

## Exciting Homecoming Parade And Events At All Three Corridors



All three HSD corridors raised their voices and hosted successful homecoming parades and events, feeding off the energy and enthusiasm of the school year!

Last year's traveling trophy winner, East High, set the tone with the year's first homecoming, while Central and West High followed suit with excellent parades.

The Hawks kept their celebration going on the football field with a victory on their new turf, while the Wildcats carried their celebration over from the district's first night game.

"I would like to congratulate each school on the outstanding community participation and pride they showed during their homecoming events," said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, HSD's superintendent. "The participation we received from parents and the community brought us great joy. It was inspiring to see

our elementary, middle, and high schools come together and raise their voices for HSD."

The West corridor stood above the competition as West High took home the traveling trophy for the district's best homecoming parade and events.

West High's parade featured many community partners, the Wildcat sports teams, alumni, and lots of school pride from the corridor's elementary and middle schools! The school's marching band led the way in building the excitement as the route was filled with onlookers cheering on the parade participants.

"We are thrilled to claim the title as best homecoming parade and events in HSD," exclaimed Dr. Demetrius Adams, building principal at West High School. "I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our students all week long. With the excitement of the new turf and lights at our stadium, the community showed up and celebrated West High. We saw the joy our community has for the Wildcats, and I couldn't be more proud. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!"

Congratulations to West High's students and staff, and the community, whose school pride was on display!





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Greetings HSD Community,

As we enter the final month of the calendar year, let me begin by thanking our students and families for their continued support of the Hazelwood School District. During the holiday season, I like to reflect on all we have to be thankful for, and HSD is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve a wonderful community.

We hope everyone enjoyed the fall break and took the opportunity to renew as we look to finish the 2023 calendar year strong. We have been thrilled with the response to our many community outings during the first semester. It was a pleasure to see all the smiling faces at our homecoming parades and events, Fall Family Festival, trunk-or-treats, Festival of Nations, our annual PTA Trivia Night, which raises money for the PTA Council Scholarship Fund, and the debut of our Friday night lights.

The excitement and unity in our community are a couple of the great qualities of the Hazelwood School District, and it could be felt

## From the Desk of the Superintendent

at all of these events. A special congratulations to West High and the West Corridor schools for winning the traveling trophy for the district's best homecoming parade and events. I am excited to see what 2024 brings!

In addition, I want to thank the Hazelwood School District staff for their continued support of the United Way. As a district, we continue to raise our voices for important initiatives, and I am proud of all those who participated.

I would like to thank the community for their participation in all of HSD's Parent University events during the first semester. HSD's commitment to engaging families and the community goes a long way in our students' academic success, and that is not possible without the community's support.

Finally, we had a chance to celebrate all of HSD as we observed American Education Week. Together, we celebrated the people across our nation doing the noble work of educating our future, and it is a humbling reminder of one universal truth – "Schools cannot do it alone." Caring for our children takes all of us, every parent, guardian, caregiver, teacher, principal, nurse, counselor, therapist, food service worker, custodian, mechanic, and bus driver to make an impact in the lives of our children daily. Fortunately, the Hazelwood School District doesn't have to do it alone because of the unwavering support of our school community.

As we head toward the end of the first semester, I want to thank all of you for your commitment to supporting our students. Our schools and staff are committed to closing out 2023 strong and carrying that momentum into 2024.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart*

Hazelwood School District Superintendent

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## INFINITE SCHOLARS

## HSD Students Awarded \$2.2 Million In Scholarships At Scholarship Fair

HSD high school students had high participation at the Infinite Scholars Program Scholarship Fair on the campus of St. Louis University, and numerous students who attended were rewarded with scholarship dollars.

HSD students received over \$2.2 million in scholarship offers on the spot and were granted admission into colleges and universities nationwide! Students were encouraged to bring an essay about why they wanted to attend college, two letters of recommendation, a resume, and their ACT/SAT scores.



The Hazelwood School District is proud of our students for their hard work and looks forward to celebrating many more accomplishments as they continue to raise their voices for HSD!

