

Superintendent's Column

By Todd Cramer, Ed.D.



Successes This School Year

I truly believe that our successes this school year are a reflection of living out our core values and maintaining a laser focus on people, strategy and beliefs. Here are just a few of the successes we are celebrating:

- Named one of the top 100 High Schools in Ohio by US News & World Report (up from 212 last school year)
- Outpacing national norms with both reading and math scores well above the 50th percentile
- Fully-equipped MakerSpace in each school
- Additional AP Course offered: AP Computer Science
- State-level Athletic Finishes
- Baseball Team in the State Semi-Finals
- Track & Field Athlete Advancing to State Meet
- Four-week summer school/camp with 200+ students participating
- 2 specially trained "therapy" dogs working with students
- Panther Pride Foundation launched: Raising funds to enhance the student experience
- Lighting Project – retrofit 18,000 lights with LED bulbs to make classrooms more learning friendly, while saving \$100,000 annually
- Increased math scores: Maumee students who took the STAR Math assessment surpassed the growth of their peers nationally by 16 percentile points.
- More than 100 guests welcomed to tour our buildings and learn about the innovative education taking place in Maumee
- Established partnership with the Toledo Zoo: Urban Prairie at Gateway Middle School
- Enhanced safety: Projects that updated security system and phone system

The Maumee community continues to provide support to the district in countless ways; mentoring students, providing after-school programs, donating musical instruments and books, attending student performances, and so much more.

Parents and caretakers are dedicated to the success of their children and the daily guidance, care and support children receive at home means they come to school prepared to learn. In addition, district leaders and classroom educators have maintained their focus on continuous improvement and made adjustments as necessary to ensure student success.

All of this hard work has propelled Maumee Schools forward. We surpassed many goals this school year. Now, it's time to set new goals and continue making improvements across the district.

What to Watch for in 2017-18 School Year



- New English/Language Arts curriculum to be rolled out in grades K-12
- Gifted education program to be expanded. Board of Education recently hired an additional educator to ensure Maumee is meeting needs of all high-achieving students
- English/Languages Arts educational coach will replace current math coach to help elevate student success
- MakerSpaces will continue to be upgraded
- Maumee High School will add two Advanced Placement testing opportunities (AP Studio 3-D Art & AP Psychology), bringing total AP offerings to 13 next school year
- Study group convened to examine school start/end times
- Continued emphasis on putting students first, engaging in continuous improvement,

and maximizing the potential of everyone associated with our district

- 1 to 1 technology program will be expanded to grades 4 through 10



Group Impact Award Presented to 4 Maumee Students



Sunshine Communities recently recognized Maumee High School students Shayna Dickey, Dani Cleghorn, Bailey Zientek and Dan Agullana (L-R) for their volunteer work. The students received the Group Impact Award and their dependability and strong work ethic were cited as two of the reasons why.

"Our students are just amazing. They make me so proud," says intervention specialist/teacher Shayla Ferguson. "They have to balance their academics at school and their work in the community helping others. At the same time, they are discovering strengths and work preferences so they can gain meaningful employment after graduation." The students agree they enjoy their time at Sunshine and they were excited to attend the awards banquet where they were singled out from the more than 1,400 volunteers to receive the Group Impact Award. Also pictured are classroom assistant Tina Hadley (L) and intervention specialist/teacher Shayla Ferguson. Not pictured classroom assistant Kim Wagener.

79 Students Earn President's Award For Educational Excellence

Students who earn the President's Award for Educational Excellence have been extremely successful in the classroom. They must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA and earn the highest scores on state math and reading achievement tests. This national award is given in 12th grade, 8th grade and 5th grade.



5th grade students earning the President's Award for Educational Excellence include: Front row (L-R): Jacob Guthrie, Anevay Emerson, Lauren Blair, Thomas Laurie, Daniel Yount, Talan Johnson, Andrew Balcerzak, Jackson Kain, Taylor Lewis. Middle row (L-R): Addison Bertsch, Neveah Dunbar, Isabella Delffs, Emma Helmski, Jack Krietemeyer, Zab Kessinger, Chase Maulucci, Collin Carroll, Alexandria Ybarra, Travis Moebius. Back row (L-R): Mason Thorpe, Vaughn Gugger, Chance Ruelle, Caeden Light, Karlee Maier, Skyler Janes, Josiah Millin, Josie Brooks, Brekelle Kreger, Caitlin Smalley, Mena Schlumbohm, Eddie Heywood.



8th grade students earning the President's Award for Educational Excellence include: Front row (L-R): Kylee Downey, Alexandra Karrenbauer, Kelsey Walborn, Kylie Miller. Middle row (L-R): Emily Lewis, Michael Kovalik, Isaac Tolbert, Sophia Garber. Back row (L-R): David Urbanski, Alexandra Szyndler, Violet Keegan, Jordan Kikolski. Not pictured: Aidan McGann



Connecting Kids to Meals Program Ensures All Kids Eat Lunch for Free Over the Summer

Summer food service programs are available across Lucas County and are for all children ages 18 and under. Young people with disabilities and approved individualized education programs are eligible through age 21. New this summer, the Connecting Kids to Meals program (formerly Feed Lucas County Children) will have a serving location in the Maumee School District at All Saints Lutheran Church, 5445 Heatherdowns Boulevard on Monday through Friday from June 5 - August 11, serving from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Other locations can be found on the Maumee City Schools website.

