the state. It is a great honor for these two students to be part of this exhibition. A reception is being held Saturday March 14th at Riverside Methodist Hospital.



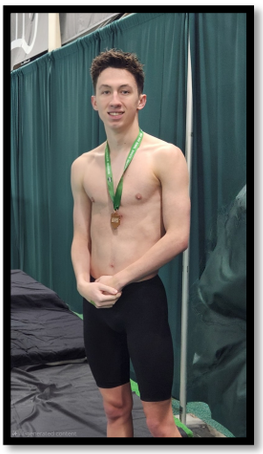
Nine Swimmers Compete at Districts, Griffith Moves on to State

Nine Mount Gilead High School swimmers competed in the 2026 Central/East/Southeast District Swimming Tournament, held on Feb. 20 at Ohio University in Athens. These swimmers qualified the previous week at their sectional tournaments. Coach Dina Snow remarked, "I was so excited going into the meet. We have not had this large a group attend for several years. To add to the fun, the girls traveled along so they could cheer on the boys during their morning session, and then the boys stayed to cheer on the girls. It did make for a very long day, but it was great to watch the team be so supportive of one another. Everyone turned in great swims and it was such a great way for our seniors to cap off their high school career."



Jaxon Tinch

To start out the day, the boys' 200 medley relay (Jaxon Tinch, Evan Irons, Niles Bush and Nolan Hershner) earned a 5th place finish and a spot on the podium complete with medals. "I was so happy for them. The teams placing higher than them included powerhouses like Columbus Academy, St. Francis DeSales, Granville and Dresden TriValley. To see Mount Gilead that high on the podium is a memory I will cherish." Evan Irons achieved a season best in his 200 free, coming in 17th out of 32 in the event. He also earned a trip to the podium with his 6th place finish and PR in the 100 breaststroke. Jaxon Tinch captured the final scoring spot in the 50 freestyle and also made the podium with his 7th place finish and PR in the 100 butterfly. "One fun note," reported Snow," is that Niles Bush had been an alternate in the 100 fly and found out he was able to compete at Districts due to a scratch. He did a great job and swam his PR!"



Evan Irons

While the boys did not make the podium in their 200 free relay, they did score in 10th place and swam their season-best time.

The excitement was not over for the day. The girls' medley relay of Gracelyn Williams, Kendall Neal, Abby Griffith and Cassady Irwin improved upon their sectional qualifying time and scored 14th place points. Griffith, Camryn Travis, Neal and Irwin also teamed up for the 200 free relay and took 3 seconds off their sectional qualifying time. "I think it was mainly Camryn's split! She was so excited to be a part of this relay and was just pumped all day to get in there and swim! Those kind of moments matter more than winning for me!" exclaimed Coach Snow. Abby Griffith had also qualified for both the 500 free and 100 fly. She turned in a solid swim in the fly to tie for 7th and earn a podium spot. According to coach Snow, "There was a bit of controversy due to the tie. The other coach was clamoring for a swim-off to break the tie. While I appreciate her advocating for her swimmer, no one wanted to do a swim-off at the end of the meet, and we were all worried that it might affect Abby's concentration for her next big race: the 500 free. I am so proud of her for getting in there and giving it her all. She earned a 5th place podium spot and qualified to go to Canton for the State Tournament! Only one other swimmer in MG history has been to the State Tournament! The whole team is over the moon for her. We can be so proud of all these swimmers and how well they represent the school and the community."



Abby Griffith





Girls and Boys Relay Teams




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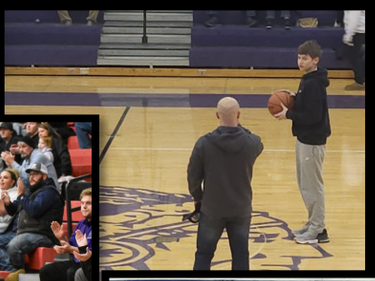















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DOG POUND



Boys, Girls Bowling Teams Make Districts, Hupfer Continues to State

Congratulations to both Boys and Girls Bowling teams for qualifying and competing at districts. The boys team finished 8th and Girls finished 10th. Larissa Coleman ended her season finishing 5th overall in the district.

