



Michigan Center Schools
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District Vision Statement

Michigan Center School - The cutting edge leader in educational advancement empowers all students for life-long success in a changing world.

District Mission Statement

The mission of Michigan Center School District is to engage, challenge and motivate life-long learners toward excellence through innovation.



#1
Nicholas
J
Johnson



#2
Ryan
Gregory
Klee



#3
Ty
Edward
Gaddy

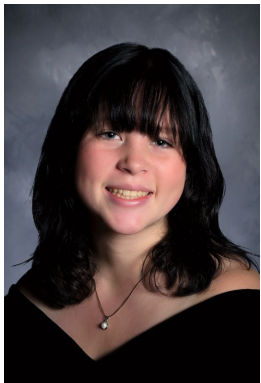


#4
Carter
James
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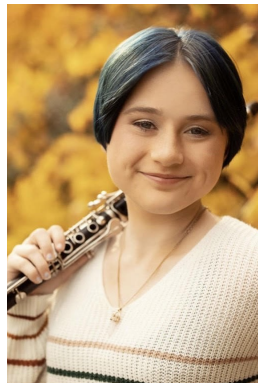
CLASS OF 2023 TOP 10



#6
Erica
Louise
Fleming



#7
William
Patrick
Janz



#8
Tiegian
Raine
Smith



#9
Cassandra
Grace
Daugherty



#10
Breonna
Nicole
White

Michigan Center Schools Message from Superintendent Cook

Air Quality Upgrades For All District Buildings

With an awesome 2022-2023 school-year ending, we are already focused on the improvements we can make to our district for next year and beyond. We have huge news that will have a lasting impact on the district in terms of improved air quality, efficiency, and structure sustainability. This summer (2023), Arnold Elementary and the upstairs of Keicher Elementary are going to receive significant upgrades including improved temperature controls, conversion of steam to hot water (where applicable), and the ability to take stagnant air out and bring fresh air in. While the Covid experience did illuminate the need, the district had already identified improved infrastructure and air quality as our top priorities.



We were able to finance the majority of our “Phase One” project (at Arnold and the upstairs of Keicher) utilizing federal grant funding, but in order to complete the upgrades in the remainder of the district we created a bond proposal which will appear on the August 8, 2023 ballot. The bond proposal would finance “Phase Two” of the air quality projects to include the rest of Keicher and the entire Jr./Sr. High School. The goal for the district would be to have all district school buildings (Arnold, Keicher, Jr/Sr High) receive upgraded temperature controls, increased climate comfort, more efficient (and cost effective) conversion of steam to hot water, and the ability to remove stagnant air while bringing in fresh, healthy air. These upgrades will improve air quality and reduce costs due to improved efficiency. It will also prolong the shelf life of our 1940’s and 1950’s constructed buildings.

The bond proposal (August 8) *is estimated to be completed WITHOUT increasing the bond debt millage from the current rate due to taxable value growth that has been experienced in the school district in the past several years.* The current bond millage rate (from the 2016 bond) is 2.90 mills. The annual millage levied for this bond proposal is not anticipated to exceed that rate. Rather, the millage rate would continue for longer.

If the proposal passes, the 2016 bond repayments, *originally scheduled to end in 2046, would be extended to 2054.* That would generate 6.3 million dollars for the district which would be spent on the “Phase Two” upgrades detailed above. *However, the 2.90 mills is NOT estimated to go all the way through 2054 as that number (2.90) IS ESTIMATED TO BEGIN DECLINING IN 2032.*

There will be an abundance of information being released all summer long with details, FAQ’s, etc related to the August 8, 2023 Bond proposal, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brady Cook (brady.cook@mccardinals.org) at your convenience.

Thank you for another incredible year, and we look forward to seeing our Cardinal Family in August!

MC Athletics

If your child will be participating in a school-sponsored sport (middle OR high school), they MUST have a sports physical on file to participate. Athletes MUST have a physical after April 15, 2023 to be eligible to play sports for the 2023-2024 school year. Physical forms are available in the high school office. Physicals MUST be turned in by the FIRST day of practice at the very beginning of the sports season.

