



Connector

August 2010

Mount Clemens High School Makes AYP

We are proud to announce that the **Mount Clemens High School has achieved AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) Status** for the first time since No Child Left Behind guidelines were enacted eight years ago.

To make AYP, the school or district must attain the target achievement goal in reading and mathematics. A school or district must also test at least 95% of its students enrolled in the grade level tested for the school as a whole and for each required subgroup. In addition, the school must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools of 80% and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools of 90%.

All of our schools made progress in several areas.

<i>School</i>	<i>Grades Tested</i>	<i>Report Card</i>	<i>AYP</i>
<i>Seminole</i>	<i>3rd-6th</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>3rd-6th</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Washington</i>	<i>3rd-6th</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>No*</i>
<i>Junior High</i>	<i>7th-8th</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>High School</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>District AYP</i>			<i>Yes</i>

* Missed one sub-group category

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Mount Clemens Community Schools that worked diligently to prove we are a “successful school district educating children in the best way possible”!

Superintendent's Corner



Dear Friends,

Hello, I am proud to serve as the Superintendent of the Mount Clemens Community School District, a community of learners, committed to student achievement and excellence in academics. I want to thank you for making Mount Clemens your home, not just for your family, but your child's education as well. We have a lot of things to be excited about this year. We are pleased to announce that once again, EVERY child will receive a FREE breakfast at school to help jump-start their day. Parents can receive voice or text updates on their home phone or mobile device thanks to Edu-Link, an electronic parent notification system.

Mount Clemens is a safe, academic oriented school district. We have high expectations for all learners and for ourselves. On-line learning was possible for 90 Mount Clemens students during the summer months...for FREE. We believe in providing credit-recovery courses via our E-2020 computer software and teaching staff.

Our Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center is one of the few pre-schools in southeast Michigan to be accredited by NAEYC ... that is the National Association for the Education of Young Children. At AMELC we offer great programs like Lil' Sprouts and Be-FOUR.

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The Mount Clemens Community School District extends our “BEST WISHES” to the loyal, dedicated and hardworking employees who have chosen to retire this past year.

LaFrance Bearden, Larry Benson, Elizabeth Bercaw, Michele Brown, Barbara Campau, Philip Conger, Martha Delargey, Jean Dixon, Ronald Dubay, Donna Gauthier, Samuel Godfrey, Carol Hacker, Cheryl Hauler, Suzanne Kotas, Ida McGarity, Rodger Pelham, Laverne Pugh, Mary Rutallie, Janet Stanley, Butch (Ervin) Strauchman, Rolland Vriesenga, Richard Walters and Kathy Zuzula

The mission of the MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS is to teach ALL students so that they achieve beyond expectations and meet the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world.

-Adopted on July 8, 1991 by the Mount Clemens Board of Education

BULLDOGS & BATTLING BATHERS

Don Wisswell is a familiar name in Mount Clemens, the retired educator and coach has assumed the position of Athletic Director at the Secondary Campus. Coach Wisswell is working to bring back "Bather Pride" and developing supportive community partnerships. As a result, there are many exciting events and updates taking place in the Athletic Department. Two local businesses have recently become corporate sponsors. Sonic has donated the printing cost of 21,000 tickets and on September 15th, Buffalo Wild Wings in downtown Mount Clemens will donate a percentage of the proceeds from food purchased from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. to the athletic department. This year, commercials for area businesses will be announced during the games at the Secondary Campus. Proceeds from these commercials will help support the athletic department.



The Mount Clemens High School Athletic Boosters have worked hard over the summer to organize the display cases and inventory uniforms. The group held an open gym session in July to provide recreational programming for local area youth. On August 21, the Boosters hosted a barbeque fundraiser at the Mount Clemens High School Athletic Field. The Booster Club and the Athletic Department need more volunteers to assist with games and upcoming events. Please contact Coach Wisswell at 461-3740 to find out how to become a part of this active group.

The High School Tennis Team opened the fall sports season on August 19, when they hosted St. Clair High School at Seminole Academy. The athletic department welcomes two new coaches this fall; Harold Penn, Varsity Football Coach and Kurt Reichert, Varsity Soccer Coach. Support our students and Athletic Program by attending a sports event this fall. Mount Clemens High School has a long, proud history in athletics. Become a part of our winning tradition, get involved!



