



# The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

## Local Businesses Make Donations to Mosinee Schools

**AROW Global** and **Crystal Finishing Systems** held a friendly competition in August to see which company could collect more school supplies, hygiene products, and food for the Mosinee School District. The donated items were delivered in September



and were divided among the FCCLA's MHS Student Resource Closet, the middle school and the elementary school. Crystal Finishing Systems also donated \$250 that will go towards purchasing additional hygiene products for the Resource Closet, including making feminine hygiene products available in baskets in each of the three main girls bathrooms of the high school.

**Mission Coffee House**, the new coffee shop on Main Street in Mosinee, has chosen the Mosinee School District as one of six organizations to receive funding through their mission to support the local community. For every bag of coffee beans purchased, one dollar is donated to the customer's organization of choice. We hope you will consider choosing Mosinee School District when you purchase your next bag!

*Pictured above (l to r): Tom Janssen from AROW Global, MES Principal JoLynn Schmidt, Leanna Holzem and Christina Lammerding from Crystal Finishing Systems, and MHS Associate Principal Gremminger with all of the items that were generously donated.*

## New School Year Excitement



**David Muñoz**  
Superintendent of Schools

The beginning of the 2022-2023 school year filled the days and nights with activities for students, staff, and families, including open houses held at all three schools to help ease the transition of returning to the classroom. The energy and high-activity that accompanied the start of school carried through to the fun-filled environment that always comes with Homecoming, highlighted this year with a cinema theme including an Adam Sandler dress up day. Special thank you to all staff for providing a wonderful start of school for our students, staff, and parents.

We continue to be appreciative of all of the comments and feedback provided by community members at our most recent school board meetings. The Mosinee School Board and I will work in collaboration with district administrators and staff to review information that has been provided. We are committed to a continuous improvement process in all respects including but not limited to student learning and achievement, staff development and retention, and sound fiscal responsibility. Special thank you to our entire staff for their dedication and commitment to students, staff and the community as a whole going above and beyond during one of the most difficult times to teach in education.

School safety continues to be a focus for the school district. The school board recently created an Ad Hoc Safety Committee that made great strides over the summer taking a deep dive into school district safety. They implemented immediate changes including new fencing, a new high school secure entrance, and a new Raptor Technologies® identification entry system. These changes should be operational during the first quarter. We continue to discuss options with the City of Mosinee concerning our school resource officer contract and any improvements we may be able to collaboratively provide.

The Middle School Addition/Remodel is progressing nicely. The masons are in full work mode with several walls up but, most importantly, the connection between this new facility and the Creske Gym is complete. The new Middle School Cafeteria/Commons is Phase 1 of the project to be followed by remodeling the existing cafeteria for special education and pupil services staff. We are tentatively planning completion of Phase 1 by Christmas 2022. By the end of the summer of 2023, all aspects of this project will have been completed including new 8th grade classrooms, new middle school choir practice areas, and a new middle school choir room.

The Mosinee School District and the YMCA have found common ground in attempting to provide more services to our local residents before, during, and after school hours. The first step was the YMCA adding a director position that will be housed in our buildings. Ben Wisniewski, the former Mosinee Pool Manager, has been hired to fill this role and we are all excited to have Ben back. We look forward to our future expanded community offerings working together with the YMCA.

## Creske Library Updated to Serve Grades 4-12

The Creske Library, formerly known as the Mosinee High School IMC, is now serving both middle school and high school students after it was decided in January to move the 4-8 library out of the 1922 wing of the middle school and combine it with the high school IMC.



The process began in March when new carpet was installed, replacing the original blue carpet from 1996. During the summer, new tables and chairs were added along with soft, purple rocking chairs to provide flexible seating. The finishing touch was converting the library conference room into a classroom for the daily 4th and 5th grade classes. The classroom is also available to any other class visiting the library that needs space for a large group to meet.

Grades 4-12 have been using the library since the first day of school and are enjoying the new seating and new classroom arrangement.

*Pictured above: Mosinee Middle and High School students utilize the resources in the Creske Library during the school day.*

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## FCCLA Donates to FABFAN

During their annual planning meeting in August, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) officer team decided to participate in the **Workplace Volunteer Council's "Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need"** campaign which benefits students in Marathon County. The MHS FCCLA officer team members and their advisor collected and/or bought durable backpacks, wide-lined notebooks, two-pocket folders, washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue and glue sticks, scissors, No. 2 pencils, highlighters, large pink erasers, and dry erase markers to donate to the campaign.



