

DIALOG



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FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST



Greetings LPS Community,

The end of a school year is always such a jubilant time in Livonia Public Schools and this year was no exception!

Our classrooms buzzed with activity, our playgrounds hopped with special events, our stages gleamed with talent and our fields showcased amazing athletic skills... from end to end, our more than 13,000 students shined through the very last day of the 2022-2023 school year!

This edition of the Dialog newsletter is always a favorite, in which we highlight our graduating seniors and recap the many student and staff achievements from the year. Each and every item featured in these pages represents a thread of excellence, of empathy, of grit, of belonging and pride. Together, these threads help to weave the culture we embrace as a school community here in Livonia Public Schools.

As a district, we continue to innovate and enhance the educational experience for our students and foster a positive, rewarding work environment for our incredible staff. Our district's Vision Forward Team, comprised of almost 60 thoughtful and committed stakeholders from

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

Congratulations to the nearly 1,000 graduates of Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson high schools! This year, 181 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.95 GPA and above); 105 graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.94 GPA); and 134 graduated Cum Laude (3.5-3.74 GPA). Altogether, our graduates earned over \$11 million in scholarships!

A large section of this edition of the *Dialog* is dedicated to the Class of 2023. We hope you enjoy reading about just a few of our many talented and accomplished students.

Class of 2023, you are Livonia Pride!





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

If you have any questions, please email
registration@livoniapublicschools.org.

Not sure which school your child will attend? Go
 to the link <https://webapps.resa.net/sa/> and type in
 your street address to locate your school!

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.

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 10-September 6

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

Tuesday/Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Beginning September 7, 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 10. **Please call the school directly to make a registration appointment.**

STARTING JULY 10:
MONDAY-THURSDAY,
8:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

Emerson Middle School
 734-744-2665
 ext. 36102

Churchill High School
 734-744-2650
 ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
 734-744-2670
 ext. 37103

Franklin High School
 734-744-2655
 ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
 734-744-2675
 ext. 38902

Stevenson High School
 734-744-2660
 ext. 48913

School Tours For New Families

School tours for new families new to the district will be offered at all K-4 schools. Tours will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, August 22
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

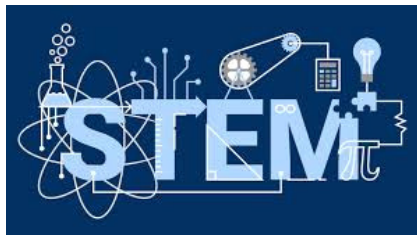
No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child's assigned school.



across the district, had a productive and synergistic year! We focused on the creation of the Portrait of an LPS Graduate, as an expansion of our Shared Vision and Collective Commitments. A Portrait of a Graduate represents a school district's vision for the 21st century skills, character traits, and/or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life. In the fall, we look forward to finalizing and sharing this vision with our school community.

As you may have read in the separate special edition of the Dialog, which recently hit mailboxes, our district continues to be enhanced via the 2021 voter-approved bond issue. From the installation of air conditioning in every classroom and office, to our new, reimagined Library Media Centers, renovated kitchens, robotics addition and expansion at the Livonia Career Technical Center, and the state-of-the art early childhood center that is taking shape on the site of the former Dickinson school on Newburgh

– our learning and working spaces are renewed, vision forward and looking outstanding.



Aside from the physical improvements, our district has announced the addition of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) pathway for all students in LPS! We are adding a “special area” to the elementary school day for all students with Project Lead the Way curriculum, which is known as the gold standard in STEM education. PLTW was piloted at three of our elementary schools this school year and has been highly successful in engaging our youngest students in collaborative, project-based

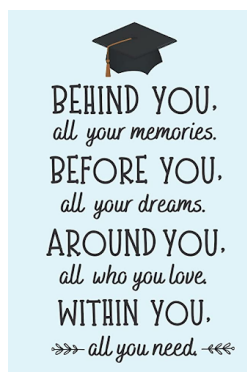
learning focused on engineering and problem-solving units. We are proud to offer this pathway which will connect to existing STEM offerings at our middle and high schools. We are preparing our learners to be innovators and collaborators.

