

School Spotlight: Morristown Junior-Senior High School



On Friday, May 14, 2021, we held our first Homecoming Field Day outside due to COVID restrictions earlier in the school year. Mrs. Kellie Kuhn and the student council did a tremendous job putting on Field Day. Our students had a blast, and the weather was absolutely perfect. Congratulations to our senior class as they were the 2021 Field Day winners and are back-to-back Field Day champions.

On Friday, May 7, 2021, our band, under the direction of Miss Pickett, performed their spring concert in the high school gym. All students in grades 6-12 sounded tremendous and played well. Miss Pickett has done a tremendous job this school year preparing our students and working hard to ensure they had as normal a year as possible.

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, our choir, under the direction of Mr. Brooks, performed their spring concert and talent show. Hannah Everhart and Kaylin Waltz won in group 1 and Jace Gooding won in group 2 of the talent show portion. All of the students in grades 6-12 sounded awesome, and Mr. Brooks had them well prepared for the evening.

In early May, Mr. Nigh's US History classes performed a "You Are There" exhibit where students had to dress up and perform in character with famous people from the 1960's and 1970's. Students were able to successfully recreate these people and stayed in character throughout their presentation. The students and Mr. Nigh are to be commended for their tremendous work with this project.

I am proud to say we accomplished an entire school year with in-person learning every single day. This is a credit to all the students, staff, and community for their diligence, patience, and support. This year has brought many challenges while at the same time bringing a lot of rewards. We have increased our dual credit offerings, expanded our Project Lead The Way offerings at the junior high level, allowed eighth grade students to take additional classes for high school credit, and continued to offer small class sizes. We are looking forward to a great 2021-2022 school year, and we hope all of you have a tremendous summer! See you August 4th.



Shelby Eastern Schools Districtwide Newsletter, Summer Edition 2021

A Word from Dr. Hitchcock

With the 2020-2021 school year now in our rear view mirror, we have an opportunity to do two things. First, celebrate our accomplishments. Despite the circumstances COVID handed us, we persevered and made it through a school year with close to 95% of our student body in-person for the entire year. The successes of this past school year did not come easily and definitely placed an additional physical and emotional burden on our students, staff, and their families. As part of our celebration, it's important for students and staff alike to take some time to rest and recharge because we have exciting things in store for the 2021-2022 school year.

This brings us to the second thing we need to do. As a whole, we need to get excited about this fall. There has never been a better time to be at Shelby Eastern Schools, and we have many exciting changes taking place that will not only enhance the learning taking place, but create a better school culture for students and staff alike. Enclosed in this quarter's newsletter, you will find a comprehensive list of all the programs, curriculums, and other offerings we have available at each of our campuses. Whether you are a family who has been with us all along or new to our district, we encourage you to take advantage of everything we have to offer you and your students. From Pre-K programming all the way up to vocational training and job placement, we want to partner with you and your families to help ensure academic success and a foundation that will serve our students well as they enter adulthood. We look forward to seeing everyone this fall, and we hope you have a great summer vacation.

COVID Update

A committee of stakeholders from Shelby Eastern Schools is working on a modified plan to begin school with fewer restrictions for students and staff while at the same time maintaining a safe learning environment in all of our classrooms and schools. The revised and updated "2021 Success Plan" will be shared publicly in mid-July.



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PowerSchool Enrollment Express for Student Registration

Shelby Eastern Schools is excited to utilize a new online enrollment service for student registration this summer. **PowerSchool Enrollment Express** is designed to meet new and returning student needs with a complete student registration process that focuses on integration and flexibility, right from within our PowerSchool student information system. **Online enrollment will open on Monday, July 5, 2021.** Please complete the online enrollment process as early as possible in order to prevent delays with non-instructional services such as transportation. Even though online registration will be open through the beginning of the new school year, *if your student requires transportation, you should complete the online enrollment process before Friday, July 23, 2021.* Personnel will be available at each campus to assist those who need help with online registration on Friday, July 16, 2021, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. A reminder for online registration as well as in-person assistance will be sent out via the Shelby Eastern Schools parent app. as well as posted to the website and our social media. PowerSchool, enrollment, and registration resources can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://www.shelbyeastern.org/page/parents>

Pre-K Enrollment

Waldron Elementary School is 'growing its tribe' through continuous Pre-K enrollment. WES now offers separate 3-year-old and 4-year-old programming with age-appropriate curriculums for each. Over the summer, WES received their initial certification as a CCDF Licensed Provider as well as paths to Quality Level One Certification. WES is now able to accept state-issued child care vouchers for families who qualify. If you are in need of preschool for your 3-year-old or 4-year-old, check out Little Mohawks Pre-School at WES.

Waldron Elementary School can be reached by phone at (765) 544-3331.



Transportation Notes

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, Kevin McMichael, Morristown Route # 12, unexpectedly passed away in his home. This is a tremendous loss to our school district as well as our community. In remembrance of Kevin, we have permanently retired Route # 12. If your student rode Bus # 12 during the 2020-2021 School Year, their new Bus and Route # will be **16** for the upcoming school year. As mentioned under the Student Registration section, please be sure to make sure your child's online registration is completed and submitted by Friday, July 23, 2021, if you know they will require transportation for the upcoming school year. When registering, be sure you provide an e-mail address you check **regularly** as the "Primary" e-mail address in PowerSchool. This is the e-mail address our department will use to circulate information about the Transportation parent app. once online registration is complete. Alternate Transportation Request Forms were e-mailed to parents in May who requested them through the

online School Bus Ridership Survey. Please complete these forms and return them as soon as possible to avoid delays in your child's transportation services. Forms do not carryover from the previous school year. The Alternate Transportation Request Form, along with helpful information for the transportation portion of online registration, can be found on our department's webpage: <https://shelbyeasternin.sites.thrillshare.com/page/transportation>

Senior Spotlight: Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Sawyer Jones



Rylee Kleine



Madeline Douglas



Caroline Sheaffer

This year's Valedictorian from Morristown Junior-Senior High School is Sawyer Jones. Sawyer is the son of Patrick and Linda Jones. He finished with a 4.225 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Sawyer plans to attend Ivy Tech and major in Business Administration. Morristown Junior-Senior High School's Salutatorian is Rylee Kleine. Rylee is the daughter of Brandon and Rachel Kleine. Rylee finished with a 4.148 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Rylee plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University where she will double major in Psychology and Entrepreneurship.

This year's Valedictorian from Waldron Junior-Senior High School is Madeline Douglas. Madeline is the daughter of John and Monica Douglas. Her cumulative high school GPA was 4.481. This fall, she plans to attend Purdue University to study Kinesiology (Pre-Physical Therapy). Waldron Junior-Senior High School's Salutatorian is Caroline Sheaffer. Caroline is the daughter of Steve and Jill Sheaffer. Her cumulative high school GPA was 4.354. This fall, she plans to attend IUPUC to study Elementary Education.

School is Out, Forever! Staff Spotlight: Retirements



Diane Timbrook



John Blankman



Pat Kohne, Karen Hardwick, Susan Brown, Debbie Stafford

Good teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things. Never forget the difference you made, and congratulations on your hard-earned retirement!

Morristown Junior-Senior High School Retirements (2019-2020): Diane Timbrook and John Blankman
Morristown Elementary School Retirements (2019-2020): Debbie Stafford and Karen Hardwick
Morristown Elementary School Retirements (2020-2021): Susan Brown and Pat Kohne