**Congratulations
Seniors
Graduating With
NHS Honors**



Cassandra Daugherty

Erica Fleming

Ty Gaddy

William Janz

Nicholas Johnson

Mykenzie Keys

Emmery Layher

Toby Leffler

Carter McCave

Jordyn Mees

Lauren Meyer

Elianna Noll

Breonna White

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Art Update

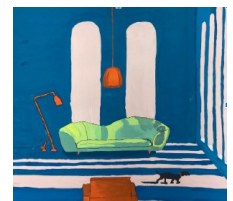
This spring our art students had the opportunity to participate in the Jackson County Art Show held at the Jackson Crossing. It was great to see a long time tradition return to the mall.

During this time representatives from Ella Sharp Museum chose works that would participate in the Art a Loan program. This program helps fund art classes at the museum. Each piece chosen will be professionally framed and hung in their gallery. In the fall Ella Sharp will hold a reception for area business owners to bid on the artwork. In return the artwork will be hung at the respective business for the entire year. Students have their art returned to them at the end of that time. It is quite an honor to be chosen for this program.

This year we were honored to have two representatives chosen from our school. Julia Reynolds a junior and Eli Noll a senior. These ladies have created some amazing pieces of artwork throughout the year and I am very proud of them and all they have accomplished. They are both very deserving of this honor.



Eli Noll



Julia Reynolds

***Mark Your Calendars!
The 2023-2024 School Year Begins August 23rd!***

Congratulations to all our MCHS band seniors!!!!



- Connor Cannon
- Dominick Courtney
- Trase Decker
- Maddy Esham
- Erica Fleming
- Megan Free
- Will Janz
- Emmery Layher
- Kaelin Pond
- Tiegan Smith
- Adam Taylor
- Abbie Visser
- Madison Wheeler
- Breonna White

CLASS OF 2029 MURAL

Many worthy entries were submitted, but the design created by AJ Saenz was chosen to represent the Class of 2029 for the class mural this year. After AJ completed painting his work of art on the wall outside of the cafeteria, each 6th-grader left their mark (signed their name) so their legacy at Keicher will never be forgotten. We will miss you all and wish you the best of luck as you move on to the next chapter in your life!



6TH-GRADE GOES TO CAMP

Keicher 6th-grade students and staff headed to Somerset Beach Campground in May to take part in two days of outdoor fun and team-building activities. Students enjoyed zip-lining, canoeing, archery, tie-dyeing, frisbee golf, a hayride, and more! Camp is a wonderful experience that allows students to create memories with their classmates that will be cherished always. A huge THANK YOU to all of our chaperones who volunteered for camp. We greatly appreciate your support, patience, and positive feedback.

Without you, 6th-grade Camp wouldn't be possible!



Fourth Grade Mackinac Trip

The 4th grade classes at Keicher enjoyed their Mackinac Island trip this Spring. Excitement was felt early on a Tuesday morning as fourth grade students and their chaperones boarded three coach buses bound for Upper Michigan. Their two-day adventure was packed full of countless learning opportunities which permitted the students to experience the history, traditions, and economy of Michigan. They visited and explored Mackinac Island, the historical Fort Mackinac, and the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show. Our fourth graders had a wonderful trip that was filled with fun, learning, and fond memories to share.

This trip was made possible by the many volunteers and community members who gave their time and energy to make this possible for our students. The fourth grade students and teachers would like to express their thanks to these volunteers. We couldn't have done it without each of you.



Jackson Community Foundation Teacher Grant: Classroom Design

Michigan Center Schools received a grant from the Teachers Endowment Fund at the Jackson Community Foundation to help Stacy Arnold, a 3rd-grade teacher at Keicher Elementary, bring flexible and movement-based seating for all learners. Below, you will see the six trapezoid desks and six rocker chairs that were added to her room this year due to the generosity of the JCF Teacher Grant Funds. Thank you to all the sponsors and donors of the JCF!