Congratulations Maumee High School Class of 2017



A Year Filled With Successes

The Panther Pride Foundation (PPF) is rounding the last corner on a year of establishing new and stronger connections to Maumee High School. PPF has connected via four e-mail newsletters, built a capital campaign cabinet of 16 volunteers, developed and produced a case for support, as well as defined their first major priority project. PPF developed the infrastructure needed to begin its work and continues to build relationships with businesses and individuals, educate groups as well as MHS alumni, civic leaders and others about the reasons why a public school system needs a non-profit foundation to raise funds. It has been a busy year and PPF is ready for year two!

Panther Pride Foundation is connected on social media and invites you to follow.

Facebook: PantherPrideFoundation

Twitter: @MaumeePPF

Website: pantherpridefoundation.org

To be added to the PPF e-newsletter list or for more information about their work, contact Sarah Otis, (MHS '78) sotis@maumee12.org or 419 /893-8778 ext. 20260



MHS Welcomed 50+ Professionals to Career Exploration Day 2017

*"I have no idea what I want to do after high school."
"I know I want to go to college, but don't know what I want to study."
"I'm not going to college. I need to find a job, but I want to be able to turn my job into a career."*

These are statements commonly made by high school students. To better prepare students for college and careers, Maumee High School invited more than 50 business professionals to school on May 19 to share their career journey from high school to present day. Each profession featured was as unique as the individual presenting to students. Students took an interest survey, interests were matched to local professionals, and each student selected six small group sessions to attend.

"Career Exploration Day is going to be an annual event at MHS," says principal Matthew Dick. "The feedback from students, staff and business professionals was overwhelmingly positive. We see this as a first step to forging authentic connections between the local business community and our students and I'm confident in saying that opportunities for job shadowing, mentoring, internships and even paid co-ops will be forthcoming for our students."

Many students selected sessions led by Joe Shamy who has 30 years experience in the hospitality management field. He has been a chef and currently is an adjunct instructor at Owens Community College as well as director of purchasing and food service for Sylvania Schools.



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Maumee Schools Mission:

To educate, prepare and inspire students to be contributing and valuable members of our community and beyond

Maumee Schools Vision:

Proactively engage and inspire student learning, involvement and service

- We believe . . .** students come first
- We believe . . .** in continuous improvement
- We believe . . .** in maximizing the potential of others



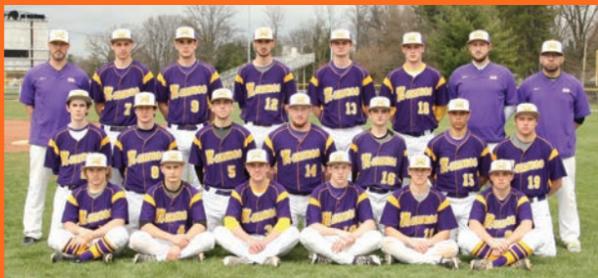
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MHS Baseball Team & Track Athlete Both Make State Runs



Congratulations to the players and coaches of the MHS varsity baseball team for being part of the Final Four in the OHSAA Division II State Baseball Tournament. The team finished the season with an impressive 22-10 record, and many Panthers earned NLL, sectional, district, and state honors. They made an entire community proud!



Congratulations also go out to senior Zak Kirk who ran for the Panthers in the 3200 meter run at the Division I OHSAA track & field meet in Ohio Stadium on June 2.

The state meet was the culminating experience in Zak's record setting cross country and track career at Maumee High School. He will continue competing at the D-I collegiate level, running for Eastern Kentucky University.

SAVE THESE DATES...

Maumee Rec 5K Race/Walk

July 8, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Maumee High School is the starting line. Benefits Maumee Senior Center

Back-to-School Registration Days

Aug. 8 from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 9 from 2 - 6:30 p.m.

@ Maumee High School

First Day of School

Aug. 16, 2017 -- K-9

Aug. 17, 2017 -- 10-12

Alumni Band Day & Homecoming - Oct. 6

Music in Motion - Oct. 14



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Elementary Students Experiment Landing Payloads on Mars

Fourth and fifth grade students from Wayne Trail parachuted scientific payloads (marbles) down to the surface of Mars (a gigantic walk-on map on loan from the Challenger Learning Center of Lake Erie West) to test their designs and how factors such as gravity, friction, drag and materials used, impacted their work. They collected data every step of the way. Projects like this fit perfectly into Maumee's STEAM curriculum (science, technology, engineering, arts, math). Students did much of their preliminary research and design work in the MakerSpace at Wayne Trail.



You Can Help Maumee Schools by Telling Others All We Offer Students



If you know a family that is looking for a new home or lives in our district but does not currently send their children to one of our schools, please encourage them to visit our buildings for a tour, meet with staff, and see first hand why our schools deserve strong consideration.

Please let people know we work hard to create an incredible educational experience for each and every Maumee student. Maumee City Schools has a proud tradition of excellence that is being continually enhanced.

Here are just a few points of pride about Maumee High School:

- SILVER Medal ranking from US News & World Report
 - Top 100 high schools in Ohio
 - Youth Leadership Toledo – Students in Action Multi-Year Award Winner
 - College Board's AP Honor Roll designation
 - 11 Advanced Placement Courses
 - 26 Clubs and Activities + 39 Athletic Teams
- 7 In-house College Credit Plus Courses
- Visual & Fine Arts + Orchestra, Marching Band, Symphonic Band
 - Show Choir + Plays & Musicals
- Opportunities to Travel Abroad & to NYC
- S.T.E.A.M. Educational Focus + MakerSpace
- 80% of Maumee teachers hold master's or higher-level degree
- 62.22 percent of Maumee teachers have 10+ years of experience