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Non-Homestead Millage

Friends of Mason Consolidated Schools,

On May 2nd, residents will again have the opportunity to vote on the non-homestead millage. This millage will affect businesses, rental properties, and second homes, but will not impact primary residences. This is not a new tax or ask by our district; in fact, our voters last approved this in 2018. Asking our voters to vote on the non-homestead millage is a requirement imposed on all school districts by the State of Michigan to allow districts to receive full state funding. This funding is known as the foundation allowance and is currently \$9,150 per student. Not passing the non-homestead millage would cause a reduction to this amount of approximately 1.34 million dollars per year. This is a substantial loss of revenue for our schools.

The funds generated from the millage will go towards supporting Mason Consolidated Schools' students and operations. Again, this will not increase taxes for homeowners, and failure to pass the millage will result in significant cuts to school funding. Please research the issue, contact me with questions or concerns, and cast your vote on May 2nd.

Additional information can be found in this issue of

the Eagle Eye.

Thank you in advance for your support of Mason Consolidated Schools!

Respectfully,

Kelli a. Tuller Kelli Tuller Superintendent



ktuller@eriemason.k12.mi.us 734-848-9304

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to watch Superintendent Tuller's informational PSA regarding the millage!



On May 2nd, 2023, Mason Consolidated Schools is asking voters to consider an 18.000-mill Non-Homestead millage.

This proposal does not impact the taxes on residential properties or most agricultural properties; only second homes, commercial, industrial, and some agricultural properties are affected. This is a renewal and restoration of the millage that expired with the 2022 tax

The Non-Homestead millage makes up \$1.34 million of the Mason Consolidated Schools' \$12.8 million total budget. The Non-Homestead millage is essential; this money cannot be replaced with any other funding source. Even though primary households are not affected, state law requires a district-wide election to approve this millage.

In summary:

- This is a renewal of the millage that voters approved in 2018.
- The renewal is for a period of 6 years.
- This tax is assessed against businesses and second homes, NOT homeowners or most agricultural property.
- Residents in the MCS district vote on the renewal.
- This money is used for district operations.
- This money cannot be replaced by other sources.

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Sample Tax Bill

This tax statement below is from an Erie resident.

This resident does not pay operating taxes to the school district, as seen by the bottom portion indicating '09 Mason Oper-05 AMOUNT EXEMPT'. If you look up at the top of the bill, you will see 'Princ. Residence Exemption has reduced Bill By \$ 1562.03'.

This means this homeowner does not have to pay this money for the school district.

Consideration is being asked of <u>all</u> registered voters in our district. This millage outcome will not impact many voters, similar to the Erie resident example, but consideration of the millage is being asked of all and we ask that you vote.

For questions or concerns, please contact Superintendent Tuller. ktuller@eriemason.k12.mi.us 734-848-9304

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	ERIE TWP FIRE EQ	1.96990	171.39
	ERIE TWP POLICE	0.98750	85.91
	SENIOR CITZ-05	0.52800	45.93
	FAIRVIEW-05	0.12500	10.87
	VETERANS-05	0.00200	0.17
	MUSEUM-05	0.15000	13.05
	CO LIBRARY-05	1.00000	87.00
	COMM COLLEGE-05	2.17940	189.62
	COLLEGE MAINT-05	0.85000	73.95
	MONROE ISD-05	4.75410	413.63
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	Administration Fee		12.67
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		1,279.96
	PREV. PAYMENTS		
	BALANCE DUE		1,279.96

Winter Season Recap

Another successful winter sport season has come to an end. The boys basketball team captured their 3rd straight Tri-County Conference championships. This championship makes five in a row, counting our last two in the Lenawee County Athletic Association. Seniors Carson Brown and Alex Langenderfer were selected to the All-Region team by the Monroe News!

The girls basketball team also had a great season. They were led by senior Kaylie Bash (All-Region) who was the leading scorer in Monroe County at 16.1 points per game!



Senior Kaylie Bash is Monroe County leading scorer at 16.1 points per game.

We also had several athletes represent Erie Mason at the MHSAA state finals. Our wrestling team was represented at the state finals by senior RJ Cicero. The boys swim team also represented Erie Mason at the state meet thanks to the relay team of Lucas Moore, Brenner Nelson, Mason Reynolds, Cameron Tross, and Garrett Wall.

