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Fitness Center Open to the Public November 2nd



The Mosinee School District fitness center was opened to the public on November 2. Community members are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to stay active and support their health and wellness.

The Fitness Center will be open Monday through Friday during the following hours:

- **Morning:** 6:00 am - 7:30 am
- **Afternoon/Evening:** 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Before using the fitness center, all participants must complete a waiver, which will be available in both paper and digital formats. Sign-in and sign-out sheets will also be provided and must be completed by users each time they visit.

In addition, community members can partake in water exercise classes, open swim, and swim lessons at the pool. The schedule is available at www.mosineeschools.org. The high school is also open for walking during fitness center hours, and the track is always open, weather permitting.

Scan the QR code for complete fitness center details.

Pictured above: Equipment in the new fitness center at MHS.

Superintendent's Message



Greg Doverspike
Superintendent of Schools

As the leaves fall from the trees and the nights get longer, it's clear that winter is just around the corner. As we prepare for the coming season, the Mosinee School District remains focused on managing our budget responsibly, finding new ways to engage our students, and strengthening our connections with the community.

As always, we are committed to balancing educational excellence with financial responsibility. We take seriously our role as stewards of taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide our students with the best educational opportunities possible.

Budget Update

At the October Board of Education meeting, we presented a balanced budget for the 2026–2027 school year. One important detail to understand is that while the state allowed school districts to increase revenue limits by $325 per student, it did not provide additional state aid. As a result, the additional revenue must come from local sources, which means an increase in the property tax levy.

There is a positive note in this year's budget: our levy increase is approximately forty percent of what it was last year.

It is also important to emphasize that this increase is unrelated to our referendum project. We promised to keep the referendum's tax impact within the projections shared during the campaign, and we remain committed to that promise. Transparency matters, and we want our community to understand what is driving changes in the property tax levy.

Keeping Students Engaged and Preparing Them for the Future

Over the past two school years, one of our priorities has been finding ways to better engage students in their learning. This has been an important topic in education for as long as I have been involved, and for good reason. Research shows that students are more likely to learn and retain information when they are actively engaged in what they are learning.

One way to encourage that engagement is to make learning relevant and help students see how the knowledge and skills they develop in the classroom connect to life beyond high school.

To support this work, we have examined data at the local, state, and national levels to better understand the skills employers value most. We are using that information to help guide our focus on developing durable skills – the skills students can carry with them into college, careers, and life. Our goal is to help students understand not only what they are learning, but also why it matters and how they can apply it in the future.

Introducing Our New Podcast: *Mosinee: Beyond the Bell*

One of the goals we established for this school year was to develop a podcast as another way to communicate with our community. We recognize that people have busy schedules, and a podcast offers an opportunity to hear about what's happening in our schools whenever and wherever it works best for them.

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MHS Students Learn About Unique Medical Careers

In early October, the **LifeLink III** helicopter and crew landed at the football field in collaboration with the **Mosinee Fire Department**. The LifeLink III medical helicopter is based in Marshfield and operates in collaboration with **Marshfield Medical Center**.



Mosinee High School students spent time with the helicopter crew – pilot, co-pilot, flight nurse, and flight paramedic – learning about their careers and job responsibilities. They were also able to check out the helicopter before the crew was called for an emergency.

Thank you to the Mosinee Fire Department and the flight crew for sharing your time, expertise, and knowledge with our students.

Pictured above: MHS students ask the flight crew and medical staff about working on a medical helicopter.

Join Us for a Free Event: *Do It For Daniel*

Wednesday, November 18 • 7:00pm

The Mosinee School District invites you to join Jeff Olson for his powerful presentation, *Do It For Daniel*, on Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:00 pm in the Creske Auditorium.



Do It For Daniel tells the story of Daniel Olson, an all-state athlete from Ishpeming High School who lost his life to suicide in 2012 at the age of 19 after years of battling anxiety and depression. Through Daniel's story, his father, Jeff Olson, shares a powerful message of hope, mental health awareness, and the importance of recognizing when someone may be struggling.

