

# EAGLE EYE

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## Non-Homestead Millage

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Mason Consolidated School voters will consider the renewal and Headlee restoration of the District's current non-homestead property tax levy. This provides funding for educational programming and everyday expenses of the school district. The total non-homestead property tax levy is capped at 18 mills per year and cannot go higher. The current millage expires this year. The renewal and restoration will cover the next six years, from 2023-2028.

This is a renewal and restoration of non-homestead property tax which is levied on vacation homes, rental property, vacant land, and commercial and industrial properties. It is **NOT** levied on your owned primary home or qualified agricultural property.

## Ballot:

"This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe County, Michigan, be increased by 18.4532 mills (\$18.4532 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2023 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes (17.9532 mills of the above is a renewal of millage that expires with the 2022 tax levy and .5 mill is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment of the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2023 is approximately \$1,390,309?"

## Questions?

If you have any questions concerning this renewal and restoration, please contact Kelli Tuller, Superintendent, at 734-848-5475 ext. 9304, or by email: [ktuller@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:ktuller@eriemason.k12.mi.us).

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SPOTLIGHT

# SUPERINTENDENT

Hello Eagle Nation:

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start and students and staff have been busy engaging in tasks and events that are sure to accelerate growth in academics, athletics, social, and employability skills. As we continue to grow our opportunities for our students, we look to our school and neighboring communities for continued support.

On November 8th, we ask for your support by taking a few minutes to vote to consider the renewal and Headlee restoration of the District's current non-homestead property tax levy. This levy provides funding for educational programming and everyday expenses of the school district. We thank you for your consideration.

Additionally, as experienced by every organization, we are facing a staff shortage in several areas here at MCS. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, substitute teacher, aide, or substitute aide, please contact our HR Specialist, Beth Sherman, at 734-848-9301. I promise you, working with children is the most rewarding job you'll ever have.

Finally, don't forget to check out events and happenings in Luna Pier, Erie, and LaSalle. You can find many of these events on our Facebook page (Mason Consolidated Schools) or on each respective community website. There is so much to do, right here in our own backyard! Engage in local, shop local, dine local, and remain local. We are all Eagle Nation!

Educationally yours,

*Kelli A. Tuller*

Kelli Tuller  
Superintendent



## CTE Programs Offer Students Real-World Skills

Career Technical Education (CTE) prepares learners for the real world. CTE provides opportunities for learners to explore careers, gain real-world skills, and find a path to a career they are passionate about. Our goal at Mason Consolidated Schools is to provide a learner-centered education to meet the needs of all students by providing career or post-secondary readiness skills and credentials. Over the past two months, MCS students have engaged in numerous activities or events focusing on the trades.

Beginning in September, Construction Technologies II students engaged in a build to replace the deteriorated ramp to one of the elementary portables. The teacher, Mr. Allen Rosenberger, shared his belief in giving back to our school and outside communities and shared his pride in the quality of work these students displayed.

Then on October 17th, Construction Technologies II students had the opportunity

to attend the Just Build It event at Eastern Michigan University. Students had hands-on experiences and were able to learn more about construction and other trade pathways, requirements, and benefits of entering the trades.

Several Mason Middle School students participated in Manufacturing Day on October 6th. This day-long event is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. Students toured two businesses to get hands-on experience and to see how many transferable skills these positions utilize.

Mason students continue to be provided a variety of opportunities to explore and engage in activities in various pathways and we look forward to offering additional opportunities in the future. If you are interested in becoming a site for these opportunities, please contact Mr. Brandon Bates at 734-848-9353 or [bates@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:bates@eriemason.k12.mi.us).



Construction Trades students rebuilding the ramp outside of a portable at CES.

-K. Tuller

## Welcome, Officer Rollins!

This year at Mason Consolidated Schools, we have quite a few new faces. One of those faces is Officer Bill Rollins, our new School Resource Officer (SRO)!

Rather, he's a returning SRO; Officer Rollins is a former Eagle! He was our SRO back in 2008, and says he is thrilled at the opportunity to come back to Eagle Nation.

"I wanted to get back to this school because of this community," he said. "My goal is to be a positive influence and good mentor to the students."

Officer Rollins has been working in criminal justice for 24 years, and while his position within the field has changed a few times, being an SRO is his passion. He is eager to work with our Eagles and promote a safe and positive atmosphere. Another goal of his is to be highly visible in each school; walking the halls, popping into

classrooms, to ensure positive interactions with all of the students.