## East High Junior Kacy Kitchen Interns With The Contemporary Art Museum



East High junior Kacy Kitchen was selected as an intern for the Contemporary Art Museum's (CAM) New Art in the Neighborhood (NAN) program.

"I think the internship will impact me most when I apply for colleges," said Kitchen. "I have always loved art growing up. I always thought it was a fun way to express myself. This internship will be a fun experience where I learn new things."

On Saturday afternoons, NAN will host the twelve-week residency from September 16 through December 9, where up to 15 teens, selected through a competitive application process, receive pre-professional-level art instruction from resident teaching artists, museum staff, and visiting artists.

Project-based learning with open studio exploration will inspire students and introduce new art practices. This will also foster experimental and supportive environments for the artists' varying skill levels or backgrounds.

The Hazelwood School District is excited about Kacy Kitchen's internship with the Contemporary Art Museum and looks forward to Kacy continuing to raise her voice for HSD.



# West High's Tamia Coleman-Hawkins Turns Her Entrepreneurial Ventures Into A Children's Book

West High's Tamia Coleman-Hawkins, an 11th-grade student, is a successful business owner and author whose dreams of becoming an entrepreneur started as an 8-year-old student at Walker Elementary and in the Galactic program.

"In 3rd grade, I took an economics class at Galactic, and my first-grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Kastner, was the one who recommended me for the Galactic program," Tamia explained. "I would be nowhere near where I am right now if she hadn't taken that first step in getting me there."

That economics class sparked Tamia's interest in owning her own business, which led to her writing her first children's book based on her story of being an 8-year-old entrepreneur who reached beyond the stars.

"Mia Dreams BIGGER" was released on September 1, 2023, and the message that she and her mom, Tamishio Hawkins, who co-authored the book, wanted to get across was you're never too young to follow your dreams.

"You don't have to wait until you're an adult to follow your dreams," Tamia said. "We say, 'shoot past the stars,' because when people say 'the skies are the limit,' I feel that is limiting. So, if you shoot past the stars, there is a whole universe out there that you can explore."

Tamia has done just that in her young entrepreneurial career, which started in 2015 when she and her mom created Mia's Treats Delight, a bakery business featuring brownies, cookie cakes, and her famous gourmet cookies.

She and her mom have shared their book throughout the Hazelwood School District, recently reading it to a group of Arrowpoint Elementary students. For more information about their book and business, visit [www.miastratsdelight.com](http://www.miastratsdelight.com).

HSD is proud of Tamia Coleman-Hawkins for shooting past the stars, following her dreams, and raising her voice for HSD!



## HSD PROUD PASS

The HSD Proud Activities and Athletics Pass is one way the Hazelwood School District says thank you for your support of our schools. It allows active HSD Hero Readers, active HSD Ambassadors, and district residents aged 60 and over free access to high school and middle school events. HSD Proud Pass holders may receive one free food item and one free drink per event.

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## Central High's Elise and Erika Greene To Serve A 2nd Term On The St. Louis County Youth Advisory Council

HSD wants to congratulate Central High's Elise and Erika Greene for being reappointed to serve a second term on the St. Louis County Youth Advisory Council formed by St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page.

The twins will once again represent District 4 under Councilwoman Shalonda Webb. They are among the 15-member council appointed by Dr. Page that is charged with making recommendations to the County Council and County Executive on programs and services that are needed for young people in our community.

"I am very excited because I know I can do a lot for this community because I have so many ideas," Elise exclaimed. "I just want to improve the community and make it a better place for all of us. Serving a second term is important to me because it makes me feel like I have more of a voice and provides another opportunity to share my ideas with everyone."

"This is very important to me because it's a big opportunity for us to make a difference in our community that we care so much about," Erika stated. "We want to make a change for improvement, and this is an opportunity to act on the ideas that we presented in our first term. A second term is a chance for us to put our ideas into action."

The Hazelwood School District commends Elise and Erika Greene for raising their voice for their peers, their community, and HSD!





