



MVCSC Communications Report

School Board of Trustees Meeting

5-2026

GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- Congratulations to the MVHS Gold Intensity Dance Team on earning State Runner-Up honors in Hip-Hop and receiving the Sportsmanship Award at the state competition. These accomplishments reflect the team's talent, dedication, and outstanding representation of MVHS.
- The MVMS Esports Rocket League team made it to the Indiana Esports Network's State Finals this weekend and came home with the Runners Up Trophy and medals.
- Third-grade students, Charles Parker (FES) and Issac Sanders (MES), qualified for the National Math Stars program by having scores in the top 2% in math on Indiana ILEARN. *Mrs. Stephanie Miller*
- MVHS student Jackson Ritter earned first place in the State FFA Swine Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award, recognizing his ownership and management of a swine operation. He will advance to the national competition.
- MVCSC Tech Team was recently recognized as the *Team of the Year* by The Indiana CTO Council. They were recognized as a technology team in K-12 education that has demonstrated exceptional collaboration, innovation, and impact in supporting their district's mission through technology leadership. This award celebrates high-performing teams that go beyond day-to-day operations to drive transformative change, enhance cybersecurity, improve digital equity, and foster a culture of innovation within their schools.
- 26 community members graduated from the MV Ambassadors program, where they gained behind-the-scenes insight into all school levels, programs, operations, and departments.
- MVHS junior and cancer survivor Tyler Ralston was the sole recipient of the Research Mission Pillar Award through Blood Cancer United, formerly the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He also received a scholarship associated with this honor. Judges evaluated direct impact on research funding, effectiveness in communicating the science and awareness, creativity in fundraising efforts, and sustained community engagement.
- 2021 MV graduate Tanner Koziol was drafted to the NFL by the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was the 13th tight end selected.
- MVHS alumnus Chase McCain (Class of 2009), a swimmer and diver under Coach Tom Shaver who competed at state his senior year, is now serving as a Navy Master Diver and supported the Artemis mission recovery crew.
- MVHS sophomore Hafsa Housseyni was selected as a Riley Champion. She was diagnosed with mixed-phenotype acute leukemia during her freshman year and has been working to give back through her Riley Champions platform. Her focus has been to support the Riley art therapy program, which helped Hafsa and her family through this difficult time. *Mrs. Brooke Tharp*
- The MVHS Interdisciplinary Academic Super Bowl team earned State Runner Up at Purdue State Finals on Saturday! The Fine Arts team also had a strong performance, finishing as a state finalist.
- The MVHS Chamber Singers earned straight Gold performance ratings from all judges and a Gold in sight reading at the ISSMA Concert Choir State Qualifying event.
- The MVHS Music Department has been recognized as a "2026 Best Communities for Music Education" award recipient by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation! MVHS was only ONE of THREE high schools in Indiana to receive this honor!
- The Mt. Vernon High School Wind Ensemble advanced to the ISSMA State Concert Finals for the first time

in school history—earning a spot among the top 16 concert bands in Indiana. Even more impressive, they are the only high school concert band in Hancock County history to reach this level.

- Mr. Mike Black has been named the new Athletic Director at Mt. Vernon High School.
- MVHS proudly hosted a Unified Track & Field meet demonstrating teamwork, encouragement, and shared experiences. Unified Sports continues to build inclusive school communities where every student is valued, supported, and celebrated.
- At FES, fourth-grade students put their creativity and engineering skills to the test during the annual Egg Drop Science Experiment with support from the Vernon Township Fire Department.
- At MVHS, fifth graders from local schools recently gathered for the annual D.A.R.E. Picnic, filled with demonstrations, teamwork, and friendly competition, including plenty of tug-a-war fun!
- Every Tuesday and Thursday, Officer Lee Carnish runs a push-up club at MVMS on the way to grade-level lunches, an opportunity for any student to get a few minutes of additional physical activity. Students have recently decided to add Knockout to their club and combine the two.
- Mrs. Rusk's 1st-grade class at FES had two very special visitors! MVHS state champions, (Mr. Basketball) Luke Ertel and Owen Daugherty, shared part of their morning before their school day started to talk with 1st graders about working hard inside and outside of the classroom.

Community Connections

- Psi Iota Xi, a local philanthropic sorority dedicated to supporting the arts, literature, music, speech, and hearing, donated a total of \$13,900 to MVCSC programs. Contributions included support for art, music, and band departments; summer speech clinics; National Honor Society; theatre; and library books through recent flower sale proceeds. Their continued generosity positively impacts students across the district. *Denise Kirby, Jenny Humerickhouse, Jenn Westfall*
- Discover Fortville held its Spring Social event, and proceeds went to support MV students' overdue meal balances through the Angel Fund.

Additional good news and updates are included in the full board report available in the board portal.

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- [10-run second leads Marauders to five-inning win over GC - The Daily Reporter - Greenfield Indiana](#)
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Indy Star:

- [Now that results in for 2025-26 high school basketball season, a look ahead to next year](#)
- [Insider: Ranking Indiana's top high school softball teams as season heats up](#)
- [IHSAA basketball: These Central Indiana freshmen made an early impact in 2025-26 season](#)
- [Toughest cuts for Indiana All-Stars? Here are 10 players who had a strong case](#)
- [2026 Central Indiana boys basketball Super Team: See what their coaches said about them](#)
- [Photo gallery: Mt. Vernon guard and Mr. Basketball Luke Ertel](#)
- [Indianapolis area schools will let out for the summer soon. See when](#)
- [Fishers basketball has a new coach and it is a familiar face with state title experience](#)
- [IndyStar High School Sports Awards show set for June 8 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse](#)
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- [Is it May yet? Yes. Here are our top-25 Indiana high school softball teams](#)

Journal & Courier:

- [Journal & Courier 2026 All-Area Big Schools Boys Basketball team](#)

Yahoo Sports:

- [Indiana All-Stars: Here is 2026 boys basketball roster of state's top seniors](#)
- [Is NIL coming to Indiana high school sports? IHSAA will consider proposal](#)
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Wish TV:

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Bakersfield:

- [Luke Ertel caps storybook career by becoming top vote-getter on Associated Press all-state team](#)

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Lancaster Online:

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Gazette Xtra:

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HNG News:

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The Winchester Star:

- [Luke Ertel caps storybook career by becoming top vote-getter on Associated Press all-state team](#)

Sports Illustrated:

- [When Purdue Fans Can Watch Luke Ertel in Indiana-Kentucky All-Star Series](#)
- [2026 4-Star Guard With Purdue Offer Sets Commitment Date](#)
- [3 Purdue Basketball Recruits Rank in ESPN's Top 100 for 2026 — Where They Stand](#)
- [Matt Painter Says One Quality Sets Incoming Purdue Guard Luke Ertel Apart](#)
- [Top Indiana High School Boys Basketball Program Finds New Head Coach](#)

Purdue - The Exponent:

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- [Indiana's Best: Boys 800m-1600m Combo Rankings](#)
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