



MAHTOMEDI
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent Update

March 24, 2025

Experience Excellence





It's National Nutrition Month! Did you know? During the 2023-24 school year, Mahtomedi Nutrition Services served over 120,326 breakfasts and 334,114 lunches!

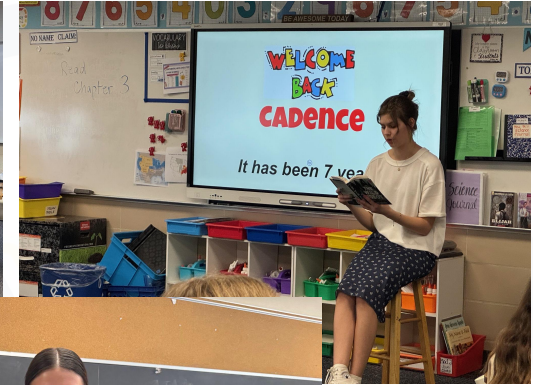
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Around the District

MHS Readers at OHA

OHA Elementary School students had over 20 special guest readers from Mahtomedi High School visit on March 21. The event was part of the school's National Reading Month celebration.



Around the District

Career, Internship, and Volunteer Fair

We are seeking volunteers to support Mahtomedi High School students at the MHS Career, Internship, and Volunteer Fair on April 11, 2025.

- **Business/Organization Volunteers:** Whether you're looking to recruit dedicated interns, employees, or volunteers, this fair is your chance to build meaningful connections with MHS students.
- **Community Volunteers:** We are also seeking volunteers to share their time reviewing student resumes, providing tips, and answering student questions on interviewing or other preparation ideas.

[Volunteers can submit interest via this Google Form](#)



Around the District

Community Education

The Mahtomedi Community Education Summer 2025 registration is now open on [Eleyo](#).

Community Education had 1,000 enrollments on the first day! A new record!



Around the District

Annual Report

The Annual Report to Our Community is a print piece mailed to all district residents, staff, and families. The 2023-24 school year issue was recently mailed to stakeholders. The report contains current district data and showcases the academic excellence at Mahtomedi Public Schools.

[Click here to view the 2023-24 Annual Report.](#)



Awards & Noteworthy News

Teacher of the Year Semifinalist

Congratulations to Mahtomedi teacher **Mr. Ryan Collins**, who was named a semifinalist for the 2025 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award! Mr. Collins is now one of 31 semifinalists for the award.

An independent selection panel of 21 community leaders chose the semifinalists from an initial field of 142 candidates from across the state. The panel will review the semifinalists' portfolios again, along with semifinalist video submissions, in March. In the next round, ten finalists will be selected.



Awards & Noteworthy News

DECA

Congratulations to **Class of 2025 students, Aida Thiam and Audrey Carlson** on advancing to the DECA International Career Development Conference.

They competed in the Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making event at the DECA State Competition. Their score included both of their test scores from a Hospitality and Tourism exam and a role-play score.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is a class and club offered at MHS.



Awards & Noteworthy News

NASA National Showcase

Congratulations to our MHS NASA HUNCH team on advancing to the National Showcase at the Johnson Space Center in Houston! The advancing team includes MHS Class of 2026 students **Bjorn Anderson**, **Arjun Chandra**, and **William MacChesney** for their Cosmic Dust Collector.

NASA High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware (HUNCH) is a project-based learning program in which high school students learn 21st-century skills and have the opportunity to launch their careers through participation in the design and fabrication of real-world valued products for NASA.



Awards & Noteworthy News

State Competitions

Congratulations to the Mahtomedi Varsity Esports Team who brought home three championships at the Minnesota Varsity League (MNVL) State Finals.

- Chess: Noah House (Class of 2025)
- Mario Kart 8: Bodhi Ziemann (Class of 2025) and Malachi Lim (Class of 2026)
- Minecraft: Jackson Stout (Class of 2026), Taelin Richmond (Class of 2026), Malachi Lim, and Bodhi Ziemann

Taelin Richmond was also one of two students from the entire league chosen for the William Merida Inclusivity Award. Zephyrs also placed in the Top 8 (Jerrick Brown, Class of 2026), Top 12 (Evan Northrup, Class of 2026 and Isaac Tilsen, Class of 2025), and Top 16 (Jackson Stout and Ethan Stout, Class of 2027) in Chess.



Awards & Noteworthy News

State Competitions (cont.)

Congratulations to **Aidan Carlson (Class of 2026, 121)**, **Evan McGuire (Class of 2025, 215)**, and **Aidan Boex (Class of 2028, 172)** for competing at the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) State Wrestling Tournament.

Congratulations to **Evan McGuire (Class of 2025)** on earning the Minnesota State High School League Wrestling 215 AA State Champion title. Evan will become a D1 athlete at the University of Minnesota this fall. In addition to being a top Minnesota wrestler, he also competes at the international level.

