

# EAGLE EYE

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## A Year in Review

Looking back on another year ending at Mason, we can smile at all of the wonderful things our Eagles have accomplished!



Middle School Math Counts team wins first place in the Regional competition!



Noah Smith receives his Associate's Degree...before his diploma!



The High School Robotics team wins the Rookie Inspiration Award.



Elementary School students at Camp Storers.



Middle School students at a bowling incentive for the PBIS program! (more on pg. 5!)



Elementary Student Council sponsored a "Look for the Good" campaign.



Issabella Cureton wins first place in the Monroe County Spelling Bee!



The Strategic Planning Committee held an all-day group brainstorming session.



Middle School Student Council held a large cereal drive for families in need.



Elementary students led the Pledge of Allegiance at board meetings all year long.

SPOTLIGHT

# SUPERINTENDENT

It is hard to believe the 2021-2022 school year has now come to a close. Mason students, staff, and administrators worked tirelessly this year to regain normal routines and activities while also continuing to expand student offerings. We have a lot to be proud of and would like to celebrate a few accomplishments:

- Development of a 3–5-year Strategic Plan focusing on Academics and Programs, Learning Environment and Culture, Personnel and Leadership, Communication and Engagement, and Operations. These 5 core areas will help us in making Eagle Nation, Your Destination.
- Established Work Based Learning (WBL) opportunities for students to job shadow, intern, or be employed with a business or organization within their career pathway.
- Developed programs of support for students engaging in learning opportunities on and off campus. One student, Noah Smith, is a perfect example of this. Noah received his associate degree from Monroe County Community College in Welding BEFORE he even received his Mason Senior High School Diploma. The flexibility within his schedule, along with his determination to achieve this goal, made this possible.
- Athletic teams excelled for our second year in the Tri County Conference (TCC) and post season play. Our dedicated student-athletes and coaches put in countless hours and have a lot to be proud of.
- Students participated in numerous student groups and enrichment activities such as Young Authors, Spelling Bee, Youth in Government, Student Council, National Honor Society, eSports, Robotics, Student Prevention Leadership Team, IMatter, Quiz Bowl, Math Counts, and various other activities.

As you can see, our year has been full of celebration. We look forward to building the opportunities for our students to reach their highest potential. It is a great time to be an Eagle!

Educationally yours,

*Kelli A. Tuller*

Kelli Tuller, Superintendent





## Spring Season Recap



Erie-Mason Boys Track & Field Team

Another successful spring sport season has come to an end! All student-athletes and coaches put in a great effort and displayed a high level of sportsmanship throughout the year. Great work, Eagles!

Special recognition is needed for our boys track and field team. They had one of the best seasons in school history! They won multiple championships and competed throughout the state. The team defended their Tri-County

Conference championships with a perfect record against conference opponents. Next, they captured the MHSAA Division 3 Regional Championship hosted by Whiteford. The boys also qualified to participate in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) team state meet held in Clare. They finished 3rd amongst all teams in their division! Finally, the team sent 16 athletes to compete in the MHSAA State Finals, hosted by Kent City High School. Three athletes earned All-State honors and two others were one position away!

In addition to the team's success, a long-standing 800-meter school record was broken by Jackson Ansel. The previous record was set by Bernie Mominee back in 1984. Bernie was able to attend our spring award assembly and assist Jackson with changing the record board.

-D. Pollard



Jackson Ansel (left) shaking Bernie Mominee's hand after updating the record board.



## Athletics Summer Update

Erie-Mason athletics will continue throughout the summer. Many of our teams have already begun summer games, practices, and workouts. For more information on Summer athletics schedules, please follow the Erie-Mason Athletics Facebook page or email the athletic director at [pollard@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:pollard@eriemason.k12.mi.us).

Reminder: All student athletes must have a completed physical by a licensed physician prior to beginning of the fall season. The physical form can be found outside the High School office or on the MHSAA website.

A mandatory high school fall sports parent meeting is scheduled for **August 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** Each high school athlete is required to have at least one representative at this meeting. At the parent meeting the athletic director and coaches will present expectations, schedules and other important information for the upcoming season. Parents can also sign up for volunteer opportunities, obtain booster information and submit pay to play fees during this meeting.

-D. Pollard

## Mason Central Future Authors

Even though most students can't wait to get outside for recess, a group of talented and dedicated aspiring authors in fourth grade at Mason Central Elementary School participated in a recess writing club hosted by Mrs. Jill Bennett - fourth grade teacher.

After writing reports in class, the students selected a report of their choice to create a book to be published by the Student Treasures Co.

The students gave up their recess time Monday through Thursdays for several weeks to write, edit and illustrate their reports. After the final product was ready, Mrs. Bennett sent the reports into Student Treasures to be published into an actual bound book. The students worked diligently on their books and enjoyed the time together as a group as active and productive authors. Congratulations and keep on writing!

Thank you to Mrs. Jill Bennett and her commitment to her students and the writing process.

-D. McCain



Top row from left: Mrs. Jill Bennett, Lily Sniegowski, Kendall Gordy, Dahlia Bain, Liam Bacome, Pyper Ziegler. Bottom row from left: Gracie Bowman, Hailey Sites, Dominic Ixta, Coralee Goda, Easton Cousino.

## Thank You, Mason PTA!

The Mason PTA put on some amazing events and fundraisers this year, and they deserve recognition for their dedication to our Eagle community and their determination to give our students and families as much fun as possible! Thank you to Jenni Sachs, Katie DeSloover, Krista Baird, Crystal Hammond, Amber Navarre, Stephanie Russeau, and Jamie Otting!





