



# MVCSC Communications Report

## School Board of Trustees Meeting

3-2023

### GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

#### School Accolades & Notable Activities

- Mrs. Leah Perry, Dual Credit Biology and Forensics teacher at MVHS, was selected as the Ivy Tech Anderson Campus's recipient of the 2nd Annual Ivy Tech President's Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction. She will now be a nominee for the 2023 Statewide Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction.
- Mr. Brandon Ecker was named the Indiana Basketball Coaching Association's District 2 Administrator of the Year.
- Mrs. Lisa Heitman was named the Region 8 District Treasurer of the Year from the Indiana Association of School Business Officials.
- Small Smiles, an MVHS club dedicated to spreading joy and kindness throughout the school, has donated over \$100, along with an abundance of non-perishable items to the Wheeler Mission, a local organization that helps those without a home, and people in need.
- Congratulations to Yi-Fan Lin, MVHS Mandarin Teacher, who was one of two educators in Hancock County to receive a Lilly Fellowship Grant.
- All of the MVHS Health Science 1 students passed their Certified Nursing Assistant test.
- MVHS student, Braden Thomas, was named an Outstanding Senior at the Region 5 Jobs for America's Graduates Career Development Conference.
- The Marauders Athletic Club donated an amazing \$63,000 to the Mt. Vernon Athletic Department.
- Mt. Vernon High School junior Ellery Minch has been selected to play on the Indiana girls' Junior All-Star basketball team.
- On July 1st, Mrs. Brooke Tharp will take over as principal at Mt. Vernon High School. She is currently the principal at Mt. Vernon Middle School and has a long teaching and administrative history with MVCSC.
- Over spring break, Mt. Vernon High School's varsity winter guard competed at the Indiana High School Color Guard Association state finals where they placed fourth, the highest state placement in Mt. Vernon High School color guard history. They continue to prepare for the WGI World Championships on April 13-15th.
- Also over break, MVHS junior Jeb Lottes performed in the Indiana All-state band, which consists of the best high school band members in the state. He received first chair, along with a solo in one of the pieces that the group played.

#### Community Connections

- On Read Across America Day, thanks to the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation, nearly 100 department leads from the new Walmart Distribution Center in our district volunteered in Mt. Vernon Schools. At some of the schools, they helped with lunch and recess, played dodgeball, danced in music class and more.
- Fortville Elementary received a grant from the Community Foundation of Hancock County, which brought an Indianapolis-based organization, Nine-13 Sports to the school gymnasium where elementary students were able to ride stationary bikes and learn more about the benefits of bike riding and being active.
- Our English as a New Language (ENL) staff hosted a successful elementary family literacy night, which was sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation.

- MV hosted the Northern Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce meeting with a presentation from Dr. Parker, along with Tim Gropp (McCordsville Town Manager) and Adam Zaklikowski (with Town of Fortville).

## Special Presentations

- Did you know that MVHS has a Community Service club? This wonderful club provided over 400 lbs of fresh produce to food pantries in 2022 and also recently collected items to support the earthquake victims in Turkey. The Community Service Club has received a \$3,000 grant from NineStar Connect's Operation Round Up to expand the Community Garden to include fruit, perennial flowers and additional irrigation. The grant will also fund items that will create a more enhanced educational space for classes, including items such as a pergola, four picnic tables with benches, umbrellas, metal for the welding class to provide additional garden art, and more. Mt. Vernon would like to extend our gratitude to NineStar for their support of our students' initiatives. Let's also congratulate the club and Mr. James Cochran, the MVHS Community Service Club staff sponsor, in their efforts to make a positive impact in our community!
- Psi Iota Xi Sorority is graciously donating \$6,750 towards the speech & hearing, theatre, art, music and library departments. We have a few representatives who would like to share a few words.
- We'd also like to take a moment to recognize our MVHS Gold Intensity Dance Team who has been named state pom champions for the sixth time and for the second consecutive year. The team practices May through March, including summer efforts to learn competition choreography, improve dance techniques, routines and acrobatic skills. The team trains three to five days a week to prepare for basketball and football performances, as well as for their seven-eight competitions throughout the year. Competing in the AA level with schools who have student enrollments of 1001-2000 students, our MVHS Gold Intensity Dance Team has seven total state titles including one hip hop state championship in 2015. Let's take a moment to recognize and congratulate these incredibly dedicated and motivated performers for achieving another state title in pom!