## Southeast Middle Continues To Motivate Students Through Mindset Mondays

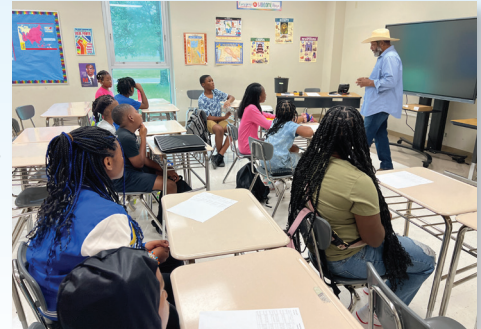
Southeast Middle School became a thematic school for the 2023-2024 school year and has had a successful beginning of the school year.

The concept includes a vocational and career technical education (CTE) theme with a five-day extended school week for students and a four-day, Tuesday - Friday, workweek for teachers with only 11 working Mondays. Additional programming on Mondays for students is provided by community partners, with Southeast Middle teachers providing support to engage students. These Mondays are called Mindset Mondays and are a student favorite.

"Students have really enjoyed Mindset Mondays," said building principal Marsha Wallace. "This gives them an opportunity to learn about engaging things not normally taught in the traditional classroom setting." During Mindset Mondays, students are exposed to

enrichment opportunities, social-emotional learning, and academic interventions. Community partners and vendors lead various activities with the help of faculty and staff to engage students.

This thematic school aims to create a school that educates the whole child intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Instruction focuses on academic growth, career technical education, and goal setting. We look forward to continuing the positive momentum at Southeast Middle!



## Southeast Middle Introduces Urban Farming To Students

Southeast Middle, HSD's newest thematic school, is introducing its student population to urban farming through class instruction and hands-on training with urban farmer Mitchell Pearson, Phi Global Farms owner.

"At Southeast Middle, we are doing a hands-on approach to learning where agriculture is that fuel for the students," said Pearson. "Agriculture covers so many aspects of life. The nutritional component of agriculture is a part of the curriculum for students to learn about meat processing, fiber, and different types of food canning."

Currently, students are learning about compost and fish emulsions and fruits and vegetables associated with seasons.

"With the renewed interest in exploration by the students here at Southeast Middle, having Farmer Mitch here teach our students agricultural education that prepares them with basic survival skills and self-sustainability is especially exciting," said building principal Marsha Wallace. "The use of agriculture will introduce our students to various career opportunities through hands-on experience with farming, an industry not necessarily promoted in high school or higher education."

Throughout the school year, Pearson will teach students all aspects of urban farming, beginning with a garden on the school's property that currently houses collard greens, cabbage, and brussels sprouts.



Students will grow pickles later on in the school year.

"Food is medicine," said Pearson. "The faster you get it from the plant to your tummy, the better you will be. I want students to become lifelong learners who participate in their communities with the knowledge of how the process of food works."

The Hazelwood School District is excited about urban farming with an emphasis on nutrition education being offered to students at Southeast Middle.



# HSD Hosts District's First Night Football Games At All Three High Schools

The excitement at all three HSD high schools was high as students, families, and the community packed the stands for the district's first night football games at West, Central, and East High.

All three games centered around big events, with West High celebrating homecoming weekend, Central High celebrating senior night, and East High hosting a Class 5 District 3 state playoff night game. HSD's Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart attended the games along with members of her administrative team and the Board of Education.

"I want to thank the community for making these events possible and memorable for everyone involved," Dr. Collins-Hart said. "Congratulations to the administration and staff

at all three high schools, who put in countless hours towards hosting the district's first night games. The enthusiasm could be felt during the pregame ceremonies and carried right onto the field. We are excited to see Friday night lights become a regular part of HSD's growing traditions."

All three high school stadiums feature new synthetic turf fields, 8-lane tracks, and lights as part of the Prop H funding, a November 2022 ballot measure that passed thanks to the HSD community.

