



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

# MASON MINUTE

*Weekly District News*

## **Coach of the Week!**

Congratulations to Varsity Football Head Coach Gary Houghton, who was named [Detroit Lions Coach of the Week](#) for Week 2 of the fall football season!

The Detroit Lions select one Michigan high school coach each week based on their commitment to developing players' character, discipline, and football skill in addition to emphasizing player health and safety in their program.



Coach Houghton was surprised with the honor during a [taped interview](#) with The Detroit Lions on Wednesday. In addition to the recognition, each Coach of the Week receives a \$1,000 donation to their school's football program from The Detroit Lions and NFL Foundation.

## **Fall Enrichment Classes**

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

## **LCC After School Programs**

Mason Public Schools and Lansing Community College (LCC) will again offer LCC Youth Programs later this year, 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.

## **Before and After School Job Opportunities**

Looking for a part-time job? MPS is hiring Before and After School Aides! Hours are 7-8:30 a.m. (Wednesday 7- 9:30 a.m.) and afternoons from 3:30-6 p.m.

Interested individuals can complete a [short online application](#) for these positions, additional job opportunities at MPS can be viewed on the [employment website](#).

## **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 free from a temperature 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

- Thursday, September 7- High School Picture Day
- Thursday, September 21- Middle School Picture Day
- Friday, October 20- No School
- Monday, October 23- No School, Teacher Professional Development



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