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MCS Awarded CTE Expansion Grant

Our district is proud to announce that it has been awarded a state-funded Section 61v Career and Technical Education (CTE) Expansion Grant, bringing new opportunities for students to explore career pathways and build real-world skills.

This competitive grant is part of a broader statewide investment aimed at increasing access to high-quality CTE programs and preparing students for in-demand careers. As interest in hands-on, career-focused learning continues to grow across Michigan, this funding helps districts expand programs that connect classroom learning to future opportunities.

Through this grant, our district will expand its Construction Trades program to the middle school level. This addition allows students to begin exploring skilled trades earlier, helping them develop foundational skills and a better understanding of potential career paths before entering high school.

By introducing these opportunities at a younger age, the program is designed to spark curiosity, build confidence, and encourage participation among a wide range of students. Early exposure to career pathways can play an important role in helping students discover their interests and make informed decisions about their future education.

The expansion also strengthens the district's long-term goal of providing meaningful, career-connected learning experiences that align with both student interests and workforce needs.

Across Michigan, demand for Career

and Technical Education programs has grown significantly in recent years, with increased enrollment highlighting student interest in hands-on learning and career exploration. The Section 61v grants were created in part to help districts meet this demand by expanding access to programs that prepare students for both postsecondary education and entry into the workforce.

This year's funding will support the launch and growth of dozens of new CTE programs at both the middle and high school levels throughout the state. Areas such as construction trades, advanced manufacturing, and digital technologies continue to see strong interest, reflecting broader workforce needs and opportunities in high-skill, high-wage fields.

By expanding Construction Trades programming at the middle school level, our district is joining a growing effort to introduce students to career pathways earlier than ever before. These early experiences are designed to build awareness, strengthen academic connections, and create a clearer pathway for students as they transition into high school and beyond.

More updates will be shared as the program develops and new opportunities become available for students.



Scan here to read the MDE press release!

SPOTLIGHT

SUPERINTENDENT

Graduation is a monumental milestone, but at Mason Consolidated Schools, we believe that receiving your diploma isn't the end of your journey with us, but rather the beginning of a new chapter in the Eagle family.

The strength of our community lies in the "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle" spirit. When our alumni stay connected, they provide a bridge between the history of Erie Mason and the future of our current students. Whether you graduated five years ago or fifty years ago, your experiences, career paths, and life lessons are invaluable. Staying involved fosters a sense of pride and mentorship that makes our district special.

Contributing to your community doesn't always mean a grand gesture; it starts with sharing your story. We want to celebrate the diverse paths our alumni have taken! Whether you've started a business, entered a trade, pursued higher education, or are making an impact through service, your hometown wants to cheer you on.

We Want to Spotlight YOU!

We are launching a new Alumni Spotlight series on our social media pages to highlight the incredible things our graduates are doing. If you are an Eagle alum, please take a moment to fill out our submission form using the QR code below. Please pass this forward to other alumni as well. Let's celebrate!

Help us inspire the next generation of Eagles by showing them where an Erie Mason education can lead!

Kelli A. Tuller

Kelli Tuller, Superintendent



Eagle Alumni Spotlight

If you are an alum from Erie-Mason and would like to be featured on our official social media platforms, please scan the QR code below to submit a form and your photo!



By submitting, you grant Mason Consolidated Schools permission to share your story and photo on our website and social media platforms.



Spring Sports Updates

Baseball

The boys' baseball season has begun. The team opened on the road at Ida where they were defeated.

There are plenty of opportunities to come support the boys at home throughout the season! Please check our athletics page for specifics. Erie Mason will also be hosting the MHSAA baseball districts! More info to come soon.

Softball

The Softball season is underway! Our girls played their home opener on March 24th against Emmanuel Christian and set the tone for a successful season with a 12-1 win!

It was a great start, and we are excited for this season! Let's go Eagles.

On Saturday, May 9th, our softball program will be hosting their yearly Chris McClain Tournament. Please come out and support the girls for their big day!

