

MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

8780 Dean Drive Millington, Michigan 48746 (989) 660-2450 "YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT CARDINAL PRIDE"

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2023

I hope everyone had a great Winter Break and that the students and staff are ready to go back to school on Tuesday. Thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for all of your work to clean the buildings and get them ready for the start of the new year. They were hard at work refinishing the floor at the Jr/Sr High School and doing other projects that can only be done when school is not in session. Also, thank you to Mr. Dipzinski and Mr. Germain for their efforts in working with the company that was upgrading the sound system at the Jr/Sr High School Gym last week.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1/11 10th Grade Tech Center Presentation – Cafeteria @ 9:00 am

Friday 1/13 MHS Student Council – Snowcoming Planning Lock-In

Monday 1/16 School Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Thursday 1/19 Meachum Elementary School Talent Show @ 6:00 pm – Gymnasium

1/19 and 1/20 Student ½ Days – End of Semester 1

Adopt-A-Family

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making Adopt-A-Family a success once again this year. A special thanks to Mrs. Wisenbach for coordinating the project. Thank you to our student council and advisors, Mrs. Verhines, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. May, Ms. Trickey, and Ms. Birchmeier for coordinating the efforts with our students to put on the rewards day and shopping for the students. Thank you also to the following contributors:

- Millington Church of God
- Millington Needy Families Program
- Megan Jacobs and ADS US Inc.
- McDonald Chevrolet

- St. Paul Lutheran Church
- Jeff Bassett and the Fire Department
- Matt and Laura Sommer
- Frankenmuth Credit Union

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

Michael Jordan

Staff Spotlight



This week's Staff Spotlight is Mrs. Stewart, who is the new clerk in the Meachum Elementary School Office. She has been working at Millington Community Schools as a paraprofessional for the past six years serving students in Developmental Kindergarten, First Grade, and Fourth Grade. Mrs. Stewart graduated from Clio High School in 1999 and ran Track and Field throughout her high school career. Mrs. Stewart and her husband, Jason, have been married for the past 15 years. Mr. Stewart was a graduate of Millington High School in 1997. They have two children who attend Millington Community Schools: Emma (2025) and Garen (2029). The family also has several pets, including two dogs, four cats, three ducks, and one turkey. When asked what she likes the most about working at Millington Community Schools, Mrs. Stewart replied, "I absolutely love Meachum Elementary! I am so blessed to be able to come to

work every day and get "my bucket filled" so to speak. The kids really make the job what it is. I love that most of the time I get to have great conversations and really get to know the kids. And I love being "the light" that so many of them need. There is nothing more rewarding than teaching something and then the light bulb goes off and they "get it". Or being that "safe person" a child can talk to. Also, I have never worked with so many caring people. I have really had some great mentors over the years and have felt the love from my co-workers. I am very excited to embark on my new journey working in the office! There really is nowhere else I would rather work."

Cardinals in the Crowd - "Once a Cardinal, Always a Cardinal"

The Cardinals in the Crowd for the week of January 2, 2023 are Kelly and Kristy Shoens. They started dating when they were sophomores, graduated from MHS in 1998, and were married in 2002. They have two sons, Sam (2023) and Lane (2026) who currently attend Millington High School. Kristy played volleyball in 9th and 10th grade and ran track when she was a senior. Mrs. Shoens has volunteered her time helping fundraise for the Class of 2023 Washington DC Trip. Kelly played four years of football for the Cardinals and also played baseball in 9th grade, and ran track and wrestled during his senior year. Mr. Shoens has volunteered his time building games for the Millington Old Fashioned Days Festival. Sam is currently a senior and is a member of the TARC Rocketry Team and

NHS. He also plays on the MHS varsity football, wrestling, and golf teams. He plans on attending Central Michigan University next fall to follow a path in a science-related field. Lane is currently a freshman and was on the JV Football and Freshmen Basketball teams. He also likes to ride dirt bikes in his spare time and is unsure of whether he will participate in baseball, track, or golf this spring. Mrs. Shoens followed her passion and has held a license for home childcare since 2005. She says that she has been privileged to watch some of the original babies that attended her daycare grow up and eventually go on to graduate from Millington High School.

