



# The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

## MHS Students Attend Honor Band Event

In November, the Mosinee High School Band had eight students, nominated by MHS Band Director **Tyler Schuster**, attend the annual **High School Honor Band** event hosted by **UW-Eau Claire**. 350 gifted musicians from 75 high schools across the Midwest gathered at UW-Eau Claire to learn from faculty, guest conductors, and students. They were divided into four different bands and rehearsed through the morning and afternoon. Students worked with **Dr. Charles Weise**, an adjunct music professor at Augsburg University; **Dr. Erika Svanoe**, composer and conductor at UW-Stout; and **Dr. John R. Stewart** and **Dr. Phillip Ostrander**, band directors at UW-Eau Claire. In the evening the four bands performed their finale concerts at the Pablo Center at the Confluence.



Pictured above (l to r): MHS Band students participating in the High School Honor Band were: Payton Nechuta - clarinet, Ellie Ash - clarinet, Danika Alford - flute, Chloe Horrell - flute, Henrik Thompson - percussion, Pictured below (l to r): Jackson Nechuta - French horn, Benjamin Colrud - trumpet, Danika Alford - flute, and Bailey Anderson - flute.



## 2024 Facilities Referendum Passes with 65% Voting Yes



**Greg Doverspike**  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mosinee School District Residents,

First and foremost, we extend our deepest gratitude to the veterans in our community. Your service and sacrifice in representing our country are profoundly appreciated. While Veterans Day provides a formal opportunity to honor you, we believe recognition and appreciation should be extended every day. Thank you for your service and dedication to our nation.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who engaged with us throughout the recent referendum process. This election season was filled with an abundance of information, and your commitment to staying informed and listening to the school district's communications did not go unnoticed.

To those who participated in the voting process and supported the referendum – thank you. Your trust and confidence in the district are deeply valued. We pledge to be responsible stewards of your tax dollars, ensuring that the new building meets the high standards our community deserves. Together, we will create a space that serves as a source of pride for all.

As we now shift focus to designing the building and navigating the bidding process, we remain committed to transparency. Regular updates will keep you informed about our progress, and we will celebrate key milestones with the community. Events like the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting will be opportunities for us to come together and celebrate our shared accomplishments.

Stay tuned for announcements regarding these celebrations, and we encourage everyone to join us when the time comes. Your ongoing engagement is invaluable, and we're excited to take these next steps with you.

If you have any questions or feedback during the design and construction phases, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you once again for your support and trust.

## MMS Veterans Day Celebration

Mosinee Middle School students and staff came together on Veterans Day to honor the local men and women who served in the US Armed Forces. **Mosinee Scout Troop 259** was honored to escort **Mosinee VFW Post 8377** while presenting the colors. The 8th grade band and



choir students, under the direction of **Mrs. Tessa Knetter** and **Mr. Brock Kuklinski** performed "The Star Spangled Banner." The Pledge of Allegiance was led by several 4th graders. Next, the band played "Land of Liberty" followed by the choir singing a special rendition of the "Armed Forces



Salute" in honor of those who served. Guest speaker, **Ms. Helen Wisniewski**, teacher at MMS and former member of the US Air Force, shared her experiences serving our country and the impact it had on her life, which resulted in her decision to become a teacher. Ms. Wisniewski served during Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. The assembly concluded with **Mr. Brad Grube**, middle school principal, explaining the origin of "Taps" which was then played by the 8th grade trumpet players.

*Pictured above top: Mosinee VFW Post 8377 presents the colors at the beginning of the Veterans Day celebration.*

*Pictured above middle: MMS 4th graders lead the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Pictured above bottom: The 8th grade band, led by Band Director Tessa Knetter, performs for the Veterans Day celebration.*

## Volleyball and National Honor Society Team Up for Fundraiser



In October, the Mosinee Middle and High School volleyball teams, along with National Honor Society members, joined efforts to run MHS Volleyball's annual Fundraiser Night in support of **Carmen Mielke**, a recent graduate and former volleyball player at Mosinee High School. Carmen was diagnosed with Extrasosseous Ewing sarcoma, a form of cancer, right before leaving for college this past summer.