Thank you athletes, coaches and fans for a wonderful season!

-D. Pollard



Our boys basketball team wins 5th conference championship in a row.



The Diamond Booster Club is hosting a golf outing on Saturday, May 20th at the Carrington Golf Club. The cost is \$100 per person, or \$400 per team! To sign up, contact info is on the flyer!

Spring Season Begins

All spring schedules are available on the Erie-Mason Athletics webpage.

One event you don't want to miss is the annual Mason Track and Field Invitational on May 13th, 2023. This is the longest-running track and field invite in Michigan!

Our softball team will be hosting a three team round robin tournament to raise funds for the Chris McClain scholarship on April 29th.

Our boys track team will look to defend their Tri-County Conference and regional titles from last year.

We wish our baseball, softball, co-ed track and co-ed golf teams the best of luck for the upcoming season.

Let's Go Eagles!



Central Students Active with Activities

Central Elementary students have been truly impressive lately in their active engagement in both co- and extra-curricular activities. From participating in The Tri-County Science Olympiad, Monroe County Quiz Bowl, Grade 4 Wax Museum, and The Young Author's Program, these students have shown their enthusiasm and dedication towards a wide range of interests.

They have demonstrated their commitment to their passions by putting in the time and effort required to excel, while also showing good sportsmanship and team spirit. We are extremely proud of our students and their accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing them continue to shine in all of their future endeavors.

-D. McCain

Clockwise from right:

1) The Quiz Bowl team celebrates their 1st place win at the Monroe County Quiz Bowl competition.

2) Science Olympiad teams celebrate placing 6th overall, and 4th grade team took 1st place in the spirit/sportsmanship award.

3) Zachary Zmijewski was selected to participate in the finale at Science Olympiad.

4) Michigan Chillers author Johnathan Rand visits Central Elementary.

5) Our Young Author award winners.













On March 1st, the 4th grade students participated in their annual Wax Museum event! Each student selected a famous person to research. When guests pushed a button on their station, the student would 'come to life' and present a 1-minute snippet about their famous persons' accomplishments and life events!

From left to right: Landon Rosenberger as Albert Einstein; Clara Meyer as Sonia Sotomayor; Elliott Synowiec as Alexander Hamilton; Julia Whipple as Amelia Earhart; and Joseph Halterman as John Lennon.

Michigan Dept. of Education Honors MMS

Mason Middle School was recognized by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) as a "Reward School" for their continued success and achievements dating back to last school year. The MDE formulates a grade card for each school across the state based on a variety of factors. These factors include:

- Proficiency on state math and ELA assessments
- Student growth rate on state math and ELA assessments
- Performance among peers as compared to other schools that have similar demographics
- Student subgroup performance
- Daily student attendance
- Assessment participation by our students

Mason Middle School received their highest marks from the MDE based on their student achievement rates on the state math and ELA assessments, student growth model, and comparison values with other schools in the state of Michigan with similar demographics. As a result of this grade card, MMS was identified as a reward school by the MDE.

Ben Russow, Principal at Mason Middle School commented:

"We are thrilled about the continued results our teachers and students have attained in relation to the expectations set by the MDE. Our teachers have overcome many obstacles to ensure that our students are receiving relevant and effective instruction that supports the academic and social-emotional needs of everyone. This award solidifies the importance of our process and acknowledges the dedication and

hard work of our teachers and support staff. I am very proud of our entire team!"

When asked about the success of Mason Middle School, Kelsey Cole, 6th grade ELA teacher, noted:

"As a staff, we show genuine interest in our students and let them know that getting to know each of them as an individual is essential. We make sure to recognize students' academic and social achievements. Our staff works to be great educators, devoted friends, motivational speakers, content experts, supporters, and entertainers. Our outstanding teachers have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are eager to learn from our learners. Many of our students will come to us from different backgrounds, skill sets, and challenges. We strive to be ready to meet them at whichever point they've reached in their learning."



MMS Mental Health Awareness

This Spring, our Restorative Justice Coordinator Pat Riley teamed up with the ISD's Margot Lechlak to offer a skills-based course to help students dealing with anxiety and depression. This course meets one hour per week and, with parent permission, helps students understand the feelings they are dealing with and teaches skills to minimize the negative effects.