Superintendent's Corner

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No one has more opportunities to serve you than Mount Clemens. Our elementary academies, Grades K-6, continue to offer an excellent program, WITH LOW CLASS SIZES, FREE full-day Kindergarten and FREE Before and After School Learning Camps. Check us out. You will be impressed!!

Mount Clemens Junior High, Grades 7 & 8, is an International Baccalaureate Candidate school. We expect to receive national certification during the 2010-11 school year. Mount Clemens High School offers college-credit courses, as well as university-aligned curriculums.

Our new Medical Bio-Science Academy was designed, in partnership, with the Michigan State University Osteopathic staff. Our Communication and Creative Arts Academy collected several state and national awards this past year. Partnerships with Michigan State, Oakland and Wayne State Universities, as well as Macomb Community College insure that the courses your child takes in these programs will benefit them in college or in the career field of their choice.

Your child's personal development is important to us also. We have partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Selfridge Air National Guard Base and Communities in Schools to offer your child several ways to improve their physical and mental health. Please call for information about our after school and mentoring programs for young men and ladies.

The Mount Clemens Board of Education and our entire professional and support personnel are looking forward to a very successful school year. We are so glad that you are going to be a part of it. I personally invite you to tour our school district's buildings and classrooms and see the outstanding work of our students and staff.

Warm regards,

Dr. Charles P. Muncatchy



Fall Athletic Schedules



Varsity Football			
08/27	Home	Algonac	7:00
09/02	Home	New Haven	7:00
09/10	Away	Center Line	7:00
09/17	Home	St. Clair	7:00
09/24	Home	South Lake	7:00
10/02	Homecoming	Lamphere	1:00
10/09	Away	Lincoln	1:00
10/15	Away	Clawson	7:00
10/22	Home	Clintondale	7:00
Boys Varsity Soccer			
08/23	Home	St. Clair	4:00
08/26	Home	Parkway Christian	4:30
08/30	Home	South Lake	4:30
09/08	Home	Marine City	5:00
09/10	Home	Harper Woods	4:30
09/13	Away	New Haven	4:00
09/15	Away	Marysville	4:00
09/20	Home	Fitzgerald	4:30
09/22	Home	East Detroit	4:00
09/27	Away	Marine City	4:30
09/29	Home	New Haven	4:00
10/04	Home	Marysville	4:00
10/06	Away	Fitzgerald	7:00
10/11	Away	East Detroit	4:00
10/14	Home	Lincoln	4:00
Boys Varsity Tennis			
08/19	Home	Algonac	4:00
08/28	Home	Mount Clemens Invitational	8:00
08/31	Away	Marysville	10:00
09/02	Home	Warren Woods Tower	4:00
09/09	Home	Madison Heights Lamphere	4:00
09/11	Away	Sterling Heights Invitational	9:00
09/14	Away	Fitzgerald	4:00
09/16	Home	Clawson	4:00
09/18	Home	Bather Invitational	8:00
09/21	Home	Lakeview	4:00
09/23	Home	Sterling Heights	4:00
09/24	Away	Center Line	4:00
09/25		City Tournament	8:00
09/28		MAC Tournament	11:00
09/30	Home	South Lake	4:00
10/07		Regionals	8:00
10/15		State	8:00

Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball			
08/26	Away	Algonac	5:30/6:30
08/31	Home	Cardinal Mooney	5:00/6:00
09/07	Away	Parkway Christian	5:30/6:30
09/13	Away	Harper Woods	5:00/6:00
09/16	Away	Fitzgerald	5:00/6:30
09/21	Home	Clintondale	5:30/6:30
09/23	Home	New Haven	5:30/6:30
09/28	Away	Lincoln	5:00/6:30
09/30	Home	Harper Woods	5:00/6:00
10/05	Away	Madison	5:00/6:30
10/07	Home	Fitzgerald	5:00/6:30
10/12	Away	Clintondale	5:30/6:30
10/14	Home	New Haven	5:30/6:30
10/21	Home	Lincoln	5:00/6:30
10/26	Home	Madison	5:00/6:30
Junior High Girls Basketball			
09/29	Away	Fraser	3:30
10/04	Away	Warren Woods	4:00
10/06	Away	Harper Woods	4:00
10/11	Home	Kelly	4:00
10/13	Home	Clintondale	4:00
10/18	Home	Fraser	3:30
10/20	Home	Warren Woods	4:00
10/25	Home	Harper Woods	4:00
10/27	Away	Kelly	4:00
11/01	Away	Clintondale	3:30
Junior High Football			
09/28	Home	Anchor Bay South	4:00
10/05	Home	Anchor Bay North	4:00
10/12	Away	Roseville	4:30
10/19	Away	Clintondale	4:00
10/26	Away	Harper Woods	4:00
11/02	Home	Clawson	4:00
JV Football			
08/26	Away	Algonac	t.b.d.
09/01	Away	New Haven	t.b.d.
09/09	Home	Center Line	4:30
09/16	Away	St. Clair	7:00
09/23	Home	South Lake	4:30
09/30	Away	Lamphere	7:00
10/08	Home	Lincoln	4:30
10/14	Home	Clawson	4:30
10/21	Away	Clintondale	7:00