The volunteers organized a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle for the event. They collected over 30 donated baskets filled with amazing prizes ranging from gift cards, candy, and games to fire pits, homemade quilts, Yeti coolers, and much more. In total, \$4000 was donated directly to the family to help with their expenses as Carmen continues to beat the cancer. Thank you to all of the local businesses, volleyball players, and their families, as well as local citizens for the thousands of dollars of donated prizes. The Mielke family is truly thankful for everyone who participated in this event.

*Pictured above: The students present the donation check to Carmen's dad, Greg Mielke.*

## One Act Play: "The Experiment"



Mosinee High School's One Act Play club competed this year in the WISDAA One Act Play contest with a play called "The Experiment" by Brent Holland. The first competition was at Eau Claire Regis in October where they were judged for having strong character portrayals by **Liana Diestelhorst** (Impulsive), **Ruby Sliwicki** (Devious), **Joslyn Winch** (Courageous), **Isabel Plaisance** (Compassionate), **Tucker Kaiser** (Orderly), **Malik Wolfgram** (Assistant), and **Auden Wogernese** (Dr. Soles). The group went on to compete at the Sectional level in Oconto Falls on November 6. Judges admired the group's ability to convincingly portray the various fight and death scenes. The overall cast was aided by **Amelia Alvarez** (lighting) and **Ayranna Crowell** (sound director). In addition to competition, the group performed "The Experiment" for the school and families on Thursday, November 21.

*Pictured above (l to r): The Experiment cast and crew members were Ayranna Crowell, Auden Wogernese, Malik Wolfgram, Isabel Plaisance, Ruby Sliwicki, Liana Diestelhorst, Tucker Kaiser, and Joslyn Winch. Not pictured: Amelia Alvarez*



# MHS Students Attend All-Conference Music Festival

Students from Mosinee High School participated in the 14th Annual **All-Conference Band and Choir Music Festival** on Saturday, November 9 at Medford High School. Students from schools in the Great Northern Conference had to be nominated by their directors to attend the event. MHS Choir Director **Carla Dul** nominated **Daisy Spink** and **Abigail Fisher** - sopranos; **Alannah Wolfgram** - alto; **Joseph Ramsey Jr.** - tenor; and **Thomas Sann** and **Ryan Maluka** - bass. MHS Band Director **Tyler Schuster** nominated **Bailey Anderson**, **Chloe Horrell**, and **Holly Treba** - flute; **Natalie Block**, **Anna Gagnon**, and **Henrik Thompson** - percussion; **Abby Yelkin** - bass clarinet; **Alexis Barber** - trumpet; and **Jackson Nechuta** - French horn. The choir students worked with **Dr. Matheus Cruz**, UW-Stevens Point Director of Choral Activities and professor of music, while the band students worked with **Dr. Glenn Hayes**, UW-Whitewater Director of Bands, professor of music, and chair of the music department. After rehearsing during the day, the students then performed an evening concert for the community.



Pictured above (l to r): MHS students that participated in the GNC Music Festival were (back row): Ryan Maluka, Daisy Spink, Thomas Sann, Alexis Barber, Holly Treba, Jackson Nechuta, Bailey Anderson, Natalie Block, (front row): Abigail Fisher, Alannah Wolfgram, Joseph Ramsey Jr., Abby Yelkin, Anna Gagnon, Chloe Horrell and Henrik Thompson.

## Puzzle Donations Wanted!

The Creske Library, which services Mosinee Middle School and Mosinee High School, is looking for donations for their puzzle table. Students in grades 4-12 enjoy working on puzzles during their visits to the library. Donations of school appropriate puzzles that are 500+ pieces would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please drop puzzles off at the middle school office or high school office. Thank you!

Pictured right: MMS 4th graders from Ms. Steffes' class work on a puzzle during their library time.



