

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Week in Review

July 27, 2026

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BOARD AGENDA
July 27, 2026, 5:30 pm
Special Board Meeting



BOARD AGENDA
July 28, 2026, 5:30 pm
Board Meeting



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Live stream meetings and work sessions

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



HIRING NOW:

- * Contracted Custodians
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- * Restorative Practices Analyst — Cantrick



Superintendent's Corner

ANDREW SHAW

SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to another edition of **MPS Week in Review**! Please forward this to your family and friends. Anyone can sign up with the Subscribe button at the left.

STUDENTS & STAFF PREPARING FOR FALL

Open Houses are August 27th and classes begin August 31st. If you haven't enrolled your child for kindergarten, now is the time to do it! If you moved into our district over the summer and have older students to transfer into our schools, you need to complete registration, too. Registration for all new students begins [online](#).



Photo by Nick Hay, Hay Photos

Across the district, students and staff are preparing for the the new school year. Football players are participating in 7 on 7 games, and our Trojan Marching Band just completed Away Band Camp at BGSU!

This issue features both activities from this week and more spring sport highlights. Take care, enjoy the photos, and have a great week!



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Open Houses

Thursday, August 27



Monroe High School
Orchard Center High School
Monroe Virtual
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Monroe Middle, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Cantrick, 5:00-7:00 pm

All MPS Elementary Schools
5:30 - 7:30 pm

2026

News Highlights

In the News — Recent Articles

(Articles below appeared in the Monroe News between July 16 and July 22.)

Obituaries were published for **Charles McIntyre**, a 1945 MHS graduate who played football and tennis and was involved in theatre (7-17); **Julie Banek**, a 1981 MHS graduate (7-19); **Michele Holm**, a 1974 MHS graduate (7-19); **Donna Baranowski**, a 1954 MHS graduate (7-20); **George Satterfield**, a 1960 MHS graduate (7-20); and **Michael Reaume**, a 1969 MHS graduate.

Sports Highlights

Noah Miller, a 2023 Monroe High School graduate, has been drafted by the Houston Astros (7-16).

COMING UP:

JULY

28

Summer Graduation

At MPS Board Meeting
Admin. Bldg., 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST

2

Monroe County Fair

Fair runs August 2-8
Band in Parade on Aug. 2

AUGUST

27

Open Houses

See schedule above

AUGUST

31

First Day of Classes

Classes begin (K-12)
Full Day of School

2026-2027 SUPPLY LISTS



Supply lists for
MPS schools are
available online!



View School Supply Lists online [here](#).

School Supply Lists include suggested items from individual schools, but please note that families are not required to purchase all of these items.

Executive Director of Human Resources

Holly Scherer Joins MPS Cabinet

At the July 20th meeting, the Board of Education appointed **Holly Scherer** as our new Executive Director of Human Resources.

Holly is excited to come home to MPS after being away for eight years. She is a seasoned professional with a career that spans more than 26 years in Human Resources and 38 years working in schools, including three decades in MPS.



A Monroe High School graduate, Holly began working in Monroe Public Schools as a co-op student and stayed on after graduation as a Kids Club caregiver. She attended college while advancing positions in the district, earning her associate degree from Monroe County Community College and her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Holly applied her business and computer skills in secretary and administrative assistant roles for childcare, preschool, and grants; special services; and central office support. She served four years as Fringe Benefits Coordinator and 12 years as Human Resource Specialist, a position she held until accepting an HR administrator role with Ann Arbor Public Schools in 2018. After serving HR leadership roles as assistant director and most recently, as Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, she is coming full circle and returning home to Monroe.

Her familiarity with our schools and programs developed during years of service, and the leadership experiences Holly gained while she was away, provide a unique combination of skills that will make her a strong asset to our team.

Please join us in congratulating Holly and welcoming her back to our Trojan family!



Monroe County Fair August 2 - 8, 2026

The 2026 Monroe County Fair runs August 2-8. You are invited to visit Monroe Public Schools at Booth 52 in the First Merchants Bank Expo Center. Expo hours are Sunday, 1-9 p.m., and Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

MPS will host the Little Red Schoolhouse, where student artwork is on display, on Thursday, August 6th, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Please also plan to visit the 4-H exhibits; area students have worked hard!

Kids Day is Tuesday, August 4th; admission is FREE until 5 p.m. for children school-age to 17 years old.

