

DIALOG



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FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST



Greetings LPS Community,

It seems the days, weeks, and months of the school year have flown by as I reflect on our time together as a school community. There are many things about this year that caused my heart to swell with pride and gratitude for our LPS family.

From our caring, uber hardworking staff of nearly 2,000 to the more than 13,000 students and their amazing families... we made this school year one of transition back to more normal operations following the height of the pandemic. I have expressed my awe many times over the past two years at the manner in which our district has persevered and continued climbing toward our goals, despite all of those unprecedented challenges.

Curious learners, courageous leaders, committed and caring staff - the combination of these has culminated in a year of which we can be so proud.

As the school year began to draw to a close, a few mental images remained ever-present in my mind. I think of our youngest learners, proudly conquering their brand new world as

preschoolers - they may be little, but they are surely aware of their amazing success in learning how to navigate school!

I think of our incoming kindergartners, the Class of 2035, as well as our exiting fourth graders who are excited for a new experience in the fall at upper elementary schools. I think of our sixth grade students who are moving up next school year to the middle school level. At each transition, our students gain a bit more independence as human beings and as learners. They begin to further develop their talents and explore the world around them.

I think of our students who exited the eighth grade this school year, only to embark on the busy and opportunity-laden life of high school in the fall. And, of course, I think of the more than 1,000 graduates of our high schools and specialized post-secondary programs, whose eyes gleam with possibilities and whose minds are ready for their next adventure. They have filled us with pride!

*Be fearless
in the
pursuit of what
sets your soul
on fire.*

I am reminded that we are here for one purpose - to educate, challenge, and inspire every student to achieve personal success and become a confident contributor to society. This is our mission. This is our guidepost in all that we do.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!

Congratulations to the 1,080 graduates of Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson high schools! This year, 213 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.95 GPA and above); 94 graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94 GPA); and 119 graduated Cum Laude (3.5-3.74 GPA).

A large section of this edition of the *Dialog* is dedicated to the Class of 2022. We hope you enjoy reading about just a few of our many talented and accomplished students.

Class of 2022, you are Livonia Pride!





New families can begin the registration process at
www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration.

If you have any questions, or would like to find out which school your child will attend, please call (734) 744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE

- Visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration to begin the registration process as early as possible.
- Complete the registration forms online, and upload all the required documents. If you are unable to load your documents, you will be required to present them in person.
- After you submit your form, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment to visit and present identification to confirm your registration.
- If you do not have access to a computer, paper packets will be available for you to complete in our office. **Appointments are required.**
- **You must provide identification in person to complete the registration process.**

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

GSRP is a high quality, no cost, state-funded preschool program for children who are 4 years old by September 1.

The program runs four full days per week from September to June, but registrations are accepted year-round. Please visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/GSRP to register. If you have any questions, please call 734-744-2715, ext. 17990, or email GSRP_Secretary@livoniapublicschools.org.

Specialized Early Childhood Programs

Contact Patty Kozlowski at 734-744-2813, ext. 22902

- Early On developmental screenings for infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months; to request an early-on screening, call 1-800-EarlyOn.
- Preschool programs for children ages 2.8 to 5 years with special needs
- Early childhood programs for students with speech concerns

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration will be offered for K-6 students during the summer months in the front lobby of Central Office (15125 Farmington Rd.). **The office is available for scheduled appointments only.**

Summer Registration Information

July 11-September 1

Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday/Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAYS

September 6-16:

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CLOSED LABOR DAY

Beginning September 19, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 will be facilitated through the assigned school, beginning July 11. **Appointments are required.**

JULY 11-SEPTEMBER 1
MONDAY-THURSDAY,
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 6-16
MONDAY-FRIDAY,
7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
CLOSED LABOR DAY

Emerson Middle School
 734-744-2665

Churchill High School
 734-744-2650, ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
 734-744-2670

Franklin High School
 734-744-2655, ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
 734-744-2675

Stevenson High School
 734-744-2660, ext. 48913

A graphic for 'School Tours for New Families' on a chalkboard background. It features a rocket ship, stars, and clouds. Text includes: 'SCHOOL TOURS FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE DISTRICT WILL BE OFFERED AT ALL K-4 SCHOOLS. TOURS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: K-4 SCHOOLS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. NIJI-IRO WILL COMMUNICATE TOUR INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO NEW FAMILIES. No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child's assigned school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, please call 734-744-2541.'

