

POLAR PRESS



State Testing

Spring always means that state testing is upon us! This year, students will take some of their tests before Spring Break and finish the rest when they return.

Students should report to their assigned testing rooms the day of their scheduled tests with a fully charged chrome book. Also, make sure to eat a good, healthy breakfast. Please be on time so the testing can start promptly.

Below is the schedule for this years testing:

March 24-25: ELA Grades 6-8

March 26 & 29: ELA II

April 13-14: Math Grades 6-8 and Algebra I

April 15-16: Geometry

April 20-21: Science Grade 8 & Biology

April 22: American History

April 23: Government



What's Happening at Margaretta?

With the school year coming to a close very soon, it's important to have an understanding of what the upcoming school year may bring. Mr. Rod Smith took the time to answer some of the questions we had regarding what to expect in the upcoming school year.

First, the main question on every students mind is what progress is being made with the announcement of removing a period from the school day, going from the set precedent of an eight period day to a seven period day. Mr. Smith responded to this question by saying, "Most importantly, we need to provide more time in each period for teaching and learning. Fifty minute periods would be ideal and in order for that to happen, we need to fit the periods into the teacher's contractual time." Nothing regarding this change is set in stone and all best options are being explored before a final decision is made. Mr. Smith said, "Personally, I like the idea of students more focused on fewer classes to get better results. Nobody likes change and this is change. It is a process that is uncomfortable but necessary to provide all students with better quality teaching and learning."

We also asked about what protocols will be set for the upcoming school year. When asked about the specific steps that could be taken, Mr. Smith answered with, "Safety will always be our top priority. We learned a lot in the last year and will continue to follow the guidance of the Erie County Health Department. There are many thoughts about where we will be by the beginning of next school year. However, no one really knows yet. So for now, we will stay positive and hope we will return to a more normal scenario while still following the guidelines."

The final question we had was regarding the unwillingness some teachers may have facing the vaccinations that are being administered. He acknowledged this by saying, "Our school employees, along with all other Erie County school employees, have received their first and second doses of the vaccine. The turnout has been great in Erie County according to the Health Department. I do not have specific data to provide due to confidentiality required of the Health Department."

Hopefully the next school year will have more normality than the current one has provided, but all we can do is wait and see what this year will bring about.



What is Happening Around MHS!!!

Signing Letters of Intent



Mitch Raifschneider-US
Military Academy, West Point



Josie Stark- Ohio Wesleyan



Margaretta Bowling



The Bowling team is a new sport entered at Margaretta High School. Although not officially a team yet, it has become a beacon for students desiring activity, but not wanting to take part in the more demanding physical activities such as wrestling or swimming. The bowling program at Margaretta High School has enjoyed two seasons now and is preparing for its next season to finish the requirement of being a club sport to become an official varsity sport at Margaretta High School. We contacted coach Audra Rooker asking her a few questions.

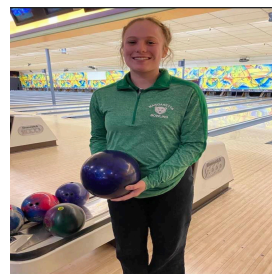
First, being that the team has participated in two seasons we wondered how they did this season and what Coach Rooker thought. She responded saying, "This season was very well for us. Both the boys and girls teams performed very well this season as both of them performed well at district and SBC competitions. We even had Mariah Fields qualify for district tournaments in which she did amazing at. We also reached a lot of firsts this year gaining our first wins for both teams and first person to qualify for districts."

Next, with such a good season in the eyes of Coach Rooker, she had this to say on improvement for next season. "Next season we hope to gain a couple more wins and have high placings individually and team wise at SBC and Sectional Tournaments. In addition to performance, we would also like to be recognized by the school as a varsity sport." In order to fulfil the requirements of becoming a varsity sport, the bowling team needs a sustainable amount of returning players.

Following this, Coach Rooker provided us an update on recruitment stating. "We have multiple ideas to get more players on our team with such things as bowling nights as a way to advertise bowling to students in high school and at the 8th grade level to continue a sustainable recruitment of bowlers."

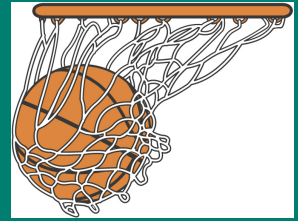
Finally, the elephant in the room being COVID has affected many sports this year and has changed how the sport is executed or precautions while competing. Coach Rooker stated, "COVID didn't really change our season. There were a couple of rules we disagreed with, but mostly bowling stayed the same except while playing you had to wear a mask and social distance."