[Click here to read more about Evan's passion and path in wrestling.](#)



Awards & Noteworthy News

State Competitions (cont.)

Congratulations to the **Mahtomedi/Stillwater Adapted Floor Hockey team** on their second-place finish at the Minnesota State High School League CI Class A State Tournament!



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State Competitions (cont.)

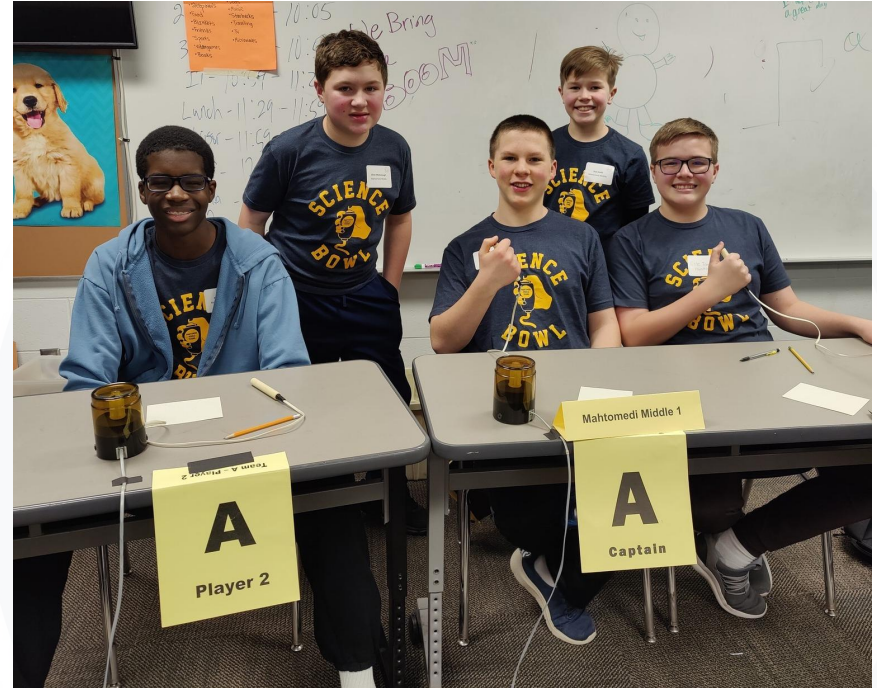
Congratulations to the Mahtomedi High School Hockey team for advancing to the Class A State Tournament. The team was defeated in the quarter finals and played in the consolation finals.



Awards & Noteworthy News

MMS Science Bowl

Mahtomedi Middle School students recently participated in the State Science Bowl. The team of eighth graders **Cole Tanner, Jacob Robinson, and Robert Befidi, and sixth graders Gus Smith and Elliott McDonough** took two impressive wins during the competition and nearly advanced to the finals through a tense tiebreaker round.



Awards & Noteworthy News

MHS Math Team

Congratulations to the Mahtomedi High School Math Team on winning the conference championship! The team finished first in four of the five competitions this season.

Individually, **John Aufderhar (Class of 2025)** finished first in the conference and competed at the state meet on March 10.



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MMS Math Team

Mahtomedi Middle School (MMS) mathematicians participated in the Math Masters regional competition. The students competed with 150 students, 31 teams, and 18 different schools.

Sixth graders **Jackson Day, Weston Seuffert, Luella Feider, Jakob Kuchar, Parker Miller, Harvey Robideaux, Kate Tripp, and Drew Wendlandt** represented MMS.

During three hours of mathematics testing, the students completed a fast facts round, three individual story problem rounds, three team problem-solving rounds, and a tiebreaker. Congratulations to Jackson and Parker, who placed in the top 15 for their high scores on the math fact round!



Legislative Update

Director Donna and Superintendent Duffrin participated in the AMSD Day at the Capitol on March 24.

During the event, they had the opportunity to hear from Senate and House Education Finance Committee leaders, and meet with Sen. Housley to discuss the district's facilities needs.



Upcoming Events

March 27 & April 3: Grades 9-12 Family Outreach

April 3: [Family BINGO](#) 6:15-8pm at Wildwood

April 4: Teacher Professional Day (No School)

April 8: ACT for Class of 2026 (No School Grades 9, 10, and 12)

April 11: MHS Career, Internship, and Volunteer Fair-[Volunteers Needed](#)

April 11: [MAEF Zephyr Gala](#)

April 18: Teacher Professional Day (No School)

April 26: [RITE of Spring](#)

May 1: [Community Nature Night](#) 5-7pm at Wildwood

May 7: [Community Lunch](#) 12-1 pm at DEC

May 9: [Food Truck Friday](#) 5-7 pm at DEC

May 15: [Vehicle Fair](#) 6-7:30 pm at Wildwood