Track and Field

Co-Ed Track and Field is underway. The boys and girls hope to build off their strong season last year.

The first chance to see our team at home is on the April 28th meet at Erie Mason High School. 4:30 PM start.

Also, the Mason Invite will be held here on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM. We will also be hosting this year's TCC meet on Friday, May 8th at 2:30!

Soccer

The Jefferson/Erie Mason Bears have started hot, with 2-0-1 record. The girls will get a rest entering the Holiday break, but will take on state ranked league opponent, Grosse Ile, at home on April 8!

Winter Post-Season

Basketball districts kicked off in the beginning of March for both our boys' and girls' teams. The varsity girls and boys both made it to the 2nd round of districts but were narrowly defeated by their opponents. Coach Skaggs and Kenger are building strong programs, and we are proud to have them leading our student athletes.

Danny VanEeckhoutte wrestled for his 2nd straight State championship. He dominated his competition on Friday at Ford Field on the way to the finals. In the final, Danny wrestled a hard-fought match but was narrowly defeated 1-0. We recognize the hard work and dedication Danny puts into his wrestling and we are so proud of his accomplishments while representing Erie Mason. Now a two-time State Finalist and one time State Champion.

Even with just 15 boys, The Erie-Ida Swim team dominated all season long. Breaking team and pool records along the way to the State tournament. David Mills was named the Monroe County Region Swimmer of Year and Head Coach Andy Mosely was named the Monroe County Region Coach of the year! The program looks as strong as ever.

-C. Phillips



Arts Around the World

During the first Arts Around the World event, created by Mrs. Swaile, students from Central Elementary had the opportunity to feel, taste, hear, and create art inspired by cultures from across the globe.

Working together in teams, students and their families experienced different art from around the world. They played physical education games from Africa and China; created boomerangs using Aboriginal patterns; and improvised with

instruments native to Brazil. They also explored culinary and puppetry art forms that they do not always get the chance to see in school.

The evening even featured live recorder music representing Europe, performed by the Monroe County Recorder Ensemble.

It was a fun and engaging night for everyone, and we hope to bring this event back again next year! -D. McCain



Illustrating America Contest

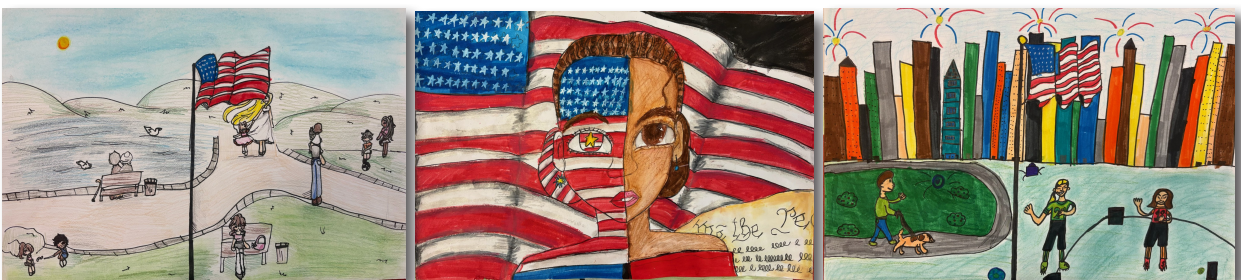
Fifth graders in Mrs. Swartz's art class recently participated in a contest for the VFW Auxiliary.

This national contest recognizes young artists and encourages the idea of expressing patriotism through art. This year the theme was "Illustrating America." The top three 5th grade

works of art were selected and submitted to proceed to the next level of competition.

Our fifth grade winners were Adalyn Rucki, Parker Brighton, and Allie Bowman! Their pieces were submitted to the local VFW Auxiliary for judging.

Good luck, Eagles!



You Be The Solution

In March, eight of our 8th-grade students represented Mason in the "You Be The Solution Challenge," a fast-paced, STEM-focused competition against several local school districts.

