



# The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

## Grants/Donation Finance Marching Band Equipment

The Mosinee Schools Band Program received a \$5,000 grant from the **B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation**, a \$5,000 grant from the **Ed & Joyce Creske Family Foundation Fund**, and an anonymous donation of \$3,000. The money financed the purchase of new marching equipment which will be used in parades, field shows, and the upcoming Rose Parade. The Mosinee Schools Band Program is honored to receive these funds to enhance their growing



program. Not only does music help young minds grow, it is also the foundation for many events in the Mosinee community including sporting events, parades, and concerts. Thank you to these foundations and the anonymous donor for providing this gift to positively impact both the students and the community. Upcoming opportunities to see Mosinee band and choir students in action are listed in the "December Calendar of Events" on the back page of this newsletter.

The youth of the Mosinee Schools are so thankful for the support!

*Pictured above (l to r): (Back row): Henrik Thompson, Natalie Block, (Front row): Andrew Carlson, Joseph Ramsey, Jr. and Jack Schippers with some of the new equipment made possible by the generous donations.*

## School Safety Top Priority for the Mosinee School District



**David Muñoz**  
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you to Mayor Jacobson and the entire Mosinee City Council for approving a preliminary budget including two additional school police officers as the Mosinee School District respectfully requested. The Mosinee School Board already approved substantial funding from the community service Fund 80 at the school district annual meeting to help offset the additional police expenses incurred by the city. If the preliminary budget is approved as presented by the city council, Mosinee School District school safety will have been increased dramatically in the unfortunate environment of regular school violence around the country. The Mosinee

School District has multiple sites and over 2000 students and staff present on any given day which is a little under half of the city population. Increasing the number of Mosinee Police Officers not only drastically increases the safety of the schools but the city as a whole. This entire process has been months in the works behind the scenes with special thanks to the entire ad hoc safety committee for the focused work. The school district will be working with Chief of Police Grams and City Administrator Gates to finalize the financial particulars and timeline as the city moves forward to what will hopefully be the final approval of the preliminary budget on November 28, 2022.

The Department of Justice Office of School Safety Director presented to the Mosinee School District ad hoc safety committee recently on many topics including but not limited to acquiring a complete safety assessment of our facilities and safety threat assessment training. The Mosinee School District is moving forward with the threat assessment training with the Office of School Safety and a complete safety assessment is scheduled. Both of these topics are proactive action steps to continue to prepare for situations that hopefully will never occur.

Safety fencing upgrades at the elementary school have been completed providing for a much more secure environment for our students during the day. The play facilities remain open to the public after the school day. Safety fencing upgrades at the middle school are nearing full completion. The middle school fencing upgrades are a few weeks behind the elementary school due to the need to coordinate with the construction workers finishing the new middle school cafeteria/commons. The high school will soon have a more secure limited-access entry similar to the middle school where access is temporarily delayed by a person directly at the point of entry.

School safety continues to be the top priority in the Mosinee School District, but is also the responsibility of the entire community. Staff and students practice safety drills regularly and are made aware of the need to speak up and say something if there seems to be a school safety risk, we encourage the community to do so as well. The school district's focus on mental health is directly related to school safety, as is our work on eliminating bullying. We continue to be thankful for a wonderful relationship with the City of Mosinee and specifically the Mosinee Police Department led by Chief Grams.

## MHS Teacher Featured in DPI's CTE Success Stories



The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has chosen to feature Mosinee technology and engineering instructor **Zakary Kachel** in their publication *CTE Success Stories* for his innovations in the classroom.

Kachel's philosophy is, "Connected to the community." Now a third-year teacher, the first change Kachel made was to start a woodworking club that students named Tech Club. The first project got club members involved in creating a sign for the local Mosinee Brewing Company. Built from the original flooring in the business, the job called on students to glue the floorboards to plywood and use the CNC router, among other hands-on steps, to create the sign. Students enjoyed the project so much that they came in during the summer to help finish it.