* ALL Game dates/times subject to change.

PLANETARIUM AND DIGITAL THEATER

Explore the depths of the oceans, the vastness of space and the micro sciences of the human body through Mount Clemens Community



School District's Planetarium and Digital Theater. To schedule a tour, a field trip or for more



information call the Mount Clemens High School's administration office at (586) 461-3400.

OPENING THIS FALL

Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center ~ NAEYC Accredited

The center provides a high quality preschool program for children ages 3-5 encompassing four programs: BeF.O.U.R. (be Friendly, Open, Unique, and Ready), E.C.S.E. (Early Childhood Special Education), Li'l Sprouts (Tuition Based Preschool) and P.I. (Physically Impaired)

Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center, received recertification from the National Association for the Early Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals on May 1, 2010. The recertification is an extensive self-study process measuring our program and services against the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. This certification is reviewed every five years.

Parents want their child's first experience to make a difference in their life. Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center has:

- Research based curriculum taught by certified teachers
- State licensure
- National accreditation
- Excellent location
- Transportation for those who qualify
- Free breakfast program



Brenda Moore, Building Coordinator, shared, "Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center is a place that is very nurturing and a great beginning for the minds of little ones".



Yvonne McQueen, Principal/Director of Special Services stated, "In these economic times parents are looking for an environment where their child's individual needs/ learning styles can be developed into a strong beginning of their educational career". For more information on Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center please call: (586) 461-3700.

Students Achieve in the Reading Success and Technology Lab



At George Washington Academy the staff is committed to every child's success. They believe that every child can succeed beyond expectations and emphasize hands-on learning. In our Reading Success and Technology Lab students use the latest technology

to acquire skills that will prepare them to be literate, functioning students with lifelong reading skills by providing individualized strategies. These skills will enhance their learning potential in Reading / Language Arts as well as in other core curriculum areas. Regular communication between the Student Success staff, the classroom teachers and the parents will ensure that each student's individual needs are being met.

Washington Academy's Student Success Lab offers literacy support for students in grades 1 to 6. Students who have been identified as needing additional support with reading, writing, comprehension, fluency, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, and word usage attend the classes.

Students work one on one with experienced elementary school literacy educators in a small classroom setting on a daily basis. Students engage in interactive and research based computer software programs that challenge their existing skills and builds the foundation for new tools and strategies that the child can use to reach their academic goals.

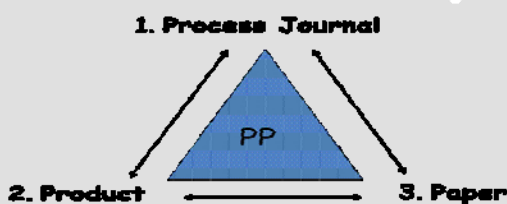


As a Title I school, additional Before/After school tutoring programs are available to the total student body to help support students in areas such as reading, writing, math and comprehension of homework. For more information contact George Loder, Principal of George Washington Academy at (586) 461-3800.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Personal Project

The personal project is a significant body of work produced over an extended period. It is a product of the student's own initiative and should reflect his/her experiences within all four years of the Middle Years Program (MYP). It provides an excellent opportunity for students to produce a truly creative piece of work of their choice and to demonstrate the skills they have developed. The personal project includes a process journal, a product and a personal statement in the form of a structured piece of writing.

The 3 P's of the Personal Project



written component and process journal.