This presentation is free to attend and parents, families, and community members are invited.

Pictured above: Jeff Olson speaks at a Do It For Daniel *presentation.*

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The title, *Mosinee: Beyond the Bell*, reflects our goal of sharing a wide range of stories and information about our district. Topics will include what's happening in our classrooms, explanations of items such as your property tax bill, celebrations of student accomplishments and activities outside the classroom, and much more.

The podcast will be hosted by Tom McCarty, our Director of Innovation and Strategic Growth, and me. We look forward to using this new platform to highlight the great things happening throughout our district, answer questions, and strengthen our partnership with the community.

Please stay tuned for the release of our first episode. We are excited to get this project underway and hope you will join us!

If you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at (715) 693-2530 or gdoverspike@mosineeschools.org.

Drake D'Avolio Inducted into Mosinee Athletics Hall of Fame



Mosinee Athletics welcomed **Hillary Drake D'Avolio** into the Athletics Hall of Fame in October.

Hillary, a 2011 MHS graduate, lettered in hockey and softball. She earned All-Conference accolades in both.

Hillary played varsity hockey all four years and was named team MVP each year. She earned numerous awards as a hockey standout including *Wausau Daily Herald* Player of the Year four consecutive years, Conference Player of the Year her junior year, 2nd Team All-State both freshman and sophomore year, 1st Team All-State both junior and senior year, and was invited to join the 2nd Team and 1st Team All-State Tournament Teams multiple years. She received the Jessie Vetter Award as the best goalie in Wisconsin her junior and senior year, and as a senior was the first female recipient of the David Lloyd Nemec Memorial Award, which recognizes the best hockey player in the state. She was also the Ms. Hockey runner-up, Newswatch 12 Player of the Year, Channel 9 Athlete of the Week and a WIAA Scholar Athlete, among other achievements.

Hillary continued her hockey career playing for Providence College in 2011 and for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point the following three years.

MES Fire Safety Lessons



During October, which is Fire Prevention Month, members of the **Mosinee Fire Department** visited with kindergartners at Mosinee Elementary School, while second graders took a field trip to the fire station, to learn about fire safety. During these activities, the students learned about fire trucks and their equipment, as well as the gear firefighters wear to stay safe. The firefighters then donned their gear so the students could learn what a firefighter looks and sounds like in case of an emergency.

Pictured above: Mrs. Trelka's kindergarten class with the fire truck.

Mosinee School District Welcomes 28 New Staff Members



Benjamin Balge
MS - Special Education Teacher



Taylor Bergquist
ES - 1st Gr. Teacher



Jordyn Blenkush
HS - Special Education Teacher



Peter Breitwisch
ES - School Psychologist



Jenna Brogan
HS - Agriculture Education Teacher



Anna Butler
ES - Special Education Teacher



Malina Carattini
ES - Special Education Paraprofessional



Sophia Carter
MS - 8th Gr. ELA Teacher



Haley Hempe
ES - Special Education Teacher



MaryJane Hopkins
MS - Art Teacher



Megan Humbaugh
MS - Special Education Paraprofessional



Deanna Jensen
ES - Special Education Teacher



Marina Kevilus
MS - Health Room Assistant



Kasey Krzanowski
HS - Facility Maintenance Technician



Lora Ledden
HS - Program Support Teacher



Vanea Marten
MS - Special Education Teacher



Taylor Meyers
ES - Kindergarten Teacher



Regina Mientke
MS - Paraprofessional



Abbi Neiter
ES - Paraprofessional



Jeffrey Parranto
HS - Special Education Teacher



Parker Prahl
MS - 5th Gr. Teacher



Victoria Rass
MS - Special Education Paraprofessional



Sidney Ronayne
MS - Student Services Secretary



Joshua Ruk
HS - Math Teacher



Elyssa Sanchez
ES - 2nd-3rd Gr. Counselor



Bethany Shaw
ES - Reading Teacher



Amanda Winter
ES - 2nd Gr. Teacher



Mikaela Yaklovich
ES - 4K Teacher

FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference



In October, eight members of Mosinee FCCLA joined other members from around the state at the **FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference** held at UW-Stevens Point. The students attended breakout sessions where they focused on topics like time management, leadership, public speaking, fundraising, STAR events, and impactful community service projects. MHS Senior **Sophia Knetter** led two of the breakout sessions and helped facilitate the opening and closing ceremonies as part of her role on the WI FCCLA State Executive Council.

