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Find district event information at [mehlilleschooldistrict.com](http://mehlilleschooldistrict.com).

<b>June 6-July 1</b>	Mehlville Summer Session
<b>June 9</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School
<b>June 23</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School
<b>July 4</b>	District offices closed, Independence Day
<b>July 5-28</b>	Community Enrichment Summer Camps, see page 8
<b>July 14</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
<b>Aug. 4</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
<b>Aug. 22</b>	First Day of School
<b>Sept. 5</b>	No School, Labor Day

**Urgently hiring custodians, bus drivers**

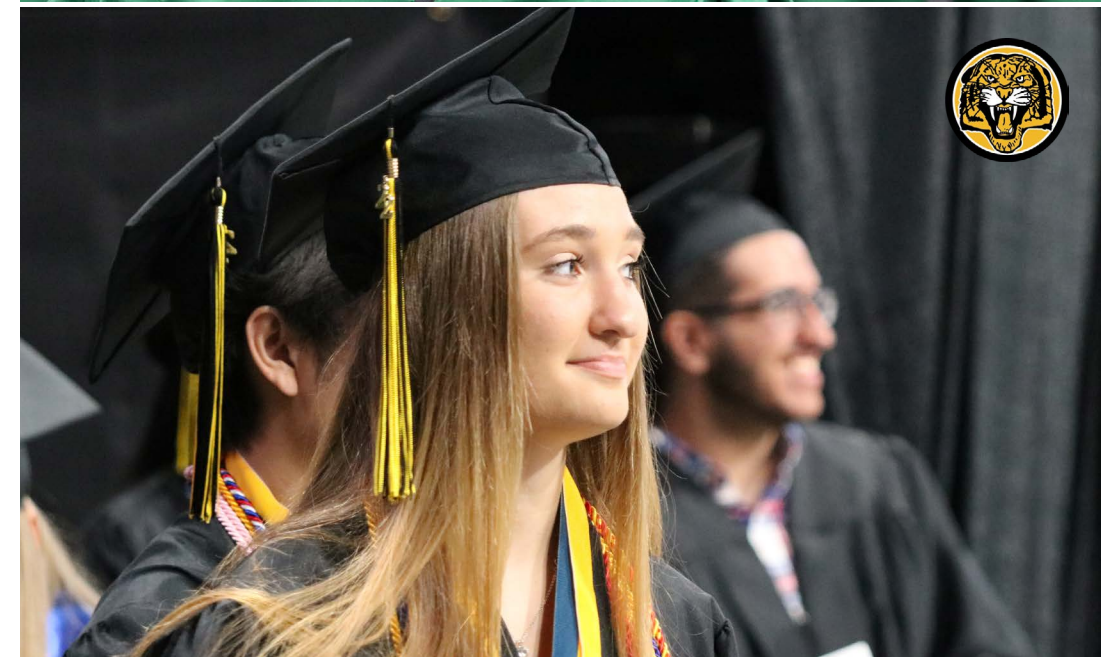
**Make a difference for kids**

- Increased pay scale for 2022-2023 school year
- Benefits include health, vision, dental and life insurance, and retirement plan
- 5.5 hours a day guaranteed
- No experience required, training provided
- 7 paid personal days
- 22 paid holidays for the 2022-2023 school year



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# Mehlville Messenger

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## Teacher of the Year builds meaningful relationships with students

Oakville Elementary School third-grade teacher Josh Groh is Mehlville School District's Teacher of the Year for the 2021-2022 school year.

Groh has spent the entirety of his 13-year teaching career at Oakville Elementary School. Before teaching third grade, Groh taught fourth grade and second grade. Regardless of the role, he has always worked to provide unique, memorable learning opportunities for his students.



Teacher of the Year Josh Groh

"Josh creates great relationships with his students and families," said Meagan Ochoa, Oakville Elementary School principal. "The kids really enjoy being in his third-grade classroom because he provides opportunities for student voice in learning and for the development of collaborative skills."

Even more important than the lessons he teaches them in the classroom, Groh strives to build impactful relationships with each of his students. He has connected with students by serving as a sponsor of extracurricular activities, including Girls on the Run and Garden Club.

"My favorite part of the job is the kids," said Groh. "I love coming to work and seeing how excited they are to enter the classroom and figure out what we're going to be doing that day. I love their excitement and passion. It's the best part of my day."