Students were divided into two teams of four and competed in a quiz bowl-style event, where they had just 30 seconds to answer rigorous, primarily chemistry-based questions. This format pushed students to think quickly, apply their learning, and extend their knowledge to tackle higher-level concepts in the moment.

Despite the challenge, our students rose to the occasion and delivered an outstanding performance. Their teamwork, critical thinking, and perseverance were apparent throughout the competition. One of our teams consisted of Henley Stubleski, Madeline Kolbe, Nathan Marks, and Carter Gordy. They earned an impressive 1st place overall. Our second team consisted of Asher Rice, Jacob Tunison, Easton Cousino, and Quinn Albright. They also performed exceptionally well, securing 3rd place overall.

-H. Sugg

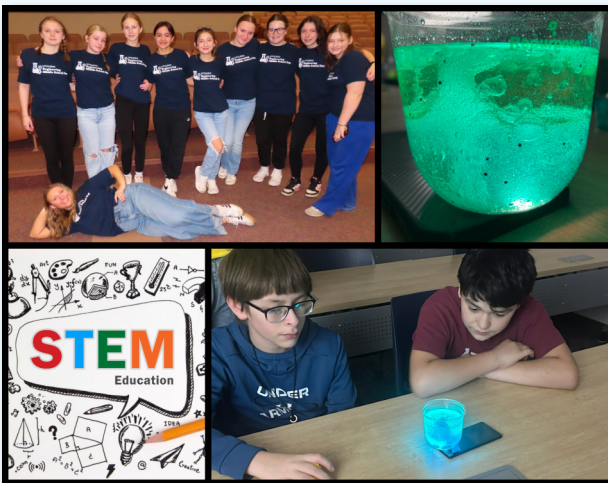


Engineering Days

Mr. Manthey, Ms. Rawlins and Mr. Simmons led 45 Mason Middle School students to the University of Toledo Engineering Department on February 27 and March 20 to develop greater understanding and interest in STEM career fields.

Students were exposed to the various fields of mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical, software, and industrial engineering. They participated in hands-on activities to learn more about what work engineers actually do. The days concluded with student-generated questions for a panel of engineers on topics ranging from educational preparation to daily work experience.

-T. Simmons



Erie Historical Essay Contest

The Erie Area Historians recently held their annual history essay contest, now in its fourth year, open to all sixth-grade students attending school or homeschooling in Erie Township. This year's topic asked students to write about two early Erie doctors, Dr. Thomas Morrow and Dr. Silas Dusseau.

The organization provides some background information, while students are encouraged to conduct additional research on their own. This year, Mason Middle School's Hudson Harman earned first place and received \$100, and Mackenzie Lasinskas took second place and received \$50. Both winners had the opportunity to read their essays at a township board meeting. Participation in the

contest continues to grow each year, and the Erie Area Historians extend their sincere appreciation to the sixth-grade staff for their support in making the project a success.

Read the winning essays here!



Hudson Harman, 1st place



Mackenzie Lasinskas, 2nd place

Students Secure State Championship at YIG

Over the course of four days, 14 dedicated students from Mason Consolidated Schools made their mark on the state capitol during the annual YMCA Youth In Government (YIG) conference. Accompanied by advisor Mr. Terrence Davison along with Dr. Albain, the delegation immersed themselves in the complexities of civic leadership, culminating in a historic victory for the district.



The conference saw Mason students embedded in nearly every facet of the democratic process. In the Legislative program, Marleigh Butch and Sophia Campbell stood out as they vigorously advocated for their original bills, navigating the intensity of committee hearings and floor debates with skill.

Ensuring the weekend's events were recorded for the public, Alyssa Abar served as a selected member of the Press Corps. Abar spent the conference documenting proceedings and providing essential media coverage, capturing the most pivotal moments of the four-day event.