## MES Grandparents Day



First graders were excited to celebrate Grandparent's Day with their grandparents and loved ones at the end of October. The first grade classes sang songs, shared a light breakfast, and then completed activities with their special people. Afterwards, the first graders showed their grandparents their artwork, their classrooms, and they even played outside together at recess! Thank you to everyone who attended!

Pictured above: Lori and Scott Kowalski join granddaughter Charlotte Lewens for Grandparents Day.

## SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

The Mosinee High School Library Club will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Creske Library. Friday's fair is open to students and staff with Saturday open to the public during the Mosinee Chamber's Holiday Craft Show.



## Safety Corner

**Protect Our Youth Online:**  
**#StartTheConversation**

Many years ago, we said "put the computer in a common room." Today, our message is about a conversation. A conversation that highlights the good, and the not so good and dangerous aspects of technology use. We strongly urge all parents and guardians, educators, and child protection professionals to #StartTheConversation about technology safety. Scan the QR code for resources.



Source: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program



## Make a Difference Day

October 26, 2024 was National Make a Difference Day. In honor of this day, students in both the middle school and high school participated in activities during October to make a difference in the Mosinee community.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Rake Leaves for Community Members



Mosinee Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade students spent a day raking leaves for community residents. This annual activity was started to teach students the importance of volunteering and to show how a simple act can make an impact in their community. Mosinee residents that are interested in having their yard raked next fall by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade crew should look for a post on Facebook in October 2025; the middle school will post the information before the city-wide leaf pick up event.

*Pictured above: MMS students are hard at work raking leaves for a community member.*

### FCCLA Strives to Make A Difference All Year Long



MHS FCCLA's mission this year is based on an inspirational quote by Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "One lives not just for oneself but for one's community." The club performs acts of service to make a difference in the Mosinee community year-round and the opportunity to rake leaves in October allowed 10 students to do just that for 3 local citizens. The club has also been busy impacting their school community by organizing the donated inventory for Motique, the store accessed by MHS students where all items are available free of charge. In December, FCCLA will be selling recipe jars, dog treats, and dog toys at the Mosinee Chamber's Holiday Craft Show. The proceeds will benefit a family in need through The Women's Community in Wausau.

*Pictured above: FCCLA members rake leaves onto a tarp to transfer to the street for pick up.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Students Visit Madison



Throughout November, MMS fourth grade classes traveled to Madison for an all-day field trip. The first stop was at the Wisconsin Historical Museum to learn about the history of Wisconsin. The students then visited the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to explore history from the Civil War to present day through the stories of Wisconsin veterans. The final stop was at the Capitol where students learned about the state government. The field trip is a great compliment to the lessons that will be taught in the classroom this school year.

*Pictured above: Mrs. Recker's class on the steps of the State Capitol building.*

## Model UN MADMUN Conference

On Saturday, November 2, Model UN club members from Mosinee High School joined students from 23 districts across the state in attending the 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Madison Area Model United Nations (MADMUN) Conference** at Monona Grove High School. Students took on the roles of countries from



around the world, representing them on various United Nations committees and agencies. The students worked collaboratively to solve current real-world issues. Special congratulations go to **Logan Neufeld** and **Holly Treba** on their Honorable Mention Best Delegate awards!

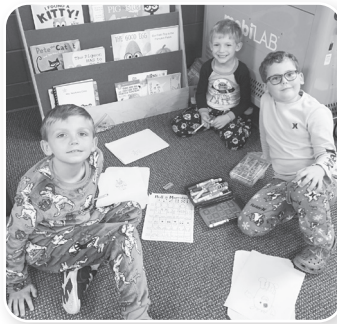
*Pictured above (l to r): Students from MHS who participated in the Model UN competition were Holly Treba, Grace Poirier, Maryn Nevala, Miranda Shnowske, Anna Wood, Anna Sarver, Addisyn Thomas, Dustin Brooks, and Logan Neufeld.*



## Leader in Me Monthly Minute

The Mosinee Elementary School's first **Focus on We Day** was a huge success! At a school assembly, students were awarded the "Top Cat" title after being nominated by their teachers for demonstrating characteristics of being respectful, responsible, and safe, or for excelling in academics. They also reviewed school-wide expectations with the Student Lighthouse Team, had a costume parade, participated in buddy class activities, watched an all-school movie and had classroom celebrations.

