



BRIDGES

At Mount Morris Central School District we are building the future, laying the foundation of lifelong learning, opening minds to explore, to create, and to achieve excellence.

2022 & 2021 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

2021 Wallethub Best High Schools in NYS: Ranked #1 in Livingston County

2020 National Support Music Merit Award

2019 National PTA School of Excellence

2018 Fastest Growing Districts: New York State

2017 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools

2016 TOP 10 WNY SAT Math Performance

Students in the Spotlight



Anna Johnson is the Class of 2023 Vice President. She participates in Band, Student Council, Key Club, Spanish Club and Yearbook Club. Anna has been a member of the National Elementary Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society and is now the President of the prestigious National Honor Society. She is on the Soccer, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track & Field Teams and is a Captain for both Soccer and Outdoor Track & Field. Anna set school records in Long Jump, Triple Jump and made the girls track top 5 for the 55, 300, Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump. Among other special recognitions, Anna received a Livingston County Teen Recognition Award in 2021 and again in 2022, the

Most Valuable Player Award for both Indoor Track and Outdoor Track & Field and was selected to attend HOBY and Girls State. "The most important advice I would like to pass on to my underclassmen is to take school seriously because it does matter and you will be better off in the long run. The harder you work, the more benefits will become available to you, like receiving scholarships for college," said Anna. By the time Anna graduates high school, she will have already taken several college courses including Sports Management, Calculus, Practices of Academic Writing, Introduction to Renewable Energy and Gender & Literary Text. Between keeping busy with school and work, Anna's favorite activities are playing sports, running and reading. Anna received the Susan B Anthony and Fredrick Douglas Scholarship Award and has been accepted into the University of Rochester where she will study Psychology and Pre-Law. She will also be joining the University's Track Team.



Lance Warren is President of both the Class of 2023 and Student Council. He is a member of Key Club, has competed on the Tech Wars Team, attended Boys State and is a recipient of the 2021 Livingston County Teen Recognition Award. College courses that Lance has already taken in high school are Sports Management, Practices of Academic Writing and Gender & Literary Text. Following graduation, Lance plans to attend either Roberts Wesleyan University or SUNY Brockport to pursue a degree in Physical Education. Lance is on the Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field and Soccer Teams. He also played Football in the 10th grade. He is a Captain for both Outdoor Track & Field and Soccer. Among many other athletic accomplishments, Lance was the Section V Class B5 sectional winner

in the pentathlon at Track sectionals for 2022. He is among the Boys Top 5 in 55 Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump and Pole Vault for Indoor Track and Pentathlon and Pole Vault for Outdoor Track & Field; he set a school record for the Pole Vault. "I feel that it is really important to play sports and get involved in clubs. Try as hard as possible in everything you do and don't let anyone tell you to give up," said Lance. Most of his free time spent working at a local store and Lifeguarding for the school for special events as well as at Letchworth State Park during the summer. Lance's favorite thing to do is spend time with Anna hanging out and watching movies.



Mount Morris Central School District

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From Greg Bump, District Superintendent

We are so proud to be able to offer college classes to our students. In addition to their high school diploma, many of our graduates receive a college transcript with transferable credits. We are fortunate to have official academic partnerships with three prestigious institutions:

- **Syracuse University**
- **Alfred University**
- **SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF)**

Several of our teachers have been credentialed through these institutions to teach specific college classes at our school. The content, workload, and exams for these classes mirror those taken by college students at the sponsoring institution. Our students have the opportunity to enroll in these college classes and earn official college credit during their standard school day. We all know how expensive college can be and we are proud that the tuition costs for these classes are covered through a grant.

Below are the college classes that are being offered in our High School this school year.

Syracuse University:

- PST 101: An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy (3 credits)
- WRT 105: Practices of Academic Writing (3 credits)
- CHE 113: Forensic Science (4 credits)
- ENG 192: Gender and Literary Texts (3 credits)
- SPM 205: Principals & Contemporary Issues in Sport Management (3 credits)

Alfred University:

- MATH 151: Calculus I (4 Credits)

SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry:

- FCH 296: Introduction to Renewable Energy (3 credits)

Meet our College Professors:

- Marc Gardner: Syracuse University
- Emily Kobel: Syracuse University
- Danielle Lown: Syracuse University
- Derek Partridge: Alfred University
- Ted Sakshaug: SUNY ESF
- Brian Stout: Syracuse University

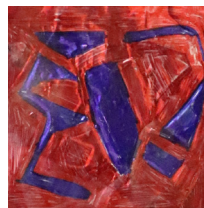


Mount Morris Elementary Introduces the District's Very First Book Vending Machine!