Whether it is college, trade school, the military, or the workforce - our graduates are ready. It is my sincere belief that they are indeed prepared to take this world by storm and add their special talents, skills, compassion, and exuberance to every corner of the globe!

Join me in reflecting on our Class of 2022 in this special issue of the *Dialog*, as we celebrate the successes of our graduates. Meeting and exceeding expectations through a challenging two-year period is certainly a point of pride not only for every student in our district, but also for each parent, guardian, and staff member. You will see many of those dedicated staff members highlighted throughout this issue, celebrating milestones, achievements, and special recognitions for their many efforts.

Speaking of staff, we are thrilled to welcome several educational leaders to our LPS family! This spring has been a busy one, as our district leadership team carefully and thoughtfully interviewed candidates for several key positions in our district, that came as a result of well-deserved retirements, promotions, and new positions within our district.

I'll start off with the appointment of new Director of Secondary Programs and District Services, Mr. Kevin Etue. He joins our district cabinet team after serving 19 years in LPS as a teacher, coach, and administrator, most recently serving as principal at Churchill High School. He takes this position as we bid a happy retirement to Mr. Daniel Willenborg, who will be truly missed by our school community.



Dan Willenborg, Supt. Oquist, Kristen Quesada, and Kevin Etue

Assistant Principal Kristen Quesada, and we eagerly welcome new Assistant Principal Jeffrey Burnside to Charger Nation to fill her role. Mr. Burnside comes to LPS from Novi schools.

Upon the retirement of longtime Stevenson High School Assistant Principal Ani Akaraz, we confidently welcome Christina Abojamra to this position! Mrs. Abojamra comes to LPS with vast leadership experience, most recently in Crestwood schools.

In keeping with the high school level, we saw the retirement of the "big three" - our longtime athletic administrators, Ron Hammye from Franklin; Marc Hage from Churchill; and Lori Hyman from Stevenson. We wish them all the best in their retirements and thank them for their decades of leadership!



Casey Conway, Dusty Hall, and Arnie Muscat

We are excited to welcome three new athletic administrators: Cason "Casey" Conway at Churchill High School; John "Dusty" Hall at Franklin High School; and Arnold "Arnie" Muscat at Stevenson High School. Watch out KLAA and MHSAA!

On the middle school front, we look forward to welcoming Roger Opsommer, who is taking the reins at Holmes Middle School. Mr. Opsommer comes to LPS by way of Waterford schools, where he was a middle school principal for more than a decade. His predecessor, DeAnn Urso, is now utilizing her many talents in the Academic Services Department.

Emerson Middle School Assistant Principal Lindsay Rousseau is also transitioning to the Academic Services Department as a curriculum coordinator, and we are pleased to welcome Nicole Graziano from Plymouth Canton Community Schools to fill this role at Emerson.

Finally, at the elementary level we enthusiastically welcome longtime LPS educator Jen Wilson to take the helm in her new role as principal of Buchanan Elementary School.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our district leadership team for proceeding thoughtfully and carefully through an extremely thorough process to bring these amazing educational leaders into their new positions in our district! Livonia Public Schools' future is brighter than ever with the addition of these remarkable leaders.

As we spend the summer months planning for an exceptional school year ahead, our entire leadership team and Board of Education wish you and your family a wonderful summer, filled with lots of together-time and plenty of great memories in the making. We'll see you in September!

My sincere gratitude to you all,

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

**"IT'S AMAZING
WHAT WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH
WHEN WE'RE IN IT
TOGETHER."**

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



Our district continues the important work in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as several sub-groups have delved into many areas including a focus on growing awareness, folding in the powerful "student voice" into our work and continuing to learn and grow together as a district. We are

grateful for the excellent work thus far by LPS DEI Facilitator Lisa Kaiser as we continue on this journey as a school community.

Our "Why..."

We engage in this effort to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion are actively embraced and practiced within our LPS community. We are committed to providing an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment to ensure that all LPS students and community members are welcomed, valued, and included.

CLASS OF 2022



"I am so thankful to LPS for the last 12 years, especially for my last four years at Churchill. LPS has given me so many opportunities that allowed me to become the graduate I am today and pushed me to become a leader within my community. I am incredibly grateful for the LPS staff that equip students with the materials and support they need to succeed. Last but not least, I would like to thank my classmates that made my years so enjoyable. I will never forget the experiences that I have gained from my time in Livonia."