Michigan Center Schools (3rd-grade teacher, Ms. Arnold) received a \$3,000 grant from Teachers Endowment Fund and the Jackson Community Foundation. The grant will help Ms. Arnold fulfill her mission to bring endless, flexible learning opportunities to her students where they build, problem-solve, and collaborate together in a mobile, team-oriented environment.

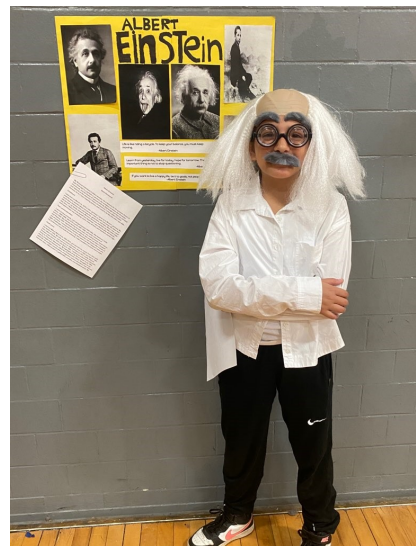
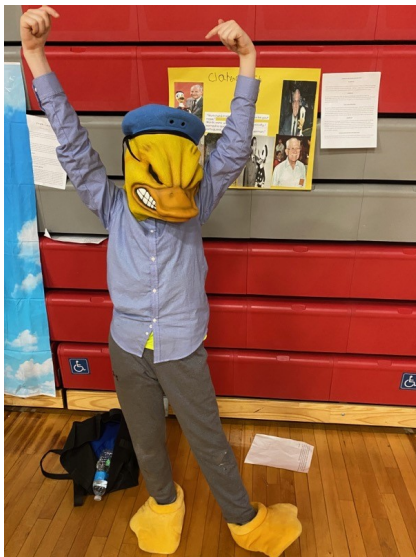
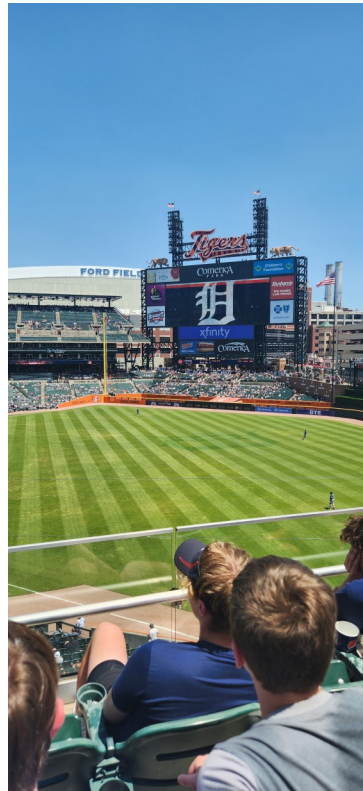
The Jackson Community Foundation is dedicated to our Mission: We connect people and resources to causes that strengthen and build our community. For Jackson. For good. Forever. To learn more about the Foundation or how to establish an endowment in your name, go to www.jacksoncf.org.



Michigan Science Museum and Tigers...Oh My!