Summer Graduates July 28th Celebration

Our Summer Graduates will be celebrated at the Administration Building on Tuesday, August 28, at our 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting.



Playdates with Principals

Save the Date and Sign Up Now

The Monroe County Intermediate School District and Monroe County Great Start Collaborative are hosting “Playdates with Principals” events on school playgrounds, giving families the opportunity to meet the elementary principals that lead their child's future school. The MPS dates include:

August 13	1-2 p.m.	Waterloo Elementary
August 18	1-2 p.m.	Raisinville Elementary
August 19	1-2 p.m.	Custer Elementary



PLAYDATES
with
PRINCIPALS

A fun opportunity for incoming Kindergarten families to play on the school playground, meet the principal, and take home ready-for-school learning materials!

Early Childhood Collaborative

CLICK OR SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP



MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waterloo Elementary August 13th 1 - 2 PM	Raisinville Elementary August 18th 1 - 2 PM	Custer Elementary August 19th 1 - 2 PM
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Contact Katie Bourbina: katie.bourbina@monroeisd.us • 734-342-8640

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This event is also great for incoming kindergarten families to get to their neighbors! To sign up visit <https://forms.gle/VmzB2qv9Q4hT5zBc9>

For questions, contact Katie Bourbina, 734.342.8640, or katie.bourbina@monroeisd.us

Classes Begin Aug. 31

Is Your Child Registered?

If you still need to register your child to start Kindergarten (or Young Fives), OR if you have moved and need to transfer your students into Monroe Public Schools from another district, the enrollment process begins online. Visit our Registration page [here](#).

Pictured are two of our new Waterloo students!





Away Band Camp

Trojan Marching Band Enjoys Week at BGSU

Monroe High School student musicians enjoyed Away Band Camp at Bowling Green State University this past week. Thanks to the chaperones for making this week possible: **Sarah Sauve**, camp director; **Laura Gerweck**, **Amy White**, camp nurses; **Nick Shook**, **Nathan Lockhart**, **Brian Harrington**, **Sharidy Harrington**, **Gayle Penix**, **Jacqueline Miller**, and **Tom Carveth**!

Enjoy an excerpt from their performance at BGSU on July 25th [here](#). Trojan Marching Band students will perform at Monroe H.S. on **Friday, July 31**, at **3 p.m.**, following a week of Home Band Camp.



Photos from Monroe Instrumental Music Boosters

TROJAN MARCHING BAND - AWAY BAND CAMP 2026 - BGSU

Mr. Westley, Mrs. Sauve, and Mrs. Lockhart visited the campus in June to make camp preparations.



Check out the [Monroe Instrumental Music Booster Club](#) Facebook page for video clips and more photos!



Photos from Monroe Instrumental Music Boosters



2026-27 MONROE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

DRUM MAJORS

Evelyn Clark Reagan Clanton Elise Hoskins

Leadership Team

CAPTAINS

Woodwinds: Laila Muniz Brass: Megan Oley Drumline: Noah Carveth

SECTION LEADERS

**Kailey Stump • Daniel Jewell • Mira Reau • Gavin Lockhart • Katelyn Waybright •
Kaelyn Jones • Drake Wood • Adam Turner • Alayna Prahm • Yzabella Andreozzi •
Sydney Sheridan • Victor LeBrun**



Dr. Keith Dodson, the Director of Orchestral Activities at Central Michigan University, gave a clinic in May at Monroe High School for student musicians in the MHS Orchestra and Chamber groups.

MHS Orchestra Benefits from CMU Guest Dr. Keith Dodson

Dr. Keith Dodson, the Director of Orchestral Activities at Central Michigan University, visited Monroe High School in May to give a clinic to the high school orchestra and work with the after school chamber group. He elevated the students' technique and promoted musical excellence.

"This visit was funded through the new performing arts funding," **Olivia Charrette**, MHS Orchestra Director shared. "Thank you to both Dr. Dodson and our school board for making this educational opportunity possible!"



Photos from Olivia Charrette and Monroe Instrumental Music Boosters



*The cello professor from Central Michigan University, **Dr. Jamie Fiste**, visited Monroe on June 4th.*

CMU Music Clinics for MPS String Students

The cello professor from Central Michigan University, **Dr. Jamie Fiste**, visited Monroe on June 4th. He provided a clinic for the Monroe Middle School Orchestra students, and he spoke to the MMS Music Tech I/E class about the technology he uses in his profession, showing them recordings that he has done with his own equipment. Students had the opportunity to ask him questions about music and his job. He played his instrument for **Olivia Charrette's** general music class, and they were transfixed.