In the National Issues Forum (NIF), Lily Lee and Isabella Parent tackled complex federal topics. Both students earned recognition for their sharp contributions during the General Assembly, where their poise and debating skills were noted by delegates from

across the state.

The Model Judiciary Program, a grueling mock trial competition involving several rounds of legal arguments, saw Mason Consolidated field two formidable teams.

The team of Emalyn Hammond, Paige Konrad, Alena Schafer, and Molly Sepulveda delivered powerful performances in both plaintiff and defense rounds, proving to be a dominant force throughout the competition.

In a stunning run to the final round, the team of Ava Belair, Grace Albright, Zayla Brown, Zhuoran Cai, and Genevieve Wilkinson were crowned the Overall Champions!

The championship win was achieved after defeating Cranbrook (one of the most prestigious high schools in Michigan) in the grand finale.

Furthermore, Ava Belair received additional individual honors, being named the conference's Best Defense Attorney.

Throughout the intensive schedule, all 14 students served as exemplary ambassadors for their community. They consistently modeled the YMCA core values of Caring, Responsibility, Honesty, Respect, and Inclusion, representing the entire Mason Consolidated School District with distinction.

Great job, Eagles!

-T. Davison



Spring Wellness and Mental Health

April is Stress Awareness Month, a timely reminder to prioritize mental health and well-being. As we enter the final stretch of the school year, it's natural for stress levels to rise. Students are working hard to finish strong while preparing for state testing, completing final projects, and getting ready for exams. These important milestones can bring added pressure, making it especially important to stay organized, take things one step at a time, and ask for help when needed.

We also recognize this season can be demanding for families. Supporting students through academic expectations, while juggling busy schedules and looking ahead to summer can feel like a lot. And while summer brings excitement, it also means a shift in routines (and a house that suddenly feels a bit fuller!). A little humor, patience, and planning can go a long way.

Taking short breaks, getting fresh air, and practicing simple mindfulness strategies can help everyone reset and stay focused during this busy time.

Looking ahead, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It serves as an important reminder that mental health matters, not just during times of stress, but every day. Many people experience challenges that aren't always visible, and fostering a culture of understanding and compassion helps ensure no one feels alone. Open conversations can reduce stigma and encourage individuals to seek support when they need it.

If you or someone you know could benefit from additional support, Care Solace is available to help connect individuals with mental health providers quickly and confidentially. Call 888-515-0595 for multilingual support and visit www.caresolace.com/masonschoools to search for a provider or book an appointment.

As a school community, we remain committed to supporting the well-being of our students, staff, and families. Let's continue to take care of ourselves and one another as we finish the year strong and prepare for a healthy, balanced summer. -D. Travis

Summer Planning Checklist -Dr. Albain

For parents:

Ways to support your student's success this summer.

- Encourage a healthy balance of rest, fun, and productivity
- Help your student set 1-2 realistic summer goals
- Promote independence with schedules, email, and deadlines
- Support participation in work, volunteering, or enrichment

You don't need to check every box! A few intentional steps and time to recharge can make summer meaningful and manageable. ★

For students:

Rising 9th graders

- Attend orientation or transition events in August
- Explore clubs, sports, or activities
- Set personal and academic goals

Rising 10th graders

- Reflect on freshman year strengths and growth areas
- Try a job, volunteering, or new activity
- Plan how to get more involved next year

Rising 11th graders

- Research colleges, careers, or training programs
- Visit campuses (in person or virtual)
- Start or update a resume
- Do light SAT preparation

Rising 12th graders

- Finalize college/career plans
- Draft application essays
- Request letters of recommendation
- Track application and scholarship deadlines

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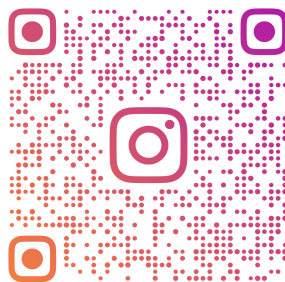


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