Another exciting initiative that has taken shape this school year has been a renewed focus on Professional Learning Communities at each of our schools. This is consistent time that is set aside for our staff to collaborate on common curriculum expectations, student assessment data, interventions for students and more. We appreciate our staff's commitment to this practice, which will only continue to bolster the educational experience our students receive, and subsequently their learning and achievement at high levels.

Collaboration allows teachers to capture each other's fund of collective intelligence.

Mike Schmoker

meethville.com

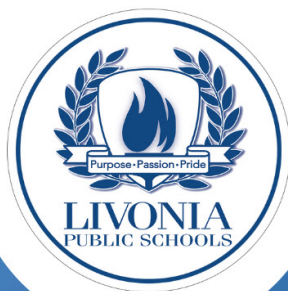


Finally, this year, we celebrated nearly 1,000 graduates from across the school district and know that our collective future is brighter for the impact they will make on the world around them! We are so very proud of each and every one of you.

My best to you,

Andrea Oquist
Superintendent

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CLASS OF 2023



"I am incredibly thankful for the past 9 years that I've spent in LPS. The district has provided me with so many amazing opportunities to grow and succeed not only academically, but also in many different areas in my life. I am so grateful to the amazing staff for providing a support system for my fellow classmates and I, and that have continuously pushed me to do the best I possibly could. LPS will forever leave an impact on my life and I owe much of my growth and success from my time here in Livonia."

Kayla Miller



"Thank you to LPS for a great 12 years. Livonia has given me all the opportunities I needed to grow as a student, leader, and person. I am eternally grateful for the Churchill staff which has a genuine passion for their jobs and my peers for filling the past four years with memories I will treasure forever. LPS has something to offer for everyone, from strong academic programs and career preparation to amazing arts curriculum and sports teams. Livonia has it all, and I will always be in debt to the amazing education I gained here."

Erik Nielsen

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ Brightest and Best
Melissa Barbat

James P. Carli Scholarship
Ivanna Brigido Torres

LEA Scholarship
Austin Kain

National Merit Semi-Finalist
Jackson Pittman

National Merit Finalists
Alexandra Curley

National Merit Winner
Melissa Barbat

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Cross Country
•City Champs
•Division Champs

Gymnastics
•Division Champs
•MHSAA State Qualifier

Pompon
•MHSAA Division 1 State Finalist

Hockey
•Academic All State

Boys Tennis
•City Champs

Girls Bowling
•MHSAA State Qualifier

Boys Bowling
•City Champs
•MHSAA State Qualifier

Boys Track
•Division Champs
•State Qualifiers

Girls Track
•State Qualifiers

Girls Softball
•District Champs
•City Champs

Boys United Lacrosse
•Division Champs

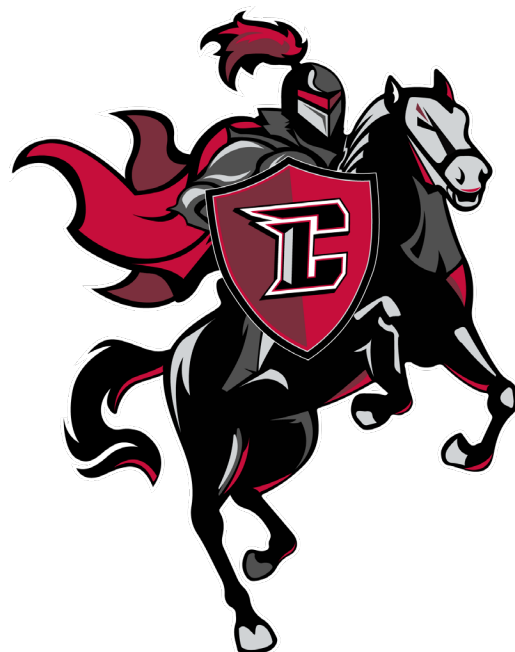
Girls United Lacrosse
•Division Champs

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Jack Jones
Air Force

Ian Mckenzie
Marines

Christina Shields
Air Force



CLASS OF 2023



"Livonia Public Schools is an outstanding school district that I have graciously been a part of. LPS makes sure that their kids have everlasting memories while providing them with a safe and comfortable learning environment. On top of that, LPS offers students with endless opportunities that will ensure the kids have a fun and successful time. I have enjoyed my time at LPS and will miss it very much."

Kiera Hura



"Livonia Public Schools offered me an outlet to express my passions and creativity without bounds. The community and faculty surrounding LPS is top of the line; any student would be lucky to attend LPS!"

