



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

# MASON MINUTE

*Weekly District News*

## Bulldog Bright Spot

Mason High School teachers and Senior Class Advisors Jen Harrington and Staci Carl were honored by the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission with the 2022 Ingham County Parks Volunteer of the Year Award!

They were recognized for their many years of service and involvement with the MHS Senior Workdays. Congratulations Jen and Staci!



## Happy Homecoming!



Mason will celebrate Homecoming 2023 this weekend! Join us for the parade on Friday starting at 6 p.m. at Mason City Hall, and kick off for the football game at 7 p.m. The Mason High School Homecoming Dance is Saturday at 7 p.m.

## Lunch Menu Change

Due to availability, the lunch menu for all elementary and middle school lunches on Monday, Sept. 18, will now be a choice of hamburger or mini turkey corn dogs, both served with corn, fruit, and milk.



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## Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off this Friday, September 15, and continues through October 15. This month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Teachers can take this opportunity to foster classroom discussions, highlight historical facts and important figures, and support student inquiry.



## Fall Enrichment Events



Registration is open for Fall Enrichment classes. [Course offerings](#) and [registration](#) can be found on the Community Education website.

Register now and join us for the Halloween Swim Party on Thursday, October 28!

## LCC After School Programs

Mason Public Schools and Lansing Community College (LCC) will again offer LCC Youth Programs beginning in late fall 2023. Learn more about the [programs](#) and watch for registration information. The goal of the LCC Youth Program is to offer a wide variety of opportunities to enjoy high-caliber academic pursuits in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and STEAM.

## CADL Student Success Initiative

Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) is partnering with MPS on the [Student Success Initiative](#). The initiative is a way to help students easily access all the education and entertainment options available at CADL's 13 branches, Mobile Library, and online collections. Student Success library cards will be available, for free, to all students no matter where they live, even those who already have a regular CADL card. Having a Student Success account requires the release of directory information to CADL. Any parent/guardian who does not want their student to have an account needs to complete the [opt-out form](#) by September 17, 2023. Please complete one form for each student you are opting out.



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## Skyward Updates and Family Communication

Stay connected this school year! All families should log into their Skyward accounts to ensure parent/guardian contact information is up to date and correct. The [Skylert](#) system is used to share school closing, building-specific information and other district messages with families.

### Health Update

A reminder from the MPS Health Team- if you and/or family members are having symptoms of illness, tested positive for an illness, or had an exposure to a sick individual please monitor symptoms and stay home if you are sick.

Remember to not to come to school with any of these symptoms:

- A fever >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

### Medication Forms

For the 2023-24 school year, medications can be dropped off at school by a parent or guardian. Medications must be in their original container with an expiration date, staff are not able to administer expired medication.

If your child has medication needs during the school day, please remember:

- All prescription medication forms need to be completed and signed by the doctor and parent/guardian; this includes self-carry medications. (Examples: EpiPens, inhalers)
- All non-prescription (over the counter) forms need to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. (Examples: pain relievers such as Tylenol or Motrin, Benadryl and sunscreen)

Forms can be picked up in person or are available [online](#). For questions, please contact District Nurse [Emily Epling RN](#).

### Meals at School

MPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program!

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs.



Please take a moment to complete the [form](#) which collects information needed to ensure MPS receives state and federal funding. In addition, based on the information you provide on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your student may qualify for other programs including:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to Play or Pay to Participate assistance
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet



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## **Important Dates**

- **Friday, October 20- No School**
- **Monday, October 23- No School, Teacher Professional Development**



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