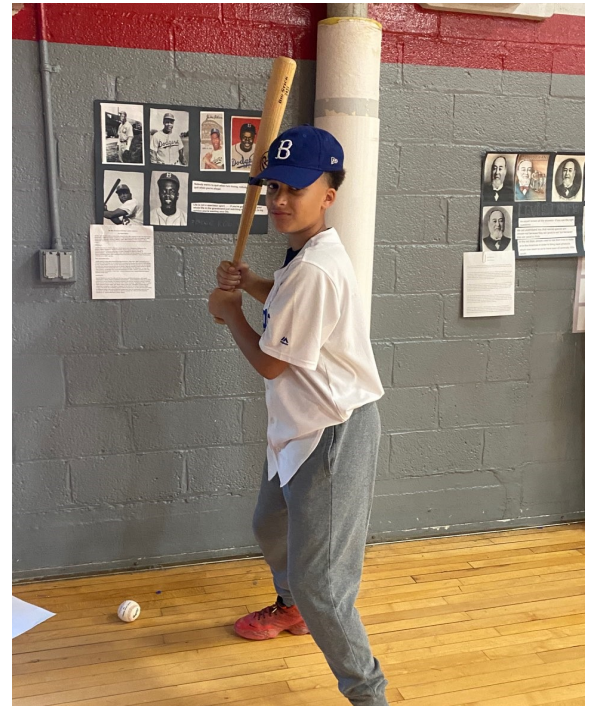
On Wednesday, May 31st, Keicher 5th graders had the opportunity to spend the day in Detroit, MI exploring the Michigan Science Museum in the morning and then "catching" a Detroit Tigers game in the afternoon. They began the day at the Michigan Science Museum where students had the opportunity to explore the hands-on exhibits, watch a live science show, and learn how science is involved in Michigan's technology and engineering studies.

Next, we traveled to Comerica Park to cheer on the Detroit Tigers and celebrate a win over the Texas Rangers. The students spent the day prior to the game researching players on the Tiger roster. It was the 1st time ever watching a professional baseball game for many students. It was a great day of science, baseball, and FUN!



History comes Alive!!

Fifth grade presented our Living Wax Museum on the morning of May 24th. For two weeks, students researched a famous person that made an important contribution to our American culture and history. They wrote an essay on their person and also created a monologue to say at the wax museum. Students dressed in a simple costume from home, and placed themselves, like statues, around the gym and cafeteria. The students froze like a wax museum sculpture and then came to life when approached by visitors. Students performed their monologue and movements while using any props related to their museum person. Afterwards, the exhibit resumed their pose and guests were able to choose another famous person. Famous people like Abraham Lincoln, Betsy Ross, Sally Ride, Mary Anning, Elvis Presley, and Walt Disney were just a few of our celebrities. It was a great event for all who attended and hopefully everyone learned some interesting facts about the exhibits.



Keicher CREW

Over the past months, we have celebrated many Keicher Kids! Each month teachers and staff pick a student who demonstrates that month's character trait and shows their Keicher Pride. We honored these new Keicher CREW kids with a celebration breakfast with their families. The recognized character traits were fun/friendship, caring, and citizenship. We are so proud of our Keicher Kids!





Michigan Center Schools
**ARNOLD
 FUN**



Michigan Center Schools 2023 Summer Lunch Locations

Meals served Monday, June 12, 2023-Friday, August 4, 2023

Closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Keicher Elementary 137 Broad St. Michigan Center, Mi. 49254

Breakfast M-F 8:30am-9:00am

Lunch M-F 11:00am-12:00pm

Ridgewood Vista 5000 Ponderosa Jackson, Mi. 49201

M-F 11:45am-12:15pm

Ashton Ridge 2907 Ashton Ridge Dr. Jackson, Mi. 49201

M-F 11:00am-11:30am

Questions, contact Becki @ 517-867-5711

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MICHIGAN CENTER 2023-24 FALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY FOOTBALL 7:00 start

Thur	8/17	Away	@ Quincy
Thur	8/24	Home	vs Lumen Christi
Thur	8/31	Home	vs Jonesville
Fri	9/8	Away	@ Columbia Central
Fri	9/15	Away	@ Leslie
Fri	9/22	Home	vs EJ (Homecoming)
Fri	9/29	Away	@ Grass Lake
Fri	10/6	Home	vs Napoleon
Fri	10/13	Away	@ Manchester
Fri	10/20		Cascades Championship TBD

JV FOOTBALL 6:30 start

Thur.	8/17	Away	@ Quincy Scrimmage
Wed	8/23	Away	@ Lumen Christi
Wed	8/30	Away	@ Jonesville
Mon	9/11	Home	vs Columbia Central
Mon	9/18	Home	vs Leslie
Mon	9/25	Away	@ East Jackson
Mon	10/2	Home	vs Grass Lake
Mon	10/9	Away	@ Napoleon
Mon	10/16	Home	vs Manchester
Mon	10/23		Cascades Championship TBD