*Pictured right (l to r): FCCLA Secretary Jena Bartnik and her sister, Kylie, gather the supplies for donation.*



## Mosinee High School Hosts Foreign Exchange Students



Dalvík, Iceland is home to **Viktoria Guomundsdottir**. Her village only has 1,400 people, but its location on the Atlantic Ocean with a mountain range behind is quite unique. The weather there is a bit different from here – summer highs are in the 50s and the coldest it gets during winter is 0. Viktoria has already graduated from high school in Iceland (school there has only 10 grades) and she has completed one year of college and is currently on a gap year. She loves skiing, archery and riding horses. Viktoria really admires the small talk and easy conversation here, and finds Americans to be so very friendly. She hopes to make lots of friends and hang out doing American teen things.



Hockey defines **Krystof Pokorny**. In the Czech Republic, Krystof was on the ice every day and he is now anxiously awaiting the MHS hockey season. Krystof loves trying all kinds of American food and has noticed that the food here is "big," meaning the portions are really large. Schooling in America is different too. In the Czech Republic, high school is grades 10-13 and the students go to target career high schools based upon interests and test scores. Krystof definitely wants to learn English better while attending MHS.



**Francesca Erba** is from Ornago, Italy, a town of 5,000 people near Milan. Francesca thinks that the people in America are nicer, but finds how they dress to be odd. Americans are really informal and definitely do not dress up to leave the house, whereas in Italy one would always dress nice when away from home. Francesca really misses the fresh food of Italy, where her favorites are spaghetti and pizza. She does like American hot dogs and chili. She also thinks football is amazing and hopes to try ice skating and downhill skiing while she is here. Francesca thinks MHS is great because the teachers are so much nicer – the teachers at home scare her!



Also from Italy, **Barbara Verzura** comes from Cassina de' Pecchi which is also close to Milan. Barbara has been interested in being a foreign exchange student since 9th grade and wants to improve her English while she is here. One thing that has surprised her is how Americans burp in public which would definitely not be okay in Italy! Barbara misses the fresh food of Italy; here so much food comes from a can. She is really amazed at her host dad who now knows how to make pizza with homemade tomato sauce. Barbara is currently on the dance team and also can't wait to experience Homecoming, Prom and Thanksgiving.

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## Purple Pass Now Available to Seniors 55+

The Mosinee School District is proud to offer district residents 55 years and older the Purple Pass. The card provides lifetime admission to most school-sponsored events like regular season sporting events and band/choir concerts. For more information or to obtain a pass, contact the district office at 715-693-2530.





## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Timbertop Camp for Youth with Learning Disabilities

This summer, a Mosinee Middle School staff member and some Mosinee High School students volunteered at **Timbertop Camp for Youth with Learning Disabilities**. The students were in charge of cabins of campers, as well as activities such as boating, swimming, nature activities, arts and crafts, archery, and field games. They also helped facilitate peer support groups. Although the students had to miss out on a full week of work, sports, and free time, the difference these counselors made in the lives of the campers made it all worthwhile.

*Pictured right (l to r): Volunteers at Timbertop Camp were (Back row): Jace Pickett, Nicholas Reuter, 7th Gr. ELA Teacher Nancy Reuter, (Front row): Sienna Tiffany, Mikayla Koskey, and Bruce Hintz III.*



## Baseball and Girls Track & Field Advance to State Tournaments

This past spring, **Mosinee Baseball** qualified for the 2022 WIAA State Tournament. They advanced to state with a 10-3 win in 7 innings over Rice Lake, then faced Jefferson in the State Semifinal and lost 5-6 in 7 innings.

Mosinee Girls Track and Field individual event athletes **Bekah Bouton** (discus) and **Kate Fitzgerald** (200m dash), along with two relay teams which included **Adalyn Lehman, Kate Fitzgerald, Katelyn Baars, Makayla Weisner, Avery Ahles, and Brooke Baumann** (4x100 relay), and **Adalyn Lehman, Kate Fitzgerald, Claire Selenske, Katelyn Baars, Britt Fitzgerald and Malina Carattini** (4x200 relay) all qualified for the 2022 WIAA State Championship Meet. The 4x200 meter relay team took 4th place, Bekah Bouton earned an 8th place finish in discus and Kate Fitzgerald placed 6th in the 200m dash.



Congratulations to all on a great season and thank you for your hard work and quality representation of the Mosinee Athletic Department!

*Pictured above: The Mosinee Girls Track and Field team celebrate their Regional Championship.*

## Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Friday, October 14, 2022 from 7:00am-12:00pm 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.

## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the September 20, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on August 16, 2022
- August's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- the summer 2023 construction budget
- booster clubs

The Board received reports from:

- the School Safety Ad Hoc Committee noting the progress in their work with the city to obtain another school resource officer
- Business Manager Michelle Brown, reporting on Fund 80 and the types of activities and updates the school uses this fund for

The next Regular Board of Education will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Highlights from the September PTO meeting:

- Fall Fundraiser pick up is Wednesday, October 26 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the MHS cafeteria.
- The PTO donated school supplies for the 2022-23 school year to the elementary and middle schools.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in the Creske Library.