From the band to the students on the field and in the stands, the Friday night environment was everything generations of HSD students have dreamed of. The Hazelwood School District looks forward to hosting more Friday night games in the future as fans raise their voices for HSD.





## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month In HSD

Hispanic Heritage Month was observed from September 15 to October 15 across the district, and HSD celebrated the district's cultural diversity with a variety of festivities, including learning activities, students' work, and Hispanic heritage-themed days.

Honoring the rich Hispanic culture in the HSD community is a valuable reminder to our students and families that the district values diversity. The Hazelwood School District is dedicated to developing culturally aware critical thinkers and lifelong learners prepared to lead with 21st-century skills in an ever-evolving global society.

HSD is proud of all our schools for celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all students to raise their voices as global citizens.



## Jamestown Spanish Program Sustains Engagement In Second-Year

Now in its second year, Jamestown's Spanish program's multifaceted approach keeps students excited about learning a second language. Jamestown's principal, Angela Haywood-Gaskin, received approval from the Board of Education in May 2022 for Jamestown to transition into a Language Thematic School where every student from Pre-K through fifth grade receives Spanish instruction.

"The Hazelwood School District is committed to helping our students become global citizens, which requires global skills, knowledge, and perspectives," said Haywood-Gaskin. "Second language learning is foundational to being a global citizen. Research shows that the most successful conditions for learning a second language are to start in the child's early years when the acquisition of words and pronunciation is natural. HSD is a premier school district in Missouri, and we are leading this effort in St. Louis County."

Whether walking the hallways, entering classrooms, or sitting in the dining halls, you will hear students speaking Spanish throughout Jamestown Elementary. Students enthusiastically volunteer to recite the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements.

"They ask if they can go to the office and present the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish," said Spanish teacher Eleanor Trujillo-

Tiroch. "It has helped with the morale of some of the students. It is a new type of learning, and some students who may not have felt strong in other areas now get a chance to shine in a new thing."



"What I like about the Spanish program is that we are learning a different language, and we can use that in everyday life," said fifth-grader Kenyon Davidson.

Jamestown will continue the effort to provide opportunities for all students to have early exposure to second language learning.

The Hazelwood School District is excited for Jamestown students to raise their voices in multiple languages for HSD!



# HSD Gamers Faceoff For The Second Year Of Esports

The Hazelwood School District is in its second year of electronic sports, commonly known as esports. Unlike traditional sports requiring physical activity, esports are in-demand competitive video games, usually played by teams. Esports command critical thinking skills, communication, and teamwork. While esports may look like all fun and video games, East High esports head coach Charles Brown says it takes a lot of hard work.

“Esports encompasses different games that are competitive, sports, and puzzle-related,” said Coach Brown. “Some people believe that video games make you lazy, but that is far from the truth in this program. Students learn companionship, sportsmanship, communication, and awareness to be a part of a bigger ecosphere of games presented to the masses. Once students come into the class, there is no downtime. We practice immediately and begin matches. We are all dedicated and focused on the different aspects of gaming.”

Introduced in 2022, HSD is successfully growing each high school’s esports program, which is also open for middle school students to participate at their corridor high schools. The number of players varies across three seasons: fall, winter, and spring. Each esports program has about 40 students, one head coach, and one assistant coach. Multiple



teams of varsity and junior varsity players compete against other players in schools throughout Missouri. The Missouri Scholastic Esports Federation (MOSEF) organizes all match schedules.

“I think the overall objective of MOSEF and our



programs is to teach students positive, healthy, and inclusive gaming behaviors,” said the West High assistant coach Monica Licklider.

For students who want to be involved in esports but do not play video games, there are career and technical education challenges where students voluntarily come to class during esports practice time and learn and practice skills in graphic design, shout casting, video editing, health and wellness, and more. Students can work to improve streaming, redesigning and creating some alternative cyberart, and focusing on more technical aspects.

The popularity of esports continues to open doors to monetary prizes, college-level scholarships, and various career opportunities.