Principal Dean introduced our very first book vending machine at the October PRIDE Assembly! Students who earn a token are able to pick out a book from the vending machine. Students earn tokens at the PRIDE assembly, where they are recognized for excelling in reading or showing a specific positive character trait selected for that month. We will also recognize students who are going above and beyond in school with a token.

Being able to customize our very own book vending machine was an exciting process. We were able to choose the colors, designs and even the size of the books. We chose three different sizes/types of books so there are selections available for all ages. There are chapter books as well as the picture books our littlest readers love so much.

"The elementary students are excited about this new vending machine and the selection of books that are in there! It will bring new excitement to reading a good book", said Principal Dean.



Here are some pictures of our fifth graders finished Hojalata (Mexican tin art) that was also featured in the last edition of Bridges!

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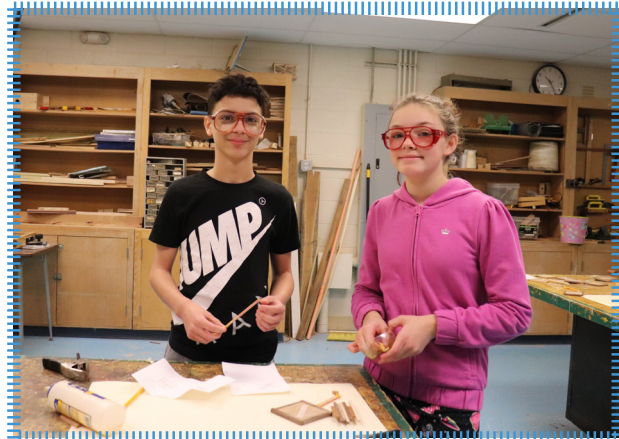
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The Safe School Helpline is a confidential and convenient way for anyone to report information about situations that might affect safety at our school. You can call the number any time of the day or night to report concerns about unsafe or potentially disruptive activities or situations including drug or alcohol abuse, weapons, harassment, bullying or threats. There are also 24/7 mental health crisis counselors available to help troubled students who are suicidal, bullied, or simply having a tough time. All calls are confidential.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MADE ORNAMENTS OUT OF WOOD IN MR. KINGS CLASS!

After getting their project specifications down on paper and ensuring proper measurements, students gathered the materials needed and assembled the wooden pieces of their ornament using wood glue. The final step of this project was to sand all sides to make their ornament nice and smooth and ready for their personalized design.



First grade students decorated paper bags to use as gift bags for the ornaments they made! What a cool idea!



YMCA Youth and Government Conference

MMCS D eighth grade students Damien Michaels, Ethan VanAernam, Addison DiPasquale, Shawntez Brown, Bella Oddo and Ben Canary participated in the New York State YMCA Youth and Government Conference in Albany. Following three months of preparation, students from across the state attend this 3-day experiential learning program in which they serve as part of a model state government, debating bills they and their peers have written. "This conference is a scaffold for leadership. Students defend their ideas with the assistance from past high school attendees on the first day, then travel to the capital and formally debate throughout the morning and into the early evening. This is done in the state assembly, senate and committee chambers. It's a very rewarding experience for the members who attend!" said Mr. Gardner, who accompanied the students on this trip as their club advisor.



**Fabulous job,
4th graders!**





We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our annual Elementary School Grandparent's/Special Person's Day!

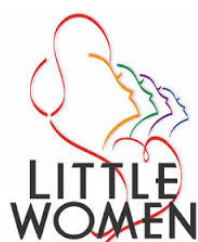


Our fifth grade classes celebrated a very special “friendsgiving”! Students enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner prepared by their teachers. The fifth grade teachers also made each student a personalized plate decorated with the student’s name and a reason they are thankful for them!



That's a Wrap!

Our Fall Play, "Appropriate Audience Behavior," was hilarious! From texting (or as the performers called it, "talksting"), crinkling chip bags, spilling food, sword fighting, arguing and more, this comedy certainly was not an example of appropriate audience behavior! The play was a lot of fun to watch and our Drama Club students wish to thank everyone who came out to support them!

