

KEARSLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

POINTS of
PRIDE

2025-2026



CLASS OF 2026

- \$1M+** Total Scholarship Dollars Offered
- \$45,200** Kearsley Scholarships Awarded
- 17** Seniors earned 9 college credits or more through the Dual-Enrollment program
 - 4** Passed the Seal of Biliteracy
 - 1** *Ivy League Bound:* Dartmouth College, Keana Fant-Thompson '26
 - 12** Athletes to compete at collegiate level
 - 9,300** Hours of Community Service Performed
 - 40** Seniors Volunteered 100+ Hours



7 students in the Class of 2026 earned the **Outstanding SAT Performance Award** by scoring 1300 or higher on the SAT.

DECA SHINES

KHS DECA had an outstanding year!

- 20 members qualified for the State Conference
- Peyton Hinman '26, Calleigh Riedmann '29 & Payton Heystek '26 named MI DECA State Champions and qualified for the International Conference in Atlanta, GA



MHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE

WINNER: Trevor Griffith '26

5 ALL-STATE ATHLETES

Noel Bunch '27, Girls Bowling
Molly Gaudard '27, Girls Basketball
Chase Parr '26, Boys Bowling
Delaney Vanier '26, Girls Bowling
Jameson Vanier '26, Boys Bowling

20 STATE QUALIFIERS

BANNER YEAR FOR THE HORNETS!

Individual State Champions

- Noel Bunch '27, Bowling
- Jameson Vanier '26, Mr. Bowler

Coaches of the Year

- Darrin Hartley, MHSTeCA Boys Tennis
- Bart Rutledge, MHSCA Boys Bowling and MHSIBCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- Jeff Vanier, FML Girls Bowling and MHSIBCA Girls Dream Team COY

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Creating safe & innovative learning environments for all Kearsley Hornets.

- ★ Dowdall secure entrance, multi-purpose center & classroom renovations
- ★ AMS Media Center & U of M RAHS Health Center
- ★ Robotics lab at Burgtorf
- ★ Weston roof replacement

"Read to a Million"

Summer reading challenge

Kearsley students earned **2nd place** in Genesee County with over

61,000

pages read!



MATH & SCIENCE COMPETITION

14 KHS students competed in the Flint Metro League Math and Science Competition against 10 other schools and earned outstanding results:

- Aleah Ash '28 - 2nd Place, Biology
- Zachary Giessinger '27 - 2nd Place, Chemistry Lab
- Karen Sherwood '27 - 3rd Place, Chemistry
- Aleena Thomason '29 - 5th Place, Geophysical Science
- Taylor Walters '27 - 5th Place, AP Biology Lab



HOSA - FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

NEW! KHS club for students interested in healthcare.

2 members qualified for State competition:

- Keana Fant-Thompson '26 - 2nd Place, Clinical Speciality
- Reese Hinman '26 - 3rd Place, Human Growth & Development



Boys Bowling

- State Champions
- League Champions

Girls Bowling:

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Wrestling

- District Champions

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246 bicycles were refurbished & donated to the community by **Kearsley Project Bike Tech** students this school year.

Special Olympians

Played 5 Unified Basketball games. KHS hosted Area 13 Track & Field Special Olympics for 75 athletes, supported by 50+ volunteers.

6 ELEMENTARY CONCERTS

Weston, Dowdall, and Fiedler students performed to packed audiences of nearly 700 attendees at each grade-level *Seasonal Melodies Concert*.

DOWDALL DIAMONDS used iPads integrated into instruction for fun, interactive learning experiences.

38 students from KHS visited **Costa Rica**, over Spring Break, on a school-sponsored trip where they practiced their Spanish language skills and participated in a community service project.



KHS DRAMA CLUB staged 2 performances: "Radium Girls" and the musical, "Wizard of Oz"

Kearsley hosted 41 high school teams in March at the **FIRST Robotics Competition** in the new Community Recreation Center.



TRADITION

Official Spelling Bees for 4th–8th graders were held in March, averaging 30+ participants per grade! The top two champions from each grade advanced to compete at the county level.

Flint Metro League's

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

presented to 7 KHS Varsity Teams

60+ students in **Fiedler's Student Senate** showed leadership in action – supporting Kearsley's Christmas Charity, planting flowers, holding building jobs, reading to Buffey students & fundraising for a pet shelter.

300 FUTURE HORNETS

Pumpkin Patch continues to be an award-winning child care center of choice –

- "Enhancing Quality – Validated" designation by Office of Great Start, MI Dept. of Education
- GSRP expanded from 6 to 7 classrooms, now serving 118 four-year-old students

AMS Future Problem Solvers were recognized for their creative thinking & scenario writing skills, earning several awards.

WESTON WONDERS made friends with KHS students this year at **Monsterpalooza!** They celebrated the arts together in the Community Recreation Center.

EXCELLENCE

MUSIC DEPT. HIGHLIGHTS

- Marching Band Festival – I: Superior
- Symphonic Band – I: Superior
- Wind Ensemble – I: Superior
- 7/8th Grade Band – I: Superior
- KHS Band District III Solo & Ensemble – All students medaled with a Division I or II
- A Cappella Choir – Division I
- Concert Choir – High Division 2

Triple Crown Winners

Nearly 300 AMS students were celebrated during Marking Periods 1–3 for earning all A's & B's, maintaining strong attendance, and receiving no discipline referrals.

Building Bridges, Making Connections

AMS & KHS **Student Summit** members worked diligently to plan and organize meaningful peer activities – showing incredible leadership, teamwork, & commitment to our school community.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

- 2nd year of the partnership with Meijer, Burton through **Project SEARCH** has resulted in six intern program graduates
- **NEW!** Several **Transition Cafe** students earned CPR & Servsafe certs, and have job offers
- **NEW!** **Design Lab** students pressed over 1,000 pieces of apparel this school year