He also expressed his genuine appreciation for our local law enforcement.

"I can really feel the bond between this position and the Erie Police Department. They've been incredibly positive and helpful."

Mason Consolidated Schools echoes this sentiment, and is excited to work in conjunction with local police and our new SRO.

Outside of work, Officer Rollins is a family man with two kids of his own, one of them in college. He was in a punk-rock band for a long time, and still plays the drums today!

We are thrilled to have Officer Rollins back in our Eagle family. We look forward to helping him achieve his goals with our students. -J. Hopper



Officer Bill Rollins.

Quote to live by: "For evil to flourish, it only requires good men to do nothing."

## New STEM Labs

Over the summer, Mason Consolidated Schools transformed two older, traditional computer labs into STEM-based learning environments. STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) is a group of study that is preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow. By incorporating programs such as robotics, work-based learning, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) opportunities Erie Mason is working to best prepare students for tomorrow's careers. STEM-focused jobs are in high demand and our students now have newly created spaces to immerse themselves in an environment that encourages exploration.

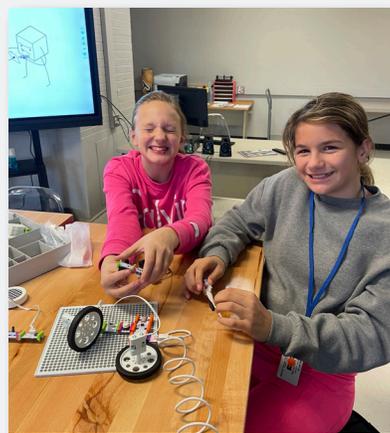
"It is all about trying new fields of learning," Technology Director Jason Burt says. "We want to encourage students to step into the shoes of STEM professionals through experimentation. Letting them get out of their daily comfort zone

while helping them narrow down a particular field of study that resonates with them. Our goal is to help fuel a passion that will expand into a fulfilling vocation. Whether that is in a STEM field or another occupation where these STEM areas have touched and enriched their lives."

The Middle School has been using its new lab to launch robotics, while the High School has launched a new Computer Information Systems class that expands across multiple technology segments. Members of the community as well as a data scientist, system administrator, technology director, and CEO from IBM, Westside Distribution, LaScala

Managed Services, and the Monroe County ISD have come together to meet as an advisory committee to ensure the programs at Mason are impactful for those entering the workforce.

-J. Burt



Two Middle School students excitedly building a robotics kit in Science class.

## The Toledo Opera Performs at CES

The members of the Toledo Opera performed a mini show called "The Pirates of Penzance" at Mason Central Elementary on Oct. 24th for students PreK-5th grade. The cast of five opera members performed the story of the Pirate King. The cast consisted of Sarea Mortensen, Imara Miles, Brendan Boyle, Matthew Payne and Steven Naylor. The program was paid by the Mason Central PTA.



## Achievement Scores Rank Best in Monroe County

Despite facing so many challenges during the pandemic, Mason Middle School students and teachers continue to show academic growth and overall achievement on our state standardized tests. The results from last Spring’s testing window are a direct result of the teachers and students’ commitment to the education process.

Ben Russow, Principal at Mason Middle, discusses the strengths of his staff and their programs:

“Over time, our staff has become very efficient at collecting and interpreting relevant data that highlights student growth. This has allowed us to create an accurate picture of what our students ‘know’ and ‘do not know’. We have created a schedule that encompasses several ‘tiers’ of intervention built into our normal school day that allows our staff the time to target instruction and focus on cultivating positive teacher/student relationships. Teachers can prioritize the specific areas of need for each individual student identified through our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support System) practices and intervention template. This personalizes the process and creates a growth mindset within our students and staff. With the support of our Board of Education, and our Superintendent, we were able to keep a focus on our programing and intervention model despite the effects of the pandemic.”