Mr. Kachel also started a SkillsUSA chapter at Mosinee High School. In the beginning, just Tech Club members joined, but after the thrill of competing in SkillsUSA, they quickly began recruiting friends to join as well.

All these additions and experiences have resulted in growing programs, which Kachel is pleased with since this creates skilled youth entering the community. Kachel says, "As long as we can stay committed to the passion that we all have for the kids and wanting to see them succeed, I don't think there's anything stopping [these programs] from growing leaps and bounds."

## Fitzgerald Races in State Cross Country Meet

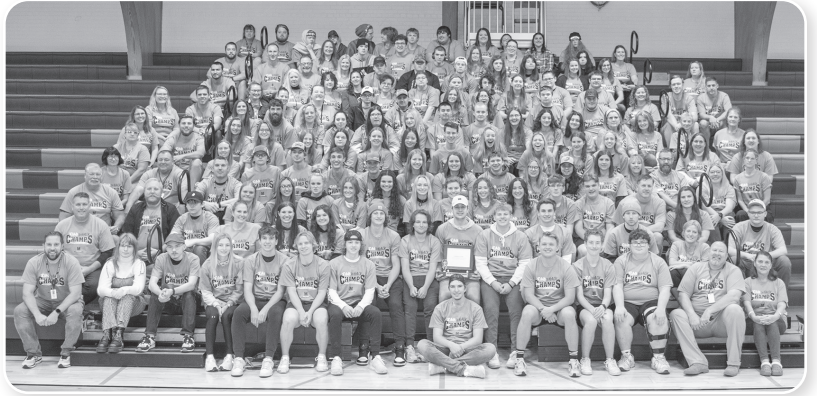


MHS sophomore **Britt Fitzgerald** finished first in her WIAA Girls Cross Country Sectional, qualifying her for a back-to-back trip to the WIAA State Finals. Britt finished the race in 42nd place, competing against 152 of the best runners in the state, and improved her placement over last year by 21 places! Mosinee is very proud of your great season, Britt!

*Pictured above: Sectional Champion Britt Fitzgerald at the WIAA State Meet in Wisconsin Rapids.*

## Back-To-Back ACT Champions!

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on achieving the highest ACT scores in the Great Northern Conference and Marathon County for the **SECOND** year in a row!



MHS emphasizes the importance of all students reaching their full potential to be life ready while becoming college and/or career ready. To help students meet their goals, MHS offers dual credit and advanced placement courses, a variety of electives, and job opportunities throughout Marathon County. The administration and staff have implemented many new initiatives to further student achievement, including conducting a close review of all curriculum and teaching strategies. Associate Principal **Scott Gremminger** states, "The continued success of our students on the ACT shows the dedication and commitment by not only the students but also the staff, to achieve excellence. Our staff works tirelessly to prepare all students for life after high school and we are proud of our student achievement. They continue to set the bar high for future classes to maintain those high expectations." MHS Principal **Daniel Halvorsen** shares, "this is one major dividend of our staff and students working together to have students ready for what's next after high school."

*Pictured above: MHS staff and Class of 2023 with their ACT Championship trophy.*

## One Act Competes at Sectionals

In tribute to the veterans and their families, the One Act Play group performed "Whispers" in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Drama Association competition. "Whispers" is the story of Kate, played by **Jillian Jacobson**, a military kid whose father died in Iraq. Kate's friend Jamie, played by **Ruby Sliwicki**, finds her in a woods talking to the memory of her dad about the fact they are moving to Texas. During the play five other children who have lost a parent in either Afghanistan or Iraq step forward to tell their story. These characters were played by **Rose Malik**, **Viktoria Guomundsdottir**, **Kyle Allen**, **Julia Gear**, and **Brylee Schwartz**. On October 17th, the group traveled to Eau Claire for Districts where they received a passing score and moved onto Sectionals. Although the group performed well at Sectionals and even made the audience cry, they did not receive a high enough score to advance to State.