Archana Chandran



"I am so beyond grateful for my last 12 years in LPS. The staff has been so kind and always strived to create special relationships with students that will last a lifetime. I have been provided so many opportunities to grow academically and as a person, with a support system of staff and students that will leave an everlasting impact. I owe much of my success to LPS, and I wouldn't trade my time as a student here for the world."

Abby Lueck

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Cross Country

- City Champs
- Division Champs
- MHSAA State Finalists

Girls Cross Country

- City Champs

Football

- MHSAA State Qualifiers

Volleyball

- MHSAA District Champs

Gymnastics

- Walled Lake Inv. Champs
- Division Champs
- Conference Champs
- MHSAA Regional Champs
- MHSAA State Finals Qualifiers

Pompon

- Mid American Div. II State Champs

Hockey

- Academic All State

Girls Track & Field

- City Champs
- Division Champs

Girls Unified Lacrosse

- Division Champs

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Mickey Jackman

Army

Christian Trudeau

Marine Corps

Aidan Shriver

Army

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ Brightest and Best

Anna Novak

James P. Carli Scholarship

Megan Avey

LEA Scholarship

Harish Jaisankar

Olivia Knaus

Claire Smith

PTSA Outstanding Youth

Harish Jaisankar

National Merit Finalists

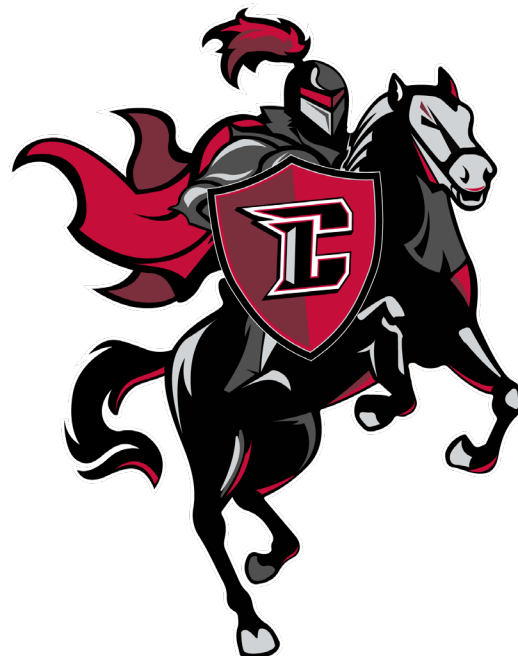
Harish Jaisankar

Anna Novak

Om Tripathi

Audrey Turnage

Ethan Webster



CLASS OF 2022



"Being a part of Livonia Public Schools has been an amazing experience. LPS allows students to learn in a supportive and safe environment, while also encouraging every student to be themselves and get involved in any way they can imagine! The experiences and opportunities offered to students are beyond compare. I can proudly say that being a student in LPS has changed my life, and the lives of many others."

Reagan Burnette



"Livonia Public Schools has been an amazing experience for me because of the great people, including fellow classmates and the staff. As an athlete, my experience was amazing. The coaches and teammates really made the experience memorable. Being a student athlete helps a lot with building great relationships with many people, and really helps create a family atmosphere. I have made a lot of memories as a student and athlete. I am going to miss LPS so much next year!"

Peyton Welch

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

James P. Carli Scholarship
Grace Distelrath

LEA Scholarship
Kailyn Benson

WXYZ Brightest and Best
Ava Erickson

PTSA Service Scholarship
Anthony Lack

FHS Congress Leadership
Scholarship
Reagan Burnette

Franklin Key Award Winners
Kailyn Benson
Reagan Burnette
Isabella Diponio
Grace Distelrath

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball

- KLAA East Division Champions
- MHSAA District Champions

Boys Bowling

- MHSAA State Champions
- City Champions
- KLAA Division Champions

Girls Cross Country

- KLAA East Division Champions

Football

- MHSAA District Champions
- MHSAA Regional Champions
- MHSAA State Semi-Finalists

Gymnastics

- MHSAA Regional Champions
- KLAA Conference Champions
- Division Champions

Pom pon

- Mid American Pom High Kick Champions
- Mid American Pom Division 1 State Champions

Wrestling

- City Champions
- District Champions



CLASS OF 2022



"My time in high school has helped to shape me as a person. I have met wonderful people and learned so much academically and personally over my four years. I have made many memories that I will always be thankful for."