In conclusion we are excited to see the bowling teams improvement next season and do hope that the School Board will consider granting them a spot as a varsity sport at Margaretta High School. - Elias Young





Girls Basketball



Girls Varsity Basketball Wrap-Up

Throughout the whole season, the Margareta girls basketball team faced lots of adversity and had to deal with lots of different factors. However, even with everything thrown at them, they were still successful and had a winning record of 20-6. The team ended up taking a tough loss in the District Finals, but also ended up conference champions.

Head Coach Eric Kochendoerfer was extremely happy with the team's success and growth over the course of this season. He said that the basketball team, "Accomplished great things this year and further pushed our program positively in the right direction; they truly have a lot to be proud of."

At the end of this successful season is a sad time for everyone because the seniors play their very last game. The seniors this year hold a special place in Coach K's heart because they were freshman when he joined the coaching staff, so he has been with them throughout their whole high school career. He is excited to see where they go in life and what they will accomplish, and is saddened by their departure from the program.

With this season's success brings even more excitement for next season. The girls are going to be working hard in the offseason. They are expected to get physically stronger and get lots of shots up. These two key goals will help the team become better and more competitive than they already are. Coach K is really looking forward to next season already and believes they will have another good year and could even go further in the tournament. Next year they have many returning starters, and many other strong players as well as the incoming freshman who just won the 8th grade SBC championship. Overall, this season was a huge success and next season should be as well.



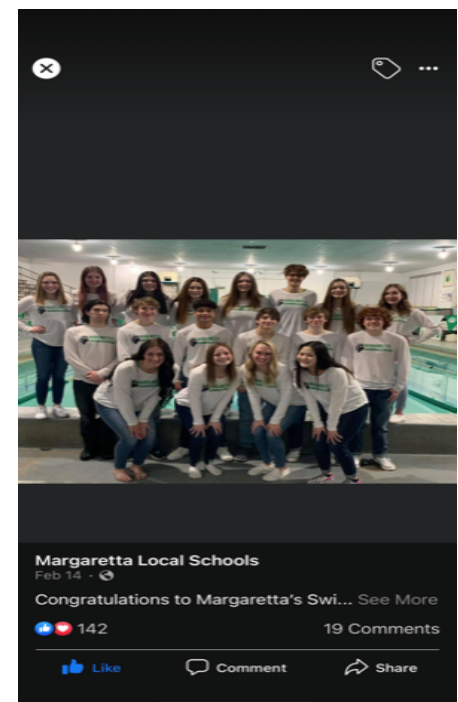
Swimming Wrap-Up

The swim team had quite a season this year with lots of hard work and strenuous conditions under which they practiced. This year, several swimmers made it to the District competition.

When asked how she felt about their performances at Districts, Coach Szymanski responded with, "I was very impressed with all of the District qualifiers. They worked hard and dropped time." From the District qualifiers, two swimmers earned a trip to the State meet-Kenna Stimmel in diving (finished 14th in the state) and Lily Green(50 Freestyle-finished 21st in the state).

Coach Szymanski's thoughts on the season was that the season was a gift, and due to the constant threat of being shut down was quite stressful; however, the athletes managed to maintain focus and worked hard throughout the season.

Lastly, Coach Szymanski stated that the team will be increasing their time in the weight room with Coach Gravenhorst by using kettlebells and ab rollers to add to their lifting routine.



Senior Bios



Name: Devyn Aceto

Hobbies: Swimming, painting, skateboarding, and singing.

Siblings: Brycen, Ethan, Dylan, Kayla and Kylee Aceto and Daniella Neumeyer

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Sports Team: Lakers

Favorite Person or Teacher: Miss Comparette

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Color: Grey

Favorite Book: *Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks

Favorite Band/Artist: Highly Suspect and/or Luke Combs.

Favorite Quote: "It is what it is, life moves on."

Favorite Childhood Toy: My Teddy Bear

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: When my friend Quinn and I stole Mr. Volzer's personal chair and carried it down the stairs and all the way to Mr. Miller's room.

Future Plans: Attend Terra or another trade school and earn a business degree and start managing my father's business(s).