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- [Class of 2035: Kindergartners get jump-start on savings with \\$250 scholarships](#)
- [MV swimmers, G-C's Jahrsdoerfer to compete in state finals](#)
- [Marauders improve, Gray advances in two events](#)

- [Royals, Marauders finish with victories](#)
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- [Defending champ Marauders knock off Anderson, reach championship game](#)
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- [MARAUDER MENTALITY: Mt. Vernon graduate, longtime educator hired as high school principal](#)
- [Generosity, compassion: Family of Thomas P. Turner honor his legacy through fundraising events](#)
- [Dream Chaser: Local singer opens for Oak Ridge Boys, pursues Nashville dreams](#)
- [Utility bringing fiber to Fortville](#)
- [Ecker named IBCA’s District 2 Administrator of the Year](#)
- [Kindness counts: Small Smiles Club at MVHS boosts morale of students, staff](#)
- [Take your best shot](#)
- [Local groups offering scholarships: Seniors encouraged to apply soon](#)
- [Experienced Marauders enter 2023 in search of third straight HHC title](#)
- [Mt. Vernon girls track and field team has wide variety of talent](#)
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#### McCordsville Reporter:

- Pursuing Dreams- Two county educators receive Lilly Fellowship funds
- Five county players named to all-academic team
- Mt. Vernon’s Gray is boys swimming athlete of the year
- Celebrating Excellence: Mt. Vernon announces teachers, staff members of the year
- Pedal power: Fortville Elementary students bike during gym class thanks to grant
- MUNCIE MADNESS: Dragons beat rival Marauders to win sectional title

#### IndyStar:

- [IHSAA basketball What we learned: Hancock County heating up, Greenwood Christian rising](#)
- [Ben Davis defeats Mt. Vernon in lopsided affair 53-28](#)
- [Close Encounter: Mt. Vernon nips Pike 72-64](#)
- [IHSAA basketball What we learned: Hancock County heating up, Greenwood Christian rising](#)
- [Lawrence North tops Ben Davis](#)
- [Pendleton Heights explodes past Shenandoah](#)
- [Ben Davis busts Mt. Vernon](#)
- [Mt. Vernon boys basketball coach Ben Rhoades arrested, charged with OWI](#)
- [Sweating it out: Mt. Vernon edges Yorktown](#)
- [Coaches Confidential: 'Best the best IHSAA basketball player you have coached against?'](#)
- [IHSAA boys basketball sectional: Mt. Vernon vs. Muncie Central](#)
- [Mt. Vernon's Ben Rhoades will return to teaching, but basketball coaching job under review](#)
- [IHSAA girls basketball: Meet the 2023 Indiana Junior All-Stars teams](#)
- [New Palestine passes stress test against Mt. Vernon](#)
- [Never a doubt: Mt. Vernon breezes past Muncie Central](#)
- [IHSAA basketball: Ben Rhoades resigns as coach at Mt. Vernon following OWI arrest](#)

#### Scorebook Live:

- [Ben Davis girls basketball uses strong start to beat Mt. Vernon for Indiana Class 4A regional title](#)
- [Mt. Vernon boys basketball coach Ben Rhoades arrested, charged with OWI](#)

#### Indianamat:

- [Academic All-State - Male and Female - 2023](#)

#### Indiana Economic Digest:

- [MADE @ Plainfield workforce facility inspires Hancock County initiative](#)

#### SBLive:

- [SBLive Indiana high school girls basketball Power 25 rankings \(Feb. 13\): Top-ranked South Bend Washington rallied to win regional](#)

#### One News Page:

- [Dr. Dan Stock Mt Vernon Community School Corporation](#)

#### WRTV:

- [Mt. Vernon head basketball coach arrested for OWI in Shelby County](#)

#### CBS4:

- [Mt. Vernon basketball coach arrested for drunk driving](#)

#### FOX59:

- [Mt. Vernon basketball coach arrested for drunk driving](#)

#### Roller Cave:

- [Mt Vernon Black Student Union Skate Party](#)

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- [Athlete of the Week: Mt. Vernon guard develops a passion for basketball](#)
- [Westfield hockey club puts championship on ice](#)
- [Tharpe returns to Mt. Vernon High School as principal](#)

**Wabash Valley:**

- [Mt. Vernon basketball coach arrested for drunk driving](#)

**Indiana Economic Digest:**

- [FIREARMS EDUCATION: Local educators, law enforcement have mixed feelings on teacher gun training bill](#)

**Hamilton County Reporter:**

- [Events for March 2023](#)

**The Weekly View:**

- [Mount Vernon High School Names New Principal](#)

**Stateline Sports Network:**

- [Three Administrators To Receive Awards From IBCA](#)
- [Officials To Receive 2023 Gardner And Ball Awards, Coburn, Day To Be Honored By Indiana Basketball Coaches Association](#)