Ava Hanchon



"My time at Stevenson has provided me with a foundation of guiding principles which have shaped who I am, how I look at the world, and how I will continue to give back to my community. Stevenson has provided me with academic grit, a foundation of community service, and an understanding of what it means to be a citizen of our world. I am proud to be a Jay W. Forsma recipient and an even prouder Stevenson Spartan!"

Andrew Kasper

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ Brightest and Best

Owen Miller

PTSA Founders' Day Honoree

Katherine Stromberg

James P. Carli Scholarship

Kaitlynn McKenna

Jay W. Formsma Award

Ava Hanchon

Andrew Kasper

Bob Massey Award

Katherine

Stromberg

Andrew Mathew

James F. Brieske Award

Erica Molnar

Janine West

Quincy Saltar

Gabe Award

Rylee Ammons

Jack Lustig

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Landyn Gantz
Army

Kennedy Jones
Navy

Hayden Szypula
Army

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Girls Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Volleyball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Tri-Champs

Boys Tennis

- Muldowney-Dearborn Invite Champs
- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Golf

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Boys Soccer

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Boys Basketball

- City Champs

Hockey

- City Champs
- KLAA Division Champs

Boys Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Wrestling

- MHSAA District Champs

Competitive Cheer

- City Champ

Pom Pon

- MHSAA Div. 1 State Qualifying Team

Boys Track and Field

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Soccer

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Softball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs
- MHSAA District Champs

Livonia United Girls Lacrosse

- KLAA East Div. Champs
- MHSAA Regional Finals

Girls Tennis

- City Champs

Boys Golf

- City Champs
- Highest Honors Invite Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs





Class of 2022



PROGRAM RECOGNITIONS

MATH/SCIENCE/COMPUTER (MSC) PROGRAM GRADUATES



The Livonia Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program was founded in 1984 and is housed at Churchill High School. MSC is celebrating the conclusion of its 37th year. MSC graduates have completed a minimum of 23 semesters of coursework in mathematics, science, and computer science. The foundation of the MSC curriculum is the College Board Advanced Placement exams. Students apply for the MSC program during the fall of their 8th grade year, and selection is based on academic test scores, student essays, and teacher recommendations. The MSC program is open to students from all three LPS high school attendance areas. This year's MSC graduates were collectively awarded \$4.9 million in scholarships.

MSC CLASS OF 2022

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Madeline Bezzina | • Angela Guerra | • Samantha Muller |
| • Daniel Bowes | • Kate Heston | • Anna Novak |
| • Archana Chandran | • Rachel Himelhoch | • Joseph O'Neill |
| • Shiva Chandran | • Harish Jaisankar | • Alejandro Ordaz |
| • Daniel Ewing | • Daniel Jakubowski | • Tomás Peralta |
| • Jenna Ference-Salo | • Jeffrey Jin | • Connor Shackelford |
| • Matthew Gagea | • Shawn Juliette | • Owen Swisher |
| • Mitchell Gatrell | • Brianna Kaunelis | • Emory Townley |
| | • Adam Klan | • Elizabeth Tracy |
| | | • Om Tripathi |

CONGRATS ASD GRADS!

The following students graduated from the Center Program or the ASD Program at Churchill High School! Congratulations!

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Arsi Sharma | • Adham Bazzi |
| • Evan Doll | • Alexander Daupan |
| • Austin Schroeder | • Dion Rigen |

Child Find (evaluations)

If your child is between birth and age five and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child lives within LPS boundaries in grades pre-K to 12th grade and you suspect a special need or disability, or you are an adult who may need accommodations or services as an individual with a disability, please contact the administrator at your child's school or the Student Services Department at 734-744-2524.

WWSC STUDENTS REACH MILESTONE

For 22 Western Wayne Skill Center students, the morning of June 10, 2022 meant moving on to the next chapter in their lives. The WWSC program, housed at Garfield Community School, offers special education students ages 18-26 the life and job skills they need to transition to independent living. Each graduate received a Certificate of Completion during this very special ceremony.

Congratulations to each and every graduate of the WWSC program! Way to go!

