



MVCSC Communications Report

School Board of Trustees Meeting

9-2025

GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- **MVCSC was awarded a \$24,000 IDOE Robotics Competition Grant for 2025–2026.** Teams will compete from FES, MVIS, and MVMS, led by STEM teachers Stephanie Thorla, Lisa Pluckebaum, and Cindy MacMillian. NineStar contributed the required \$6,250 match, and IDOE announced 92 recipients statewide.
- **Once again, Mt. Vernon High School earned recognition as a U.S. News Best High School,** ranking in the top 40% nationally and achieving strong standings in both national and metro-area rankings.
- MVHS student-athlete Shawn Houser, who courageously returned to the soccer field after recovering from a traumatic brain injury and a car accident, celebrated a milestone recently by scoring his first goal of the season.
- Mt. Comfort Elementary successfully hosted the Boosterthon Fun Run, reaching its \$15,000 fundraising goal. MES is on their way to raising \$22,000 for their Pirate Fun Run this week.
- FES kindergarten students explored the role of community helpers, highlighted by a visit from local police officers who showcased their K-9 detection skills, along with demonstrations from other fields.
- High school EMS students gained a unique hands-on learning experience with the Star Flight 5 crew from Rushville, who provide training in emergency helicopter operations and aid.
- All elementary schools are utilizing their vending book machines as a reward for positive behavior, students' birthdays or as another reward.

Community Connections

- The Ambassador program kicked off with the first meeting at the Administration Building with our 29 members introducing themselves, a welcome from the MVCSC School Board, and enjoyed a presentation from the operations and transportation departments.
- MVCSC partnered with the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation to host the 4th annual Staff SOAR Celebration at Fortville Elementary. Hundreds of staff members attended, enjoying food, prizes, and great camaraderie while celebrating the start of school together.
- Schools' counseling offices are gathering a variety of toiletries and items for their Care Closets. These donations support some of our students' basic needs and are greatly appreciated.

Noteworthy Media

- Dr. Parker was featured in the Hancock Economic Development Council's podcast called [Hancock on the Horizon Podcast](#). Dr. Parker highlighted MV's opportunities and partnerships, as well as how the district prepares students for the workforce through real-life learning experiences.
- WTHR covered the Mt. Vernon Youth Football League and their fundraising efforts to prioritize safety by investing in soft-shell caps for the players.

Empowering MVCSC Through Giving

- Thanks to the generosity of the Weil Foundation, MVHS is receiving grant funding in partnership with the Harnessing Hope organization to provide equine-assisted learning opportunities for at least three classes, along with a regulation activity in partnership with the Bring Change to Mind Club.

PRESS SUMMARY

Greenfield Reporter:

- [MARAUDER MIRACLE: MV's Houser makes return to the pitch for his senior season](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Marauders improve to 2-0 in HHC](#)
- [Marauders draw with Guerin Catholic in meeting of ranked teams](#)
- [PROPELLING KNOWLEDGE: Medical helicopter visits first responder class at New Palestine](#)
- [Defending state champs battle it out in clash between Dragons and Hawks](#)
- [High School Sports Schedule](#)
- [Marauders win HHC opener over Arabians](#)
- [Marching toward success: Local musicians prepare for 2025 competition season](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: County spikers win invitational tournaments](#)
- [Isger's five-goal night leads Marauders to win over Cougars](#)
- [School briefs](#)
- [Marauders show promise in 21-6 loss to 6A Noblesville](#)
- [Marauders return majority from regional lineup](#)
- [Veteran group returns for NP runners](#)
- [Dragons have young, but experienced group](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Michalek sets GC record](#)
- [HANCOCK COUNTY KICKOFF: Depth to help Marauders replace strong senior class](#)
- [County IREAD-3 results exceed state averages](#)
- [FIVE-SET FORCE: Marauders go distance to down Noblesville](#)
- [OPENING NIGHT: County teams begin high school football season Friday](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Cole scores six times in Marauders victory](#)
- [COMEBACK VICTORY: Marauders rally for five-set win over Cathedral](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Royals win big on the road](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Holmes has hat trick in Dragons' win](#)
- [Marauders drop opener to No. 2 HSE](#)
- [CUPBOARD'S NOT BARE: Even with key losses, Marauders have plenty of talent for 2025](#)
- [High School Sports Schedule](#)
- [Dragons have share of unknowns](#)
- [Dragons enter season with plenty of experience](#)
- [Varsity returners leading way for MV tennis](#)
- [LOCAL ROUNDUP: MV's Lemmon shoots 4-under-par in win at Arrowhead](#)
- [Despite graduations, MV has plenty talent returning for 2025 season](#)
- [KEEP IT GOIN': Dragons have key players back from 29-win team](#)
- [Royals look to continue streak of MEC titles](#)
- [GOLF ROUNDUP: MV frosh Lemmon wins second tournament](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: No. 30 Cougars defeat Triton Central](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: MV's Greulich gets hat trick in win at Shelbyville](#)
- [Cougars falter after early lead, fall to Arabians 5-3](#)
- [Marauders best New Palestine to remain unbeaten in HHC](#)
- [County schools begin Hoosier Heritage Conference play Friday](#)
- [GC wins first county title since 2016, Brinkruff sets school record](#)
- [Marauders earn county, invitational sweep](#)
- [PREP ROUNDUP: Eastern wins fifth straight MEC title](#)