*Pictured above (l to r): One Act Play group members were (Standing): Advisor Ann Kedrowski, Rose Malik, Julia Gear, Alexis Flees, Viktoria Guomundsdottir, Rei Kudla, (Seated): Brylee Schwartz, Ruby Sliwicki, Jillian Jacobson, and Kyle Allen.*





## Volunteer Spotlight: Acorn Hill Senior & Assisted Living Center

Since 9th grade, MHS senior **Greta Kamke** and her dog, Stella, have been visiting the residents at **Acorn Hill Senior and Assisted Living Center** in Mosinee. The duo make the rounds after school every Wednesday and greet each resident. "The residents just light up when Stella comes into their rooms!" says Greta.

*Pictured right: One of Stella's many favorites, Mim Bemis, snuggles up with the pup and owner, Greta Kamke.*



## Students Celebrate Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, Mosinee Elementary students made posters thanking veterans for their service. MMS 4th graders made cards and thank you notes which were sent to a veterans home, given to the student's family members, or given to veterans at the MMS Veterans Day assembly. The 8th grade band and choir performed patriotic songs during the assembly, and three eighth grade students, **Sophia Knetter**, **Parker Chmiel** and **Madison Orlovsky**, read essays they wrote about what Veterans Day means to them. The veterans in attendance were recognized for their service and VFW Post 8733 presented the colors.

*Pictured top: Mrs. Lindell's 3rd grade class made a poster thanking Veterans.*

*Pictured middle: Madelyn Stahlecker presented a card to her dad, Ben Stahlecker, after the Veterans Day Assembly.*

*Pictured bottom: VFW Post 8733 salutes the colors while the 8th grade band plays "The Star-Spangled Banner."*



## Kindergarten Classes Donate to Humane Society of MC

As part of their Halloween celebration, MES kindergarteners participated in rotation activities. Each child brought in six coins, one for each kindergarten classroom, and participated in different Halloween-themed activities. Overall, the children raised \$113.42! The money was used to purchase pet food and supplies that were donated to the Humane Society of Marathon County.

*Pictured above (l to r): Easton Homeyer, Braxton Schreiner, Kara Martin, Brock Van Rite, Olivia Arendt, and Stella Buatti hold up the check for the amount of money that the kindergarteners raised.*



## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the November 15, 2022 budget and regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on October 25, 2022

- updated Board Policies from Neola

The Board also heard presentations from:

- the Special Education Department
- 4th Grade Inclusive Learning Team
- Athletic Department

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Highlights from the November PTO meeting:

- The PTO received the final fundraiser total from Cherrydale and will be finalizing a donation amount to each school in December.
- Event planning continues for Family Date Night which will be held on February 10, 2023 for families of students in 4K through 5th grade.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

## Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 1:00pm-7:00pm at Mosinee Elementary School, 600 12th Street. The event gives parents an opportunity to have their children, ages two years/nine months to five years, complete a screening of all areas of their development. Children will be asked to complete a variety of activities in the areas of motor skills, verbal skills, and cognitive/readiness skills. Parents need not have concerns to schedule a screening. District residents may schedule an appointment by calling Becky at 715-693-3660, ext. 2109.

## Community Pool Info Available Online

For the latest pool schedule visit:

[www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm](http://www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm)

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## December Calendar of Events