Kent Rafey

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

James P. Carli
Scholarship
Emma Apap

LEA Scholarship
Makenzie Cox
Maggie Jagielski

WXYZ Brightest and
Best
Linta Hussain

PTSA Service
Scholarship
Emma Apap

FHS Congress
Leadership
Scholarship
Kaylie Salisbury

Franklin Key Award
Winners
Mackenzie Cox
Kaylie Salisbury
Emma Apap
Kevin Davis
Robert Fitzgibbon

Franklin M.A.D.E.
Award
Tyler Garrett

Wayne Kelbert
Memorial Scholarship
Dominic Simpson

Angela Hillman
Memorial Scholarship
Camron Rost
Emily Schaf

Edward J. White
Scholarship
Francis Bagazinski
Dylan Henderson

Patriot Family
Scholarship
Robert Fitzgibbon
Evan Jenkins
Grace Makowski
Emiliya Ramazanova
Megan Zerial

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Girls Cross Country

- Livonia City Champs
- KLAA East Champs

Girls Volleyball

- District Champs

Football

- Livonia City Champs
- 2nd KLAA East
- District Champs

Boys Basketball

- KLAA East Champs

Gymnastics

- 5th at States
- State Champ in Floor Routine

Wrestling

- City Champs
- State Champ in Heavyweight

Boys Track

- City Champs
- KLAA East Champs
- Multiple State Qualifiers

Girls Track

- KLAA East Champs
- Multiple State Qualifiers

Baseball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Champs

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Linkin Christensen
Navy

Nickolaih Sadowski
Navy

Dominic Ferreri
Navy

Logan Thomas
Marines



CLASS OF 2023



"During my time at Stevenson, I have been fortunate enough to form memorable and lasting relationships with peers, educators, and the community. It is these relationships, as well as the culture of the school that has allowed me to continue my growth both in and outside the classroom, and I will forever be grateful for my time as a Spartan."

Justin Mitchell



"Stevenson has meant so much to me. This school has shaped me into the person I am today by providing me with opportunities to grow as a student and a leader. This is where I learned my values, I was able to make mistakes and learn from them. I will never forget the bonds I made at Stevenson High School."

Jaclyn Serazio

HONORS & HIGHLIGHTS

WXYZ Brightest
and Best

Alexandra Dressing

James P. Carli
Scholarship

Justin Mitchell

Jay W. Formsma
Award

Jaclyn Serazio

Justin Mitchell

Bob Massey Award

Maya Jaafar

Drew Buatti

James F. Brieske
Award

McKenzie Siroky

Charles Davidek

Gabe Award

Cecelia Gibson

Nelson Gordon

LEA Scholarship

Madison Doyle

LEA McClain
Scholarship

Ryland Hughes

MEA Scholarship

Aibhlinn O'Hagan

STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Chris Holmes
Army

Tiernan Beaton
Coast Guard

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Girls Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Volleyball

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Tri-Champs

Boys Tennis

- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Golf

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs
- MHSAA Division 1 State Qualifier