“Esports has made such a positive impact on students,” said Licklider. “They have found a sense of community and formed friendships with new people. Students have learned to improve their communication skills and work as a team. Others are discovering new careers they did not know about through esports.”

MOSEF has created a new Star Division for students with disabilities that affect gaming. HSD also plans to expand the esports program to that division.



## Districtwide Competitions Add To The Fun At HSD's Fall Family Festival

The Hazelwood School District is excited to announce that Brown Elementary School, North Middle School, and East High School have been crowned HSD Family and Community Involvement Challenge champions! The second annual family engagement challenge started on September 11 and culminated on October 18 with the Fall Family Festival, where the winning schools were acknowledged.

HSD challenged all schools to host parent involvement events during that time, and trophies were presented to the schools with the most parent involvement, one at each level. The annual Family and Community Involvement Challenge was a hit across the district, with participants engaging in fun events such as Bingo Night, Lego Night, and Paint the Town Night.

Thank you to all community members and vendors for their participation in the Fall Family Festival! Students engaged in various activities, including temporary tattoos, games, and a light dinner.

The district also crowned East High as the Best Convocation Corridor Back to School Celebration champion for the second year in a row! East High Interim Principal, Ms. Havey, and the school received a traveling trophy for their efforts, and they will look to make it three-peat next year!



## Garrett Elementary Hosts MAP Awards Night To Celebrate Students' Success



For the past 11 years, Garrett Elementary has celebrated students who have scored Proficient or Advanced on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade Level Assessments. This year, the school recognized students from the 2022-2023 school year.

The celebration was for third, fourth, and fifth graders and their families. Students are given certificates for each of their qualifying scores as well as a medal or trophy. After students receive their recognition in the gymnasium, they head to the main hallway to have their hands painted (one for each award) and placed on the Greyhounds MAP Wall of Fame.



The student's name, subject, and year are placed under the handprints. Over a thousand hand prints have covered the main hallway from students over the years.

"I am so very proud of our great school and the amazing students, parents, and staff that make Garrett a top-tiered school in the state of Missouri," Dr. Erik Melton, Garrett's building principal, exclaimed.

The Hazelwood School District celebrates these Garrett Elementary students and encourages them to raise their voices for HSD!





## HSD Offers Sports Officiating Class To Help Combat Decline In Sports Officials

In February 2023, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) partnered with RefReps to address the officials shortage and ballooning age of officials. RefReps has created an all-digital, turnkey curriculum that is flexible in its implementation to assist with this issue, and HSD immediately took an interest and piloted the class in the spring semester.

The district's first sports officiating class was offered at West High, with seven students completing the course. Jordyn Askew and Jiyu Zhang, current seniors at West High, have since completed their certification to become MSHSAA officials in volleyball.

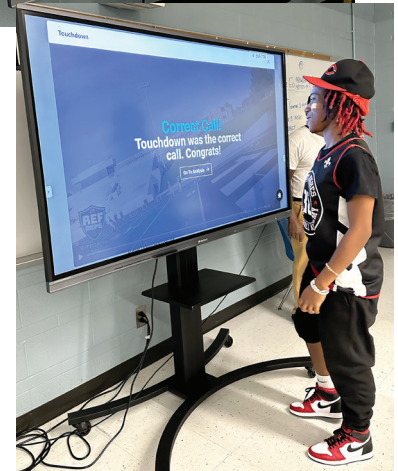
"I was excited to hear that HSD was offering the sports officiating class because it provided me with the opportunity to strive beyond being an athlete," Jiyu exclaimed. "I was excited to get my officiate license in volleyball, a sport which I've enjoyed watching and playing non-competitively since middle school! I've gained new knowledge about volleyball that I didn't previously have. After completing the course and testing, I am proud to say that I am licensed to start officiating!"

The sports officiating class is offered districtwide, with ten students enrolled at Central High and seven at East High this fall. West High's course will take place in the spring.

Students who complete the program have the opportunity to officiate sporting events at the middle and elementary school levels. After graduating high school, they can officiate high school games once they pass the test to become MSHSAA certified.