- [School briefs](#)
- [High School Sports Schedule](#)
- [Braun to meet county chamber members in Fortville](#)
- [Franklin pulls away in second half, defeats Mt. Vernon 27-13](#)
- [LOCAL ROUNDUP: Greenfield's Leary claims first dirt win at Ted Horn 100](#)
- [Club news: Local groups plan fall fundraisers](#)
- [Cougars second-half run game fuels win over rival Marauders](#)

Indy Star:

- [IHSAA football Week 2 schedule: Central Indiana matchups, kickoff times](#)
- [Royal flush: Plenty of movement in IHSAA girls volleyball Feb 15 following opening week](#)
- [Inspirational return, a sterling debut, more: Vote for IHSAA boys soccer player of Matchweek 1](#)
- [IHSAA football Week 1 predictions: Kyle picks winners for every Central Indiana game](#)
- [IHSAA football: Class-by-class Indy-area power rankings going into Week 1](#)
- [First USA TODAY Network Indiana football statewide polls are out. Where's your school ranked?](#)
- [Marauders win battle of ranked teams, blank Chatard to open season](#)
- [IHSAA boys soccer: Central Indiana's top underclassmen to watch in 2025](#)
- [IHSAA girls volleyball preview: Central Indiana underclassmen names to know for 2025 season](#)
- [IHSAA football Week 3 predictions: Kyle picks winners for every Central Indiana game](#)
- [Why one analyst thinks it's 'national championship or bust' for Purdue basketball](#)
- [How the latest recruit saw himself as part of Purdue basketball's future '1-2 punch'](#)
- [Six TDs!? 428 rushing yards!? Vote for Indiana high school football Week 2 top performer](#)
- [Kills, digs and aces: Vote for IndyStar volleyball players of the week \(Aug. 25-30\)](#)
- [Monday Morning Neddenriep: Carmel's surge, surprise 2-0 teams, 10 scores that caught my eye](#)
- [IHSAA football Week 3 snap judgments: Chatard statement, traveling trophy, red turf madness](#)

WISH-TV:

- [Highlights: Noblesville at Mount Vernon; August 22, 2025](#)

Sports Illustrated:

- [Indiana high school football final scores, results — August 22, 2025](#)
- [20 AAU Basketball Stock-Risers On The Grassroots Summer Circuit in 2025](#)
- [ESPN Continues to Show Major Respect to 2026 Purdue Commit Luke Ertel](#)
- [Where Purdue's 2026 Recruiting Class Ranks Following Jacob Webber's Commitment](#)
- [Indiana High School Football Final Scores, Results - September 5, 2025](#)

Max Preps:

- [Volleyball Recap: Piper Endris' Big Game Can't Quite Lead Noblesville over Mt. Vernon + How To Watch](#)
- [Volleyball Recap: Mt. Vernon's Undeclared Season over After Eight Games + How To Watch](#)
- [Volleyball Recap: Mt. Vernon Starts Season with Win at Home](#)
- [Soccer Recap: Mt. Vernon Comes Up Short in High-Profile Matchup with Homestead](#)
- [Soccer Recap: Mt. Vernon Drops Season-High Score on New Castle](#)

US News:

- [Mt Vernon High School 2025-2026 Rankings](#)

Times-Mail:

- [First USA TODAY Network Indiana football statewide polls are out. Where's your school ranked?](#)

Soth Bend Tribune:

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Pal Item:

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Spencer Evening World:

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The Herald-Times:

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New Palestine High School:

- [Golf fifth at Lapel Invitational](#)