A huge shoutout to Sophomore Mason Hupfer who was the Boys Div II Individual Champion. Mason competed at the state match on Friday, February 27 where he finished 31st (out of 98).





Sophomore Bowler Mason Hupfer finished 31st at the 2026 State Meet





Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Bowling teams for qualifying for the District Meet.

Attention iOS users - MGEVS Mobile APP reinstallation needed

We've got a quick tech update for our iOS (Apple product) users. To make sure you're getting all the latest features and important bug fixes from our app provider, Finalsite, we need you to perform a quick "refresh" of the Mount Gilead EV Schools app.
Some of the recent behind-the-scenes updates work best with a clean install.
Here's what to do:

1. Uninstall: Tap and hold the app icon on your home screen and select "Remove App" to delete it.
2. Reinstall: Head over to the Apple App Store and download the Mount Gilead EV Schools app again.

That's it! You can now open the app to stay connected with the latest news, calendars, and alerts.
If you don't have the app and would like to install it, just check your app store (Apple App Store or Google Play) to download.

If you run into any trouble, feel free to reach out to our webmaster Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org.

Thanks for helping us keep our school communications running smoothly!

Student Enterprise Club Expands Hands-On Learning Opportunities at HS

We are thrilled to share some exciting news regarding the hands-on learning opportunities currently available to our students. At Mount Gilead High School, we believe in preparing our students for the world beyond graduation, and the Student Enterprise Club (SEC) is doing exactly that. Led by instructors Tom Lewis and Hanna Vanderkooi, the SEC has officially transitioned from a classroom concept into a fully functioning business venture. In addition to the Rise and Shine Cafe, our students are currently operating a professional-grade apparel production line. To ensure a well-rounded experience, students rotate through every department of the business:

- Design & Creative: Bringing digital concepts to life for school groups.
- Marketing: Learning how to brand products and reach a target audience.
- Inventory Management: Tracking supplies and managing inventory.
- Fulfillment: Handling the physical printing and quality control of every order.

Currently, our talented team is focusing on custom T-shirts for school organizations. For the future, we are preparing to expand our inventory to include high-demand spirit wear.



Enterprise Club students work on making t-shirts to fill a recent order.

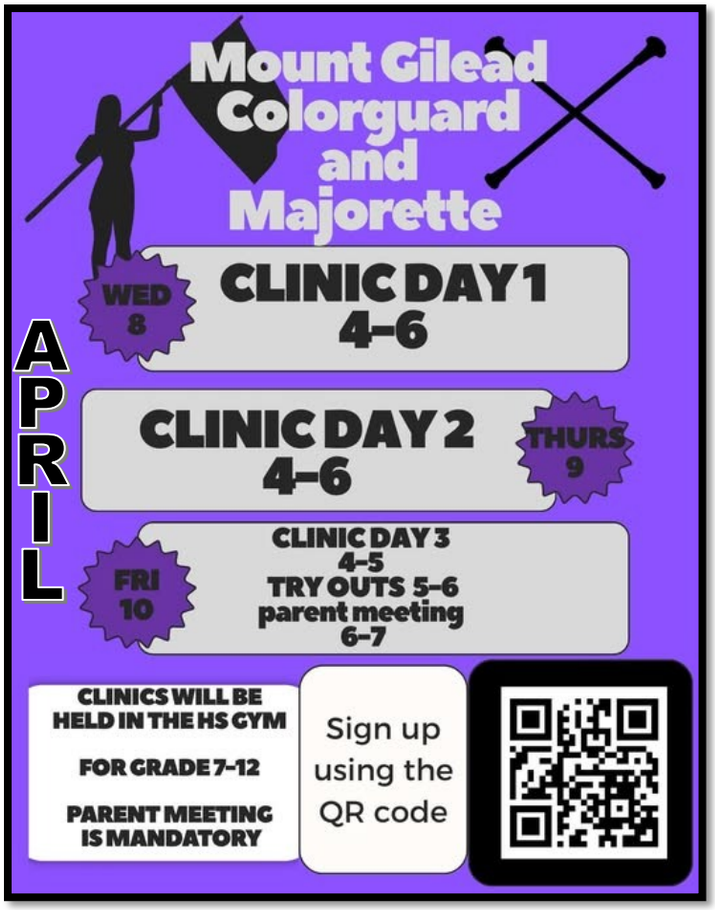
We are looking to bridge the gap between our school and the Mount Gilead community. We are offering our printing services to local community groups, non-profits, and youth sports teams who need custom apparel.