Pictured above (l to r): Attending the conference were Madison Orlovsky, Abigail Lindsey, Katie Knetter, Malik Wolfgram, Sophia Knetter, Mayla Johnson, Paige Christiansen and Isabel Groshek.

Wausau Tile Tour



In October, MMS students toured **Wausau Tile** and got a behind-the-scenes look at how concrete, epoxy, and other products are made. During the visit, the 8th graders explored the facility, seeing the many molds, robots, machines, and projects that Wausau Tile is responsible for. They also got to try their hand at grouting concrete, giving them a hands-on experience with the work that goes into creating these products.

Students were surprised to learn just how many places they had unknowingly walked or sat on Wausau Tile products. The excitement grew when they discovered that all of the tile used at Mosinee High School came from Wausau Tile. 8th grader Alexander Borski summed up his reaction with a simple but memorable comment: "It's pretty tuff!"

The tour provided a valuable opportunity to connect classroom learning to real-world careers and students gained a new appreciation for the company and its impact far beyond the local community.

Pictured above (l to r): MMS 8th graders Vinnie Lohman and Eli Oleson get some hands-on experience grouting.

Mosinee FFA Learns About Leadership, Tech & Agriculture

Fall Leadership Workshop



In September, Mosinee FFA members had the opportunity to attend the Section 7 Fall Leadership Workshop held at Granton High School. In the first round of workshops, students chose from several options that focused on leadership roles, chapter branding and engagement, and parliamentary procedures. The second round of workshops focused on career and leadership development along with ways to grow the chapter.

Pictured above (l to r): FFA members Arianna Wurz, Angela Bradford, Ezmei Cronk, Emily Phillips, Aidyn Cronk, Jakob Allikas, and Ella Pachniak attended the Leadership Workshop this fall.

Ag Technology Exploration Day

In October, FFA members attended Ag Technology Exploration Day at Swiderski Equipment's Mosinee location.



Swiderski's Precision Team gave the students a hands-on look at how data, innovation, and cutting-edge technology are the future of modern agriculture. The FFA members were also treated to pizza and ice cream from Pizza Market.

Pictured above: Students enjoyed pizza and ice cream from Pizza Market at Ag Technology Exploration Day.

World Dairy Expo



The World Dairy Expo, held in Madison, WI, brings people together from around the globe to celebrate the dairy industry and showcase what it has to offer, and Mosinee FFA was excited to be a part of the action! Students had a fantastic, fun, and educational day exploring the expo. They watched the International Guernsey Show, where world-class dairy cattle were shown in the ring filled with the traditional colorful wood shavings, this year dyed teal green. The students also networked directly with top agricultural brands, agribusinesses, and livestock genetics companies at the show. And, of course, there was delicious food for the students to enjoy, including iconic grilled cheese, ice cream, and plenty of free milk — a big thanks to all the dairy farmers for keeping us fueled!

Pictured above: Mosinee FFA members at the World Dairy Expo in Madison.

Autumn Academics: Pumpkins, Apples & Leaves

Fall Fun at the Pumpkin Patch

The kindergarten classes took a field trip to **Schairer's Autumn Acres** in Birnamwood. They went on a tractor ride, picked out a pumpkin, went through the corn maze, played fall children's games, and learned about the animals at the petting zoo. The kindergartners really enjoyed their hands-on learning experience at Schairer's!



