



Scoop from the Supt

by Bryan Girbach

Students

- On Wednesday (5-3-23), at the State Festival, the Milan High School Chamber Choir earned an Excellent rating. Excellent is the top rating possible at the Festival. Congratulations to our talented singers and wonderful Choir Director, Shayla Powell.
- The Symons PTO Flapjacks with Families on Tuesday (5-3-23) was wonderful. Students and parents alike enjoyed the wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Thank you to the Symons PTO and the Milan Rotary Club for helping host the event.
- The Big Reds girls soccer team finished the Huron League regular season with a 7-0 record, compiling 21-points, and earning the No. 1 seed in this year's Huron League Round-Robin Tournament. In the round-robin tournament, Milan tied New Boston Huron 1-1 and tied Riverview 0-0 to clinch their first Huron League championship since 2012! Milan earned a bye in the MHSAA district competition and will play in the District Semi-Finals on May 30. They will face Blissfield or Ida.
- Milan High School held Prom on Saturday (5-6-23). The event was a huge success. We thank Brad Baden (the Junior Class Advisor), the other staff and parents that chaperoned, and the students who helped make the event a wonderful experience for our juniors and seniors.
- On Tuesday (5-9-23), two Milan Area Schools students were recognized by the South and West Washtenaw Consortium for their outstanding performance in their respective career and technical education programs. Savannah Kisselburg was recognized in the cosmetology program. Josh Stuebben was recognized in the welding program.
- On Tuesday (5-16-23), the 6th grade through 12th grade bands performed in concert. The music was fabulous. The student musicians have made huge strides this year. A lot of the loss caused by the pandemic has been recovered! It was great to see the theater full of family and friends.
- The MHS Big Reds girls tennis team finished 5th at the MHSAA regional finals. The team is competing this evening in the Huron League Meet.
- Our baseball, softball, track, boys golf, and girls water polo teams are all competing hard and doing well this Spring Season.

Staff

- Anne Foor (District Office Administrative Assistant) lost her mother
- Wendy Unger (Elementary Art Teacher) lost her sister
- Debbie Hosler (Cafeteria and Transportation Staff) lost her father
- Kim Goffee (MHS Counselor) is Retiring
- Kelley Smith (Paddock Teacher) is Retiring
- Holly Fiedler (MMS Social Worker) is Retiring
- Catalina Salas (MHS Social Worker) is Resigning

General

- The District Communications Committee met on Monday (5-22-23) to review the applications for the open seats on the committee. We thank the 16 people who completed the interest survey. Final decision regarding the addition of committee members will be made in early June. We will then contact all of the respondents. The committee will meet one more time before summer to discuss the committee's goals for the 2023-2024 school year.
- On Tuesday (5-9-23), I attended the DEI Team meeting. Mrs. Rosen-Leacher attended the meeting as well. The Team has developed a plan for next year that will center around celebrations and recognitions of our diverse student population. I will be working with the Team on promoting specific recognition months with the staff and the community.
- Superintendent Girbach responded to a public comment about the district's response to the development of AI.
- Superintendent Girbach corrected a public comment that stated that the district would be raising property taxes. Mr. Girbach explained that the district is not raising the tax rate and that the district does not have the authority to raise the tax rate without a vote of the community or a state mandate.

Legislative

- On Monday (5-1-23), Superintendent Girbach and five other Washtenaw County Superintendents met with our area legislatures. We were able to talk about the state aid budget and several other pieces of educational legislation being discussed. I truly appreciate the fact that our legislatures take time out of their busy schedules to hear from the leaders of our school districts.