One of the big benefits of the group has been helping students to recognize that they are not alone in experiencing these feelings. One eighth grader expressed, "Being able to connect with people that suffer from anxiety is nice because I know that I'm not alone. It also helps me lower my anxiety by teaching us different methods to control it."

One such skill being taught is how to turn anxious thoughts into positive behaviors. Mr. Riley says, "When students begin to understand that negative feelings don't have to lead to negative behaviors, they begin to take ownership and make positive choices."

Margot Lechlak, the Mental Health Coordinator from the Monroe County ISD, recognizes the need for these programs in schools. She says, "Many of our students experience emotional ups and downs throughout their adolescence. Research indicates that students with solid self-awareness and good coping skills do better academically and socially during their school years and beyond. This term our team is partnering with Mason Middle to implement a skillsbased learning group called TRAILS (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students) to support our students' behavioral health. We have offered this group to select 7th & 8th grade students to assist with managing symptoms of worry, stress, and sadness. The group focuses on teaching evidencebased strategies to support emotional health that enables healthy sleep, good social relationships, and optimal academic achievement. We look forward to the ongoing implementation of this 10-week group for terms to come!"

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Youth in Government

In March, Mr. Davison and Mrs. Shopshire took 26 High School students to Lansing for the annual Youth in Government conference.

Students participated in a variety of programs, representing the district wonderfully in all of them. Three mock judiciary teams battled out a civil trial against not just the other schools, but two of our own. The team of seniors Cree Jacobs, Autumn Barron, Alexa Chesney, and Ava Konrad took on our other two teams consisting of one made of all Freshman girls, and another team of Junior and Sophomore boys. All three teams showed their litigious prowess. The seniors' team won all 6 preliminary rounds and had a tough defeat in the semi-finals.

Our students participating in the Legislature brought our values and passion to the Capitol Chambers, making all in attendance recognize we brought positive agents of change. Students Alyssa Abar and Marleigh Butch had their bill Banning the Panic Defense, and Stacy Grix had her bill Ending Solitary Confinement, pass both chambers and eventually get signed by the Governor!

Mason Students represented our district well in the Press Corps, as well as National Issues



Forum. Mr. Davison assisted the other advisors at this year's conference returning as the Hotel Dean and helped with the Legislative Oversight Program by playing a role of a Superintendent being questioned over school safety.

Mason Consolidated once again made our presence known and are looking forward for next year to grow our stellar reputation that this years' batch of students help to continue.

-T. Davison



MAY 16 6:00-7:00PM

Mason Senior High School Room 300 (enter at door B)

Join us for a student-led technology session on Social Media platforms!

Learn the How, What, Where, When, and Why of social media platforms from the perspective of students.

Open invitation, no signup required!

NHS Celebrates Reading Month

March was National Reading Month! Our National Honor Society members, led by Mrs. Bell, read to our Kindergarten Eagles every Tuesday and Thursday to help promote reading.



Alexa Lay reads to kindergartners at Central Elementary for National Reading Month.

Mason High School's top graduates

USA TODAY NETWORK

ERIE - Mason Consolidated Schools announces the top 2023 graduates at Mason High School.

Madison Moore

Parents: Blain and Kelly Moore of LaSalle

Activities and honors: Student Council president; National Honor Society president; Youth in Government; varsity softball; Monroe County Education Association Academic All-



Future plans: Study magnetic resonance imaging at Owens Community

Angela Mary Kay Sweeney

Parents: Bob and Anne Sweeney of Erie

Activities and honors: Youth ministry leader at Joseph Catholic Church, Erie; treasurer of National Honor Society;



Future plans: Study theology at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio

Emily Worden

Parents: Paul Lynn Worden of Erie

Activities and honors: Basketball, softball, track and field: Student Council; National Honor Society

Future plans: Study nursing at the University of Toledo

Madison Neely

Parents: Joshua and Carly Neely of LaSalle

Activities and honors: Senior class secretary: Student Council treasurer: National Honor Socisecretary; Monroe County Academic All-



Star; four-year member of Student Prevention Leadership Team

Future plans: Study radiologic technology at Mercy College of Ohio

Amanda Nadolny

Parents: Tim and Amy Nadolny of Erie

Activities and honors: Health Committee; Student Prevention Leader-Team: National Honor Society; Tri-County Conference All Conference Award, 2019- 2021



Future plans: Study oncology at Monroe County Community College

Alvsa Tarieft

Parents: Mark and Val Tarieft of Erie

Activities and honors: All As honor roll entire school career; working since sophomore year