# Students Love Eagle Power Program

The Eagle Power Program is a Mason Middle School initiative that uses positive behaviors and supports to improve school culture and help address our students' academic and social-emotional needs. Students are rewarded with a variety of different incentives throughout the year based on the academic grades and citizenship scores that are assigned by each teacher every 4 weeks. Research has shown that PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and

*"I like that it rewards the kids who try hard and make an effort."*

*-Anderson Moore, Gr. 8*

Supports) programs such as Eagle Power lead to higher academic achievement,

greater social-emotional competence, fewer office referrals, and a reduction in suspensions. Mr. Riley, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Cole, and Mr. Brandjord serve on the PBIS committee and are responsible for all its programming.

This fall we will reintroduce our Eagle Power Hour! During this class, teachers will be implementing a variety of team-building and school culture activities that reinforce important values like unity and diversity, address issues such as peer conflict, and promote teamwork, leadership, and empathy. All of these strategies are proven to reduce symptoms



*Students playing limbo at a roller-skating incentive*

of anxiety and depression, and promotes a diverse and accepting environment for all of our students.

Built into the PBIS program are additional supports for students who need more help to reach their academic and social goals.



*Mr. Brandjord races a student during the Block Party on the last day of school.*

Mr. Riley often helps students mediate peer conflict, helping them to get to the source of their disagreements and teaching them how

*"Eagle Power is good because it encourages me to do my best work."*

*-Bowie Jacobs, Gr. 8*

to repair their damaged relationships. Offering up privileges for academic and behavioral

achievement and removing barriers to learning are at the core of Eagle Power program. As a result, we have seen students become more engaged in their own academic progress as they grow both socially and emotionally.

Mason Middle School Principal Ben Russow recognizes the importance of supporting both the academic and social needs of our students. He says, "In today's society, we are continually looking to challenge our students to exhibit

specific leadership qualities that improve the day-to-day culture of our school.

*"Without it, I probably wouldn't try as hard as I do. I really liked the Mud Hens trip!"*

*-Lilly Kaufman, Gr. 8*

Our Eagle Power initiative provides many opportunities for our students to engage in the educational process to better themselves, their school, and their community." -B. Russow



## NHS & Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a nationwide non-profit organization that helps people in our community and all around the world build or improve a place they can call home. Members of the Mason Senior High School National Honor Society teamed up with Habitat for Humanity and had the opportunity to put down their pencils and put on their hardhats in order to give back to our community by assisting with the framing and construction of a house. The students spent the day assisting the contractors in several different unique ways. Once the foundation had cured, they pulled the forms and then prepped the foundation for waterproofing and siding that would be added later. Some students then worked on leveling the surrounding area with dirt, while others worked on prepping the trusses for the roof. The students really enjoyed the experience and some were even

asked to come back the next day to further assist after having done such a great

job! High School math teacher Bethany Kevorkian is the NHS advisor. Members of National Honor Society are Hailey Blomgren, Alexa Chesney, Olivia Doom, Tate Gill, Alexa Lay, Madison Moore, Tim Nadolny, Madison Neely, Johnathan Nolan, Angela Sweeney, Alexa Whiteaker, and Emily Worden.

-B. Bates



## Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2022! Get out there and SOAR, Eagles!



Mason High School Class of 2022

Photo credit: Pat Larrow, 2022



# Summer Lunches



BEGINNING JUNE 21ST AT THE LUNA PIER LIBRARY

FREE FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 18

MONDAY-SATURDAY, 12:30PM

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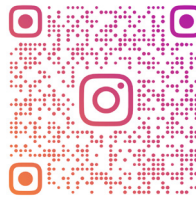
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## Eagle Wellness Resource Center

### GO, TRY, and BE the Best Version of Yourself this Summer

Final exams are complete. Grades are in. You made it! Just like that, summer break is already here! You have all earned it. Summer break is a mix of rest and relaxation, as well as excitement and adventure. Sometimes we have more time on our hands than we know what to do with. What a great opportunity to focus on our health and wellbeing! The CDC has a wonderful list of activities to help us in feeling great and being active all summer. The activities they discuss focus on three important areas: BEING physically active, BEING nutritionally mindful, and BEING emotionally well. We hope that you all have a fantastic summer of BEING, and we look forward to seeing our Eagles back in the fall!  
-D. Traviss



### GO, TRY, and BE



#### GO:

Get active by playing a sport, dancing, hiking, exploring nature!



#### TRY:

Focusing on healthier eating habits by trying new foods, drinking more water, cooking with family, or being mindful of product labeling and portion sizing.



#### BE:

Focus on positive thoughts and be responsible for yourself. Habits like sticking to a bedtime/wake schedule, spending time with friends and family, and spending less time using electronics all have major impacts on our thoughts and feelings.

Scan code to see all of the CDC's tips and activities for summer!



# WELLNESS & INFO



## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

*For full calendar, please see our website: [eriemason.k12.mi.us](http://eriemason.k12.mi.us)*

September		February	
District-wide Open House 4:00-6:00pm	September 1	Half Day, All Students 3hr Staff PD	February 10
First Day - All Students	September 6	No School President's Day	February 20
October		March	
Half Day, All Students 3hr Staff PD	October 7	Half Day, All Students 3hr Staff PD	March 17
Half Day, All Students Parent-Teacher Conferences	October 20	No School Spring Break Begins	March 25
November		April	
No School, All Students 6hr Staff PD	November 1	Classes Resume	April 3
Half Day, All Students	November 23	Half Day, All Students 3hr PD, MS & HS Staff	April 28
No School Thanksgiving Recess	November 24-25		
December		May	
Half Day, All Students	December 22	Half Day, All Students	May 26
No School Winter Break Begins	December 23	No School Memorial Day	May 29
January		June	
Classes Resume	January 3	Graduation Commencement	TBD
No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 16	Graduation Rain Date	TBD
		Half Day, All Students	June 6
		Half Day, All Students Last Day of School	June 7