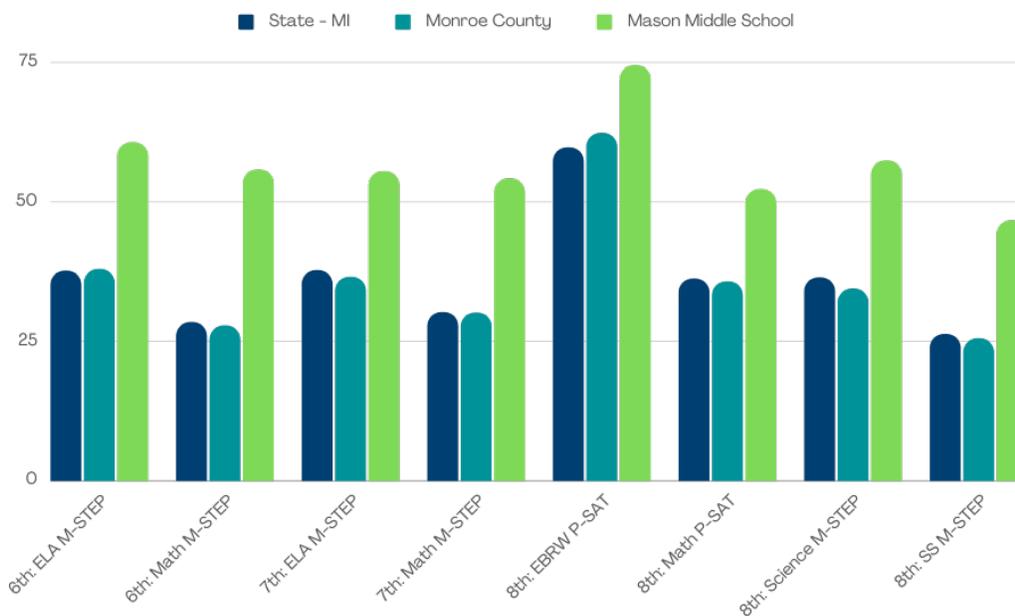
Math and English teachers are provided an hour of ‘flex’ time during their scheduled day to work with students who need extra support. This hour allows fluid opportunities for teachers to pull students in small groups to pre-teach, re-teach, monitor progress, provide feedback, create a growth mindset with our students, mentor, and build positive relationships.

JoAnna Lewis, a 7th grade ELA teacher, recognizes the importance of this time in her busy schedule. She says, “I believe a significant part of what makes our MTSS program so successful is the opportunity it affords us to develop closer relationships with students who need it. Working with a smaller group of students not only helps me gain a better understanding of what they need to be successful but also to get to know them as human beings - their likes, dislikes, outside interests, personality traits, and relationships. Students who feel valued and seen at school will be more motivated to learn and more receptive to the academic interventions I’m providing.”

Overall, as the data shows, Mason Middle School continues to provide a solid education for the students in our community. Congratulations to the teachers, students, and staff on their hard work and dedication.

-B. Russow

### 2022 PASSING RATES OF STUDENTS AT MMS VS. STATE AND COUNTY AVERAGES



## College Courses Offered at High School

Exciting opportunities are happening at Mason High School this year. We have partnered with Lourdes University to have a direct college English Composition Class. Mr. Sydney Klem, Lourdes University Professor, has two classes offered 5th and 6th hours. We have over 40 students enrolled in this course, and they will receive 3 English college credits upon successful completion. They will enroll in a second English class second semester, and they will receive 3 more college credits. This is the largest group of students to earn this amazing distinction. Way to go Eagle Nation! -B. Bates



## CTE Programs Offer Unique Opportunities

Thanks to local Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs at Dundee and Monroe High Schools, three students are testing the waters in career pathways.

Two students are embarking in the first-ever Fire Fighter 1 and 2 segments and

EMT classes offered at Dundee High School. These two young Eagles will learn all the necessary skills needed to take the state test in both areas and will be able to apply to a full-time firefighting station, if successful. Another student is attending Monroe High School to venture into Health Occupations.

These are just two examples of our Eagles taking advantage of these amazing programs. The opportunities for CTE for students in Monroe County are greater than ever! On November 15th there will be a CTE Program Expo at the Monroe County Fairgrounds from 5:00-7:00 pm. High School students will have the opportunity to learn about exciting career pathways and preview career and technical programs. They will be able to meet with instructors, see program highlights, and find out which courses are being offered in Monroe County that are available to them.

Our Eagles will be bringing flyers home with more information on the Expo. Contact Mr. Bates or Mrs. Spicer if you have any questions at [bates@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:bates@eriemason.k12.mi.us) or [spicer@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:spicer@eriemason.k12.mi.us).

-B. Bates

**CTE**  
LEARNING THAT WORKS  
FOR MONROE COUNTY

**CTE PROGRAM EXPO**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2022**  
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

**LOCATION**  
FIRST MERCHANTS BANK EXPO CENTER  
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
3775 S. CUSTER RD., MONROE MI

LEARN ABOUT EXCITING CAREER PATHWAYS AND  
PREVIEW CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS. MEET  
WITH THE PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS, SEE PROGRAM  
HIGHLIGHTS AND FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT COURSES  
ARE BEING OFFERED IN MONROE COUNTY.