Cameron Zaleski

Parents: Christopher and Lyndy Zaleski of Erie Activities and honors: Co-captain of varsity vol-

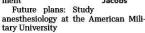
leyball team; All As honor roll; All-Region and All-League varsity volleyball; TCC academic awards for varsity volleyball and softball

Future plans: Study occupational therapy at Bowling Green State Univer-

Cree Jacobs

Parents: Stephen Jacobs of Erie and Julie Dean of Toledo

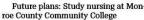
Activities and honors: Youth in Government; honor roll; dual-enroll-



Alexa Lav

Parents: Gerald and Christa Lay of LaSalle

Activities and honors: National Honors Society; Youth in Government; varsity swim captain; Prevention Leadership Team; varsity



Alexa Whiteaker

Parents: Jason and Dion Whiteaker of La-Salle

Activities and honors: National Honor Society; Youth in Government; honor roll Future plans: Study

food and beverage management at Baker College

Whiteaker

Nolan

Johnathan Nolan

Parents: Johnathan Nolan and Jessica Eighmey, both of Monroe

Activities and honors: National Honor Society; Academic All-State for football; Dollars for for Scholars; Coach for Steve

Lay Wrestling Club; varsity wrestling captain Future plans: Study engineering at the University of Toledo

Alexa Chesney

Parents: Sean and Jennifer Chesney of La-

Activities and honors: Varsity softball; varsity swim and dive captain; National Honor Society; Swan Creek 4-H Club; Youth In Government



Future plans: Study biochemistry with a focus on veterinary medicine at the University of Toledo

Morgan Collyer

Parents: Chris and Paula Collyer of Monroe Activities and honors National Society of High School Scholars; Erie-Ida Eagles swim and drive;

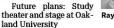


Future plans: Study criminal justice at Monroe County Community Ćollege

Rusty-James Raymer

Parents: James Raymer of Monroe and Robin Raymer of Luna Pier Activities and honors:

Band and choir Future plans: Study theater and stage at Oak-



Brooklen VanEeckhoutte

Parent: Kelly Moore of LaSalle

Activities and honors: Detroit Regional Dollars For Scholars; Student Prevention Team; National Honor



Future plans: Study nursing at the University of Detroit Mer-

Congratulations to Mason Senior High School's top graduates! Reprinted with permission from the Monroe News.

MASON HIGH NEEDS CLOSET



SERVING STUDENTS MEETING NEEDS

Doing spring cleaning? The Mason High Need's Closet is currently in need of the following donations: socks, men's causal clothing, women's pants, and toiletries. All donations can be sent to the high school main office. Please contact Rebekah Anderson with any questions. (734)-848-9346

anderson@eriemason.k12.mi.us

Thank you for your generosity!



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PTA Updates

Hello Mason Families and Friends! How fast the 2022-2023 school year went! We are wrapping up our PTA events for this school year. We have monthly meetings during the school year on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm with free babysitting provided. Meetings are held at the elementary school. Our last meeting for this school year is May 24th where new PTA board officers will be elected. We would love to see you all there!

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraisers this spring, which included Goodies

with Grandparents, Scholastic Book Fair, the detergent and cleaning product sale, donut sales, carnation sales, popcorn sales, and Foertmeyer Flower Sales. We also continue to have participation with School Store purchases, Scrip gift card purchases, and donations of feminine hygiene products. Thank you!

One of our biggest

spring events was the Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to raise more than \$4000 to be used towards Scholastic books and items for the classrooms and teachers! Thank you for your support in reading and books!

With the additional fundraising, we were able to continue to provide teachers with Amazon gift cards to use towards classroom needs; we hosted a successful Easter Egg Hunt and family fun day with lots of candy, popcorn, drinks, fun and crafts, and paid transportation costs for upcoming field trips for all students. Thanks to donations and generous families, we also continued to provide feminine hygiene products for each school to be distributed to students in need and available to

all students in the bathrooms.

The Color Run will be on May 7th and is open to everyone. If your child would like to participate and is not a part of the Erie Milers, please plan to provide a white T-shirt and the cost to enter the event is \$10. We have SOLD OUT Purse Bingo for this year and look forward to a fun event on May 13th. We will be hosting a Mother-Son event on May 20th where they will enjoy a round of foot golf. We will be hosting field day for all elementary students on May 31st. Stay tuned to Facebook for more details.