Groh keeps his students interested and engaged in rigorous learning through creative projects. He's known for climbing on the roof each year to drop egg parachutes students construct in science.

Groh's students, parents and co-workers have noticed his hard work.

"He is an advocate for his students, parents and the staff," said Lori Irvin, Oakville Elementary first-grade teacher. "Any third-grader hopes to have Mr. Groh as a teacher."

Groh was named Oakville Elementary School Teacher of the Year and was announced as the 2021-2022 Mehlville School District Teacher of the Year at the district's Recognition Night ceremony on April 25.

"We have amazing teachers throughout Mehlville School District, and Mr. Groh represents the best of the best," said Dr. Chris Gaines, Superintendent. "He is a master at enthusiastically engaging students in meaningful learning. Students in this teacher's classroom unequivocally know they belong, are cared for and are safe."



Josh Groh makes observations with students during a trip to the Tremont Institute in the Great Smoky Mountains.

## Congratulations to our employees of the year

### Teachers of the Year

**Laura Sebastian**, Mehlville Early Childhood  
**Emily Scott**, Beasley Elementary  
**Katie Schmidt**, Bierbaum Elementary  
**Keddie Weil**, Blades Elementary  
**Dr. Jamie Suthers**, Forder Elementary  
**Jessica Baalman**, Hagemann Elementary  
**Amela Cikota**, MOSAIC Elementary  
**Josh Groh**, Oakville Elementary  
**Melissa Vandeven**, Point Elementary  
**Emily Harris**, Rogers Elementary  
**Julie Tannehill**, Trautwein Elementary  
**Karen Hoover**, Wohlwend Elementary  
**Sara Miner**, Bernard Middle  
**Angela Marshall**, Margaret Buerkle Middle  
**Sarah Polanc**, Oakville Middle  
**Diana Wiegner**, Washington Middle  
**Nicole Spruell**, At Home  
**Amy Bush**, Mehlville High  
**Matt Schraut**, Oakville High  
**Ryan Boyd**, SCOPE

### Classified Employees of the Year

**Stephanie Hettich**, Mehlville Early Childhood  
**Vicky German**, Beasley Elementary  
**Maureen Walkenbach**, Bierbaum Elementary  
**Lori Horn**, Blades Elementary  
**Melanie Domkoski**, Forder Elementary  
**Andrea Kuehn**, Hagemann Elementary  
**Rodney Price**, MOSAIC Elementary  
**Jackie Rebhan**, Oakville Elementary  
**Cathy Poole**, Point Elementary  
**Bailey Kaminski**, Rogers Elementary  
**Anne Kozeny**, Trautwein Elementary  
**Steve Aubuchon**, Wohlwend Elementary  
**Brenda Vogt**, Bernard Middle  
**Donna Tuegel**, Margaret Buerkle Middle  
**Eileen Mayberry**, Oakville Middle  
**Kerry Berberich**, Washington Middle  
**Shelly Herman**, Mehlville High  
**Keri Komorowski**, Oakville High  
**Sharon Owens**, SCOPE  
**Angie Burns**, Central Office  
**Maria Furman**, Jefferson Barracks - Facilities  
**Dawn Klemp**, Transportation

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The Mehlville School District mission is to build a high performing school system rooted in the community's desire to build a culture of improvement for staff and students.

Mehlville School District believes that all of our graduates should be creative and critical thinkers, self-aware, persistent, communicators, and ethical and global. We call this our Portrait of a Graduate.



Mehlville School District is proud to be a National District of Character.



Mehlville School District

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

# Wrapping up the school year with gratitude

A difficult school year has come to a close, and many thanks are in order. Thanks to our resilient students and staff for patiently and bravely coping with a worldwide pandemic. You have shown strength and leadership through challenging times. I'd also like to thank outgoing board members Larry Felton and Kevin Schartner for their indefatigable leadership and service to the Mehlville Board of Education.

Congratulations to all of our students on their successes this year and especially to the Senior Class of 2022! It is exciting to see where these young adults will go next. Speaking for the entire Board of Education, I wish all of our graduates happiness and success in their journeys ahead.