Students are introduced to the personal project concept at the end of eighth grade and seem quite excited to have an opportunity to explore a topic that would be completely of their choosing! The Ninth Grade Small Learning Community staff will assist students to narrow their topic and begin their research. The tenth grade staff, as well as the student's personal project supervisor, will continue the research phase and assist students with monitoring the completion of the chosen product,

Students and parents will receive detailed information regarding the process and due dates shortly. Questions and comments can be directed to the MYP Coordinator, Ms. Pankotai, at (586) 461-3351.

2010 – 2011 District Calendar

September 7	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12
September 8	First Full Day of Classes
September 15	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
September 29	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
October 6	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
October 7	Classes A.M. Only, Grades 7-12, Conferences, Grades 7-12
November 2	No Classes, Grades K-12
November 5	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12, End of 1st Marking Period
November 11	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-6, Conferences, Grades K-6
November 12	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-6, Conferences, Grades K-6
November 17	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
November 24-26	No Classes, Thanksgiving Recess
December 8	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
December 20-31	No Classes, Winter Recess
January 12	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
January 17	No Classes, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19	Classes A.M. Only, Grades 7-12
January 20	Classes A.M. Only, Grades 7-12
January 21	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12, End of 2nd Marking Period
February 2	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
February 10	Classes A.M. Only, Grades 7-12, Conferences, Grades 7-12
February 17	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12
February 18-22	No Classes, Mid-Winter Break
March 1	No Classes, Grades 9, 10 & 12 (MME Exams A.M.)
March 2	No Classes, Grades K - 10 & 12 (MME Exams A.M.)
March 3	No Classes, Grades 9, 10 & 12 (MME Exams A.M.)
March 16	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
April 1	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12, End of 3rd Marking Period
April 4-8	No Classes, Spring Break
April 14	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-6, Conferences, Grades K-6
April 15	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-6, Conferences, Grades K-6
April 20	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
April 22	No Classes, Grades K-12
May 4	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
May 18	Early Release Workshop Wednesday, Grades K-12
May 27	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12
May 30	No Classes, Memorial Day
June 7	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12
June 8	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12
June 9	Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12, End of 4th Marking Period



Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center Calendar of Events

August

25 Li'l Sprouts Classes Start
7:00 – 6:00

September

- 8 Open House
6:00 - 8:00
- 10 POHI Orientation
10:30 - 12:30
- 13 Befour (GSRP) Orientation
10:00 – 12:30
- 14 Befour Classes Start
- 15 POHI Classes Start
- 16 ECSE Classes Start
- 20 Fall Fundraiser Kick – Off
- 28 School Fall Pictures

Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center 2010-2011 Building Time Schedule

AM Session	PM Session
8:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	1:05 p.m. - 3:59 p.m.

2010-2011 Building Time Schedules

	Session Begins	Full Day Session Ends	Half Day Session Ends
Mount Clemens High School	7:20 a.m.	2:39 p.m.	10:42 a.m.
Mount Clemens Junior High	7:20 a.m.	2:39 p.m.	10:42 a.m.
M.L. King Jr. Academy	7:40 a.m.	2:59 p.m.	11:02 a.m.
George Washington Academy	7:55 a.m.	3:14 p.m.	11:17 p.m.
Seminole Academy	8:10 a.m.	3:29 p.m.	11:32 p.m.



Schools of Choice – Open Enrollment

August 30 – September 10, 2010

Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center

- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) - for qualifying students
- Li'l Sprouts Preschool Program

M.L. King Jr., George Washington & Seminole Academies

- Full-Day Tuition Free Kindergarten Programs
- K-3 Low Class Size
- Fine Arts, Vocal and Instrumental Music Instruction
- Physical Education and Media Studies
- Computer Science and Technology Curriculum

Mount Clemens Junior and Senior High Secondary Campus

- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Grades 7-10
- Freshman Small Learning Community
- Creative Arts and Communication Career Academy
- Medical Bioscience Career Academy
- 7-12 Grade Athletic Programs Open to Qualifying Students

ENROLL NOW Call Toll Free 877.840.3766

**Alexander Macomb
Early Learning Center**
11 Grand Avenue
Yvonne McQueen, Principal
(586) 461-3700

M.L. King Jr. Academy
400 Clinton River Drive
Sharon Gryzenia, Principal
(586) 461-3100

Seminole Academy
1500 Mulberry
Janice Hooks, Principal
(586) 461-3900

George Washington Academy
196 North Rose
George Loder, Principal
(586) 461-3800

Mount Clemens Junior High
161 Cass Avenue
George Loder, Principal
(586) 461-3300

Mount Clemens High School
155 Cass Avenue
Michael Bruce, Principal
(586) 461-3400

September Open Houses

September 8	Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center	6:00 P.M.
September 9	M.L. King Jr. Academy	6:00 P.M.
September 14	George Washington Academy	6:00 P.M.
September 16	Seminole Academy	6:00 P.M.
September 21	Mount Clemens Junior High	6:00 P.M.
September 22	Mount Clemens High School	6:00 P.M.