Name: Ava Keller

Hobbies: Cheering and spending time with friends and family

Siblings: None

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Browns

Favorite Person or Teacher: My Mom

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Book: *Paper Towns*

Favorite Band/Artist: Kane Brown

Favorite Quote: "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle that you know nothing about. Be kind. Always"

Favorite Childhood Toy: Barbies

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Senior Cheer Season

Future Plans: Attending college to major in psychology and/or education



Name: Alena Moffitt

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, watching TV, and eating

Siblings: Isabella and Conor

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Sports Team: Cavs

Favorite Person or Teacher: Mr. Gravenhorst, Ms. Comparette

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Color: Peppermint Green

Favorite Book: *The Mortal Instruments*

Favorite Band/Artist: Gavin Degraw

Favorite Quote: "Always forward, never backwards"

Favorite Childhood Toy: Dora Doll

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Favorite High School Memory: Pep Rallys

Future Plans: Undecided

Senior Bios



Name: Kaitlin Miller

Hobbies: Reading, Sleeping, and Procrastinating

Siblings: Josh, Chelsea, and Erica Miller

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Sports Team: Baltimore Ravens

Favorite Person or Teacher: Mr. Reardon

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: *The Outsiders*

Favorite Band/Artist: Robert Grace

Favorite Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind"

Favorite Childhood Toy: Legos

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Beating Willard in 5 Sets (Volleyball)

Future Plans: Attend Toledo University and major in Computer Science Engineering and Data Analytics.



Name: Madison Brace

Hobbies: Golf, Swimming, Drawing, Playing the Flute and Piano, Reading, and Watching Movies

Siblings: Cameron Brace (19)

Favorite Food: BBQ Chicken

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State Buckeyes

Favorite Person or Teacher: Miss. Compartment

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Color: Pastel Pink

Favorite Book: *The Hunger Games*

Favorite Band/Artist: MercyMe, Taylor Swift, and One Direction

Favorite Quote: "If your always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be." -Maya Angelou

Favorite Childhood Toy: Dora

Favorite Holiday: New Years

Favorite High School Memory: Winning the Iron Skillet against Huron my junior year of swim.

Future Plans: Attending College and majoring in nursing. Eventually become a nurse practitioner in the U.S Air Force.



Name: Josephine Stark

Hobbies: Swimming, Photography, Painting, Sewing, Playiing Music, and Petting my dog.

Siblings: Spencer

Favorite Food: Florenda Rickenbaugh's homemade egg rolls

Favorite Subject: Science

Favorite Sports Team: USA Swimming or Cleveland Indians

Favorite Person or Teacher: Mr. Zuk

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Book: *The Gospel of the FLYing Spaghetti Monster*

Favorite Band/Artist: Fall Out Boy or Motley Crue

Favorite Quote: "We've stood and we've stood and standing just standing produces no good" -Dr. Suess in Grinch Night

Favorite Childhood Toy: My Nintendo DS

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Favorite High School Memory: Swimming Districts Week 2019

Future Plans: Attend a college to study biochemistry and continue swimming competitively.

Senior Bios



Name: Quinton Miller

Hobbies: Skateboarding, Snowboarding, and Rapping

Siblings: Jeff, Anna, Micheal, Daniel

Favorite Food: Asian Food

Favorite Subject: Trig/ Pre-Calc

Favorite Person or Teacher: Matt Rohn

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Book: *What the Night Knows-*

Favorite Band/Artist: Dean Koontz

Favorite Quote: "When I was 5 they asked me what I wanted to be when I grow up, I told them to be happy. They told me I don't understand the question. I told them they didn't understand life."

Favorite Childhood Toy: My dad's old flip phone

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite High School Memory: Not remembering half of it

Future Plans: Assisting peers in having a better understanding of what the purpose of life is.



Name: David Hoffman

Hobbies: Riding bikes and passing the football

Siblings: Elizabeth and Dakota Hoffman

Favorite Food: Pizza and cheeseburgers

Favorite Subject: Reading

Favorite Sports Team: The Bengals

Favorite Person or Teacher: Mr. Miller

Favorite Season: Fall/Autumn

Favorite Color: Baby blue/Black

Favorite Book: *The Outsiders*

Favorite Band/Artist: 3 Days Grace

Favorite Quote: "Take the risk, or lose the chance"

Favorite Childhood Toy: A teddy bear named Snickers

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: When I was at a wrestling meet and I got my first win