### Prop S update

In April of last year, the Mehlville community showed its support for our school district by funding essential security upgrades and infrastructure maintenance. Prop S passed with 80 percent of the vote. Despite the pandemic, work has begun on the projects but not without headwinds. Material shortages have caused big price increases, limiting what we can accomplish with the money we have and limiting how quickly we can complete projects. We empaneled a focus group of community members to prioritize the projects, and we are working diligently and strategically to optimize the

use of these precious funds. Be assured that we will responsibly use the Prop S funding to update our buildings to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

### Academics and mental health

These unprecedentedly difficult times have caused mental health issues and learning loss. We are addressing these problems with increased mental health services for our students and staff, more academic interventionists, and increased tutoring opportunities. Thanks to our community, teachers and staff for their dedication in helping our kids succeed. We intend to make sure that our students achieve the academic levels they are capable of and to assure that they, as well as our staff, are socially and emotionally healthy. We celebrate our students' successes while continually making the changes needed to address their ever-evolving needs. I am confident the Mehlville School District community will do their best to do what is best for our students and staff.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thanks to our administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and students for all they do to make Mehlville School District awesome! Have a great summer! Enjoy your family and friends!

Peggy Hassler



## New board directors sworn in

At the April 15 Board of Education Meeting, Scott Huegerich and Grace Wright were each sworn-in for three-year terms on the Mehlville Board of Education.



## Felton receives advocacy award

Former Mehlville Board of Education director Larry Felton received the Missouri School Boards' Association's Futurebuilders Foundation Carter D. Ward Excellence in Advocacy Award. This award honors a board member who exhibits exemplary leadership skills in public education advocacy.



At the April Board of Education meeting, Buerkle Middle School students presented outgoing directors Kevin Schartner and Larry Felton with wooden benches they constructed in woodworking class.



## Mehlville School District is under construction!

A little over a year ago, the voters of the Mehlville School District approved Prop S, a \$35,000,000 bond issue for improvements across the district. We completed two small projects last summer, and we've spent the bulk of the past school year planning for projects that are about to start.

This summer, HVAC and roofing Prop S projects will be completed. Both Beasley Elementary School and Rogers Elementary School will receive new HVAC systems. Washington Middle School will receive a partial roof replacement.

Several schools will receive new security entrances, including Bernard Middle School, Oakville Elementary School and Rogers Elementary School. Rogers will also receive some safety upgrades on its lower parking lot to separate students at play from parking lot traffic. These projects should be completed by the time school starts in August.

Oakville Elementary School will also receive an expanded parking lot this summer to ease traffic congestion near the school and improve safety. The majority of the work is scheduled to be complete by the start of next school year, but some work will continue into the fall.

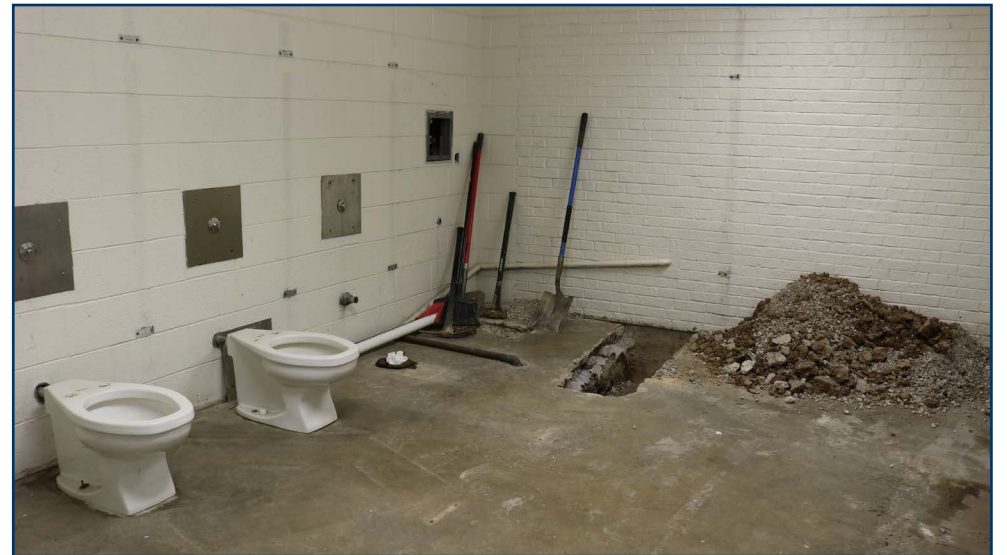
Blades Elementary School and Bierbaum Elementary School will also be under construction this summer as we start work on security entrances. Construction at these schools will continue into the next school year.

At Oakville High School, construction of a security entrance and renovations of restrooms at the stadium and commons will begin this summer. This work should be completed when students return in August.

