



MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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"YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT CARDINAL PRIDE"

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2023

Upcoming Events

Monday 5/1	AP Chemistry Exam @ 12:00 pm
Wednesday 5/3	AP English Literature and Composition 12 Exam @ 8:00 am Sloan Museum Field Trip – Fifth Grade
Friday 5/5	AP United States History Exam @ 8:00 am
5/8 to 5/12	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday 5/8	AP Calculus A/B Exam @ 8:00 am
Tuesday 5/9	AP English Language and Composition 11 Exam @ 8:00 am
Thursday 5/11	MCS Band Concerts @ 5:00 pm – Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria
Tuesday 5/16	Eighth Grade Trip to Dow Diamond Turnaround Student Luncheon @ 12:30 pm – Tech Center
Wednesday 5/17	Senior's Last Day of School Car Cruise-In & Big Toy Show – Bobby's Battle – Tech Center (4-7)
Thursday 5/18	8 th Grade Dance and Awards @ 6:00 pm – Jr/Sr High Cafeteria
Friday 5/19	MHS Band Trip to Cedar Point

Strategic Planning 2023-2028

Millington Community Schools is working with Michigan Leadership Institute to update our strategic plan. We are hosting focus group meetings during the month of May for student, staff, and community groups. Below are the dates and times for the meetings:

- May 12th – High School, Junior High, and Elementary Student Focus Groups
- May 16th – Staff Focus Group Meeting @ 3:30 pm – Kirk Library / Board Room
- May 16th – Community Focus Group Meeting @ 5:30 pm – Kirk Library / Board Room

Bobby Cerasoli – Bobby’s Battle

The Tuscola Technology Center will be hosting a Car Cruise-In & Big Toy Show Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. All proceeds will benefit Bobby’s Battle in his fight against cancer. Please contact Cindy Olson at (989) 673-5300 or colson@tuscolaisd.org to enter your vehicle or learn about sponsorship. We are very proud of Bobby for being an inspiration to all of us and for continuing to be on-track to walk in graduation with the MHS Class of 2023!

Prom 2023

Thank you to Class Advisors, Mrs. Oakwood and Mrs. Verhines, and the Class of 2023 Class Officers for coordinating Prom 2023. The event was at the Lapeer Country Club and the students had a great time. Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped decorate and clean up after prom, the photographers, and all of the chaperones.

“Whoever is happy will make others happy too.”

Anne Frank

Staff Spotlight



The Staff Spotlight for the Week of May 1, 2023 is Mrs. Whipple. Mrs. Whipple graduated from Sandusky High School in 2005. During her time in high school, she was a member of National Honor Society, Bowling Team, Tennis Team, Softball Team, Sandusky Park Project. She also wrote newspaper articles for The Sandusky Tribune and worked at the radio station. One of her greatest accomplishments was being a part of the Class C/D State Championship Bowling Team for the Redskins! Mrs. Whipple went on to attend Central Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Education. She also earned a Masters in Arts from the University of Michigan – Flint in English Language and Literature. Mrs. Whipple is in her twelfth-year teaching English at Millington High School. She has experience teaching English 9, English 10, English 11, AP English and Composition, AP US History, and Creative Writing. Mrs. Whipple’s husband, Kevin, is a network Security Engineer for Trinity Health. They have a son named Mason, who is 2.5 years old and loves bubbles, books, Mickey Mouse, and dinosaurs. They also have two dogs: Grayson and Charlotte. The Whipples are celebrating their first wedding anniversary on May 24th (They were engaged in 2019 but their wedding was delayed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic). When asked what the best thing is about being a High School English Teacher, Mrs. Whipple responded, “I enjoy building relationships with students and helping them grow as readers and writers. I love watching students express their creativity and make connections between their lives and literature. I also LOVE teaching *The Great Gatsby*! It’s my favorite book!”

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

The Cardinals in the Crowd for the Week of May 1, 2023 are Jason and Bethany Smith. Mr. Smith graduated in 1989 from Waterford Mott High School and played Football and Baseball for the Corsairs. Mrs. Smith graduated in 1995 from Lake Fenton High School and ran Cross Country and Track for the Blue Devils. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two boys who placed in the Top 10 of their Class while attending MHS: Xaven (2023) and Zzyzic (2021). Xaven has participated in Baseball, Basketball, and Football for the Cardinals and was also a student in the Cardinal College Program. His plan is to attend Central Michigan University in the fall and will possibly explore a career in social work or counseling. Zzyzic participated in Football for a couple of seasons and was a member of our TARC (Rocketry) Team. He attended the Diesel Mechanics Program at the Tuscola Technology Center and was also a member of the MHS Student Council. Zzyzic started working full-time at John Deere the day after graduation and is now working for Diesel Truck Sales as a Service Technician. He continues to take college classes in the evenings and race motorcycles on weekends. When asked if there is anything they will miss after both of their boys have graduated from MHS, the Smiths replied, “Like many houses, our house has a fair amount of traffic and sleepovers with Xaven’s teammates and friends. We will miss the noise and the chaos once it is no longer there. We may even miss the empty food boxes left behind in the cupboards.” They went on to say, “Having come to Millington Community Schools mid-way through the boys’ academic careers, we have been impressed since the beginning. It was clear from day one that our kids were not just a number and intentional connections were being made. We couldn’t be happier with the quality of friends, teammates, and classmates that our boys have been able to surround themselves with.”

