



# Scoop from the Supt

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## Students

- Homecoming week was a huge success! Thank you to the staff, parents, students, and other volunteers who made the week special for our students. The spirit days, food trucks, parade, football game, and half-time celebration of the king and queen were all enjoyed by many!
- The calendar for the remainder of 2022 is filling up fast. Everyone is encouraged to visit the district's calendar to locate the dates and times of the high school play "Puffs", the elementary music concerts, the middle school and high school band and choir concerts, and many other important events.
- October is National Bullying Prevention Month. All four buildings have placed additional emphasis on their bullying prevention work throughout the month. I was able to attend some of the special events and I truly appreciate the work that our buildings have and continue to do to support bully prevention programs and initiatives.
- I want to congratulate all of our Fall Season athletes. Milan Area Schools had numerous teams and individual athletes who performed well and earned honors for their accomplishments. We thank all of our athletes for their sportsmanship, their dedication to a team, and their positive representation of MAS throughout the state.

## Staff

- Parent Teacher Conferences went very well last week. This is a very long week for our teachers, administrators, and administrative assistants and parents. I truly appreciate everyone's dedication to the relationships that this method of two-way communication creates.
- In a partnership with EMU and the WISD, districts in Washtenaw county will be utilizing Juniors and Seniors in the Education Program at EMU as daily substitutes. The students will receive great experience in the classroom and a stipend for their service (coordinated through the WISD). Most of the students are available 1 or 2 days a week to substitute in our buildings (days they do not have classes at EMU). We will be utilizing 4 of these students as classroom teacher substitutes.
- Last week, Jake LaCross (Symons Teacher) and his wife had a baby boy - Landon Craig LaCross. We congratulate the LaCross family.

## Board

- I want to thank those Board members who were able to attend the MASB annual Leadership Conference. I know that the knowledge that they gained will help improve our school district. I am always impressed with the efforts that our Board members put into gaining knowledge through conferences, CBA classes, and other means of professional development.

## **General**

- I want to personally thank the students, staff, and families of Milan High School for their dedication to continued school safety during the lockdown at MHS on October 17th. I also want to thank the Milan Police Department and the other police agencies that helped assist the district throughout the incident. The district is working diligently with the Milan Police Department to identify the individual or individuals who wrote the message on the bathroom stall wall. It is important for everyone to understand that the district, in addition to taking severe disciplinary action, will press charges against the individual or individuals responsible.
- The district wants to remind our students and families that October 31st, December 9th, February 3rd, and May 5th, have been changed from half days of school to NON-STUDENT days. This calendar change was made to allow for additional professional development for the district's staff.
- The MI Future Educator Fellowship offers aspiring teachers a scholarship to eliminate or lower the cost of tuition while they train to be educators. Awards cover the cost of tuition and fees up to \$10,000 and are renewable for up to three years. Students that receive the award commit to teaching in Michigan classrooms for at least three years after graduation. People interested in this program should visit [Michigan.gov/MISStudentAid](https://Michigan.gov/MISStudentAid).

## **Legislative**

- I want to remind everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Results can be viewed at [washtenaw.org/elections](https://washtenaw.org/elections)