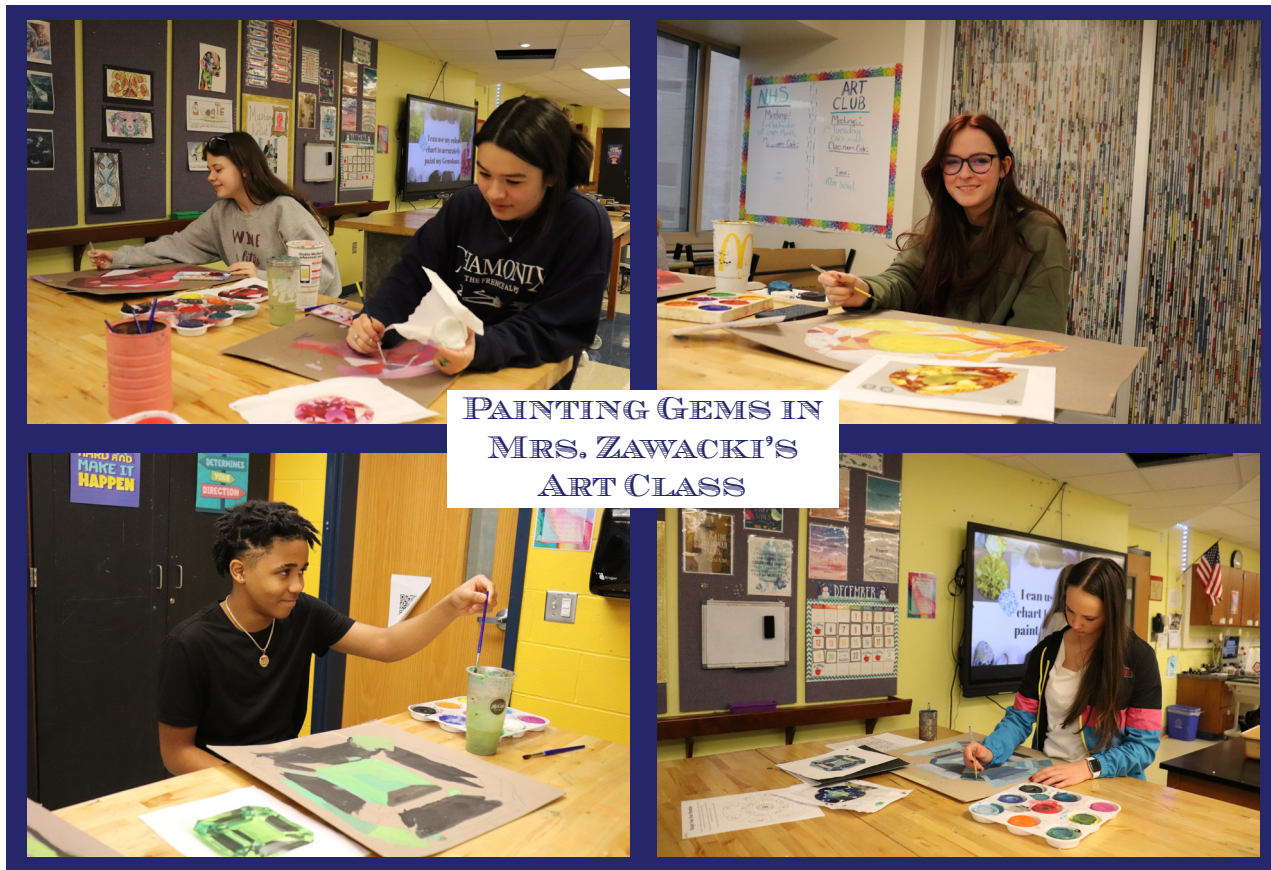


Save the Date!

We hope you will join us for our Spring Musical, *Little Women*! Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, *Little Women* follows the adventures of four sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America. This timeless, captivating story is brought to life in a glorious musical filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope and everlasting love. Showtimes are Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th, at 7:00 pm both days.

See what's going on at MMCSD:





M.MCSD Introduces High-Tech Newsroom

We are very excited to share that at the start of this school year, Mount Morris High School added a newsroom! Each day, our students lead announcements that are able to be live broadcasted right to classrooms. Our students who participate in Newspaper Club also use this room regularly. Our Newspaper Club creates and produces a monthly digital magazine called the *Devil's Advocate*, which is shared with fellow students and school personnel. Through a mix of media, students produce podcasts, audio essays, video reviews, highlight reels, creative writing, non-fiction writing and much more. "We are very fortunate that the school has built a professional-quality recording studio that gives students access to the most cutting edge technology. These tools allow students to develop multimedia content where they learn everything from public speaking, creative and non-fiction writing, podcasting, video editing, graphic design and photography, all as they create passion projects on topics that interest them," said Mr. Sylor, English Teacher and Newspaper Club Advisor.





The Mount Morris PTSA hosted their annual Christmas Shoppe where students in grades PreK - 6 were able to shop for presents for their families!



Please consider joining the Mount Morris PTSA! They need volunteers for events such as Family Fun Night and other fundraising events that happen throughout the year. All the money the MMPTSA raises goes to benefit programs such as the School Supplies Fund, Birthday Books, Imagination Library, Christmas Shoppe, Teacher Mini Grants and more. Visit <https://www.mtmorriscsd.org/page/mmptsa> to access the membership form!