Some of these projects will cause disruption for our students and staff, particularly projects at Bierbaum, Blades and Oakville elementary schools. We'll

be communicating regular updates with these school communities. You can find our Prop S Progress Reports on our website at [bit.ly/mehlvilleprops](http://bit.ly/mehlvilleprops) and through our social media pages at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We are excited to start so many of our Prop S projects this summer. We appreciate the community's support in helping us make school safer and more comfortable for our students and staff.



Renovations of the restrooms in the commons area and near the stadium at Oakville High School are happening this summer. These upgrades are being funded through Prop S.

## District increases pay for drivers, custodians, school food technicians

The Mehlville Board of Education has approved pay increases for all support staff, including employee groups facing the biggest workforce shortages.

"Over the past few years, we have struggled to fill vacancies in our facilities and custodial, transportation and school food and nutrition departments, as well as for cafeteria and recess monitors," said Dr. Chad Dickemper, executive director of planning and operations. "Our staff have made heroic efforts to serve our students, and I'm pleased we are able to increase their pay. We will continue to examine salaries in an effort to attract and retain the highest quality workforce."

On average during the 2021-2022 school year, about 24% of custodian positions were vacant, about 16% of bus driver positions were vacant, and about 17% of school food positions were vacant.

Starting hourly pay for custodians is up to \$14, school food technicians and cafeteria-recess monitors are up to \$13.85 and bus drivers are up to \$17. Paid training is provided, and those with relevant previous experience start at a higher hourly rate.

Mehlville School District custodians and bus drivers qualify for a retirement pension plan; health, vision, dental and life insurance, and paid time off. Additionally, our support staff say that the work they do is rewarding.

"My favorite thing about working here is the kids," said Brenda Vogt, School

Food and Nutrition technician at Bernard Middle School. "I love being able to be there for the kids and make sure they have meals each day."



Mehlville School District has openings for certified and classified positions, including custodians.

### HELP WANTED

**Our team makes a difference in the lives of our students! Learn more about our employment opportunities and apply online at [bit.ly/employmentmsdr9](http://bit.ly/employmentmsdr9). For questions or to request a paper application, please call 314-467-5102.**

# How we're empowering students to take control of their learning

Mehlville School District is empowering its students to take control of their learning in the classroom, at their school and in their futures by providing opportunities for student choice and voice.

## In the classroom

A key theme of the Mehlville School District Strategic Plan is to provide students with a personalized learning experience to prepare them for life after high school. We've taken steps to achieve this goal through the creation of MOSAIC Elementary School and our Middle School Academies.

Students enrolled in these programs are presented with blended learning opportunities, including project-based learning and inquiry-based learning. Students progress through each unit using learning menus, which provide a list of items to accomplish, allowing students to complete the work at their own pace, in an order that works best for them.

At MOSAIC Elementary, students also have a voice in how they display proficiency in each standard they're learning throughout the year.

"In our math learning progressions and reading checklists, students have the opportunity to make teach and create lessons," said Sarah Bradley, MOSAIC Elementary fourth-grade teacher. "They take the standard they're working on and create their own piece of evidence to demonstrate mastery in what they're learning."

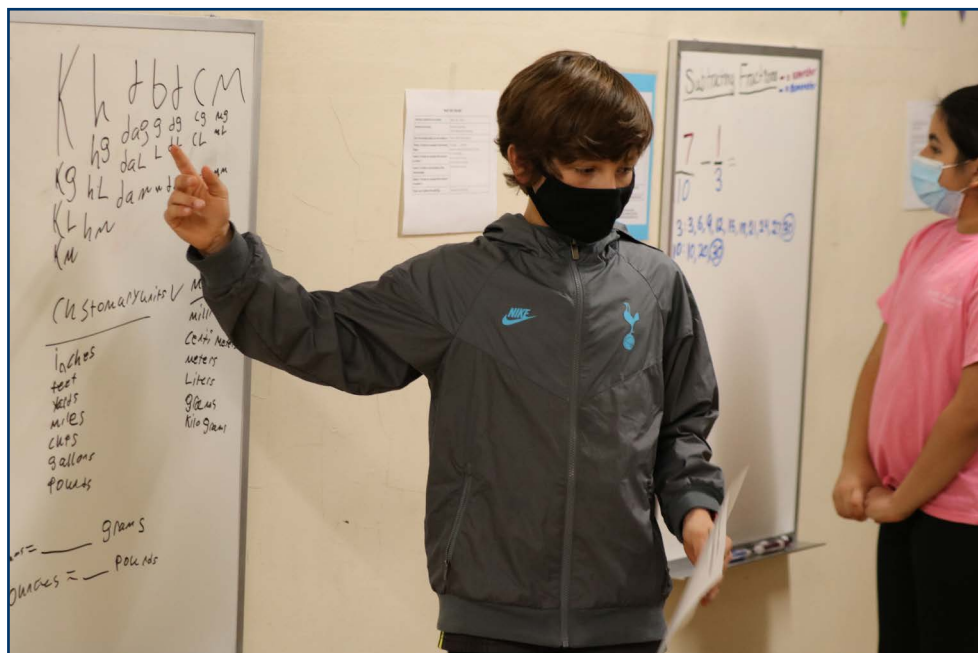
For example, students can design posters, build a product or create videos as part of their teach and create lesson. Teachers post the completed product for other students to view as part of their learning.

