

Mount Pleasant Area School District

Viking News

26-27 Edition 11



Check out the latest Viking News!!!

October 20 -- High School Pictures Make-up Day
October 23 -- End of the first 9 weeks
November 9 -- Student Half Day/ Parent
Conferences
November 10 -- Parent-Teacher Conference Day



 **Fresh pasta, homemade ravioli, & a recipe for success.** Mrs. Wilson's Advanced Foods students tried making fresh pasta for the first time using traditional ravioli forms and a pasta maker—and it was a huge success! Now, they just need Grandma's secret sauce recipe to complete the meal!

Introducing the Guidance Office's Lunch & Learn: Speaker Series!



Help your student explore careers in engineering, healthcare, digital media, business, and the skilled trades! During select lunch periods, students can visit the Learning Resource Center (Library) to network with industry professionals and ask questions about college, internships, and career paths. Encourage your student to reserve their spot today!

Inspiring the next generation of leaders! MP students attended the annual Interact Leadership Conference at the Greensburg Country Club, connecting with peers, building leadership skills, and preparing to make a difference in our community.





The Chestnut Ridge VFD visited Donegal Elementary for lessons on Fire Safety during Fire Safety Week





"Freaky Foods" made its return to the Jr/Sr High School today! Students took a spin for a chance to taste an assortment of fun fruits, including Dragon Fruit, Plums, Honeydew, Grapes, and Kiwi!





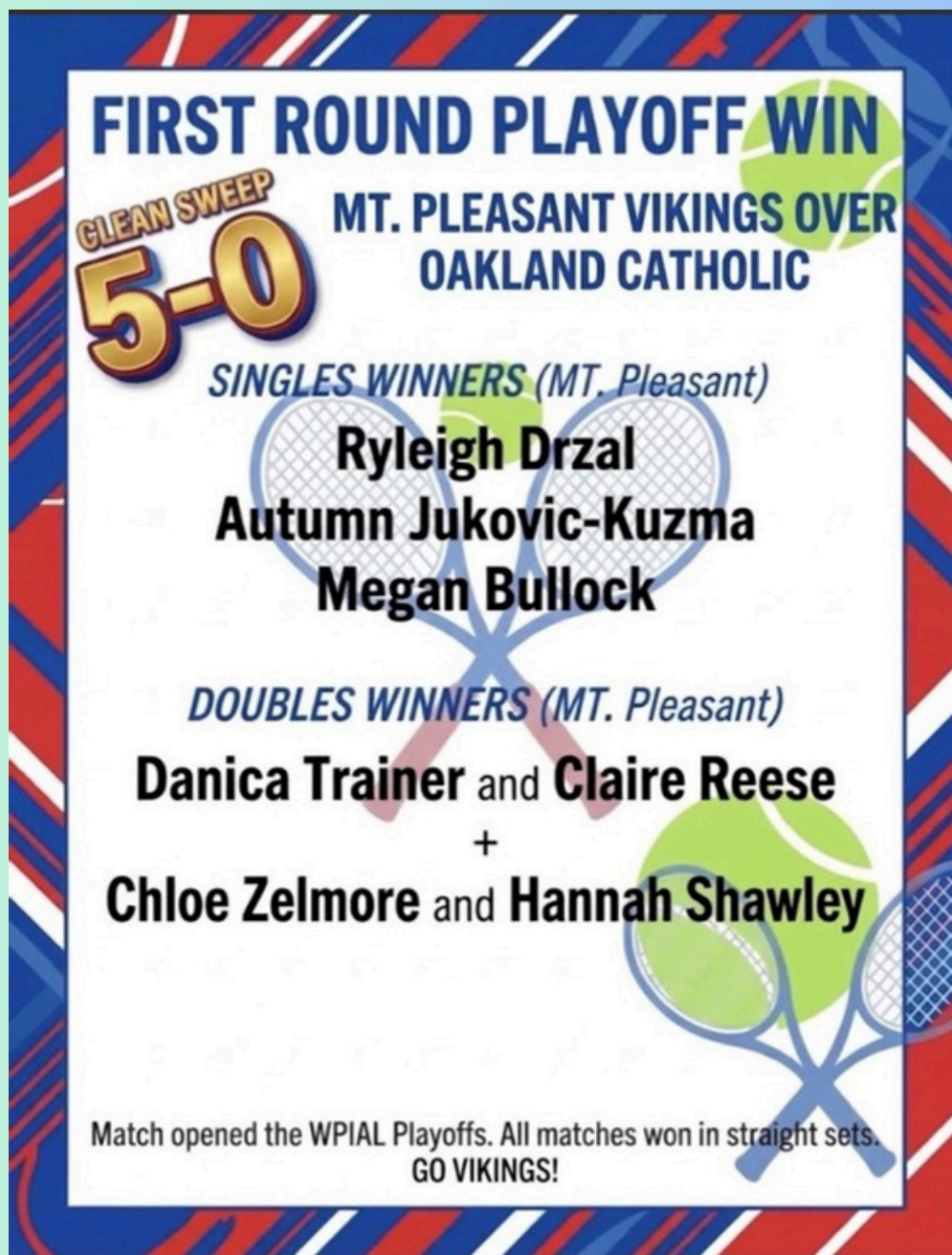
Science in action across our Jr-Sr High School!