Monroe High School musicians received advice on how to sound better going into our fall elementary tour. A small group of string players stayed after school to learn even more.

Ms. Charrette expressed thanks to all who supported this visit!



Photos from Olivia Charrette and Monroe Instrumental Music Boosters



Elementary Summer Programming

Some K-4 elementary students participated in six weeks of summer programming, attending an extra week before and after the four weeks of summer school. In addition to lessons teaching and reinforcing math and language arts skills, they enjoyed a field trip to Indian Creek Zoo, Adopt-a-Pet Day with support dogs, and many fun-themed dress days. The teaching team included **Shelley Saltsman**, After-School Program Director; **Veronica Jennings**, **Mike Meade**, **Cassie Marsh**, **Kristina Allen**, **Mariah Wilhelm**, **Bethany Davis**, **Andrea Boudrie**, **Lexie Butler**, and **Shawna Burt**.



Furry Friends and Theme Days Make Summer Learning Fun



The students enjoyed visiting support dogs and themed days including Hawaiian Hullabaloo Day.



Photos provided by Shelley Saltsman



Monroe Trojans 7 on 7 Football

Monroe participated in two 7 on 7 games this week. This version of football emphasizes passing and running routes. There are no pads, because there is no tackling.

Airport hosted Monroe, Ida, and Lake on July 22nd.





Photos from Monroe Trojan Baseball and Steven Loveland

DISTRICT COY



GREG DEPEW

The Monroe Trojans Baseball team had an outstanding season and won the District Championship! **Greg Depew** was named District Coach of the Year!



**MONROE TROJANS
2026 BASEBALL
DISTRICT CHAMPS**





Monroe Trojans Baseball Team

2026 Special Honors and Accolades



First Team All-State

Carson Liedel and Asher Simmons were named to the Division 1 All-State Team by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Both players were also named First Team All-Region. **Congratulations!**

County Player of the Year

Carson Liedel, a Monroe H.S. 2026 graduate, was voted the Monroe County Region Player of the Year by the *Monroe News Sports Staff*. Asher Simmons was also named All-County. Landon Loveland and Dalen Cosby received honorable mention.



ALL-STAR TEAMS: Carson Liedel was selected to play on the Michigan High School All-Star East Team at Comerica Park. Nathan Atwood, Aiden Homer, and Cooper Robinson represented Monroe High School in the Monroe County vs. Lenawee County All-Star game at Adrian College on June 16th.

Photos from Monroe Trojan Baseball



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2026 BASEBALL MONROE TROJANS



NATHAN ATWOOD



AIDEN HOMER



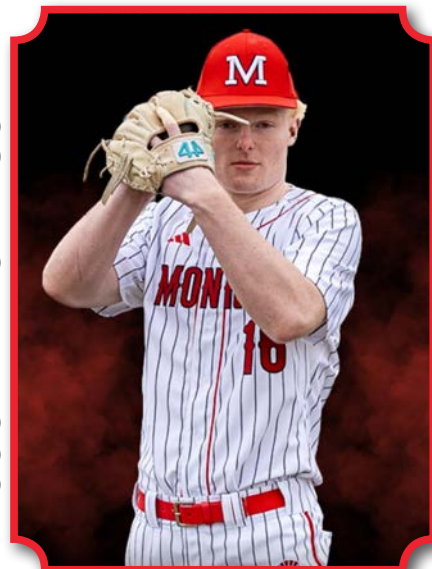
CARSON LIEDEL



HAYDEN MCINTOSH



COOPER ROBINSON



MONROE SOFTBALL



Photos from Monroe Trojan Softball

2026 SOFTBALL MONROE TROJANS

JENNAH CADLE



SOFFIA ELMER



ALY LEWIS



OLIVIA MCMAHON



HALEY OVERTON



SAVE THE DATE!

40th Annual

MONROE SOCCER ALUMNI GAMES

★ Open to All Former Men & Women Players! ★

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

📍 BUNKLEMAN FIELD, MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

Legends Game (35+)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Graduates (34 & Under)

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$25 to Participate!