Pictured right (l to r): Elliana Peterson, Rayah Jacob, and Kiersten Seubert stand by Spookley the Square Pumpkin.

Apple Orchard Adventures

Mosinee Elementary first graders visited **Rock Ridge Orchard** in Edgar this fall. On the field trip, they learned about the life cycle of apple trees. The students also enjoyed going on a wagon ride, picking apples and playing at the orchard in the play area.



Pictured right (l to r): Charles Peterson, Sutton Erdman and Parker Combs enjoying in the play area at Rock Ridge Orchard.

School Forest Leaf Lessons

Kindergarten through third grade students attended classes at the **Lloyd Ash Memorial School Forest** this fall.

The older students collected leaves to create number lines, gathering equal groups totaling 120 leaves. They then spaced them to practice their understanding of repeated addition, multiplication, and skip counting.



The younger students practiced trail safety, sorted and compared leaves of different sizes and colors, and investigated the living things in, on, under, and around dead logs.

Pictured above: The team records the number of leaves they have collected for their number line.

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Mosinee Athletics and Activities

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

During the October 27, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- the monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- the second reading of several policy updates as recommended by Neola
- donations for the Wrestling program and CTE department
- Early College Credit and Start College Now applications
- the final budget, levy, and tax rate for the 2026-2027 school year
- a contract with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educational Consulting, LLC
- Girls Swimming Cooperative with Stevens Point Pacelli
- resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies

The Board also listened to the following presentations:

- Mosinee Middle School Principal Kate Wollersheim informed the board about a shift in language in the middle school to align with the district vision.
- Focus on Energy representative Sylvia Lopez presented a check for $34,581.06 in rebates for energy efficiency with our referendum building project.
- The Wisconsin Association of School Boards recognized Calandra Zebro and Megan Stankowski for their dedication.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Mosinee High School, Room 646. The public is invited to attend.

MMS School Store Open



Mosinee Middle School now has its own school store! Students can purchase items using proud slips or money, depending on the item, Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 am - 7:55 am. Offered items include school supplies, candy, drinks, snacks and even school spirit wear! Making purchases at the store with proud slips is a fun way to encourage positive student choices!

Many items within the store come from donations – if you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please drop them off in the middle school office.

Pictured above: Spirit wear and snacks are available for students to purchase with proud slips in the MMS school store.

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November Calendar *of* Events

November 23-24 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice
November 25 - 27 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 PTO Meeting - MES IMC 4:00pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2 7th Gr. BBB **B** - John Muir (A) 4:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **B** - John Muir (A) 4:00pm
7th Gr. BBB **A** - John Muir (A) 5:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **A** - John Muir (A) 5:00pm

5 7th Gr. BBB **B** - Medford (A) 4:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **B** - Medford (A) 4:00pm
7th Gr. BBB **A** - Medford (A) 5:15pm
8th Gr. BBB **A** - Medford (A) 5:15pm

11 Veterans Day Assembly - Creske Gym 10:00am

13 7th Gr. BBB **B** - Tomahawk (H -MES Gym) 4:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **B** - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
7th Gr. BBB **A** - Tomahawk (H -MES Gym) 5:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **A** - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm

16 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

19 7th Gr. BBB **B** - Antigo (A) 4:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **B** - Antigo (A) 4:00pm
7th Gr. BBB **A** - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **A** - Antigo (A) 5:00pm

30 7th Gr. BBB **B** - Tomahawk (A) 4:00pm
8th Gr. BBB **B** - Tomahawk (A) 4:00pm
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8th Gr. BBB **A** - Tomahawk (A) 5:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