We invite you to visit our official SEC digital storefront to see the work our students are producing. Supporting this club directly impacts the resources available for student vocational training.

Visit the SEC Store: mghs-riseandshine.square.site

If you are part of a community organization that needs custom shirts, or if you have questions about the program, please feel free to reach out to our lead instructors: TLewis@mgschools.org or HVanderkooi@mgschools.org

Thank you for your continued support of our students' creativity and professional growth.





Chief's Club SACC Summer Program Update for Park Ave Families

Dear Park Ave Families,

We wanted to share some important updates about our beloved Chiefs Club SACC and Summer Program.

For the past five wonderful years, we've been fortunate to offer these programs for free through funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. This support has allowed us to provide enriching experiences for your children during after-school hours and summer breaks.

As we plan for the future, we've learned that our current grant will conclude at the end of this school year. While the state will not be accepting new grant applications at this time, we're hoping to offer one final Summer Program for our Park Ave families.

To make this program possible, we'll need to transition to a self-funded model. Here's what families can expect:

- Program Cost: $450 per student
- Weekly Breakdown: Just $75 per week for four days of summer fun and learning
- Meals: Students may pack lunch or purchase meals at regular rates (free meal qualifications still apply)
- Registration: Simplified process with standard pricing for all families (no sibling discounts or sliding scale)

Even with these changes, we believe this represents an excellent value for four days per week of:

- Educational enrichment activities
- Fun, engaging programming
- Safe, supervised care
- Continued community connections

We need 100-120 students to participate to make this work. Please fill scan the QR code to the right to take our survey and indicate interest in participating. Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to our director, Erin Whipple, chiefsclub@mgschools.org, or call 419-946-5736 x 3177



Key Club Members Make Impact At School and In Community

The 2025–2026 school year has been an exciting and service-filled year for Key Club! We proudly inducted six new members who are already making a positive impact in our school and community. In the fall, members organized a fun Trick-or-Treat event for high school students, creating a safe and festive opportunity to celebrate together. During the holiday season, Key Club members purchased and donated Christmas gifts for a foster child through Job and Family Services and members painted the windows of downtown Mount Gilead businesses in preparation for the Christmas parade. Students also led a pop tab collection to support Ronald McDonald House Charities, contributing to efforts that help families stay together during medical challenges. We are proud of our members' dedication to service and look forward to another impactful year ahead!



Front Row: Ally Howell, Jocelynn Thornton, Gabby Cuevas, Nevaeh Crow, Nolan Hershner, Evan Irons.
Back Row: Hayleigh Brown, Vice President Cassady Irwin, President Camryn Travis, Communications Officer Korbin McLain, Abby Griffith, Secretary Alora Hammer, Treasurer Mason Hupfer.

CBI's Happy Caps! Project Lifts Spirits while being Environmentally Friendly

The project is titled Happy Caps and encourages writing positive messages to students. The Happy Caps! project is a Junior CBI initiative at Mt. Gilead High School designed to promote environmental responsibility while fostering a positive and supportive school culture. Through this project, students will write and share positive messages that are displayed in recycled bottles, encouraging mental health awareness and student connection. The project also emphasizes sustainability by reusing collected bottles, cardboard, and paper to create both message displays and a Mt. Gilead Victory Monument replica made entirely from recycled materials. Running from December through May, the project will be promoted through school media, announcements, and student engagement activities. Happy Caps! aims to reduce waste, increase recycling education, and create a lasting symbol of unity and environmental stewardship for students and staff.

CAREER BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM



Mount Gilead Career Based Intervention, Junior Class 2025 – Chason Hart, Spencer KlekarMartin, and Zack Martino with CBI Instructor, Nathan Davis – designed a reuse and recycle program with purposeful hands-on sustainability practices.

Local Community Benefits from Art Club Food Drive

The 5th grade art club held a canned food drive at the elementary school during the month of December. Mrs. Rhea's class brought in the most cans and won a Dunkin Donuts party. All donated items will be sent to the Edison Enterprise Baptist Church- Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated.