Future Plans: Join the Army to become a paratrooper



Name: Carson Elder

Hobbies: Hockey

Siblings: Sam Elder

Favorite Food: Mangos

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Bruins

Favorite Person or Teacher: Miss. Comparette

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: *The Great Gatsby*

Favorite Band/Artist: Lil Baby

Favorite Quote: "Chase the bag with no tag"

Favorite Childhood Toy: Legos

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Becoming National Champs in hockey

Future Plans: Electrical Construction

Senior Bios



Name: Zach Smith

Hobbies: Football, Powerlifting, and Baseball

Siblings: David, Kaytlynn, Logan, Mandy, Kaycee

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Sports Team: Notre Dame/Ohio State

Favorite Person or Teacher: Lil ck, Lil corbi

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: *Friday Night Lights*

Favorite Band/Artist: Lil Baby

Favorite Quote: "My moma says that alligators are ornery because they got all them teeth and no toothbrush."

Favorite Childhood Toy: Playstation

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: When me, Carson Elder, Carson Kennedy, and Corbin Prieur were hanging out and Corbin jumped through a table and broke it in half.

Future Plans: College Undecided, Sports Management major



Name: Spencer Michel

Hobbies: Sports, Video Games, Being with friends

Siblings: Alex Michel

Favorite Food: Macaroni and Cheese

Favorite Subject: Science or History

Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Browns

Favorite Person or Teacher: All of them

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Book: *Green Eggs and Ham*

Favorite Band/Artist: Boston or Van Halen

Favorite Quote: "The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it." -Rafiki, The Lion King

Favorite Childhood Toy: Legos

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Playing sports with all my friends and always having fun with them.

Future Plans: Playing sports with all my friends and always having fun with them.



Name: Cayden Orshoski

Hobbies: Sports and video games

Siblings: Courtney and Craig Orshoski

Favorite Food: Wings, pizza, and spaghetti

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Browns

Favorite Person or Teacher: N/A

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Book: *The Outsiders*

Favorite Band/Artist: Pop Smoke

Favorite Quote: "Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." -Robert Bault

Favorite Childhood Toy: Batman Action Figure

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Spring Break

Future Plans: School=Undecided, Major in business.

Softball and Track Previews



Softball Preview

We have finally reached the spring season and with this season comes many sports such as track, baseball, and softball. Last year all of the athletes in these sports got their seasons taken from them. So, all of the athletes are preparing and getting more ready than ever for this season. The girls JV and varsity teams are preparing hard for their tough and competitive season.

For softball, the SBC has some of the toughest and most competitive teams. However, the Lady Bears are continuing to prepare everyday and the coaches are challenging the athletes to get better everyday. The Margareta softball schedule is packed this year with games versus Cleveland St. Joe, Bellevue, Carey, Perrysburg, Edison, Huron and our team is also in the annual Prebis tournament.

There are a total of five seniors this year and many returning letter winners as well. Margareta head coach, Scott Dickman, expects the seniors to be leaders and to help the younger girls become good teammates and players. He also expects the returning letter winners to get better everyday and continue to help the team win games. The team is young this year and there are lots of new girls that have to learn quickly. All of the upperclassmen and some underclassmen are helping to teach their new teammates everyday. Overall, the expectations for this season are high and even with a tough schedule the Margareta softball program should have a successful season.

Track Preview

Entering the new season of track, Margareta has been anticipating the fast arrival of this new season. The coach, Todd Polk, is glad that he and his athletes are able to compete this year. This year has been long awaited for, since last year the last season was cut short due to a global pandemic. However, this year he expects his team to succeed in overall events.

Polk expects for this year to be a rocky start, since it has been awhile since most of his athletes haven't competed and practiced, but he is just excited to see everyone and be able to finally compete. There are high expectations for the girls team this year, coming off Districts titles and finishing top 10 at state in 2019. The boys team is constantly improving everyday in practices, and are going to get some attention throughout the season. No matter the circumstances, Polk has big goals and plans to reach them. At the moment his focus is getting his athletes in the best shape and trying to improve them and prepare them for the peak of the season in May. The main goals for the boys team this year are to keep improving, and helping each other in each event they are competing in. The girls team has a little different goal, which is to: win Conference, win Districts, win Regionals, and finish top 5 at State.

This year is definitely going to be much different than other seasons in the past, but Polk and his team are making the best of it. With the experiences of last year, he wanted to make mention that, "Never taking for granted that there is always next season as we all know now it can be taken away very quickly." Though there are restrictions with the newest season, it does not matter, and he's just glad that there was an opportunity for there to be a season at all.