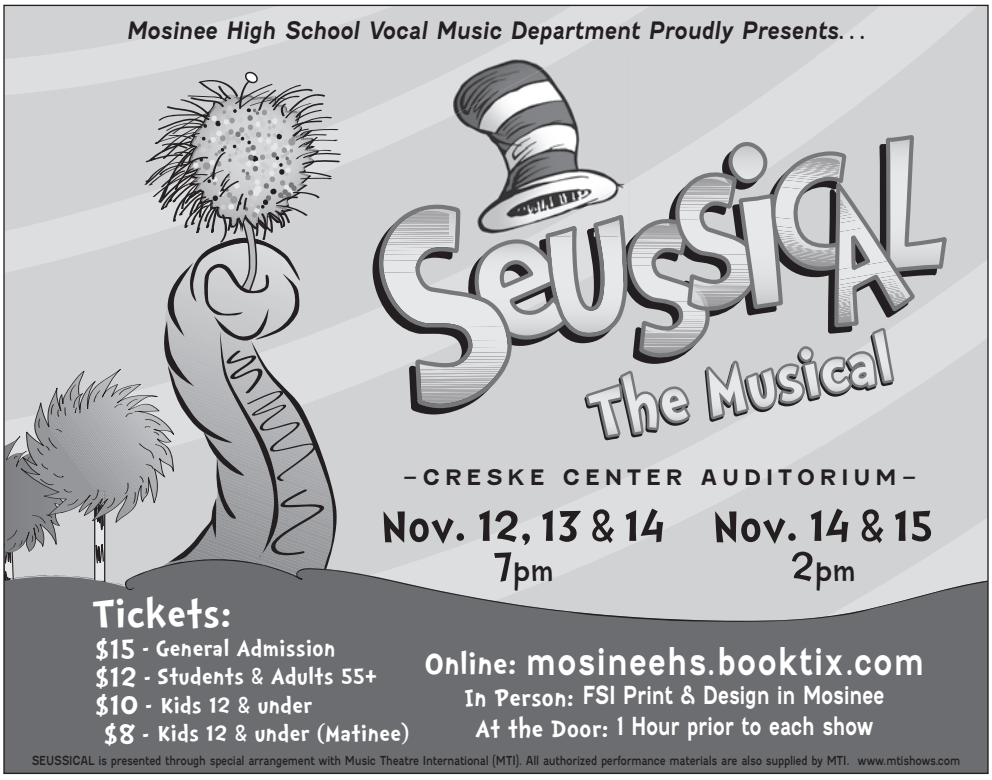
5-7 Volleyball State Tournament (Green Bay) ..... TBD
7 Girls Swim Sectionals (A - Rice Lake) ..... TBD
12 *Seussical The Musical* - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
13 Girls Swim State Meet (Waukesha) 5:30pm
Seussical The Musical - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
14 GNC Honors Band/Choir (Northland Pines) 9:00am-4:00pm
Seussical The Musical - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
Seussical The Musical - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
15 *Seussical The Musical* - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
19 GBB - Wittenberg-Birnamwood (A) 7:00pm
21 Girls Hockey - Lakeshore Lightning (A) 12:00pm
27 Girls Hockey - Gobbler Cup (H) 3:00pm
Girls Hockey - Gobbler Cup (H) 5:30pm
28 Girls Hockey - Gobbler Cup (H) 1:00pm
Girls Hockey - Gobbler Cup (H) 3:30pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit **mosineeschools.org**.

Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at mpozorski@mosineeschools.org

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Exploring Key West, Florida	11-4	Wed	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Light Yoga for Everyday Living	11-4	Wed	6:40-7:40	1	Yoga Studio
Line Dancing	11-7	Sat	1:00-3:00	1	Creske Gym
Golden Hour Pilates	11-11	Wed	5:30-6:20	1	Yoga Studio
Sourdough Bread Making	11-12	Thurs	6:00-8:30	1	MHS 704
Light Yoga for Everyday Living	11-12	Thurs	6:40-7:40	1	Yoga Studio
Sourdough Dinner Rolls	11-17	Tues	6:00-8:30	1	MHS 704
Light Yoga for Everyday Living	11-18	Wed	6:40-7:40	1	Yoga Studio
Learn to Play Piano by Ear	11-21	Sat	10am-12:30pm	1	Online



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