"The teach and create part of our learning progression is one of the ways we show we know the lesson we've been working on," said Tommy Moehlenbrock, MOSAIC Elementary fifth-grade student. "It helps me to build confidence to know that I can be informative to other students."

## At their school

Students also have an opportunity to work with school administrators to guide decisions about changes to the school. Some schools, like Washington Middle School and Oakville High School, do this through a principal's advisory group.

"This is their school," said Kelly Roberts, Washington Middle principal. "The goal of the principal's advisory is to get student voice in decisions about things happening around the school and for them to come to us with student concerns and things they would like to see fixed."



MOSAIC Elementary School fifth-grade student Tommy Moehlenbrock records a teach and create lesson about converting metric units.

At their first meeting in December, students in the Washington Middle principal's advisory group provided input on community-building activities the school could host throughout the remainder of the school year.

"The principal's advisory is something I wanted to be a part of because I like the idea of incorporating student input and being able to voice my opinion about different things going on in our school," said Olivia Shon, Washington Middle eighth-grade student.

Our elementary school students are also being empowered to make decisions for their school. Bierbaum Elementary School principal Dr. Paul Morris engaged a committee of students from kindergarten through fifth grade to decide on the design for the school's new playground.

At the district level, students from Mehlville High School and Oakville High School serve as student advisers to the Mehlville Board of Education to provide student insight into important decisions being made by the board.

## In their futures

We've personalized learning at the high school level by creating different student choice programs and pathways for students to pursue topics they're passionate about and prepare themselves for the future. One of those programs is the Early College Academy.

This program allows students to graduate high school with both a diploma and an associate degree. The entire cost of the program through St. Louis Community College is paid by the district.

"I chose the Early College Academy because the degree I want to pursue requires a lot of schooling, and I wanted to get ahead," said Sam Keusenkothen, 2022 Oakville High grad. "I've had a really great experience, and I'll already have 60 credit hours when I graduate high school."

In addition to the Early College Academy, the district launched a new program, Make it Count, this spring. Make it Count allows second-semester high school seniors who have completed their high school graduation requirements to enroll in a full semester of college classes at STLCC instead of taking additional classes at their high school. Mehlville School District was recently named a top district for dual enrollment after saving students an estimated \$319,044 in future tuition costs during the 2020-2021 school year.

Visit [bit.ly/studentchoicemsdr9](https://bit.ly/studentchoicemsdr9) to learn more about our other high school choice programs like MyPath, South Tech High School, STLCAPS and more.



Mehlville High School class of 2021 graduate Josephine Sebunyenzi sanitizes equipment in the dental classroom at South Tech High School. Off-campus electives at South Tech give students a jumpstart on college, make connections with expert instructors, learn professional skills and develop a customized education and career plan.

## Prop S resolution addresses escalating construction costs

The project list for Prop S was originally created in 2020 based on the recommendations of the district's Facilities Steering Committee. In 2020, district estimates indicated that these projects could be completed for \$32 million. The district asked voters for a bond issue in the amount of \$35 million to provide a financial cushion for unexpected expenses and inflation.



Mehlville School District was able to sell \$35 million in bonds at a premium, netting an additional \$2.7 million (that will not need to be paid back). However, due to rapidly escalating construction costs and supply chain delays, \$37.7 million does not appear to be enough to complete all of the Prop S projects.