"The sports officiating program, one of our number of real-world courses, ensures our students are engaged and empowered to lead their educational journey," Dr. Rhonda Key, HSD's Assistant Superintendent of High School Education, explained. "We are proud to offer this opportunity to our high school students."

HSD is proud to offer this opportunity for students to get involved in sports officiating and continue to raise their voices to serve the community and HSD.



## HAZELWOOD PARENTS AS TEACHERS

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## Hazelwood Teacher In Residency Program Grows Exponentially In Its Second Year

The Hazelwood School District Teacher in Residency program is in its second year, growing from four participants in its first year to 26 participants this year.

“Hazelwood School District is at the forefront of innovation in the field of recruitment, and this initiative is making a positive impact on both students and teachers in various ways,” said Teacher in Residency Mentor and Recruitment Coach Michelle Prather. “We have established a robust partnership with UMSL, and we aspire to expand this program.”

The Teacher in Residency program is an alternative route to teacher certification through a partnership with HSD and the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL). This program is for teacher certification candidates who wish to teach and become certified simultaneously. Teacher candidates must have earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.

The candidate will have a transcript review by the University of Missouri St. Louis, be accepted for admission to UMSL, pass the Missouri Content Assessment (MOCA), obtain provisional certification from the Department of Elementary Secondary Education (DESE), secure a teacher of record position with Hazelwood, and obtain initial teacher certification and Department of Labor (DOL) Certification at the end of two years.



UMSL will provide the necessary coursework to earn teacher certification within two years. HSD teachers receive support from the building’s instructional coach, a peer mentor, the Teacher in Residency Mentor, and a recruitment coach. This layered support system assists new teachers in the profession.

“I love the opportunity of this program for individuals who have a bachelor’s but not in the education field, along with the chance to earn your master’s as well,” said kindergarten teacher Sarah Fantroy.

The Hazelwood School District is excited about the growth within the Teacher in Residency program and encourages all participants to continue raising their voices for HSD!

## Meet the 2023-2024 Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council

The Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council is comprised of student leaders from each HSD high school and the Opportunity Center. Through this council, students meet with Superintendent Dr. Collins-Hart and other district leaders to use their voices for change and solution-finding.

The 2023-2024 Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council members are Curtis Smith, Kaleb Jones, Navaeh Neal, and Savannah Tate representing Central High; Peace Awodeyi, David Carpenter, Tori Lewis, and Ca’Shawn Love representing East High; Leah McGhee, Grace Berendzen, Collin Bruemmer, Jayla Chambers representing West High; and Sparkle Davis and Caron Reynolds representing the Opportunity Center.

Prior to these monthly meetings, students meet with their



building principals to consider potential topics of discussion. During the council meetings,

students act as positive advocates for their school and share news and announcements with district leadership. Students also meet with their building principal following the council meetings to share what was discussed.

Congratulations to the student leaders for raising their voices for their schools and HSD!



# Hazelwood School District Renews Focus On Middle School Athletics

The Hazelwood School District continues its focus on educating the whole child, and studies show that students participating in athletics or after-school activities show an increase in school attendance and academic performance.

“With the introduction of football this year, we have noticed a renewed interest in their attendance and academic standing,” Dr. Randolph Helms, HSD’s Middle School Athletic Director, noted. “Some students, who usually would struggle through the day, are putting their best effort forward at school. Our students here at the middle school level are craving to be a part of the school, and when the students have something they enjoy, they will continue to work to keep that enjoyment.”

HSD has offered middle school volleyball, soccer, basketball, and track and field in previous years, but this year, they have expanded. The district is excited to also offer football, wrestling, baseball, softball, and esports at the middle school level.

Girls’ volleyball and softball are featured in the fall, along with boys’ soccer and football. Both boys’ and girls’ basketball and wrestling are being offered as winter sports, while boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ soccer, boys’ baseball, and esports will be spring sports.