Boys Soccer

- City Champs

Girls Gymnastics

- MHSAA Division 1 State Qualifier

Boys Basketball

- City Champs

Girls Basketball

- City Champs

Hockey

- City Champs
- KLAA Division Champs
- MHSAA Regional Champs

Boys Swim and Dive

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

Wrestling

- MHSAA District Champs

Competitive Cheer

- City Champs
- KLAA East Division Champs
- MHSAA Division 1 Regional Qualifier

Pompon

- MHSAA Div. 1 State Qualifier

Girls Soccer

- City Champs

Softball

- KLAA East Div. Champs

Livonia Unified Girls

Lacrosse

- KLAA East Div. Champs

Livonia Unified Boys

Lacrosse

- KLAA East Div. Champs

Girls Tennis

- City Champs
- MHSAA Division 1 State Qualifier

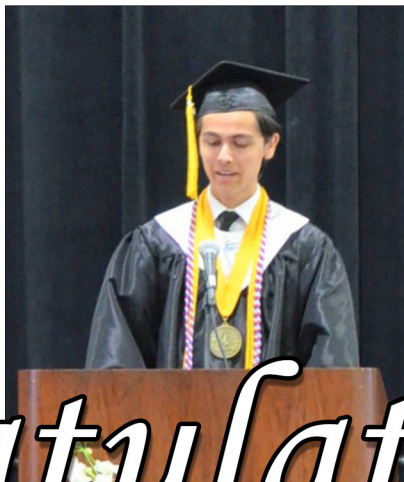
Boys Golf

- City Champs
- KLAA East Div. Champs

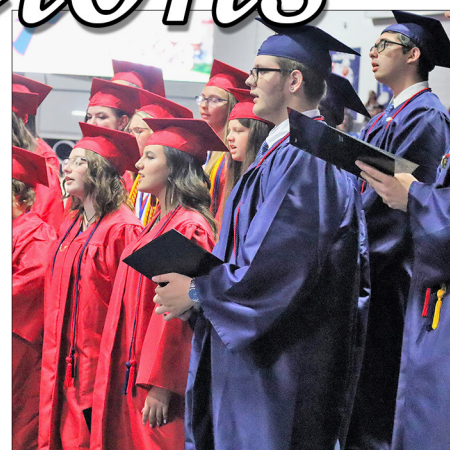
Girls Track and Field

- City Champs





Congratulations



Class of 2023

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 39th 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 \$3.2 million in scholarships.

MSC CLASS OF 2023

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Alexander Aljets | • Michael Fabian | • Erik Nielsen |
| • Melissa Barbat | • Sean Goldsmith | • Sofia Pasqualitto |
| • Anthony Brunswick | • Brendan Goll | • McKenzie Perez |
| • Emily Creedon | • Leah Haberek | • Hana Sakkijha |
| • Alexandra Curley | • Zoe Hekneby | • Sophia Scherkenbach |
| • Isabelle Cyncewicz | • Logan Kupstas | • Aditya Senthil |
| • Richard Densel IV | • Brenna Ladomer | • Spenser Vasich |
| | • Noah Lombardo | • Touma Yoneyama |
| | • Kaitlyn McDermott | |

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 2023

Jackson Shaw - Excellence in Acting
Jada Enrici - Excellence in Dance
Angela Calleja - 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 2022-23 school year:

Churchill

Emilee Waldman

- Advanced Medicine

Rebecca Rohmfeld

- Advanced Medicine

Nadia Frum

- Pre-Medicine/Pre-Nursing

Tyler Pilarski

- Construction Trades

Franklin

Theresa Lilla

- Graphic Design

Zoe Gladwish

- Engineering

Mark Ayers

- Web Design
- Computer Science

Olivia Snyder

- Criminal Justice

Stevenson

Ian Kalinowski

- Criminal Justice
- Game Design
- Computer Science

Ava Perrone

- Fashion Merchandising

Rebecca Steele

- Graphic Design

Marissa Grucz

- Advanced Medicine

STUDENTS SERVE UP KINDNESS FOR FREEDOM HOUSE

Stevenson High School students had all of the right ingredients to make a difference during Kindness Week at their school and beyond.

Students in SHS art classes, foods classes and Student Senate worked with staff to host an “empty bowls” event to benefit Freedom House Detroit. For a \$20 donation, guests were treated to a handmade ceramic bowl and an awesome soup and salad lunch.

Event organizer and SHS art teacher Heidi Posh said it was a team effort, noting that students made the salads, breads and cookies and the decorative ceramic bowls, while Student Senate members helped pull it all together.

She said it was a great experience because it combined her love for ceramics with her passion for Freedom House Detroit, where she started volunteering with her mother when she was a teenager.

Imparting the idea of service to others is the icing on the cake.

“It’s so good for students to think about others, and know that even small actions can make a big difference,” she said.

Making a difference is exactly why SHS senior Chase Southwick participated in the fundraiser as a member of the Stevenson Student Senate.

“The main reason I joined Senate was just to try to give back,” he said. “It’s been even greater than I hoped because we have so many opportunities to do things for the school.”

Kindness Week focused on inclusion and belonging and entailed a food drive and a bagel sale for the church next door to the school; a positive message board in the hall, where students could take and leave positive notes; Kindness “challenges” on Instagram; and a Kindness Bag for the approximate 1,600 students at Stevenson.

Southwick said it was great how the Freedom House fundraiser coincided with Kindness Week.



“I’m really happy with the way it’s come together,” he added.