Youth Ballers Rack up Dribbles

The Mount Gilead Youth Basketball program is committed to developing and preparing young boys and girls in learning the necessary skills in the game of basketball.

This season the program challenged our boys and girls to develop the habit of dribbling and ball handling on their own at home. For some, this habit has become an addiction!

65 out of 75 of our players participated in this dribble challenge. They completed more than 511 hours of dribbling combined! They achieved as a group **ALMOST 5 MILLION** dribbles!

Our top three participants deserve special recognition:

Nora Sergent, 3rd Grade Girls: 1,000,000

Ronni Ruffner, 4th Grade Girls: 615,400

Halle Sergent, 3rd Grade Girls: 357,000



Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters

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

We need YOU to get involved...

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Concessions Chair positions available now!

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

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

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MT. GILEAD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

CHILD MUST BE 5 BY SEPT. 9TH

Dates: Tuesday May 19th and Wednesday May 20th
Times: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Last group will start at 2 and end at 3

SCHOOL YEAR 26-27

CONTACT THE OFFICE STARTING MARCH 9TH AT 419-946-5736 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

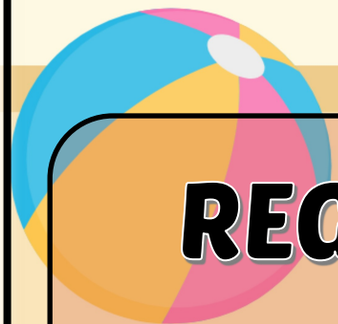
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- A copy of the child's legal birth certificate (not souvenir copy)
- A copy of up-to-date immunization records
- Proof of residence (utility bill or purchase/rental agreement)
- Custody papers if applicable

** IMPORTANT:
Screening/Registration will not be completed on the day of your appointment if ALL documents are not provided



SCREENING WILL BE AT 145 NORTH CHERRY STREET





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MS/HS Athletic Director

The winter sports season wrapped up with impressive seasons from Mount Gilead's Middle School and High School teams. From the battles on the hardwood to our success on the lanes and in the pool, our student-athletes delivered outstanding performances across multiple sports this winter.

Middle School

Boys Basketball: Both Middle School teams had solid seasons and made deep postseason runs. The 8th-grade boys finished with an 11-7 overall record, while the 7th-grade squad closed at 10-8. Both teams advanced to the semi-finals of the KMAC Tournament and both bowed out to the eventual champion.

Girls Basketball: The 8th-grade girls enjoyed another great year, posting a 13-5 record and reaching the KMAC Tournament semi-finals. The 7th-grade team finished 4-11, but fought hard and also earned a spot in the semi-finals.

Cheer: Our Middle School cheerleaders provided outstanding support at games all season long. They capped the regular season with an energetic halftime performance during the final home game and entertained fans.

Wrestling: Braeden Williams claimed the top spot as KMAC Champion.

High School

Boys Basketball: This has been a stellar year for the Boys Basketball program. The Varsity team has posted a 16-5 record (at time of release) — the best since the 2015-2016 season. The JV squad had an exceptional 17-4 record (at time of release), and the Freshman team finished strong at 7-2(at time of release).

Girls Basketball: The Varsity team battled through a 7-16 season, while the JV squad shined with an 18-3 record, highlighting depth and future potential in the program.

Wrestling: Several wrestlers earned KMAC recognition for their strong performances on the mat.

Cheer: Looking ahead, the high school cheer program is excited to host a Cheer Clinic from March 9–14 for interested students. Tryouts are scheduled for May 11–15.

Swim: Nine Mount Gilead swimmers competed at the OHSAA District Swim Tournament, delivering several top finishes. The Boys 200 Medley Relay team (Jaxon Tinch, Evan Irons, Niles Bush, Nolan Hershner) placed 5th. Standout individual results included:

- Evan Irons: 17th in the 200 Free, 6th in the 100 Breaststroke
- Jaxon Tinch: 8th in the 50 Free, 7th in the 100 Butterfly
- Girls Medley Relay (Gracelyn Williams, Kendall Neal, Abby Griffith, Cassady Irwin): 14th place
- Abby Griffith: 7th in the 100 Fly and a huge 5th-place finish in the 500 Free, earning a qualifying time for the State Meet — making her just the second swimmer in Mount Gilead history to reach States!