Includes T-Shirt & Donation to the Sean Brady Scholarship Fund

Bring the Family & Join in the Fun!

*Half-Time Juggling & Penalty Kick Contest
for School-Aged Kids with Prizes!*

For More Info Contact:

Tika Palmer (734) 352-0793 •

Tracy Younglove (734) 790-0641

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\$25 per participant

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Email: kipf@monroe.k12.mi.us

PreK Enrollment 26-27 **FREE** for 4-Year-Olds

Michigan's "PreK for All" makes the Great Start Readiness Program FREE for children turning 4 by September 1, 2026. Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to begin the enrollment process, OR sign up at a registration event at Riverside Early Learning Center on August 18th OR the Custer Early Learning Center on August 20th (10 am - 12 pm).

PreK Enrollment

FOR THE
2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR

FREE PRESCHOOL SPACES
ARE STILL AVAILABLE

**DON'T WAIT
APPLY NOW!**

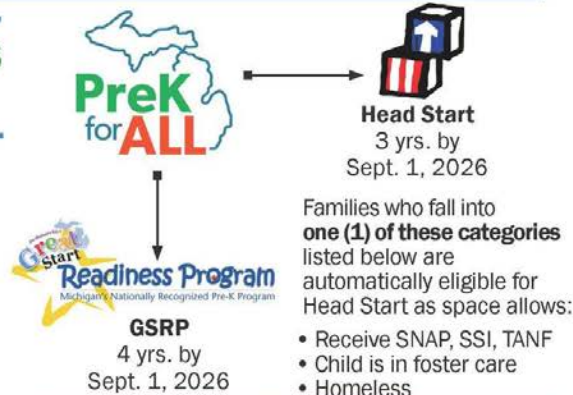


Scan the QR code today to begin the enrollment process, or apply in person at the enrollment event on

August 18
Riverside ELC
10:00-Noon
77 N. Roessler St.
Monroe 48162

August 20
Custer ELC
10:00 am-Noon
5001 W Albain Rd.
Monroe 48161

For more information, please call
734-342-8780



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

We will have MCISD staff available to complete your child's application.

TO COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Proof of Income (only 1 needed)
 - 2025 W-2s
 - Income Tax Return
 - SSI, TANF, SNAP
 - 4 weeks of pay stubs
- ✓ Foster Care documentation (if applicable)
- ✓ Child's Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization Record (if available)
- ✓ Parent/Caregiver ID (required)
- ✓ Proof of Residency (only 1 required) (drivers license, bill, rent lease, etc.)

*SB 133 allows children turning 4 between Sept. 2, 2026 – Dec. 1, 2026 to submit a waiver application. Space is limited based on availability and location. Enrollment may be considered after August 1, 2026.

This program and/or materials are funded through a grant provided by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MILEAP)



HS & EHS VIDEO

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TO LEARN MORE

Head Start

Head Start is available, as space allows, for 3-year-olds who qualify:

Receive SNAP, SSI, or TANF

Child in foster care

Child is homeless

Visit the [Monroe County Head Start website](#) for more info.



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Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan

Whenever children are in group settings, there is a chance for disease to spread. Parents must follow state vaccine laws in order for their children to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in group settings. The best way to protect children from serious diseases is to follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#). When following the recommended schedule children are fully protected and any school vaccination requirements are met.



	All kindergartners and 4–6-year-old transfer students	All 7th graders and 7–18-year-old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap) ¹	4 doses DTP or DTaP 1 dose must be at or after 4 years of age.	4 doses diphtheria and tetanus or 3 doses if 1st dose given on or after 1 year of age. 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses if dose 3 was given on or after 4 years of age.	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age.	
Hepatitis B ^{1,2}	3 doses.	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) ¹	None.	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.
Varicella (Chickenpox) ^{1,2}	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or current lab immunity or history of varicella disease.	

¹Vaccines should be given at certain ages and at certain times (follow the [Immunization Recommendations for Michigan](#) for the recommended number of doses, correct spacing, and ages); this chart is based on Michigan school immunization requirements. We strongly encourage parents and providers to follow the AAP recommended schedule because school requirements are the minimum for protection. Follow this chart when assessing immunization status for school immunization requirements.

²If the child has not received these vaccines, documented immunity or an exemption is required. During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated children may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical exemption from a local health department. Read more about exemptions at Michigan.gov/immunize.