Students were able to learn about Freedom House, which is a sanctuary for refugees from all over the world who have fled their home country for a better life in America.

Hamissi Mamba and his wife Nadia Nijimbere were on hand to express their gratitude and to raise awareness for the needs at Freedom House. They were residents there when they arrived from their home country of Burundi, which is a land-locked African nation situated between Rwanda and Tanzania. Mamba is a chef and the recent winner of the Food Network show, “Chopped.” He donated his winnings to Freedom House Detroit and set an additional fundraising goal of \$120,000 to build a kitchen at the facility which houses about 75 residents at any given time. The couple owns the popular Baobab Fare restaurant on Woodward in downtown Detroit. They credit much of their success to Freedom House.

“When I arrived at Freedom House, I remember learning how to turn on a gas stove for the first time,” said Nadia. “Now that we have our feet under us, Mamba and I want to help others who are arriving at Freedom House learn kitchen and food safety. We’re raising money for that programming and a new kitchen for Freedom House. It’s our way of giving back.”



Guests enjoy their meals and custom-made ceramic bowls!

To learn more about Freedom House, visit freedomhousedetroit.org.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Giving Back

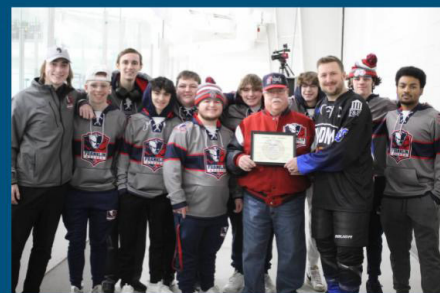


Churchill High School's Interact Club sponsors the Touch-a-Truck event each year, in partnership with the Livonia Rotary AM Club. Interact recently presented \$9,360 in donations to the Livonia Fire Department, VT Seva, Shelterbox International, and Rotary International Earthquake Fund for Syria and Turkey. Wow!

Franklin Hockey Helping Out!

The Franklin Varsity Hockey team helped make a January charity hockey game a huge success!

The team also joined City Councilman Brandon McCulloch in presenting Terry Jobbit with a Livonia City Council commendation for his 25-year commitment to hockey in Livonia!

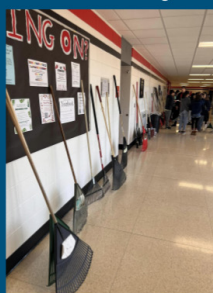


Helping Hands



Stevenson hockey players volunteered at Clark Park in Detroit, helping kids learn to skate!

Neighborhood Cleanup



Students from Churchill spent their day off raking leaves in the community!

The power of Powder Puff!



Stevenson's Powder Puff 2022 had the best turnout yet, and raised over \$2,000 for families in need!

Giving the gift of music...



Stevenson's Symphonic Choir performed The Basilica of St. Mary's Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

Fleece & Thank You!



Stevenson High School's annual Fleece & Thank You blanket-making project was huge success!

Helping during the holidays...



Emerson Middle School collected more than 1,500 cans of food for Helping Hands Food Pantry, and \$255 for the Livonia Goodfellows! Churchill High School reached its goal of 30,423 cans for Gleaners Food Bank!

ANOTHER YEAR OF YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

One of the most impactful traditions in LPS is the PTSA Council's Youth Making a Difference program.