Bowling: History was made on the lanes this winter. The Boys Bowling team went undefeated, winning both the regular season and tournament championships. The Girls team also qualified for Districts — the first time since 2011 that both squads advanced. Sophomore Mason Hupfer posted the high series and claimed the individual District title.

Boys Bowling: Regular Season and Tournament Champions

Congratulations to all our winter athletes, coaches, and support staff for a season filled with pride and memorable accomplishments!

Congratulations to all the KMAC Winter Sports Student-Athletes who earned the following 2025 KMAC Winter Sports Awards

Boys Basketball
1st Team:
Gage Baker, Hayden Somerlot
Honorable Mention: Hunter Lister
All-Academic: Brogan Pfleiderer

Girls Basketball
1st Team: Danielle Pohlkotte
Honorable Mention: Kendall Neal
All-Academic: Cassady Irwin

Wrestling
1st Team: Rocco Castricone
2nd Team: Camden Castricone
Honorable Mention:
Logan Cobb, Colton Fenner

BOWLING
1st Team: Levi Harvey, Mason Hupfer, CJ Kneipp, Carson Street, and Larissa Coleman
Honorable Mention:
Savannah Whittaker

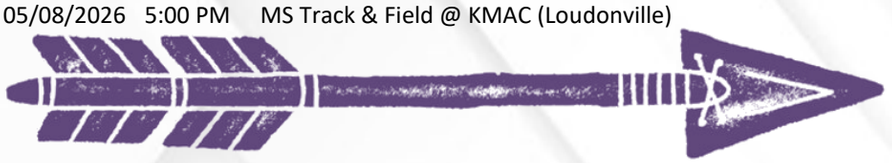
HS Track & Field

03/28/2026	9:30 AM	HS Track & Field @ Colonel Crawford
04/04/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ Bucyrus Invitational
04/07/2026	3:00 PM	HS Track & Field @ Northmor
04/11/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ Lexington Invitational
04/11/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @Danville
04/14/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Fredericktown
04/17/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ Eastern Relays (Lousiville, KY)
04/18/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ Eastern Relays (Lousiville, KY)
04/18/2026	10:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ Loudonville
04/21/2026	**4:30 PM**	**HS Track & Field HOME Mixed Gender Relays**
04/24/2026	3:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Marysville Relays
04/28/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ River Valley Meet
04/30/2026	4:00 PM	HS Track & Field @ Wayne Invitational
05/01/2026	4:00 PM	HS Track & Field @ Wayne Invitational
05/01/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Mapleton
05/05/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Field Event Showcase
05/09/2026	**10:00 AM**	**HS Track & Field HOME Mount Gilead Invitational**
05/14/2026	**4:30 PM**	**HS Track & Field KMAC (HOME)**
05/20/2026	3:15 PM	HS Track & Field @ DII/DIII Central District Meet (Granville)
05/21/2026	3:15 PM	HS Track & Field @ DII/DIII Central District Meet (Granville)
05/24/2026	9:00 AM	HS Track & Field @ DII/DIII Central District Meet (Granville)
05/27/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Boys Regional Day 1 (Marion Harding)
05/28/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Girls Regional Day 1 (Cuyahoga Heights)
05/29/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Boys Regional Day 2 (Marion Harding)
05/30/2026	4:30 PM	HS Track & Field @ Girls Regional Day 2 (Cuyahoga Heights)
06/04/2026	9:30 AM	HS Track & Field @ DIV/DV State Meet
06/05/2026	9:30 AM	HS Track & Field @ DIV/DV State Meet



MS Track & Field

04/01/2026	4:30 PM	MS Track & Field @ TBA
04/04/2026	10:00 AM	MS Track & Field @ Northmor
04/08/2026	**4:30 PM**	**MS Track & Field HOME Meet**
04/11/2026	10:00 AM	MS Track & Field @ Triad
04/18/2026	10:00 AM	MS Track & Field @ TBA
04/21/2026	**4:30 PM**	**MS Track & Field @ HOME Mixed Gender Relays**
04/24/2026	4:30 PM	MS Track & Field @ Loudonville
04/30/2026	4:30 PM	MS Track & Field @ Highland (Fredericktown Relays)
05/02/2026	**10:00 AM**	**MS Track & Field @ Home (MGMS Invite)**
05/08/2026	5:00 PM	MS Track & Field @ KMAC (Loudonville)



