

Ben Russow - Mason Middle School
Administrative Report
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- The 2024 Mason Middle School Robotics Team, composed of 20 hardworking 6th-8th graders, concluded their second season with an impressive showing at the FIRST Tech Challenge. The event was hosted by Bedford High School and had a total of 36 teams competing from different schools in Michigan. The team demonstrated exceptional growth, creativity, and collaboration as they tackled the marine-themed "Into the Deep" challenge. Significant improvements were made to their robot from the previous season, showcasing their growing technical skills and understanding of engineering. Throughout the competition, the students displayed professionalism and graciousness, building positive connections with other schools and embodying the core values of teamwork and respect. Coaches Mrs. Petree and Mr. Chrysochoos praised the students for their dedication and innovative problem-solving, reflecting a successful season of learning and achievement.
- This week our Mason middle school Youth in Government delegates went to Lansing to learn how to debate, write bills, and develop leadership skills. One of 12 schools/YMCA groups in attendance, we brought one of the largest delegations with 40 students. We had 5 candidates ran for elected positions. While all students tried their best and ran wonderful campaigns, we had one student, Easton Cousino, win a Lt. Governor position. Out of the 22 bills signed by the Youth Governor, six were Mason Consolidated Bills, the most of any delegation at the conference. Ben Donnelly, Cole Cousino, Hayden Campbell, Rowan Tunison, Easton Cousino, Lexie Carner, Audrey Baird, Karlee Frank, Henley Stubleski, Alivia Cowdrey, Emerson Heck, and Jacob Stange contributed to bills that were signed by the youth governor. Rowan Tunison received an award for outstanding delegate and Maddie Kolbe received an award for outstanding committee chair.
- Our PBIS committee is sponsoring our first off campus incentive for this year. We have 150 students that qualified to attend a movie at the Monroe Theatre through our Eagle Power Initiative. This will take place on December 5.
- Our Boys basketball season is underway. Both teams are showing tremendous growth and competitiveness. Our 8th grade team has been undefeated so far this year.
- Student Council Report - Anti-bullying awareness spirit week (this week, Nov. 18th - 22nd). Student council representatives will be coming around to 1st hour every day counting the amount of students who are participating. We will be hosting an anti-bullying assembly on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.
- Mrs. McCain and Mr. Russow worked with our young teachers who participate in the New Teacher Academy. We had 8 teachers attend and the workshop focused on classroom management tools and student engagement.