



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot

Harvey students and families had an awesome time at their Magic Family Night Out! Miss Lindsay from the Capital Area District Library and Joel Tacey from Tiptop Entertainment provided entertainment for the crowd while students also had the chance to create their own wands and take part in a school-wide book swap! Thank you to the Harvey PTO and staff for a great event!



Food Drive- Ends Friday

The MHS Unified Club Members are [collecting items](#) to stock the Mason Food Bank. Donations are being collected during all three lunches at the high school through Friday. Students who donate will receive one raffle ticket for each item they donate to be entered to win Muffin Cart Coupons.

LCC Youth Classes- Registration closes Friday!

Register now for after school [Lansing Community College \(LCC\) Youth Programs](#). All courses are exclusively for Mason Public School students in second through fifth grades and are held at Harvey Education Center. Transportation is available. Learn more and register on the [LCC website](#). Registration closes January 26. Courses include:

- Cooking Wizards (Grades: 2-3)
- Advanced Science Experiments Club (Grades: 4-5)



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Sign up now for Summer EBT Benefits

This upcoming summer, eligible families will be able to receive money for select food items through the new [Summer EBT program](#). The United States Department of Agriculture has approved a permanent Summer EBT program for eligible households and school districts.

To receive the Summer EBT benefit, every family must have an approved student eligibility benefit (free or reduced) through their school.

If your family has already completed and submitted a School Meals and Summer EBT Application for the 2023-24 school year- you **do not** need to apply again for the Summer EBT benefit.

Families who have not completed the form, and would like to receive the Summer EBT benefit, must do so by Friday, Feb. 7 in order to be enrolled. Please complete the [Household Application for Free and Reduce-Price School Meals](#) as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the form, please contact Food Services (517) 676-6529. Questions about the EBT program can also be [emailed](#).

Community-Based Offerings

Did you know the MPS website has a page for [Community-Based](#) classes, programs and events? Whether you're looking to get involved or looking to share information about community-based programs such as scouting, camps, sports, and other programs- this is the place. Submission can be submitted via [email](#).

High School Principal Search

The search is underway for a new principal for Mason High School. Earlier this year, longtime Principal Lance Delbridge announced his plans to retire at the end of the school year. The district is committed to a robust, comprehensive search in order to find a new leader for the high school and plans to make a hiring recommendation to the Board of Education in February.

Enroll Early for the Elementary School Dances!

Don't wait to sign up 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 - Alaiedon 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.



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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](#), secure your spot for a night of glamour and support of our Mason Public Schools!

Aquatic Center Events

The Mason Aquatic Center will be open for lap swim, water fitness, and open swim. The schedule below runs from January 8- March 31, 2024.

Open Swim

- Fridays, 7-9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
- No swimming: February 16, 17, 23, 24 and March 22, 23, 29, 30
- \$3/adult, \$2/student or senior citizen, \$8/family of four. Punch cards are available.

Water Fitness

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m.
- Shallow and deep-water classes
- No classes: January 15, February 19, March 25 and 27
- \$6 at the door, punch cards are available.

Adult Lap Swim (ages 18+)

- Tuesday- Friday, 6-7:30 p.m.
 - No swim: February 16, March 22, 25-29
- Saturdays, 7-8:30 a.m.
 - No swim: February 17 and 24, March 23 and 30
- Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 p.m.
 - No swim: January 15, February 19, March 25 and 27
- No shallow end water walking available during lap swim.
- \$5/person or \$25/10-punch card.

Important Dates

- February 16-19- Mid-Winter Break- No School
- March 22- No School
- March 25-29- Spring Break- No School



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