Mr. Snyder's 7th graders took learning outdoors to investigate real-world signs of weathering around campus, while Mr. Hladio's Physics students explored the fundamentals of motion. Great hands-on learning today!



**SCIENCE
IN ACTION**





MP looks dominant in win over Yough.

Mt. Pleasant controlled play for vast stretches of the match, scored three goals in each half and generally dominated in all phases in an impressive 6-1 victory over the Cougars last Tuesday night.

The Vikings (14-1, 10-1) have won 12 in a row and can clinch the Section 5 (2A) title with a win Oct. 20 at Brownsville.





Reading Matters

Did you know that just 15–20 minutes of reading with your child each day can make a tremendous difference in their academic success and future opportunities?

Here are a few fascinating facts about the power of daily reading:

-15 minutes a day adds up to more than 90 hours of reading each year!

Reading just one book a day adds up to 365 books a year and more than 1,800 books over five years!

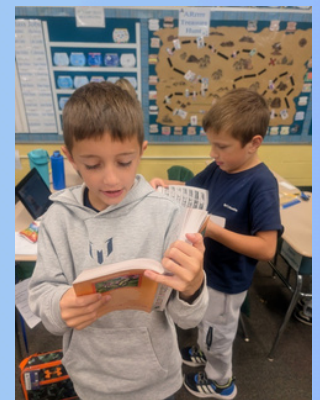
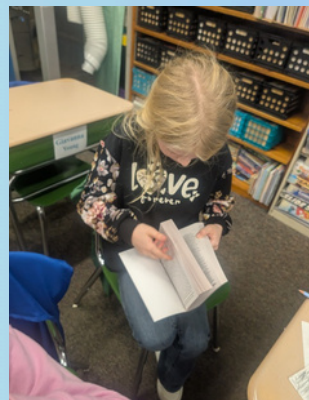
-Research from The Ohio State University estimates that children who are read one book daily hear approximately 290,000 more words by age five than children who are never read to.

-Strong early reading skills lay the foundation for future academic success, helping students develop the confidence and skills needed to become lifelong learners.

-Reading is about so much more than books. It's about opening doors to future opportunities! Children who develop strong literacy skills early in life are better prepared to succeed across all academic subjects, think critically, communicate effectively, and eventually pursue the careers and opportunities of their choosing.

The time you spend reading together today can help build the foundation for your child's success in school, in their future career, and throughout their life. Whether you're reading a bedtime story, taking turns reading pages, or simply talking about a book, every minute matters!

Thank you for partnering with us as we work to cultivate lifelong learners ready for an ever-changing world!



REMINDER:

1986 WPIAL

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Anyone who was on the
FOOTBALL ROSTER
will be recognized before Friday's game
in honor of our

★ **UNDEFEATED** ★
1986 WPIAL
CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM!



**MEET BY THE MAIN
CONCESSION STAND**



6:25 PM

*Looking forward to seeing everyone there
as we celebrate this special team and
an unforgettable season!*

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CHAMPIONS 1986





The 2026 Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees

This year's inductees to the Alumni Wall were Bob Kalp and Brian Lucotch. The pair were honored before the Oct. 2 Homecoming football game.

Kalp is a 1963 graduate of Mt. Pleasant. Upon graduation, he earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1967, later earning his master's degree in chemistry from IUP as well. Kalp proudly served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970. He dedicated 35 years to education, teaching science at Hempfield Area. During his tenure, he built one of the premier softball programs in the nation, leading his teams to seven WPIAL titles, four PIAA state championships, and over 400 wins. His coaching excellence earned him national recognition as the 2018 FloSoftball National Coach of the Year, followed by his induction into the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2022.

Kalp passed away on March 20. His children, Jarred, Jackie, & Bobbi Jo, accepted the award on his behalf.



Lucotch is a 1986 graduate of Mt. Pleasant. Following high school, he attended Carnegie Mellon University, graduating in 1990 with a degree in chemical and biomedical engineering. He continued his education through executive education programs at both Georgetown University and Harvard Business School.

An accomplished leader and entrepreneur, Lucotch serves as chief operating officer of Iron Street Advisors. His distinguished career includes roles as vice president of Sharecare, Inc, chief operating officer of Quality Health and chief technology officer of Rosetta Health, as well as founding the Digital Health Xcelerator. Additionally, Lucotch gives back to his alma mater by serving on the Carnegie Mellon University Admissions Council and as a board member for the Pittsburgh Technology Council. Lucotch lives outside of Philadelphia with his wife.