

MM BRIDGES

2023 Best Communities for Music Education
2022 & 2021 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals
2021 Wallethub Best High Schools in NYS: Ranked #1 in Livingston County
2020 National Support Music Merit Award
2019 National PTA School of Excellence
2018 Fastest Growing Districts: New York State
2017 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools
2016 TOP 10 WNY SAT Math Performance

Students Enjoy Mountain Biking at MMCSD

Among the 30+ extracurricular student activities offered at MMCSD, we are excited to tell you about our newly added Mountain Biking (MTB) Club! With over 15 years' experience racing mountain bikes, leading clubs & teams, coordinating events and working at a bike shop, English teacher and coach, Anthony Saylor not only proposed the concept of this club, he is also the advisor for it. At the start of this school year, we were able to purchase six mountain bikes. The club rides 2 to 3 days a week outside of regular school hours and interested JH/SH students can sign up in Mr. Saylor's class room. We have sign-ups for each ride so that students can rotate taking turns because the club has proven to be very popular. "Some of the benefits for participants is improved mental and physical health. Riding 7.5 - 10 miles at a time is great exercise and builds confidence. Students also get to see nature in our community in a way they can't otherwise. The bikes and helmets we purchased are of exceptional quality and all the students really enjoy the experience," said Mr. Saylor. Within just one mile of the school we have access to 70 miles of the Greenway trail and 25 miles of the Finger Lakes trail. This 25-mile section of the Finger Lakes trail is the only section of roughly 500 miles that mountain biking is allowed on and our high-quality mountain bikes are great for riding the difficult single-track terrain that this trail offers. The club also uses Al Lorenz Park, typically on a weekend where Mr. Saylor will set up a skills course. The mountain bikes have also been used to help cross train with some of our varsity teams such as our Varsity Cross Country Team. We hope to grow the club over time and include more students.



Mount Morris Central School District

30 Bonadonna Avenue ♦ Mount Morris, NY 14510

From Greg Bump, District Superintendent

You Have to See it to Believe It

Some things can only be experienced by being there, and that is where our college visit program comes into place. Throughout the year, our high school students get an opportunity for an on-site campus visit. Some visits are scheduled in the summer months and other visits are scheduled during our Staff Develop-



ment Days so the students can spend extended time on campus without missing their classes. Students who are exploring their college options have so many decisions to make and these visits help them understand what is available in the area. During the official visits, students explore the campus, dorms, dining hall and get to learn about the various academic programs. Our previous college visits have included: Roberts Wesleyan University, Buffalo State College, Elmira College, SUNY Brockport, University at Buffalo, University of Rochester, RIT, Nazareth College, Alfred State, Finger Lakes Community College, Monroe Community College, Genesee Community College, SUNY Geneseo, and Keuka College as part of our district-sponsored college visit program.



Students in the Spotlight



Jamie Hale is a member of the prestigious National Honor Society (NHS) and is an LCAA All-Star on our Varsity Cheer Team. She takes college-level courses including Intro to the Analysis of Public Policy and Economics of Personal Finance. Jamie is creative and very passionate about playing her guitar, drawing, as well as styling and coloring hair. She looks forward to attending the Cosmetology program through BOCES each day and is excited to grow her skill set in the coming months. Following graduation, Jamie plans to study at the Continental School of Beauty where she will become a Color Specialist. She also looks forward to the opportunity to travel after

graduation. "Advice that I would give underclassmen is to try not to stress so much about the things you can't control. I have found that if you just let things happen it is so much less pressure on you," said Jamie.



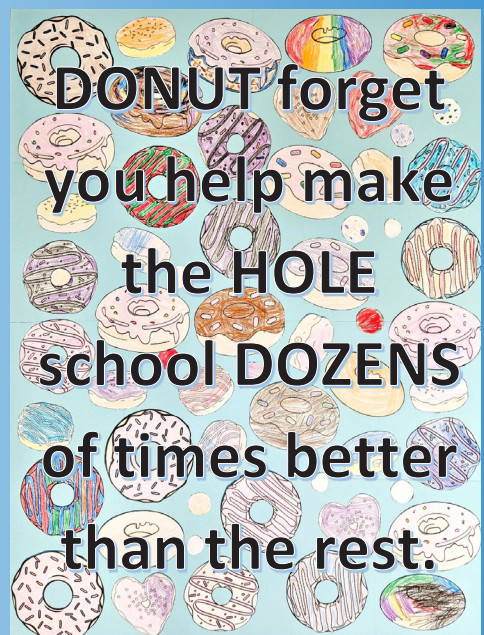
Adam Johnson is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and Weight Lifting Club. He is on the Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Team and plays both outfield and goalie positions on the Varsity Soccer Team. Adam takes college-level courses including Intro to the Analysis of Public Policy, Practices of Academic Writing and Economics of Personal Finance. When Adam isn't busy with school or extracurriculars, he can usually be found at work or enjoying a good run or workout. Adam has been the recipient of the Athlete of the Week Award, Weight Lifter of the Year Award, MVP for Track, Most Improved for Track, and won a sectional title for the 400