## Middle School Early Intervention Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 6 • 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## High School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 6 • 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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 Robert Way, Director of Instructional Programs, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

## October Calendar of Events

October 27 - 28 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice

### MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 10 PTO Meeting - Creske Library.....6:00pm-7:00pm
- 14 Developmental Screening .....7:00am-12:00pm
- 20 Picture Retakes
- 26 PTO Fundraiser Pick Up - HS Cafeteria.....3:30pm-6:30pm

### MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 6 Early Intervention Parent-Teacher Conferences...4:00pm-8:00pm
- 18 Picture Retakes
- 26 PTO Fundraiser Pick Up - HS Cafeteria.....3:30pm-6:30pm

### MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Homecoming Dance - Creske Gym.....7:00pm-10:00pm
- Grand March .....9:00pm
- 4 Cross Country - Invitational (A - Black River Falls)...4:30pm
- Soccer - Medford (A) .....7:00pm
- Volleyball - Wausau West (H).....7:00pm
- 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences .....4:00pm-8:00pm
- Girls Swim - Antigo (A) .....5:30pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (H) .....7:00pm
- 7 Football - Medford (H).....7:00pm
- 8 Cross Country - Invitational (A - Tomahawk).....10:00am
- Volleyball - Conf. Tournament (A - Rhinelander) ...10:00am
- 11 Soccer - Wausau West (H).....5:00pm
- Volleyball - Northland Pines (H).....7:00pm
- 13 Girls Swim - Medford (A).....5:30pm
- Soccer - Lakeland Union (A).....7:00pm
- Volleyball - Marathon (H).....7:00pm
- 14 Football - Merrill (A).....7:00pm
- 15 Cross Country - GNC Meet (A - Medford).....11:00am
- 18 Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 20 Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 21 Girls Swim - GNC Meet (A - Tomahawk).....5:00pm
- 21 or 22 Football - Level 1 Playoff (TBD).....TBA
- 22 Cross Country - Sectionals (A - Black River Falls).....TBA
- Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 27 Soccer - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA
- 28 or 29 Football - Level 2 Playoff (TBD).....TBA
- 29 Cross Country - State Meet (A - Wis. Rapids).....TBA
- Soccer - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA

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.
Rock Painting	10-4	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	MES Cafeteria
Spanish for Travelers	10-12	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library Class Room
Ahlstrom-Munksjö Paper Mill Tour	10-13	Thurs	6:00	1	Ahlstrom-Munksjö
Fall Bulbs	10-13	Thurs	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Two Scenes Available	10-18	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	MES Cafeteria
Estate Planning Seminar	10-19	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Zumba	10-24	Mon	6:00-7:00	6	MES Gym
Visible Mending	10-25	Mon	6:00-8:00	1	MHS 404
Zumba Toning	10-26	Wed	7:15-8:15	6	MES Gym

### ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTICE AND INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### ASBESTOS NOTICE

This notice is to inform the staff and students of the Mosinee School District that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has amended the 1982 Asbestos Rule.

The 1982 rule required school districts to conduct an inspection of school buildings for all friable (easily crumbled with hand pressure) asbestos-containing materials and, if present, notify employees and parents of their existence. This rule placed no continuing responsibilities on the districts.

In 1987 the rule changed. Districts are now required to have their school buildings inspected by an accredited inspector for all friable and non-friable asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), conduct reinspections, and develop a management plan for dealing with asbestos.

In 1988, the Mosinee School District contracted Twin City Testing Corporation of Wausau, Wisconsin, to inspect and develop a Management Plan for each building in the district. The Management Plan was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services on October 12, 1988, as required by the new law.

The Management Plan had a mandatory implementation date of July 9, 1989. After that date, all asbestos-related work had to be conducted according to the Management Plan, unless altered by a

certified management planner. Periodic surveillances are conducted every six months to document the condition of asbestos-containing building materials.

All asbestos-containing building materials will be maintained with an operations and maintenance program, unless conditions warrant other action. Anyone interested in additional information about the location of asbestos containing building materials may contact the principal of the respective building or the district office to view a copy of the Management Plan for all district buildings.

#### INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

This notice is to inform staff and students of the Mosinee School District that, as directed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, (2009 - Wisconsin Act 96) has adopted these standards.

The Mosinee School District will continue to give annual written notice to all parent and employee organizations about the availability of the Management Plan and any scheduled abatement activities.

Steven Kaiser is the District Asbestos Coordinator and appointed IEC Coordinator for all district facilities and can be reached at 715-693-2530 for all questions and concerns.

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