There are a lot of new faces that have joined track. The girls who are returning from last year are, Shyanne Phillips, Kristen Beal, Jana Berg, Miah Miller, Madison Phillips, Kenna Stimmel, Kylee Cheek and a move in Riley Young. These are the girls that have competed in a Varsity track meet. Kylee Cheek, a senior, was a member of the state runner-up 400m Relay Team along with Kenna Stimmel, a junior, who also competed at the state meet in 4 events, and is the returning State Champion and National Indoor Champion in Pole Vault.

On the boys side, the returning athletes are: Troy Miller, Cayden Orshoski, Isaiah Hall, Asa Fletcher, Hunter Haynes, and Michael Wadsworth. Cayden Orshoski, a senior, has qualified for the Regional meet both his freshman and sophomore years. In addition to the returning athletes coming back, there are also a lot of very talented freshmen and sophomore athletes out for the team this season, with the addition of a couple upper class athletes in Lily Green and Austin Schafer competing in track and field for the first time.

On both the boys and girls side, it's very exciting to see the continued development of the throwers. For the girls there is: Jenny Patrick, Kristen Beal and Brooklin Higham. For the boys in the throwing department there is Michael Wadsworth, Hunter Haynes, JT Patrick, Caleb Lane and Easton Young. This year there is promising athleticism, and now we have to wait to see what will come in this 2021 season.

Junior High News

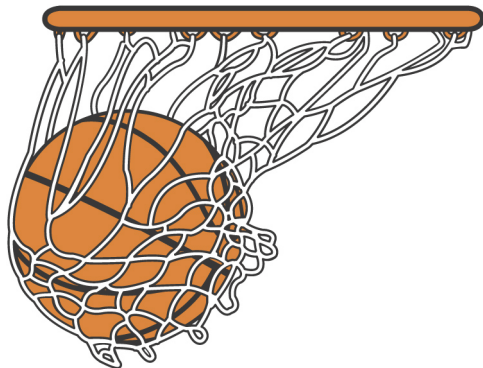
Impact Leadership

This year's 7th grade young leaders were eager to grow and develop their leadership skills. Impact Leadership helped them better "understand and appreciate the true art of leadership."



SBC Basketball Champions

Congratulations to the 7th grade Boys Basketball team on winning the SBC Bay Championship by defeating Willard 53-47



Girls: 7th Grade SBC Champs!!



Girls: 8th Grade SBC Champs!!



FFA News



Congratulations to the FFA Ag. Sales Team. They placed 3rd in the District Contest. Team members include Halle Miller, Kaitlin Miller, Addie Kromer, Kirsten Beal. Alternate members included: Brynn Miller, Lily Green, Maddie Flick, Evan Miller J.T. Patrick and Mariah Fields.



J.T. Patrick, Mr. Kremer, Isabella Riedy, Hailey Williams, Jenny Patrick, Emma LaFollette, Maria Marsh

Camo Day



Kirsten Beal, Mr. Kremer, Addie Kromer



Morgan Meggitt & Jana Berg

Dress Like a Farmer



Evan Miller, J.T. Patrick, Hayden Wiley, Emma LaFollette, Jenny Patrick, Mariah Fields, Maria Marsh



Tidbits of Information

Congratulations to Margaretta junior Kenna Stimmel on winning the National Indoor Pole Vault Championship in Virginia Beach!!

Kenna won the tournament with a vault of 13 feet, 11.25 inches.



The MHS Leadership class made care packages to send to our troops for Valentine's Day.

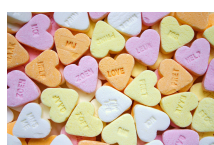
This package made its way to one of our alumni, Paige Black Price, class of 2016.

Thank you for your service!



Elizabeth Patrick and Phoebe Dreschel delivered Valentine's Day cards, carnations and candy to residents of Providence Care Center as a community service project for the Leadership Class.

Due to COVID restrictions, the staff hand-delivered the treats to the residents.



Record Breakers



Congratulations to MHS Senior Josie Stark on breaking two swim records this year.

100 Backstroke- 1:01.52

100 Breaststroke- 1:09.05

Congratulations Josie!!



Congratulations to MHS Junior Kenna Stimmel for breaking the school record in pole vault. The new record is 13 ft. 8 in. This was done on April 6th.

This record is now the highest any female has ever gone in Ohio high school history!!

Congratulations Kenna!!