Free Breakfast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and there is no need for your child to skip this meal when the district provides a free breakfast to every student in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Foods such as fruit, cereal, milk and juice are served every morning in every building at no cost to your family.

Free Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program – All elementary buildings

For the second year in a row we have been awarded a grant to provide all elementary students with fresh fruits and vegetables during the school day.

Online Lunch Account

We offer an on-line secure service to keep track of your child's lunch account. Please contact Farai Sithole, Director of Food Services at 461-3741 to obtain a user ID and password. The webportal is found on the district's website www.mtcps.org at the top of the page under "cafeteria resources".

New Transportation Services

Trinity Transportation, a Michigan company, will be providing transportation to eligible students beginning September 7, 2010. All busses are inspected by the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division and are MDOT certified. All school bus drivers are certified and meet federal and state requirements. For more information, please contact Bob Meritte, Terminal Manager at (586) 296-3017.



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Schoolwide Title I District

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Suzanne Kotas 461-3770

Director of Special Services

Yvonne McQueen 461-3701

Director of Financial Services

Karen Donahue 461-3777

Director of Facilities

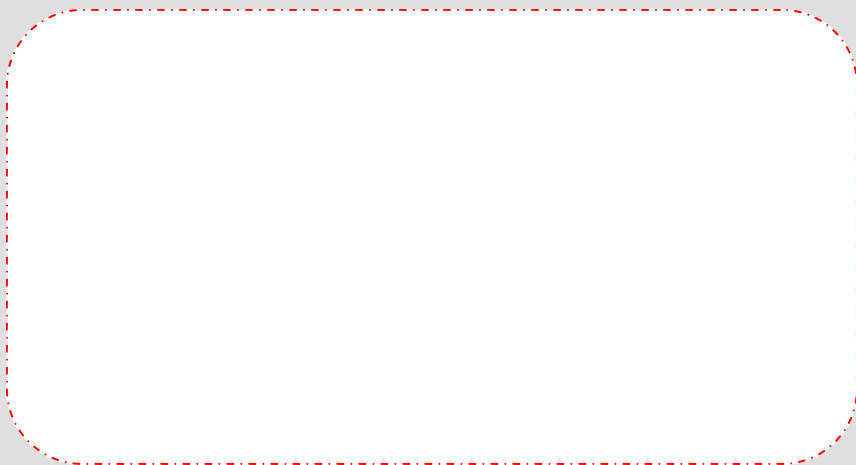
Thomas Minaudo 461-3733

Director of Food Services

Jill Kleehammer 461-3741

Director of Public and School Libraries

Donald E. Worrell Jr. 469-6662



**New Digital Signage
 in All of our Buildings!**

The district received funding through the federal government to purchase and install these displays in our entrances and main offices as well as in the High School Media Center and Academy common areas.

These message boards are just another way the district keeps our students, staff and guests informed of the many types of activities going on in our district.

The message boards will be a way for you to see upcoming events, student spotlights, sports news, academic information and much more!



Statement of assurance of compliance with federal laws

It is the policy of the Mount Clemens Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, lack of English skills, or disability be excluded from participation and be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under program or activity and in employment; further, the Mount Clemens Board of Education strictly adheres to provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, McKinney-Vento Homeless Children's Act and all Michigan Department of Education policies and regulations prohibiting discrimination. Lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission of participants.

For more information regarding this assurance, please contact:

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 155 Cass Avenue
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**Board of Education
 Meetings 6:30 P.M.**

September 15	M. L. King Jr. Academy
October 20	Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center
November 17	George Washington Academy
December 15	High School Small Auditorium
January 19	High School Small Auditorium
February 16	M. L. King Jr. Academy
March 16	Seminole Academy
April 20	High School Small Auditorium
May 18	High School Small Auditorium
June 15	High School Small Auditorium