“Football has generated the most interest in our middle school offerings. It has been a long time coming,” Dr. Helms exclaims. “North County was a hotbed for football in the 1980s, ‘90s, and 2000s. Hazelwood Central won football state championships in 1985, 1996, 2008, and 2009; Hazelwood East won in 1989, 1995, and 2008. Many believe that introducing these sports at the middle school level prepares our students for future success. If you come to our games, the excitement and enthusiasm for our students and their efforts are on display. Our parents and grandparents show up in masses and support our students’ efforts.”

The softball, baseball, and football programs are currently playing interdistrict games, while volleyball, soccer, basketball, and track have expanded to games outside of HSD teams. The middle school athletic departments aspire to play all sports outside the district in future years.

“HSD’s middle school programs have been enthusiastically received by our parents,” Dr. Helms details. “Personally, I have enjoyed seeing a program like soccer grow because we have had students who have not typically played sports join the team and discover that they enjoy the sport. It is exciting and beneficial because the more involved students are at the middle school level, the more they will try out and compete at the high school level.”

The Hazelwood School District is excited to see the growth of athletics throughout the district and looks forward to hearing students, parents, and staff raising their voices in support of their school’s teams!







## McCurdy's Brody Devenbaugh Surpasses \$3000 Raised For Kids With Cancer In Year 3 of the Great Cycle Challenge

Brody Devenbaugh is your typical 4th-grade student who has a wide variety of hobbies. His favorite is biking, which he has turned into a way to raise money for childhood cancer.

Brody said.

Cancer is the top disease-related cause of death for children and teens in the United States.

Each September, Brody, a student at McCurdy Elementary, participates in the Great Cycle Challenge, and in three years, he has surpassed \$3,000 raised, and pedaled over 250 miles. The challenge, benefiting the Children's Cancer Research Fund, is for people of all ages and abilities, with participants setting a personal riding goal and challenging themselves to pedal to fight kids' cancer.

"I started riding because my cousin Bailey died of cancer, and I just think it's wrong how kids have to go through cancer,"

"Brody has demonstrated a commitment to give back to assist others," Dr. Germaine Stewart, building principal at McCurdy Elementary, said. "Brody is an excellent example of how students can have a positive impact on their community!"

HSD is proud of Brody and encourages all students to raise their voices for causes that mean the most to them!



## McNair Elementary Launches Attendance Matters Initiative

Students and staff in HSD love competition, and McNair Elementary uses that competitive mindset to launch its "Attendance Matters" initiative.

claim the trophy. Students are so excited to pick it up and proudly display the trophy in their room."

McNair has added a monthly competition board in the school's first-floor hallway, which displays grade-level percentages, providing students with a visual representation of where their grade level stands with attendance. At the end of each month, the highest grade level will receive recognition and a reward, such as a popcorn day, extra recess, or a dance party.

The Hazelwood School District encourages all students to get to school and get there on time as we raise our voices for HSD.



"Attendance Matters is our theme this year, and we are striving to work together to make sure our families and students understand the importance of attending school," Dr. Sally Perano,

McNair's building principal, details. "Research shows that missing only 10% of school, as few as two days a month, can result in a student's decrease in academic achievement."

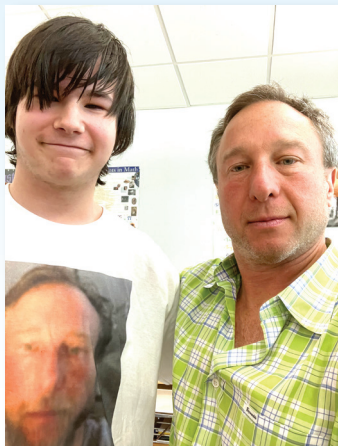
Each week, one classroom receives the school's traveling attendance trophy for having the best overall attendance percentage at McNair.