GIRLS GOLF

Mon	8/14	@ Napoleon
Thur	8/17	@ Columbia Central
Tue	8/22	@ Hanover Horton
Tue	8/29	EJ Invite @ Ella Sharp 9am
Wed	8/30	@ Addison Jamb.
Thur	9/7	@Napoleon Jamb.
Tue	9/12	@ Vandercook Jamb.
Thur.	9/14	@ EJ Jamb.
Tues.	9/19	@ Grass Lake Jamb
Fri.	9/22	@ Napoleon Invite
Tue	9/26	@ GL Invite 10 am
Thur	9/28	MC Jamb.
Tues.	10/3	@ Conference Finals
		Regionals TBA
		State Meet TBA

VOLLEYBALL (JV & Varsity) JV plays first

Thur	8/17	Away	@ Var Scrimmage Onsted 1:00 p
Wed	8/23	Away	@ Northwest 5:00 pm
Tue	8/29	Away	@ Manchester 5:30 pm
Thur	8/31	Away	@ Napoleon 5:30 pm
Wed	9/6	Home	vs Leslie 5:30 pm
Sat	9/9	Away	@ Napoleon Invite (V)
Tue	9/12	Home	VS Columbia Central 5:30 pm
Sat	9/16	Away	@ Spring Arbor University Tournament (JV & V) 8:00 am
Tue	9/19	Away	@ Vandercook Lake 5:30
Sat	9/23	Away	(JV) @ Onsted Invite 9am
Tue	9/26	Away	@ Addison 5:30 pm
Thur	9/28	Home	Quincy 5pm
Sat	9/30	Away	@ Homer Varsity only 8:00 am
Tue	10/3	Home	vs Homer 5:30 pm
Thur	10/5	Home	vs East Jackson 5:30 pm
Tue	10/10	Away	@ Jonesville 5:30 pm
Sat	10/14	Away	Varsity @ Dansville 9:00 am JV @ Concord Invite 8:30a
Tue	10/17	Home	vs Hanover Horton 5:30 pm
Sat	10/21	Away	@ Hudson
Tue	10/24	Away	@ Grass Lake 5:30

BOYS SOCCER Start Time 5:30

Wed	8/16	Home	Onsted 5p
Sat	8/19	Away	@ Northwest 10:00 am
Mon	8/21	Away	@ Lumen Christi 6:00 pm
Wed	8/23	Home	vs Manchester
Mon	8/28	Away	@ Grass Lake
Wed	8/30	Home	vs Jonesville
Wed	9/6	Away	@ Leslie
Sat	9/9	Away	@ Onsted Invite TBD
Mon	9/11	Home	vs Columbia Central
Wed	9/13	Away	@ Manchester
Mon	9/18	Home	vs Grass Lake
Wed	9/20	Away	@ Jonesville
Mon	9/25	Home	vs Leslie
Wed	9/27	Away	@ Columbia Central
Mon	10/2	Home	Quincy
Wed	10/4	Away	@ Jackson Christian 5 pm
Thur.	10/5	Away	Hillsdale Academy 4:30p
Mon	10/9	Home	Lenawee Christian 5p

CROSS COUNTRY

Wed	8/16	Home	Grass Relays 4:00 (at Sharp Park)
Wed	9/6	Away	@ Springport 3:45
Tues	9/19	Away	@ Napoleon w/Manchester 5p
Tues	9/26	Away	@ Grass Lake 5p
Sat	10/1	Home	Color Run 10a
Tue	10/3	Away	@ East Jackson 5 p
Tues	10/10	Away	@ Leslie 5p
Tues	10/18	Away	@ Conference Meet TBD
Sat	10/28	Away	@ Regional



**Scheduled Events Are
Subject To Change**