



# MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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"YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT CARDINAL PRIDE"

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2022**

Now that the first week with students is over, we are settling into the school year. Any time your son or daughter is having a difficult time at school, please start by communicating with the staff member who is closest to the situation. Skipping steps in the chain of command or making posts on social media will not remedy the situation and it is not fair to the staff member. Most disagreements can be easily solved through a conversation between the family and the staff member involved.

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday 9/7                      Picture Day – Millington Jr/Sr High School (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Monday 9/12                      School Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm – Kirk Library

### **Thank You to the Following Organizations...**

Thank you to Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company for donating desks, chairs, and office supplies to our staff. We received enough desks and chairs so that each classroom teacher was able to have a new work station. Thank you to Mr. Dipzinski and the maintenance and custodial staff for moving the desks from Frankenmuth Mutual to Millington Community Schools. Thank you also to the administrative team for coordinating the effort with the teachers and for meeting the needs of our staff.

Thank you to Frankenmuth Credit union for donating funds to pay for the All-Staff Breakfast on August 23, 2022. We appreciate the grants we have received in the past and the support you have given to Millington Community Schools.

### **MHS Drama Club**

Mrs. May and a group of motivated students is reviving the MHS Drama Club this school year. They are in the process of coordinating fundraisers and are scaling up their efforts to put on a talent show in mid-November. They are also working to put on a full-fledged production in the spring. Look for information in future weekly updates to track their progress.

## Staff Spotlight

This week's Staff Spotlight is former Superintendent, Mr. Lawrence Kroswek. Mr. Kroswek graduated from Caro High School in 1974 and became the first 18-year-old bus driver in Caro Community Schools history. He went on to college at Delta College and Central Michigan University. His first job was at inner-city Russell High School in Atlanta, Georgia. He went on to teach at the prestigious Woodward Academy from 1984 where he taught secondary Physical Education. During his time as a teacher, he coached football, wrestling and track. In 1998, he returned to Michigan and became principal of Harbor Beach Elementary School. He was named Superintendent of Millington Community Schools in March 2003 and served our district until the spring of 2011. Mr. Kroswek then returned to serve as the Superintendent of Harbor Beach Community Schools until his first retirement in the spring of 2017. In the fall of 2018, he was called back to Millington to serve his second stint as superintendent. He leaves behind a great legacy, having passed three sinking funds, leading our school community through the pandemic, and passing an 18+1 operating millage that will give our school district financial solvency in the future. Mr. Kroswek recently retired the second time and I want to thank him for his leadership through the years and his ability to make tough decisions. When asked if he has any advice to educators moving forward, he said, "If you really care about the children, the school district that you work for, the community that you live in, and the people that you work with, you will understand that the children come first."



## Cardinals in the Crowd – “Once a Cardinal, Always a Cardinal”

This week's Cardinal in the Crowd is Susie Germain. Susie was in Tawas last Thursday night watching the varsity football game. She has been at countless MHS sporting events in the past watching her son, Jason (1993), and grandsons, Drew (2019), Brody (2021), and Landon (2025). Susie graduated in 1973 from Millington High School. Unfortunately, back then there were not as many opportunities for students to be involved in after-school functions and girls did not have the opportunity to play sports in the early 1970s. Susie has been watching Millington Football games since the 1960s. Her brother, Ted, wore #24 and she was proud that her son, Jason, wore the same number. When asked what her favorite moment in Millington Football History, Susie said her favorite game was when Millington came back to win against Lansing Catholic Central when Jason was a junior in 1991. A close second was Millington vs. Ovid-Elsie in 2009 when we scored the two-point conversion in the final minute to become the Regional Champs.

