



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot

Congratulations to the Mason High School yearbook staff for earning the Jostens 2023 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the Gold Level for the 2022-23 yearbook!

The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body and achieve in the following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.



Canines for Change- Coming Soon!



Mason Public Schools is excited to announce that we are adding therapy dogs to our school experience. The district will be partnering with the organization [Canines for Change](#) for this project. Canines for Change is based in Grand Ledge and already works with several local school districts including Grand Ledge, Okemos, East Lansing, Jackson Northwest, and Portland St. Patrick.

We hope to add two dogs to our district this school year, and our plan is to start with one dog each at the high school and middle school. We are currently in the process of selecting hosts/handlers for the dogs at each school.

Mason’s initial therapy dogs are being generously sponsored by Deb Dansby, owner of Dog Gone Fun in Okemos and VP of Marketing for Farm Bureau Insurance, and Mark Voss, owner of the Mark Voss Agency in Mason. Thank you to Deb and Mark for their amazing support!

Stay tuned to future Mason Minutes for updates on this exciting project!



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Club Team Success



Congratulations to the Mason Equestrian Team! After finishing as Reserve Regional Champions, nine riders competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association State Championship! Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Mason High School E-Sports Mario Kart and Special Olympics Unified Mario Kart teams who both made it to their respective playoffs for the very first time.



It is Red Carpet Gala Time!



Join us at the Mason Public Schools Foundation Commercial Bank Red Carpet Gala on March 9, 2024!

[Tickets are now on sale](#), use promo code EARLYBIRD24 for a \$10 discount through January 7, 2024. Secure your spot for a night of glamour and support our Mason Public Schools!



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Winter Enrichment Events

MASON AQUATIC CENTER WINTER BREAK EVENTS DECEMBER 23, 2023 - JANUARY 6, 2024

Join us over Winter Break for fun in the pool! Payment for all Aquatic Center winter break events can be made at the door using correct cash or check.

Open Swim:

December 26: 1-3 p.m.

January 2-4: 1-3 p.m.

January 5: 6-8 p.m.

\$3/adult, \$2/students or senior citizens, \$8/family of four.

Adult Lap Swim (18+):

December 26: 6-7:30 a.m.

January 2-5: 6-7:30 a.m.

\$5/person or \$35/10-punch card

New Year's Swim Party!

Saturday, December 30, 2023

6-8 p.m.

\$5/adult, \$4/student or senior citizen,
\$15/family of four, \$1/additional
family member in the same
household.



Ring in the new year with a family-friendly open swim and movie. Gift bags are available for the first 50 swimmers. All regular Open Swim rules will apply, and swimmers must pass a swim test to use the deep end of the pool.

There will be no Water Fitness classes during winter break and the pool will be completely closed December 27-29 for cleaning and maintenance.

The Community Education [Winter Enrichment Guide](#) is now available, and [registration](#) is open for all classes and events! Check out the great offerings and stay active this winter!



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Elementary School Dances- Enrollment is now open!

Sign up now and join us for the spring elementary school dances! All events will take place at Mason Middle School on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Please be sure to enroll in the appropriate event for your child's elementary dance and enroll your child and one adult to attend with them. Search the registration codes below to register for the correct dance for students and adults.



- 3-4:15pm - Alaieton Elementary Dance, 5000-W24 (child), 5001-W24 (adult)
- 5-6:15pm - North Aurelius Elementary Dance, 5002-W24 (child), 5003-W24 (adult)
- 7-8:15pm - Steele Elementary Dance, 5004-W24 (child), 5005-W24 (adult)

Harvey Kindergarten students should attend the same dance as an older sibling. If the student does not have an older sibling, please sign up for either the 3 or 5 pm dance!

Dances are open to Mason students currently enrolled in kindergarten-5th grade. Tickets are non-transferable and there will be no refunds after tickets are purchased. Enrollment closes March 4, 2024, or when the event is full.

Stay Healthy this Winter

Mason Public Schools has had reports of multiple illnesses this fall including Hand Foot and Mouth, Strep, and COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home when you have any of the following symptoms:

- A fever greater than 100 degrees; A person MUST be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning.
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Severe eye drainage or red swollen eyes.
- A severe or croup sounding cough.
- Severe cold symptoms or constant thick nose drainage.
- Rash of unknown origin.

Always report any absences to your student's school. If you have questions or concerns about a student or staff illness or exposure, please contact the Health Team at bulldogrn@masonk12.net.

Important Dates

Monday, December 25- Friday, January 6, 2024- No School, Winter Break



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