December 23 - 30 **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Break

### MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

16 2nd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 1:30pm

### MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 7th Gr. BBB B - D.C. Everest (H - ES Gym) ..... 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - D.C. Everest (H - Creske Gym) ... 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - D.C. Everest (H - ES Gym) ..... 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - D.C. Everest (H - Creske Gym) ... 5:00pm
- 3 7th Gr. BBB A - Tournament (A - Witt-Birn) ..... 9:00am
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Tournament (A - Witt-Birn) ..... 9:00am
- 6 7th Gr. BBB B - James Williams (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - James Williams (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - James Williams (A) ..... 5:15pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - James Williams (A) ..... 5:15pm
- 8 6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium . . 7:00pm
- 12 7th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - ES Gym) ..... 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) ..... 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - ES Gym) ..... 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) ..... 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. Band & Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium . 7:00pm
- 13 7th Gr. BBB B - Ben Franklin (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Ben Franklin (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Ben Franklin (A) ..... 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Ben Franklin (A) ..... 5:00pm
- 6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium . . 7:00pm
- 15 7th Gr. BBB B - Wisconsin Rapids (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Wisconsin Rapids (A) ..... 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Wisconsin Rapids (A) ..... 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Wisconsin Rapids (A) ..... 5:00pm

### MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Wrestling Quad (A - New London) ..... 5:00pm
- Hockey - Lakeland Union (H) ..... 7:00pm
- BBB - Merrill (H) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - D.C. Everest (A) ..... 7:15pm
- 2 BBB - Antigo (H) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - Antigo (A) ..... 7:15pm
- 5 Hockey - Antigo (A) ..... 7:00pm
- 6 BBB - Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (H) ..... 7:15pm
- Hockey - Ashwaubenon (A) ..... 8:30pm
- 8 Hockey - Tournament (TBA) ..... 7:00pm
- 9 BBB - Tomahawk (H) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - Tomahawk (A) ..... 7:15pm
- 10 Wrestling Invitational (A - Tomah) ..... 9:30am
- Hockey - Tournament (TBA) ..... 7:00pm
- 13 Gymnastics Meet (A - Antigo) ..... 5:45pm
- Hockey - Tournament (TBA) ..... 7:00pm
- 15 Hockey - Tomahawk (H) ..... 7:00pm
- Wrestling Triangular (A - Athens) ..... 7:00pm
- 16 BBB - Rhinelander (A) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - Rhinelander (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 17 Wrestling Invitational (A - Fond du Lac) ..... 8:00am
- 18 Choirs Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 2:00pm
- 19 Band Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 7:00pm
- 20 Gymnastics Meet (A - Lakeland Union) ..... 5:45pm
- Hockey - DeForest (A) ..... 7:00pm
- GBB - Edgar (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 22 Hockey - New Richmond (H) ..... 7:00pm
- 23 BBB - Stratford (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 28 BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 3:00pm
- GBB - Tournament (A - Auburndale) ..... 3:00pm
- 29 Wrestling - Invitational (A - UW-Oshkosh) ..... 9:30am
- GBB - Tournament (A - Auburndale) ..... 1:00pm
- BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 3:00pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit [mosineeschools.org](http://mosineeschools.org).



## Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at [mpozorski@mosineeschools.org](mailto:mpozorski@mosineeschools.org)

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Acrylic Painting - Cardinal at Christmas	12-6	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	MES Cafeteria
Care for December Gift Plants	12-8	Thur	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library

## MHS Band Students Chosen for UW-Eau Claire HS Honors Band

On Saturday, November 5th, six Mosinee High School band students were selected from close to 500 nominations from around Wisconsin and Minnesota to participate in the UW-Eau Claire High School Honors Band. MHS Band Director Tyler Schuster accompanied the students to the daylong event which was held at the beautiful Pablo Center at the Confluence in downtown Eau Claire. The students enjoyed a concert from the UW-Eau Claire bands, took part in large group rehearsals with their ensembles, worked in sectionals with UWEC students, received a master class from a UWEC faculty member who specialized in their specific instrument, and then finally performed a concert that evening. The day provided an enriching and rewarding experience.



Pictured above (l to r): UWEC High School Honors Band members from MHS were Megan Wengelski (Gr. 12 - French Horn), Kylie Maliszewski (Gr. 12 - French Horn), Kirsten Balborg (Gr. 12 - Alto Saxophone), Bailey Anderson (Gr. 9 - Flute), Chloe Horrell (Gr. 10 - Flute), and (On the floor): Joseph Ramsey, Jr. (Gr. 10 - Percussion).

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