



# MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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"YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT CARDINAL PRIDE"

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2022

Homecoming 2022 was a great success due to all of the efforts of our staff and students. Thank you to all of the student council advisors, class advisors, and student leaders who put in the extra time coordinating the spirit days at both of the buildings and all of the other activities throughout the week.

Thank you to the Meachum PTO and staff for putting on the Count Day Assembly. I had the opportunity to experience the second-grade assembly and the presenter had a wide variety of animals that the students got to see and pet. The kids were very well-behaved and asked a lot of great questions!

### Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 10/11  | Creating a Safety Net in our Community @ 6:30 pm – Jr/Sr HS |
| Thursday 10/20 | Jr/Sr High School Picture Retakes                           |
| Friday 10/21   | ½ Day – Professional Development                            |
| Sunday 10/23   | Meachum PTO Trunk or Treat – 1:00 to 4:00 pm                |
| Thursday 10/27 | Junior High School Halloween Dance – 3:00 to 5:00 pm        |
| Friday 10/28   | ½ Day – End of Marking Period 1                             |

### Projects Around Campus

Mr. Dipzinski and the maintenance department have been busy making updates behind Meachum Elementary School. They are pouring cement slabs and doing some landscaping. There will eventually be picnic tables and a couple of nice trees in the area.

At the October 3<sup>rd</sup> School Board Meeting, the board approved the purchase of ventilation units for the Jr/Sr High School that blow both hot and cold air. The purchase was part of a larger project to install air conditioning in both buildings. Installation in both buildings is scheduled to be complete by the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

**"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."**

**Mark Twain**

## Staff Spotlight



This week's Staff Spotlight is Mrs. Ashten (Levan) Schaper, second grade teacher at Meachum Elementary. Mrs. Schaper is an alumnus of Millington High School, graduating with the Class of 2014. During her time at MHS, she was involved in basketball and track. Mrs. Schaper graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Prior to working at Millington Community Schools, she taught Early Childhood Special Education at Sherwood Elementary School at Saginaw Township Schools. She resides with her husband, Mac Schaper, and they have a baby daughter, Eleanor Schaper! Mrs. Schaper has done a great job acclimating to her new job because she believes that it is important for teachers to create relationships with their students. There is no teaching without relationships! Creating a safe, consistent space for her students is her number one goal. When asked what the best thing about teaching in Millington is, Mrs. Schaper replied, "The best thing about teaching in Millington is being back in my hometown. I love having a community that rallies behind students, staff, and families."

## Cardinals in the Crowd – "Once a Cardinal, Always a Cardinal"

The Cardinal in the Crowd for this week is Bobby Cerasoli (2023). Bobby is a senior at Millington High School who was diagnosed with a rare soft tissue sarcoma called Desmoplastic Small Round Cell tumor on September 14, 2022. The results of his PET scan found that the cancer had spread from his abdomen to several other parts of his body. Bobby is a very positive, energetic young man who is talented at a variety of things. The thing I always remember every time I see Bobby was the solo he performed at the choir concert when he was in junior high. He sang "When I Was Your Man", by Bruno Mars and everyone in the audience was amazed by his singing. He is also a student at the Tuscola Technology Center in the Marketing Program. Bobby was able to attend the Pep Assembly and Homecoming Dance. The Staff at Millington Jr/Sr High School put on a fundraiser for Bobby that garnered over \$9,000. Bobby and his cousin, Keith Frasier, shaved their heads at the pep assembly, along with eight Millington Staff Members. Bobby just started the first few weeks of a possible fourteen rounds of chemotherapy. This will be a long process and there may be times where Bobby will feel alone, but he will never be alone because our school and community are behind him.