*Pictured right (l to r): Maverick Baumann, Gunnar Rheinschmidt, and Parker Kaiser play a "Roll a Monster" game during a buddy class activity.*

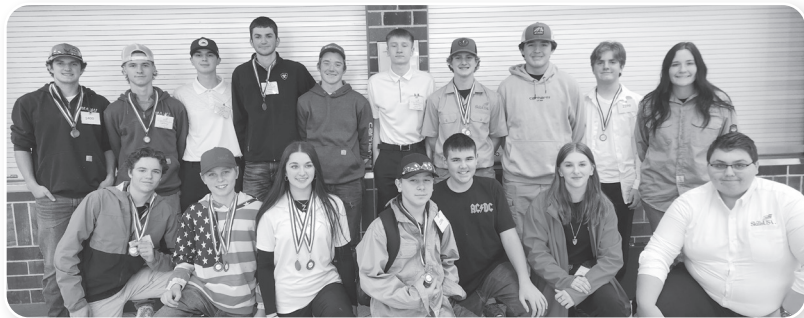


## SkillsUSA District Contest

Mosinee's SkillsUSA club had seventeen students travel to Antigo to compete at the District competition in November. The students competed in thirteen different categories and earned multiple medals:

**Hunter Fletcher**-Precision Machine-3rd; **Garrison Miller**-Photography-2nd; **Aubrey Brzezinski**-Job Interview-2nd; **Dakota Duberstein**-Job Interview-3rd; **Dominic Buatti**-Diesel Equipment Tech-3rd; **Zander Deininger**-Carpentry-1st; **Jack Schippers**-Carpentry-2nd; **Kaeden Ludwig**-Carpentry-3rd; **Zander Deininger, Garrison Miller & Logan Groshek**-Persike-Weld Fabrication-1st; **Cale Maahs, Dakota Duberstein & Joel Nechuta**-Weld Fabrication-3rd; **Evan Colden**-Wood Display-1st; **Kaeden Ludwig**-Wood Display-1st; **Aubrey Brzezinski**-Weld Sculpture-2nd; **Joel Nechuta**-Weld Sculpture-3rd; **Eli Sackmann**-Technical Drafting-3rd

Their next SkillsUSA competition will be Regionals in February at NTC.



*Pictured above (l to r): Students who attended the SkillsUSA District Contest were (back row): Zander Deininger, Logan Groshek-Persike, Kyle Bahr, Cale Maahs, Jack Schippers, Christoffer Martin, Kaeden Ludwig, Hunter Fletcher, Evan Colden, Payton Murray, (front row): Garrison Miller, Joel Nechuta, Dakota Duberstein, Dominic Buatti, Jameson Barabas, Aubrey Brzezinski, and Eli Sackmann.*

## Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Thursday, December 5, 2024 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. 2140.

## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the November 19, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on October 22, 2024
- Mosinee School District would like to thank the following businesses for their donations:
  - Crystal Finishing
  - Ahlstrom
  - International Brotherhood
- Board of Education norms, Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirement extended field trips
- October's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- coaches hired, Professional Development Day on January 17, 2025 for MES, Act 20 updates

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Highlights from the November PTO meeting:

- The PTO finalized the donation amount from the profits of the Fall Fundraiser to be presented to the school board in December.
- Students who sold 20 fundraiser items will be celebrating at the Sawmill Adventure Park on November 22nd.
- Multiple mini grants were approved for innovative teaching programs.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

## Care Solace

The Mosinee School District has partnered with **Care Solace**, a service that quickly and confidentially connects individuals to available mental health and substance use providers. The service offers multilingual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of insurance coverage. There is also a self-serve website to find providers and services on your own. Care Solace is provided to Mosinee students, staff, families and community members at no cost.