Hurdles in track and won sectionals in Soccer. Adam's favorite class is Sports Science Career Academy that he attends through BOCES. Following graduation, Adam is planning to attend college where he will study Mechanical Engineering and Sports Management. He is looking forward to choosing a college with a good Track program as well. "I feel that it is really important to stay disciplined and humble. I tend to gravitate towards modesty because everything you are doing doesn't need to be or shouldn't be shared with the world," said Adam.

Supporting Success for ALL Students

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**School Board Appreciation Week
October 16-20, 2023**



Mount Morris CSD Honors Distinguished Alumni

In September, we held a special ceremony to recognize the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Inductees: Sammy Marullo, Sam Peraino and the late Elizabeth Waterhouse Layman, MS, JD. Established in 2016, this annual ceremony recognizes Alumni whose accomplishments, affiliations, career and educational achievements have brought honor to the MMCSD legacy and our community. A selection committee, which included representatives from the District and the community, reviewed each of the nominations and selected this year's inductees.

Sammy Marrullo (class of 1990) has over 16 years experience as a Los Angeles Police Department Homicide Detective/Supervisor. Prior to that, he was a Gang Enforcement Detail Officer and a Patrol Officer. Sammy has 112 official commendations including Southeast Division-Watts District Officer of the Year and a Police Commission Unit Citation Medal. He is a court qualified expert in homicide, gangs and narcotics. Sammy was also a homicide and gang consultant for the hit television series, *Southland* and the New York Times best seller, *Ghettoside*.



Sam Peraino retired from the multinational food and beverage company, PepsiCo, Inc. after 28 years. He was one of three people worldwide entrusted to memorize the Pepsi formula, which made him a Pepsi Formula Trustee. He was the Vice President of International Quality Assurance and also held titles such as Director of Quality Assurance, Corporate Concentrate QC Group Manager and Corporate Concentrate QC Manager. Sam enjoys volunteering as an Elementary School Reader, has developed and managed an organic community garden and has been a volunteer basketball, baseball and softball coach.



Elizabeth Waterhouse Layman, MS, JD was a world traveler, visiting all 7 continents and a countless number of countries. She was a Software Engineer for Xerox, Texas Instruments and General Railway Signal. She was on the lead Zerox 16/8 Development Team that launched the first computer with two microprocessors that could perform two functions at the same time in 1983. She developed software for the first laser guided missile while working for Texas Instruments. Elizabeth also worked as a Patent and Trademark Attorney in the Oil & Gas and Software Industries.



Following the ceremony, our high school students enjoyed attending breakout sessions with each Alumnus where they could ask questions. The Distinguished Alumni serve as role models for today's students so they may have a better understanding of the power of learning!

Teen of the Week Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations to Jadyer Torres Ocasio on receiving the Daily News Online and Livingston County News (LCN) Teen of the Week Scholarship! This scholarship is given to students who are conscientious, hard-working and self-motivated individuals who continue to better their communities, exceed expectations and are enthusiastic learners. "Jadyer is the ideal student. He is incredibly hardworking and well rounded. Since eighth grade, he has been accelerated and continues to take all the college-level courses that are offered here at school. Even with such a rigorous course load, he has been able to maintain a solid A average and is currently ranked number 3 in his graduating class. After several conversations with Jadyer, it became clear he would like to pursue a career in physical therapy. Therefore, he decided to enroll in the Health

Careers Academy Program through BOCES and Genesee Community College for his senior year. While there, he is taking college-level courses and participating in shadowing experiences and internships that will help prepare him for college and a future in that career. Jadyer is a leader on and off the soccer field and basketball court. He motivates and encourages those around him to do their best and he leads by example," said Ms. Atwell, School Guidance Counselor. You can read the full LCN news story and watch the video by visiting our school website (www.mtmorriscsd.org) and clicking on "News".

Students Show School Spirit!