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MCHD Hearing & Vision Program

Serving preschool & school-age youth

Call 734-240-7856 for more information!



Hearing & Vision Screening Requirements

Did you know that all children are required to have a hearing and vision screening prior to entering kindergarten? The Monroe County Health Department offers free screenings to all children in preschool through grade 9. Call them at **734-240-7856** for more information or to make an appointment.

Back to School Health Fair

Saturday, August 1, 9 am - 1 pm

The Monroe County Health Department will hold its 2026 Back to School Health Fair on Saturday, August 1, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm., at 2353 S. Custer Rd.

*There are limited appointments available. Schedule appointments for services by calling MCHD at **734-240-7800**. The following services will be provided: Immunizations, Hearing and Vision Screenings, Sports Physicals, Car Seat Safety Checks, Medication Take Back, nutrition education, and family fun. **Waivers will not be available on this date.***



Back to School Health fair

Saturday, August 1, 2026 9 AM – 1 PM

Monroe County Health Department
2353 S. Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161

Free Services for Children ages 5-19:

- *Sports Physicals
- *Immunizations
- *Hearing & Vision Screenings
- Medication Take Back
- *Car Seat Safety Checks
- Nutrition Education
- Family Fun & Games
- And much more!

Making Waves for Wellness

*** Call 734-240-7800 to schedule an appointment.**



DISTRICT CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27 – September 25, 2026

1275 N. Macomb St., Monroe, MI 48162 · (734) 265.3000

Continuing...

- THURSDAYS** FREE Summer Meals: 7-Day Meal Bundles, Raisinville, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Every THURSDAY, June 25-August 6, first come, first serve
Contact Sodexo (734-265-3120) to volunteer
- 6/22 – 8/14** FREE onsite Summer Meals for Kids begin at MCCC Bldgs C,F,H,T,Z
June 22 – Aug. 14, Mon. - Fri., Breakfast 8:45-9:45 a.m., Lunch 11 – 12
No meals August 3-7

Coming Up...

- July 27 – 31** Marching Band – Home Camp, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monroe High School
Post-Camp Concert on Friday, July 31, 3:00 p.m., at MHS
- Tues., July 28** Summer Graduation at MPS Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, 1275 N. Macomb St.
- Sat., Aug. 1** Monroe County Health Dept. Back to School Health Fair, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2353 S. Custer Rd., schedule appointments: 734-240-7800
- Sun., Aug. 2** Trojan Marching Band in Monroe County Fair Parade, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 2 – Aug. 8** Monroe County Fair
Visit MPS Booth in Expo Center: Sunday, 1-9 pm; Mon-Sat, 10 am – 9 pm
MPS hosts Little Red Schoolhouse on Thursday, 11 am – 8 pm
- Sat., Aug. 8** 40th Annual Monroe Soccer Alumni Games, MHS Bunkelman Field
Legends Game (35+), 6-7 p.m. | Graduates (34 & under), 7:15-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 13** Waterloo - Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.
- August 18-19** Class of 2027 Senior Parking Spots, Aug. 18, 8 am-3 pm | Aug. 19, 9 -3
Designs must be pre-approved and paid for (\$35 spots & \$30 parking pass)
Approval form: <https://forms.gle/qnXYSk7ZzKjdfp9E8>
- Tues., Aug. 19** Raisinville – Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 19** Custer – Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.

Aug. 25-27	Professional Development Days for Staff – No School
Thurs., Aug. 27	Open Houses – Fall 2026 Monroe High School, Orchard Center H.S., Monroe Virtual – 4-6 p.m Monroe Middle School, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cantrick, 5-7 p.m. All MPS Elementary Schools, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 28	Trojan Varsity Football at Plymouth High School, 7 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 31	First Day of Classes (grades Y5-12)
Sept. 4-7	Labor Day Weekend – NO SCHOOL Friday, Sept. 4 and Mon., Sept. 7
Fri., Sept. 4	Trojan Varsity Football at Dexter High School, 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 8	Classes Resume
Thurs., Sept. 10	Trojan Varsity Football – HOME game vs. Skyline, 7 p.m. Military/First Responders Night, USA theme
Thurs., Sept. 17	Music Department Tours Elementary Schools, during school
Wed., Sept. 23	Trojan Marching Band in Marching Exhibition at Chelsea H.S., afterschool
Fri., Sept. 25	2-Hour Early Release for Students Teacher Professional Development