Coaches vs Cancer Event



Join us on Saturday, January 28th, for our 13th annual Coaches vs Cancer Fundraising Event! 100% of the proceeds from the event sales will go to local families battling cancer and the regional American Cancer Society. This event is a full day of basketball, Mount Morris versus York. Both communities put forth a great deal of heartfelt energy and time into organizing this charitable fundraising event. The on-court action opens with Girls JV at 1:00, followed by Boys JV at 2:30, Girls Varsity at 4:00, and closes with the Boys Varsity game at 5:30.

There will be tables set up with gift baskets and other items to be raffled off during our Varsity games. We will also have a limited number of special event shirts for sale. We will be asking for a \$2.00 donation upon entry to the event.

For inquiries about the event contact:
Janille Thomas at jthomas@mtmorriscsd.org
Nick Schneider at nschneider@mtmorriscsd.org
Or call MMCSD at (585) 658-5037

*Thank you for your
continued support!*

Welcome to our First Annual Kindergarten/Senior Elf Day!



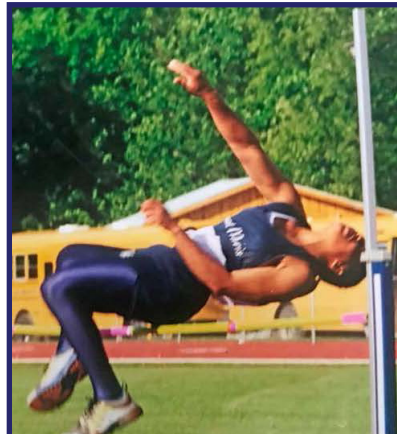
We are very excited about our new tradition called Kindergarten/Senior Elf Day! For this event, members of our senior class were paired with kindergarten students for an afternoon filled with holiday cheer! Everyone enjoyed games including Snowball Toss, Don't Let the Balloon Hit the Ground and Fishing for Candy Canes; crafts like making ornaments, Christmas coloring and decorating a craft bag. They also ate snacks and visited with Santa!





Each year, the Mount Morris Blue Devils Athletic Department holds a special event to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators, and individuals who made a significant contribution to Blue Devil Athletics. The Hall of Fame Event brings awareness to the history of Blue Devil Athletics and their many amazing accomplishments. In December, we celebrate

our 2022 Inductees: Richard Ceronie from the Class of 1969, Princess Fatima Finn from the class of 2001 and Aubrey Lonsberry from the Class of 2005. Special plaques for all of our inductees hang in the gymnasium hallway at the school and can be viewed on our website (www.mtmorriscsd.org) in the Athletic Hall of Fame section by clicking: "menu" and then the "school pride" option. Congratulations to this year's inductees!



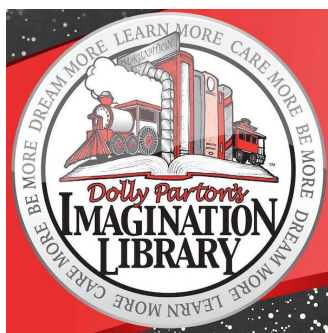
MasterMinds

MasterMinds consists of four NYS Leagues: Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. Mount Morris is one of nine schools participating in the Rochester league. "Basically, MasterMinds is like a traveling jeopardy team. We have both a JV and Varsity team, each with 6 players. 4 students play at a time and answer questions regarding a little bit of everything such as movies, music, art, TV, science, math, English, geography, history, current events, etc. We like to have one student from each team focus on one category. When the game is being played, the students have to buzz in individually to answer a toss-up question. If the one student gets the question correct, they move on to a bonus question where the whole

team can discuss in order to get the answer. Each question is worth ten points! There are 16 toss-up questions in a game", said MasterMinds Coach, Mrs. Kobel. These quiz bowl-style academic competitions are for high school



students and meets consist of matches between our team and teams from other schools. We would like to recognize Emily Mike (class of 2023) who is currently leading the Rochester Varsity League with 195 points!



ATTENTION:

Mount Morris Central School District Residents with a child under the age of 5!!

Our PTSA's partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program benefits our community by allowing all Mount Morris Central School District residents to register their child/children under the age of five (5) to receive a FREE book in the mail EVERY month!

To enroll your child in the Imagination Library, please send an email to freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org with the information listed below, complete an enrollment form which is available in our visitor entrance, or call Sarah Williams at

585-658-5036. The information required to register for this program is as follows: Parent Name(s), Child's Name, Child's Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year), Child's Gender, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Parent's Email Address (Optional).

We hope to hear from you soon!

According to the National Commission on Reading, the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school.

If you know a Mount Morris Central School District resident with a child under the age of 5, please share this information with them. Please note that not all Mount Morris residents are in the Mount Morris Central School District.



THE MISSION OF THE MOUNT MORRIS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MMPTSA) IS THREE-FOLD:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

The MMPTSA is affiliated with both the New York State and National PTAs.

Come help us make a difference!

Have a question? Want to get involved?

E-mail: mountmorrispts@gmail.com

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