**COLLEGE & CAREER READY** → FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
SEE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR OR CTE DIRECTOR

## Fall Season Recap

Another successful fall sports season has come to an end. The renovations to the John C. Michael Natatorium was completed, allowing the girl's swim team to host our first home swim meet in over two years.

The volleyball team battled for the top spots in the Tri County Conference all year. They will continue their season with district playoffs in early November.



A Girls Swim meet in the finished Natatorium.

The football team has secured another winning season and are in the running to qualify for the MHSAA State Playoffs for the third consecutive season.

Our most successful fall athletic teams this year have been the boys and girls cross country teams. The girls finished second in the conference, and the boys won their third consecutive Tri County Conference championship. Both teams will look to



The Cross Country team celebrates Championship.

continue their season as they compete at the MHSAA Regional meet on October 29th.

Great job to all of our athletes and coaches! Thank you parents, athletic boosters and community members for your continued support. -D. Pollard



## Winter Season Begins

The Eagle's basketball teams will look to continue their successful run. The boys will pursue their 5th consecutive conference championship and the girls will pursue their 3rd consecutive conference championship. The teams return many key players from last season and look to add some great pieces from last year's successful junior varsity teams.

Mark your calendars for some exciting basketball as we will host this year's boys basketball district playoffs on March 6th, 8th and 10th.

The Eagles boy's swim team is excited to be able to practice and host swim meets at home this season after being away for two years. It will be great to see the Erie swim tradition return home.

The wrestling team is also looking forward to a

great season. They will face new competition this year in the MHSAA tournament as they move from Division 3 to Division 4. We also have the opportunity to host this year's team districts on February 8th.

By the time this issue of the Eagle Eye reaches your mailbox, the Middle School Boys Basketball season will be off and running. They started their season on October 25th. The other winter sports will start on the following dates:

- 11/14/22 - Girls JV and Varsity Basketball
- 11/14/22 - Varsity Wrestling
- 11/21/22 - Boys JV and Varsity Basketball
- 11/21/22 - Varsity Boys Swim and Middle School Co-ed Swim
- 1/3/22 - Middle School Girls Basketball

## PTA News & Updates

The Mason Eagles PTA would like to thank everyone for their participation in the fundraisers to successfully begin our 2022-2023 school year, and thank you to those who participated in our Trunk or Treat event. It was a fun afternoon for all who were there!



Most of the funds raised will go directly to the teachers for use in their classrooms at the middle and elementary school, and for hosting our community events throughout the year. The funds will also be used will be to help improve the teacher and student school experience! We have been involved in helping to fund various projects over the last year, including a new painted mural in the middle school, helping to repair musical instruments for students, remodeling of teachers lounges in both Elementary and Middle School, and new tables for Elementary students in third grade.

To help raise funds year-round for the Mason Eagles PTA, we are part of several giveback programs! One of them being the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you shop at the Kroger in Lambertville, or any Kroger

in Ohio, please search for "Mason Central Elementary PTA" and choose us as your community rewards partner. If you shop at any other Kroger in Michigan, please search for "Mason Eagles PTA" for your community rewards partner. You can change your preference if you shop in multiple locations, but you need to do this prior to shopping. Look for further information on our Facebook page.

Remember with the holidays approaching, Scrip gift cards are available online or at the school office. The PTA receives a percentage back on each gift card purchased. Visit ShopWithScrip.com or download the RaiseRight app. Enter code **B2178F6F9L3** for Mason Eagles PTA.

Lastly, Box Tops are now digital! You can scan your receipt for Box Top products and the PTA will be given credit for purchases. Download the BoxTops app and search for Mason Central Elementary School.

Thank you again! We look forward to seeing you soon!



## Upcoming PTA Events

- We look forward to seeing our parents, grandparents, guardians, caregivers, teachers, and administrators at our upcoming PTA meetings, where FREE babysitting is provided! Our upcoming monthly meetings are as follows: November 16th, December 7th, January 18th at 6:00 pm in the PTA Portable at Mason Central Elementary.
- Santa Shop will be held December 19th-21st at the Mason Central Elementary, where elementary students will be given time to shop for friends and family. This will take a lot of volunteers to run successfully! If you are interested in volunteering with the PTA or at events, please contact the PTA at MasonEaglesPTA@gmail.com or send a message to the Mason Eagles PTA Facebook page.
- Coming up January 27th, 2023, will be Pizza Bingo night held at Erie Mason High School! This is an open community event for all to attend. More information to come soon!
- Be sure to visit and like our Facebook page Mason Eagles PTA for updates and information!