All events are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, check the calendar at mgschools.org or download the MG Schools App on Google Play or iTunes Stores

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

3/23/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Utica
3/24/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Cardington**
3/25/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Cardington
3/28/2026	**11:00 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Col Crawford (DH)**
3/31/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Fredericktown**
4/1/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Fredericktown
4/2/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Wynford
4/4/2026	**12:00 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Harding**
4/7/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Danville
4/8/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Danville**
4/9/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Elgin**
4/10/2026	5:00 PM	Varsity Softball @ Ridgemont
4/13/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Shekinah Christian**
4/14/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Loudonville**
4/15/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Loudonville
4/16/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Crestline
4/18/2026	12:00 PM	Varsity Softball @ Wellington School
4/21/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Northmor**
4/22/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Northmor
4/23/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Lucas**
4/28/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Centerburg**
4/29/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Centerburg
4/30/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. Northridge**
5/5/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ East Knox
5/6/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Softball vs. East Knox**
5/7/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Mansfield Christian
5/9/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Softball @ Plymouth

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

3/28/2026	**11:00 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. Col Crawford (DH)**
3/31/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Fredericktown
4/1/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Fredericktown
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4/29/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Centerburg
4/30/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. Northridge**
5/2/2026	**12:00 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. Tree of Life**
5/5/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ East Knox
5/6/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. East Knox**
5/7/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Mansfield Christian
5/9/2026	10:00 AM	Varsity Baseball @ Plymouth
5/12/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Cardington
5/13/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. Cardington**
5/14/2026	5:15 PM	Varsity Baseball @ Fairbanks
5/15/2026	**5:15 PM**	**Varsity Baseball vs. Ridgedale**

Four Named All-Ohio Fall Athletes



At our HS Boys Basketball game vs Cardington on February 6th we honored and recognized our four All-Ohio Fall Athletes: Owen Hershner, Gauge Shipman, Carson Barnum, and Cody Meimer.

1. Owen Hershner: 2nd Team All-Ohio Cross Country. Owen is #7 All time in school history.
2. Gauge Shipman: 3rd Team All-Ohio Offensive Line anchored the offensive line that set a school rushing record with a total of 3451 yards (305 yards per game).
3. Carson Barnum: 2nd Team All-Ohio Running Back rushed for 1883 yards and had 18 rushing touchdowns. Both totals are second best in school history for a single season.
4. Cody Meimer: 1st Team All-Ohio Defensive Cody had 76 tackles, 5 sacks, and 26 tackles for loss. His 26 tackles for loss are a single season record for Mt. Gilead. Cody will also be playing in the State All-Star game at Massillon in April.

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Important Upcoming Events

MARCH
13: 2-Hour Early Release
14: Frozen Jr. Character Breakfast
16: PAE Indian Ball, 6 pm
17: BOE Regular Meeting, 6 pm
19 & 20: Frozen Jr at PAE
21-22: Xanadu at MGHS
27: End of 3rd Quarter
30/31: Spring Break

APRIL
1: CCP Letter of Intent Due
1-6: Spring Break
17: 2-Hour Early Release
21: BOE Regular Meeting, 6 pm
25: Prom
27-29: PAE Dental Visits

MAY
7: Districtwide Art Show
8: Indian Signing Day (Seniors)
19: BOE Regular Meeting, 6 pm
21: Last Day for our TRCC Students
25: Memorial Day - No School
1 PM: MG Parade
30: Class of 2026 Graduation

JUNE
2: Last Day for Pre-K - 11th Grade
2: 1-Hour Early Release
16: BOE Regular Meeting, 8 am



MG INDIANS

Park Avenue PTO
2nd Monday of each month
6:30 PM
Park Avenue Library

Music Boosters
1st Monday of each month
6:30 PM
Band Room

Athletic Boosters
3rd Thursday of each month
6 PM
Community Room