WWSC CLASS OF 2022

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Iyonna B. | Christopher F. | Emily P. |
| Cortez C. | Courtney H. | Matthew S. |
| Michael C. | Troy J. | Sarah S. |
| Chase C. | Samantha J. | Amani S. |
| Robert D. | Angela K. | Brian W. |
| Gabrielle D. | Hayley L. | Noman W. |
| Brittany D. | Allyson M. | |
| Kylee D. | Evan P. | |



CELEBRATING LTP STUDENTS



Congratulations to the following students who graduated from the Livonia Transition Program (LTP). Well done!

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Yushan Zhang | • Nathaniel Grodi |
| • Kayla Starks | • Daniel Harton |
| • Brianna Graham | |



CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM (CAPA)

The CAPA program builds the skills, passion, creativity, and supportive artistic community that performers need in order to continue their formal education in the creative arts. CAPA provides a safe, imaginative, and caring place for young people to land and learn. The program includes intense studies in the areas of acting, dance, and vocal music. For any questions, or to set up an audition for the program, please email capa@livoniapublicschools.org.

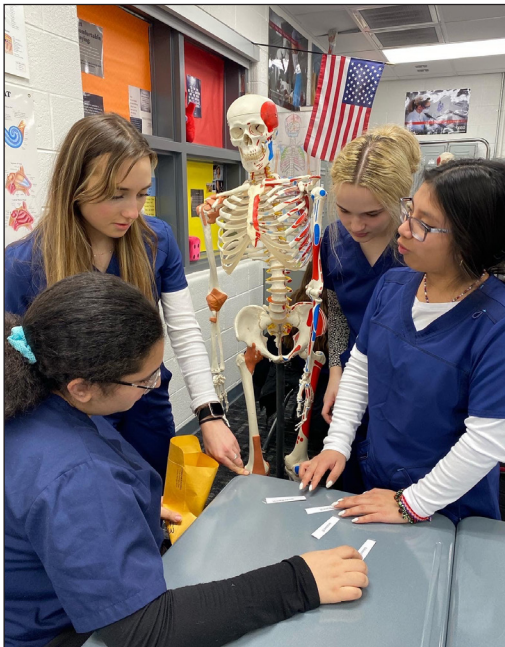
CAPA PROGRAM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2022

Audrey Turnage - Excellence in Acting

Elise Mowrey - Excellence in Dance

Lily Cole - Excellence in Vocal

CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AWARDS



The Livonia Career Technical Center offers career and technical training in all of the career pathways established by the Michigan Department of Career Development. LCTC honorees were selected based on their academic achievement in their LCTC

program; their responsibility as it relates to attendance and completing all assignments with exceptional ability; their leadership skills as they relate to working with peers; and their interest in pursuing a career in the field they have selected.

The following students were honored in the 2021-22 school year:

Churchill

Isabel Nostrandt - Criminal Justice

Adaline Walls - Advanced Medicine

Franklin

Emily Glegola - Criminal Justice

Cole Robertson - Engineering Technology

Stevenson

Aili Hadden - Advanced Medicine

Liana Petroni - Criminal Justice

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The Giving Season



5th Annual Fleece & Thank You was a great success!

More Rotary Recognition!



Churchill student leaders for Rotary: Abby Lueck and Archana Chandran



Franklin student leaders for Rotary: Isabella DiPonio and Grace Distelrath



Stevenson student leaders for Rotary: Edmond Riza and Emily Mitchell

Sweet Project



Stevenson High School's Student Senate created 7 Easter Baskets for the Michigan Foster Care Closet families just prior to spring break!

Rotary Service Awards!



Sasha Ujkahj - SHS / LCTC



Emma Walters - FHS / LCTC



Annabelle MacDonald - FHS / LCTC

Livonia Rotary recently recognized LCTC three students with a Vocational Service Award.

Giving Back...



Holmes Middle School collected almost 1,000 cans!

Chargers Clean Up!



The Churchill Charger Football Team, led by Coach Feigel, picked up 45 bags of trash from around CHS and the adjoining neighborhood this spring. Well done, team!

Giving Back...



Churchill High School crushed its goal to collect 30,422 cans by collecting a whopping 36,853 for Livonia Goodfellows!