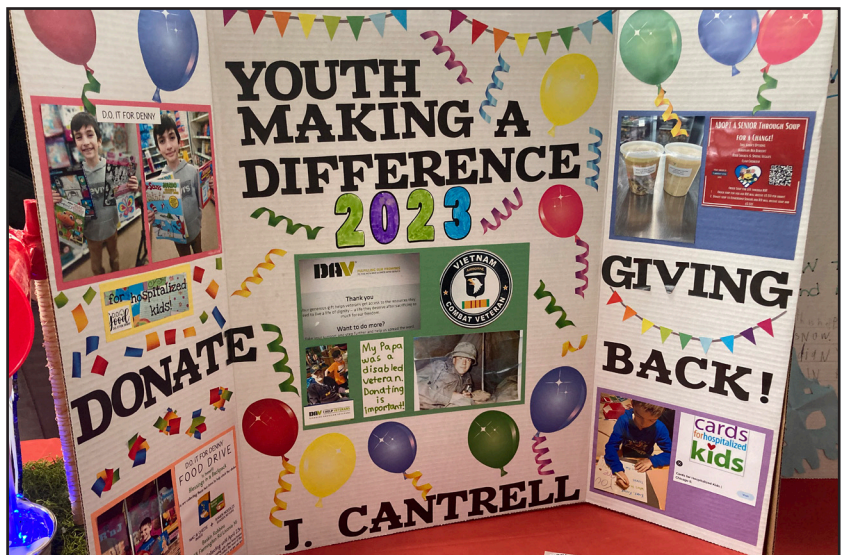
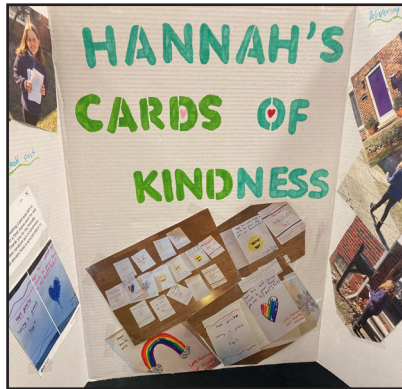
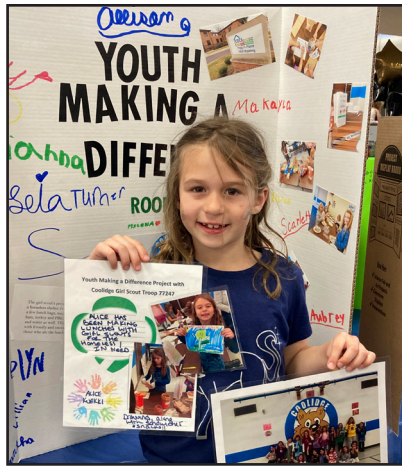
Each year, students from across the district embark on community service projects that help make a difference. Whether it is a project to benefit a large non-profit organization or volunteerism that benefits just a handful of people who are in need, our students put in a lot of time, energy and care in their selected projects.

"Youth Making a Difference is a great outlet for students who have a desire to help people, assist animals, benefit the environment and more, through service projects that they organize and carry out themselves," said Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of District Communications. "It's an excellent way to bring real-life meaning to some of the district's Community with Character traits such as showing empathy, being respectful, genuine, responsible and mindful in all that we do as human beings."

Kennedy Elementary's Sienna W. chose to bring comfort to animals and raise money for people who may have been down on their luck over the holidays. She collected blankets for animals at the Michigan Human Society and she rang the bell for the Salvation Army, "to raise money for people who weren't so lucky at the time."

"It made me feel really good inside," she said. "Because helping others is something that I really love to do."

She was among the many students who showcased their projects during the Youth Making a Difference event this spring at Churchill High School. We thank the Livonia PTSA Council for providing this opportunity to so many of our amazing students!



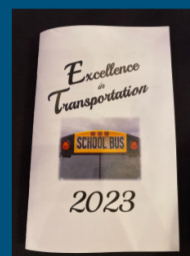
SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Regional Coach of the Year!



Congratulations to Churchill High School Boys Tennis Coach Denise Berg-Grant on being named Regional Tennis Coach of the Year!

Excellence in Transportation



Congratulations to LPS Transportation staff Ross Robert, mechanic, and Nickie Wolfe, driver, for being honored with a Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award!

Robotics Leader Honored



The Livonia Warriors' own Ms. Carlini was honored at the FIRST Robotics State Competition by being named a Woodie Flowers Award finalist. The award celebrates effective communication in engineering and design, to recognize mentors who lead, inspire, and empower using excellent communication skills.

CHS Hall of Fame!



Congratulations to former longtime Churchill High School Athletic Director Marc Hage for being inducted into the Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

A FOND FAREWELL

It is with bittersweet sentiment that we bid Dr. Jennifer Taiariol a fond farewell from Livonia Public Schools, as she embarks on a new adventure as Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services at Wayne RESA.

Dr. Taiariol has been an integral part of the LPS Student Services offerings for thousands of students with special needs since joining the district in 2003. She has established programs such as the Livonia Transition Program, the Franklin Transition Program, and so much more. We wish her all the best in her new journey, serving students and families across Wayne County in her new position! Thank you, Dr. Taiariol for everything you have done for our students in Livonia Public Schools!