Here are some pictures of our annual outing to paint bridges in the community!





Future Educators Partner with Mount Morris Teachers

During October and November, SUNY Geneseo's future educators are making five visits to our first and second grade classrooms. As part of their Teacher Education Program, they provide lessons to our students that support our current curriculum. Students are placed into small groups, making it easy for them to receive one-on-one attention to help them discover and engage with a range of perspectives, ideas and backgrounds.



Homecoming 2023!





GLOW with Your Hands

MMCS D tenth grade students had the opportunity to get hands-on career experience at the 5th annual GLOW with Your Hands event!

Exhibits and workplace simulations included demonstrations of mechatronics, welding, brick laying, electrical lineman work and more. Students were able to learn about careers in food packaging, veterinary sciences, animal nutrition and commercial trucking. Major employers in the GLOW (Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming) region and various construction trade unions attended the event to simulate the functions and skills of the various jobs that are in demand!

Part of what makes this event so great is that it is solely volunteer based and averaging roughly 100 volunteers! Genesee Construction, LandPro Equipment, and National Grid were platinum sponsors for this year's GLOW with Your Hands event. Sponsorship was also received from more than 20 manufacturing, skilled trades, agriculture, and food and beverage companies across the GLOW region and that list can be found at glowwithYourHands.com/sponsors.



Our Elementary Scholastic Book Fair is taking place Monday, November 13th through November 21st during school hours. Information will be going home with students. For every item sold, MMCS D receives 25% of the proceeds which benefits our Student Council!



THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY



Did you know that it can take up to two weeks for the butterflies to emerge from their chrysalises?



Each year, our kindergarten students learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. At the end of this lesson, students are able to identify the main topic of a text, retell key details and identify the sequence of a butterfly's life cycle.



Groceries for Families

With the support of Foodlink, we are able to provide families with groceries year-round! Families are able to sign up for this program by contacting their child's teacher or by leaving a message on our School Support Message Line: (585) 658-5010.

A little about Foodlink and the Backpack Program:

Foodlink is a Rochester-based nonprofit, dedicated to ending hunger and building healthier communities. This organization serves as the hub of the emergency food system across 10 counties. As a leading public health organization, Foodlink administers many programs and initiatives that aim to build the health and wealth of communities.

When school is closed during weekends and planned breaks, Foodlink is able to provide meals to families who have signed up for the Backpack Program. This program is part of a Feeding America-wide initiative and provides children with bags of nutritious food they can take home.

In a typical year, Foodlink reports that the Backpack Program serves more than 3,000 children at more than 80 schools. There are many ways individuals can help support Foodlink programs. To learn more about the programs and how to help visit: <https://foodlinkny.org/about/>.

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- Darren Morton

AHERA Management Plan

The annual Mount Morris Central School District Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Management Plan is available for review by contacting the Facilities Manager. While all friable asbestos has been removed from the district, ongoing maintenance and inspection activities will be conducted to ensure non-friable asbestos-containing materials (i.e. floor tiles) remain in safe condition.

Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2002, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Mount Morris Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;

- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;

The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our school, please complete the form below and return to: Mount Morris School District pesticide representative, 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331).

Mount Morris Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)

Name _____ Address _____
Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Email _____

Please feel free to contact the Mount Morris School District pesticide representative at: 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331)

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the date the Mount Morris Central School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Mount Morris Central School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Mount Morris Central School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

See the list below of the disclosures that elementary and secondary schools may make without consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures

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Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools (continued)

to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))

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ATTENTION:

Mount Morris Central School District Residents with a child under the age of 5!!

Our PTSA's partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program benefits our community by allowing all Mount Morris Central School District residents to register their child/children under the age of five (5) to receive a FREE book in the mail EVERY month!

To enroll your child in the Imagination Library, please send an email to freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org with the information listed below, complete an enrollment form which is available in our visitor entrance, or call Sarah Williams at 585-658-5036. The information required to register for this program is as follows: Parent Name(s), Child's Name, Child's Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year), Child's Gender, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Parent's Email Address (Optional). We hope to hear from you soon!

According to the National Commission on Reading the single most significant factor influencing a child's early education-al success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school.

If you know a Mount Morris Central School District resident with a child under the age of 5, please share this information with them. Please note that not all Mount Morris residents are in the Mount Morris Central School District.



THE MISSION OF THE MOUNT MORRIS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MMPTSA) IS THREE-FOLD:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
 - To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
 - To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.
- The MMPTSA is affiliated with both the New York State and National PTAs.

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