LPS STUDENTS 'SHOW THEIR SPIRIT OF GIVING' IN YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROGRAM

Sometimes, making a difference can be as simple as providing a colorful Band-Aid for a child who is in the hospital. Other times, it's as easy as drawing colorful pictures for elderly people, just to brighten their day.

The common thread throughout the nearly 500 Youth Making a Difference participants in Livonia Public Schools was caring and sharing to make the world a better place.

Riley Upper Elementary sixth grade students Corinne Christensen and Emily Billington, in memory of their classmate Silas Kurtz, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year, collected colorful Band-Aids and coloring books for Beaumont's Skandalaris Family Center for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders. They were happy to provide something cheerful to children who endure frequent blood draws at the hospital.

Miranda Jurek, a kindergartener at Grant Elementary, stood proudly next to her display of photos at the PTSA Council's Youth Making a Difference showcase event. She, along with friends in her Girl Scout Daisy Troop 77108, created cheerful greeting cards with lots of colorful hearts, rainbows, and smiley faces to brighten the days of senior citizens at a nursing home.

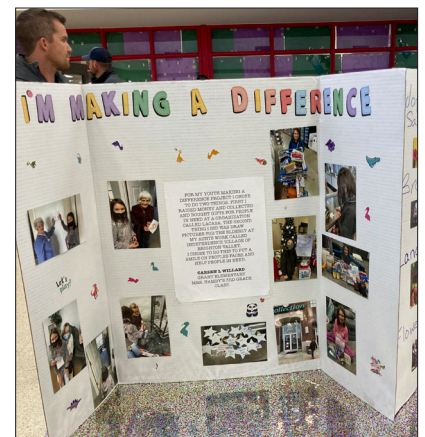
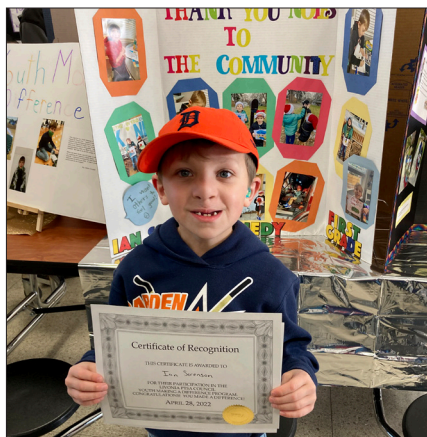
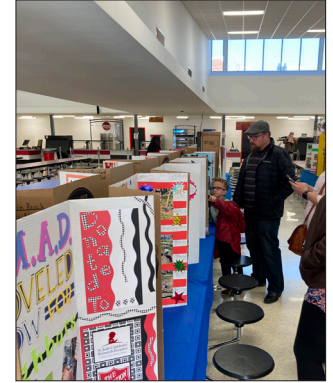
Kennedy Elementary first grader Ian Sorensen, along with his younger brother Riley, spent time at home, drawing pictures and writing "thank you" notes for those who provide services to the community. They delivered these special cards to the police and fire stations, in addition to placing them in their mailbox for their mail carrier.

"I want people to feel good," states Ian on his poster board.

That's the idea of this long-standing program, co-chaired this year by Debbie Pline and Nicole Watson.

"We are so proud of our LPS students," said Pline. "They have shown year after year that they are not only willing, but excited to give back to their schools and communities. Even throughout these challenging last two years, so many students have shown their spirit of giving through their projects."

Other YMAD projects benefitted local organizations such as animal rescues, Michigan Foster Care Closet, FirstStep, Meals on Wheels, and many more.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Excellent Service!

The Michigan Department of Education and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan recently issued Certificates of Appreciation to four of our Food Service staff for their 25 years of dedicated service to Michigan children, with the National School Lunch Program!

We thank Nancy Vitti and Ann Pedersen at Holmes Middle School; Dawn Testani at Churchill High School and Maryanne Reiman at Stevenson High School!



Major Meemic Award!



Congrats to GSRP teacher Ani Takessian for winning a \$1,000 prize from the Meemic Foundation to treat the entire school to lunch! Wow!

Top Bus Mechanics!



Congratulations to the LPS Transportation Department for receiving a Certificate of Excellence from the Michigan State Police, following a perfect safety inspection of our bus fleet!

LPS is one of just three in Michigan to score a 100% on this important annual safety inspection!

Hall of Famer!