Call: 888-515-0595 or visit: [caresolace.com/mosinee](https://caresolace.com/mosinee)

*Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health service provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.*

The Mosinee School District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in the educational programs or activities which it operates or in employment practices. All inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination under Title II, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal law shall be directed to Greg Doverspike, Superintendent of Schools, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

# December Calendar of Events

December 23 - January 1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

## MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 5 Developmental Screening ..... 1:00pm-7:00pm
- 13 2nd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 1:30pm

## MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 5 6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium .. 7:00pm
- 10 6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium .. 7:00pm
- 17 8th Gr. Band & Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium .. 7:00pm

## MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 3 Wrestling Quad (A - New London) ..... 5:00pm
- GBB - Lakeland Union (A) ..... 7:15pm
- Hockey - TBA (H) ..... 5:00pm
- 5 Hockey - Northland Pines (H) ..... 7:00pm
- GBB - Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (A) ..... 7:15pm
- 6 BBB - Merrill (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 7 Gymnastics Invitational (A - Medford) ..... 9:00am
- Hockey - Viroqua (A) ..... 3:00pm
- Mosinee Christmas Parade ..... 5:00pm
- 9 Hockey - Ashwaubenon (A) ..... 6:30pm
- GBB - Kaukauna (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 10 BBB - Wis. Rapids Lincoln (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 12 Wrestling Triangular (H) ..... 5:00pm
- Hockey - Marathon Cup (A - Greenheck) ..... TBD
- 13 BBB - Medford (A) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - Medford (H) ..... 7:15pm
- 14 Wrestling Invitational (A - Eau Claire North) ..... 9:30am
- Gymnastics Invitational (A - Rhinelander) ..... 10:00am
- BBB - Kaukauna (A) ..... TBD
- Hockey - Marathon Cup (A - Greenheck) ..... TBD
- 15 Choirs Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 2:00pm
- 16 Band Concert - Creske Auditorium ..... 7:00pm
- 17 Gymnastics Meet (A - Antigo) ..... 5:45pm
- Hockey - Appleton (H) ..... 7:00pm
- 19 Wrestling Quad (A - Lakeland Union) ..... 6:30pm
- Hockey - Antigo (A) ..... 7:00pm
- 20 BBB - Antigo (H) ..... 7:15pm
- GBB - Antigo (A) ..... 7:15pm
- 21 Wrestling Invitational (A - Fond du Lac) ..... 8:00am
- Hockey - Tomah (A) ..... 3:30pm
- 27 Wrestling Invitational (A - UW-Oshkosh) ..... 9:30am
- GBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 12:00pm
- BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 1:30pm
- 28 Wrestling Invitational (A - UW-Oshkosh) ..... 9:00am
- GBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 10:30am
- BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) ..... 12:00pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit  
<https://www.mosineeschools.org/district/calendars.cfm>



# Community Outreach Classes

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

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Paint Your Own Gnome - Winter Outfits	12-2	Mon	5:30-7:30	1	MHS FabLab
Strength Training for 50+	12-3	Tues	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center
Strength Training for 50+	12-5	Thur	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center
Mini Memory Quilt Ornaments	12-5	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba	12-7	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Acrylic Painting - Christmas Theme	12-10	Tues	5:00-8:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
Zumba	12-12	Thur	6:15-7:15	1	MES Gym
Terrariums	12-18	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Christmas Cookies	12-19	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	MHS Rm. 404

# FCCLA Leadership Academy

In October, members of Mosinee FCCLA joined other FCCLA members from around the state at the **FCCLA Leadership Academy** held at UW-Stevens Point. The students attended break-out sessions to learn about the various competitive events offered to them through the organization, as well as community service opportunities; the advisers also attended sessions and trainings in these same areas. Mosinee's members returned energized and excited to prepare their projects for competition in February.

*Pictured right (l to r): Madison Orlovsky, Jasmine Ray, Sophia Knetter, Malik Wolfgram, and Ruby Sliwicki attended the FCCLA Leadership Academy.*



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