The Mason Eagles PTA Golf Outing will be held again this year! It is going to be on September 24th at Giant Oaks Golf Course in Temperance. More details coming soon!

We will continue to submit information for the Eagle Eye for each publication. If you would like to be part of the Mason Eagles PTA, please reach out to us at masoneaglesPTA@

gmail.com or the Facebook page. We are always looking for volunteers, behind-the-scenes help or donations of raffle baskets or items to be used by the students and teachers. Thank you again!

We have more fun planned for the end of the school year! Watch our Facebook page for specific dates and details. Find us and follow us at Mason Eagles PTA.

Mason Eagles PTA Board: Jenni McClinton (Sachs), President; Katie DeSloover, Vice President; Crystal Hammond, Treasurer; Krista Baird, Secretary; Amber Navarre, Sargent At Arms.

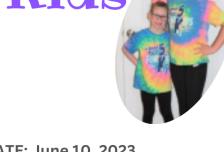
-K. DeSloover





Race for the Kids

THROUGHOUT THE 9 YEARS THAT OUR ORGANIZATION HAS HELD THE RACE FOR THE KIDS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP 20 DIFFERENT FAMILIES THROUGH MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL STRUGGLES. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, THIS RACE HAS BECOME A GREAT SUCCESS. COME JOIN US SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL IN ERIE FOR A 5K RUN/FAMILY WALK THROUGH ERIE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO HELP LOCAL **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE SUFFERING** FROM SEVERE OR LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL ISSUES. THE COST IS \$25 EACH OR \$75 FOR A FAMILY OF UP TO 5 PEOPLE. THIS EVENT WILL BE FROM 8AM-12PM. IT WILL HAVE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES (BOUNCE HOUSE, FACE PAINTING, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, FOOD TRUCKS AND SNACKS). COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY THAT WILL HELP BENEFIT A **WONDERFUL COMMUNITY CAUSE. MORE** INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ERIE5K.NET OR AT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO LOCAL FAMILIES** WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE FIGHTING SEVERE **MEDICAL BATTLES.**



DATE: June 10, 2023 TIME: 9am Start of Race

Registration and packet pick up start at 8am

LOCATION: St. Joseph School Gym 2238 Manhattan St. Erie, MI 48133

ENTRY FEE: \$25 each/ \$75 up to a family of 5 COURSE DESCRIPTION: 5K Run/1 mile walk

Road course through Erie

AGE GROUPS: Male/Female

8 & under, 9-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & up

The 10th annual Race for the Kids will be on June 10th in Erie! This year will be an 80's theme with neon t-shirts, so feel free to dress up in your favorite old-school outfits! There will also be an adults-only whiffleball tournament after the race! Visit www.erie5k.net for online registration and for more information.







Mason Touchdowners is hosting a weekly raffle at Trapperz tavern in LaSalle! Drawings are held every Sunday for the Jack of Spades card, and tickets are only \$1!

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

For full calendar, please see our website: eriemason.k12.mi.us

April

Half Day, All Students 3hr PD, MS & HS Staff April 28

May

Half Day, All Students No School Memorial Day May 26 May 29

June

Graduation Commencement
Graduation Rain Date
Half Day, All Students
June 5
Half Day, All Students
June 7
Last Day of School



Eagle Wellness Resource Center

By Mr. Don Traviss, LBSW, Restorative Justice Coordinator

"Step Up for School" Wellness Program

It has been a great opportunity for our school to be part of the "Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness" program. Together with our team of Step Up for School Wellness coaches, we continue to make healthy eating, nutrition education, physical activity and physical education, social & emotional health, and staff well-being a top priority. We are in the process of implementing the resources we received so we can continue to build our culture of wellness. This focus on well-being for our students and staff has a positive impact on teaching, learning and academic achievement. These efforts benefit all students and staff and will lead to healthy behaviors that can last a lifetime.

As part of our commitment to well-being, we want to encourage walking for everyone! Walking is one easy way to incorporate physical activity into a regular routine and create a lifelong habit. Regardless of fitness level, walking is an activity that most students and adults can do. Here are a few ways to support more walking:



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Mission:

Ensure students achieve their highest potential through a learner-centered education.



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Belief:

We believe all students can become successful citizens through quality education and support.