"The traveling trophy adds friendly competition to our building and helps motivate student attendance," Dr. Perano explains. "Each Monday, the new attendance winners are announced, and that classroom walks to the previous winner's classroom to





## West High's Josh Winstral Named November's HSD #TeacherProud Tuesday Recipient With Student Nomination



Josh Winstral is a math teacher at West High, and his ability to connect with students, families, and staff has earned him the honor of being named November's HSD #TeacherProud Tuesday recipient.

"We are extremely honored to have Mr. Joshua Winstral as a part of the Hazelwood West High School family," exclaimed

Dr. Demetrius Adams, building principal at West High. "Mr. Winstral makes learning fun and challenging for his students. He is also a hard-working educator who is always willing to go above and beyond his job duties to ensure our students are successful throughout their high school journey."

HSD #TeacherProud Tuesday shares the many wonderful stories of individuals going above and beyond for the students they serve.

The district is excited to recognize Mr. Winstral, who is in his fifth year in the Hazelwood School District and fourth at West High, for his dedication to HSD students, our schools, and the community. His caring demeanor gives his students the best opportunity to learn, and we're proud of his efforts to go above and beyond to ensure students and their parents experience top-of-the-line customer service.

"He was actually able to teach me math, a feat rarely accomplished," said Jesse Rachel, West High student, on the nomination form. "He loves his students. He supported me and encouraged my artistic endeavors; everyone loves him!"

"When you see Mr. Winstral in the hallways, he is always happy and excited to welcome any student in his classroom! He is a wonderful educator who keeps his students' interest first," detailed Dr. Adams.

#TeacherProud Tuesday is a regional initiative that celebrates those currently serving in the profession, and Mr. Winstral is a shining example of who HSD wants to commend.

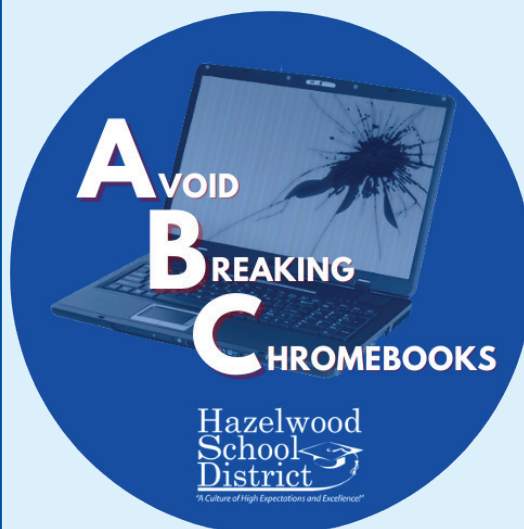
"I'm honored to be selected as a #TeacherProud Tuesday recipient for November," Mr. Winstral stated. "This district has fantastic teachers, staff, administration, and most importantly, some really dynamite kids, and I'm proud to be a part of it. Every day is an adventure!"

HSD is dedicated to being a great place for all students to learn, and educators like Josh Winstral are vital to the success of our mission.

Congratulations to all teachers nominated for HSD's #TeacherProud Tuesday in November. To nominate an HSD educator for #TeacherProud Tuesday, visit [www.hazelwoodschoools.org/teacherproud](http://www.hazelwoodschoools.org/teacherproud).



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## Tutoring & Social/Emotional Support Line

The Tutoring and Social/Emotional Support Line is a resource for tutoring, homework help, and access to general social/emotional needs.

Teachers and social/emotional staff will be able to assist students and parents with both tutoring and homework help, and will be able to connect families with other resources as needed.

Call the Tutoring or Social/Emotional Hotline:  
314-953-5140

Hours: Monday - Thursday 6pm - 8pm,  
Saturday 10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Tutoring or Social Emotional Hotline.



The No Guns in School campaign specifically targets guns and mobilizes students, parents, and the community to partner with the district to achieve one goal **No Guns in School. Did you know that a student who brings a gun to school will be suspended for up to 180 days? Additionally, barring extenuating circumstances, the student will be expelled, which means they will not be able to attend any public school in the state of Missouri.**

The key to achieving the campaign goal is participation from all stakeholders. The information below explains specific ways each stakeholder group can support the campaign.