FRANKLIN TRANSITION PROGRAM GRADUATES

Congratulations to those who received their Certificate of Completion from the Franklin Transition Program! We wish you all the best!

- Emily Banks
- Joseph Brown
- Sharon Courter
- Carl Vincent DeAla
- Daijah Gee
- Karen Hernandez
- Hariteja Kuna
- Chloe Nichols
- Joseph Zambrana

MORE CONGRATULATIONS (CONTINUED)

WESTERN WAYNE SKILL CENTER GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Certificate of Completion from the Western Wayne Skill Center at Garfield Community School!

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| • Tristan Ballard-Graff | • Edward Keith Grace | • Danielle Schmidtke |
| • Giovanni Briggs | • Damion Hodges | • Rachel Song |
| • Jacob Collard | • Jacob Johncox | • Rebecca Thorton |
| • Danny Clark | • Julia Maiorana | • Kameron Weaver |
| • Marcel Echols | • Adam Owens | |
| • Alexandra Garner | • Adam Popejoy | |



LIVONIA TRANSITION PROGRAM GRADUATES

Congratulations to the students who received their Certificate of Completion from the Livonia Transition Program! We are so proud of you!

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • John Ciesinski | • Joshua LeBlond |
| • Paige Grace | • Tyler Lechleitner |
| • Joseph Karoly | • Chloe Mertz |
| • Bradley Koepke | • Andrew Mullen |
| • Ryan Lazar | |



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CHS Unified Peers Honored



Students who serve as Unified Peers in the Unified athletics program were honored by the Wayne County Parent Advisory Council for their passion and service to their peers throughout this school year! Way to go!

KLAA Leadership Summit



Students from LPS had the chance to represent their schools at the KLAA Leadership Summit this year!

Livonia Rotary Hosts Student Leaders



Livonia Rotary hosted 6 of our LPS high school students and they ran the weekly rotary meeting for Rotary members. These student leaders shared highlights from their school and each ran a portion of the meeting. We were so proud of their leadership! Thank you Rotary!!

Human Relations Commission Essay Contest Winners!



Congratulations to Amy Mui, of Stevenson High School; Emma Apap of Franklin High School and Laya Satish, of Churchill High School on winning this year's essay contest presented by the Livonia Human Relations Commission!

MEMORY LANE FOR THE CLASS OF 2023



BRAND NEW DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD!



The LPS Education Foundation is proud to announce a new Distinguished Alumni Award program as a way to highlight and recognize Livonia Public Schools alumni accomplishments!

The award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves as role models, individuals who excel in their professions, or who have made significant contributions to their community.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients display the characteristics of commitment, effort, leadership, pride and respect. Through these recognitions, it is the hope that current Livonia Public Schools students and recent graduates will be inspired to be positive role models and contributors to their community.

We are happy to announce that the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award was issued to Mr. Steve Courtney, an LPS alumni who is sports director and radio personality at WJR! Mr. Courtney has served as volunteer emcee for the Foundation's annual luncheon fundraiser event for 11 years and is a proud alumni and supporter of LPS and the Foundation!

We look forward to recognizing other Distinguished Alumni during the coming school years! If you would like to nominate someone, please visit www.lpsfoundation.org!

STAR AWARDS!

A unique fundraiser for the LPS Education Foundation is the Star Awards program! This is a great way for parents, students and colleagues to recognize an LPS staff member by donating \$25 to the Foundation in exchange for a special recognition certificate and social media posts! Each certificate is personalized and includes the reason for the recognition, which is a special touch!

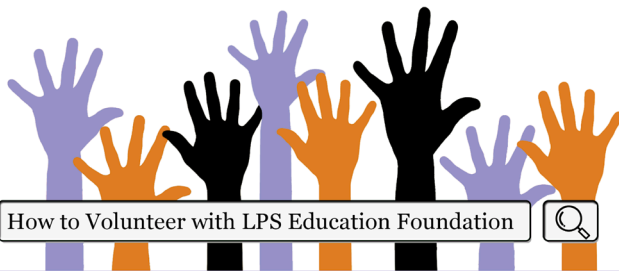


This school year, the Foundation delivered 200 Star Awards and all proceeds go toward the grant program, so the funds go back into the schools to provide programs and supplies for our students and staff!



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