Scan to like our Facebook page!

# Homecoming Week Celebrations



This year's Homecoming theme was Decades and our Eagles celebrated awesomely! The hallways and parade floats were decorated according to the class's assigned decade. The Seniors were the 1960's; Juniors were 1980's; Sophomores had the 1950's; and the Freshman were the 1970's. The energy was high and excited for the pep assembly in which Eagles from each class participated in hilarious games against another. The parade on Friday was a success with Eagles tossing candy to the community from their floats! Thank you to all that contributed to this year's Homecoming.



# HOMECOMING

## NO DOGS ALLOWED



**DEAR EAGLE NATION:  
WE WANT TO GIVE A GENTLE  
REMINDER THAT FOR SAFETY  
REASONS, DOGS OF ANY  
BREED ARE NOT ALLOWED  
ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, PER  
MCS BOARD POLICY #3109.  
PLEASE DO NOT WALK YOUR  
DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS!**

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## Eagle Wellness Resource Center

By Mr. Don Travis, LBSW, Restorative Justice Coordinator

### The Season of Change

We are just over a month into the school year and are all hopefully feeling more comfortable in our school routines. The weather is beginning to get cooler and damp. The trees are in full color change and leaves are beginning to fall. Can you believe we are already two weeks away from the end of the quarter? Isn't it a perfect time to reflect on how far we have come since the start of the school year? The end of last year? How have you changed? Our minds tend to focus on and wander back to the negative things, more often than not, so be aware and try to focus on the positive aspects, no matter how small it may be.

Fall is a great time to reflect, to be mindful of the growth we have made in our lives, and plan for the next few weeks or months by creating or re-evaluating new goals for ourselves.



- What is working?
- What needs some work to improve?
- How might I do this?

Fall is also a time where the excitement of the nearing holidays and time off with family and friends builds.

Take a moment to be grateful for or because of:



- The progress you've made
- Your family
- Who you are
- Your friendships
- Something silly

The 9th Annual

# VETERANS DAY PARADE

Saturday, November 5th, 2022

Luna Pier, MI

12:00pm

Parade Route: Begins at 11309 Harold Dr,  
Water Tower Park. Traveling south on Harold  
Drive to Luna Pier's Memorial Park.

Sponsored by the City of Luna Pier.  
Commemorative service immediately following parade.

For more information on parade entry and service, contact Luna Pier Veterans Day  
Parade Chairman Bernie Russell at 734-848-6064 or email [bernie9949@aol.com](mailto:bernie9949@aol.com)



## Annual Luna Pier Business Association

# Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3rd, 2022

5:30 pm

It will be a fun evening beginning with a short ceremony  
to light the trees at the Luna Pier entrance sign and  
sing carols with Santa!

After the ceremony, the Luna Pier Fire Department  
will be graciously providing refreshments, great music,  
and a chance for the kids to visit with Santa.

The Luna Pier Firemen will be there to hand out  
goodie bags to the children!

*Make this a family tradition. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the fun!*



# Santa Comes to Erie

## Parade

December 10th, 2022

11:00am

Route begins at St. Joseph Church  
and ends at Erie VFW.



LOCAL EVENTS



## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

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

November		March	
Half Day, All Students	November 23	Half Day, All Students	March 17
No School	November 24-25	3hr Staff PD	
<i>Thanksgiving Recess</i>		No School	March 25
		<i>Spring Break Begins</i>	
December		April	
Half Day, All Students	December 22	Classes Resume	April 3
No School	December 23	Half Day, All Students	April 28
<i>Winter Break Begins</i>		<i>3hr PD, MS &amp; HS Staff</i>	
January		May	
Classes Resume	January 3	Half Day, All Students	May 26
No School	January 16	No School	May 29
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>		<i>Memorial Day</i>	
February		June	
Half Day, All Students	February 10	Graduation Commencement	TBD
3hr Staff PD		Graduation Rain Date	TBD
No School	February 20	Half Day, All Students	June 6
<i>President's Day</i>		Half Day, All Students	June 7
		<i>Last Day of School</i>	