Congrats to SHS Hockey Coach David Mitchell for being inducted into the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame! On display at Munn Area in E. Lansing!

School Bus Super Hero!



LPS Bus Driver Elizabeth Sarlauskas and Fleet Garage Supervisor, Rick Martin, received a 2022 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award during a special celebration on April 13th!

They were nominated by their peers in the LPS Transportation Department!

Congratulations and THANK YOU!

National Rep!



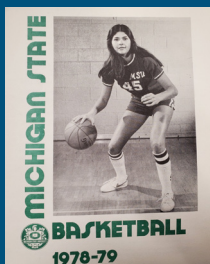
Congratulations to Jon Wennstrom, incoming Riley Upper Elementary principal, for being elected to the National Association of Elementary School Principals Board of Directors! Mr. Wennstrom will represent principals in Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin!

Congrats to SHS AD Hyman!



Congrats to SHS Athletic Director Lori Hyman for being selected for the MHSAA 2022 Women in Sports Leadership Award!

Ms. Hyman was the 1978-79 team captain on the MSU basketball team. She will be recognized at the Girls Basketball Final Tourney game at the Breslin Center at MSU!



Excellent Service!



Dawn Testani at Churchill High School



Maryanne Reiman at Stevenson High School

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to CHS senior and Career Intern Claire Smith who took First Place honors in the State of Michigan for her feature photo in the Michigan Community College Press Awards. This was taken during her internship time at Schoolcraft College in the school news department.



Congratulations to the students in the Computer Repair/Computer Security class for being named Scholars by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) for their performance in a challenging online cybersecurity training program. They scored in the top 3% out of 45,000 competitors. In

recognition of their achievement, they earned an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy - a multi-week online program based on the nationally-recognized SANS Foundations training course and certification - valued at more than \$3,000. Joey G., Jamie A., Kenny H., Jeffrey R., John C., Ibrahim A., Dillion G., and Nolan B.



Franklin High School senior Isabelle Bailey's artwork was featured in the April issue of Guitar World Magazine!

Her piece portrays one of her favorite guitarists, Dave Mustaine.



The Livonia Chamber of Commerce recognized a dynamic sibling duo for their extensive community service and volunteerism during the annual Chamber Leadership & Awards celebration! Churchill Class of 2022 graduate Harish Jaisankar and his sister, incoming CHS freshman Oviya Jaisankar were named 2022 Outstanding Youth! (Pictured with Livonia Mayor Maureen Brosnan, State Senator Dayna Polehanki and Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki)



Congrats to the 21 students from Stevenson High School's School of Global Education who participated in the Mid-American Model United Nations (MAMUN)! Jack Wagner, Mya Kutz, Alyssa Fetting, and Jorge Emdanat received Highest Honors in several sessions, and the Global Ed program brought home the Best Prepared School honor, as well as Second Honors for the excellence throughout the concert. Awesome work!

PTSA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Award of Excellence, Music Composition: Ella Dowell
Grant Elementary, First Grade

Outstanding Interpretation National Qualifier, Visual Arts: Alexis Tsang
Webster Elementary, Third Grade

Outstanding Interpretation National Qualifier, Visual Arts: Chase Reynolds
Churchill High School, Tenth Grade

Honorable Mention, Literature: Sienna Wilamowski
Kennedy Elementary, Third Grade

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FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Laura Ulaszek as the new Executive Director. Laura is a Livonia Public Schools alum, and graduated from Michigan State University.

Laura has experience in marketing, public relations, graphic design, and fundraising. She is passionate about Livonia Public Schools and has been very active in the district.

Laura lives in Livonia with her husband Mike and their three children. She has served on PTAs at several schools and is currently on the Livonia PTSA Council. Laura is excited to be part of the Foundation team to continue making an impact on the lives of LPS students and staff.



FAREWELL TO A DEAR FRIEND

Our community lost a treasured member this year. Melodie Provencher was a dedicated partner of both the district and the LPS Education Foundation. A retired LPS teacher, she was an active member of the Foundation and had stepped back into the role of music teacher at Johnson Upper Elementary in recent years. Melodie served on the executive board of the Foundation and filled many roles, including recording secretary, chair of the Grant Program, co-chair of the Champions Program, and as a member of numerous committees.

Melodie was loved by so many, and will be greatly missed. Her family has requested that memorial donations be made to the LPS Education Foundation.

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