On April 14, 2022, the Mehlville Board of Education approved a Prop S resolution to address escalating construction costs. The resolution authorizes the district to use other funding sources, including federal COVID relief funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief—ESSER), to pay for some Prop S projects. The resolution also identifies projects that can be delayed or eliminated from Prop S and authorizes the district to seek construction management services for some Prop S projects.

Mehlville School District engaged the community in March and April 2022 to reprioritize Prop S projects. This feedback from parents, staff and community members formed the basis for the board's resolution.

Several Prop S projects are starting this summer, including bathroom renovations at Oakville High School, parking lot improvements at Oakville Elementary School, HVAC replacement at Beasley and Rogers Elementary, and a partial roof replacement at Washington Middle School. Security entrance work is starting at Bierbaum, Blades, Oakville and Rogers elementary schools, Bernard Middle and Oakville High.

Learn more at [bit.ly/msdr9propsresolution](https://bit.ly/msdr9propsresolution).



Mehlville School District hosted community meetings this spring to allow parents, staff and community members to help reprioritize Prop S projects.

## Enroll in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year

Online registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year remains open. Families of children who turn 5 before Aug. 1, 2022, may register for kindergarten.

Mehlville School District offers a full-day, tuition-free kindergarten program. Our high-quality teachers provide instruction that is developmentally appropriate and rigorous. The curriculum offers exciting and engaging opportunities for young students.

We know children begin kindergarten at different levels. At the start of the school year, our talented teachers assess the learning levels of each student, then provide personalized instruction to help them succeed. In addition to instruction from their classroom teacher, students receive one-on-one support from our math and reading interventionists.

Interventionists will also work with students who have mastered kindergarten reading or math skills to continue to grow their skills. By the end of kindergarten, students will be writing and reading, as well as doing addition and subtraction problems.

Learn how to enroll at [bit.ly/msdr9enroll](https://bit.ly/msdr9enroll).



A Beasley Elementary School kindergarten student reads a book during independent reading time.

## Families with kids under 5 encouraged to join Parents as Teachers



Parents as Teachers

The Mehlville School District Parents as Teachers program supports parents in their role as their child's first and most influential teacher. The Parents as Teachers research-based curriculum is used to educate parents about child development and parenting issues. All services are free of charge to Mehlville School District residents.

To enroll in Parents as Teachers, please visit <https://bit.ly/parentsasteachersmsdr9>.

Parents as Teachers staff will begin matching families with parent educators in late July.

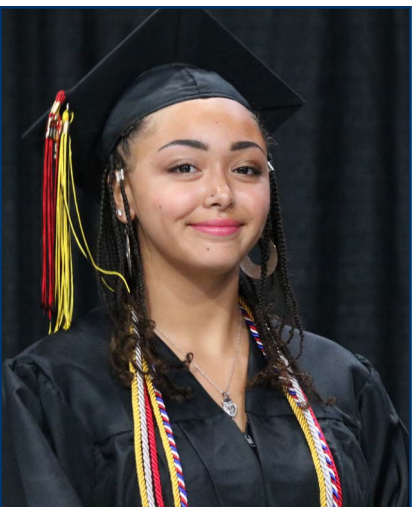
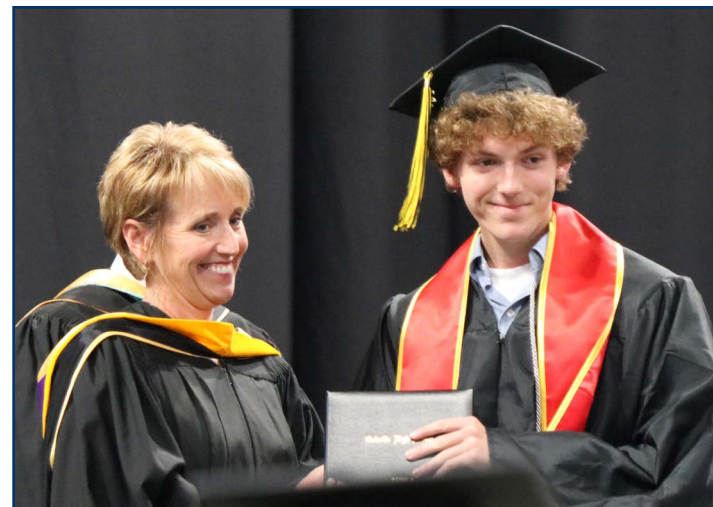
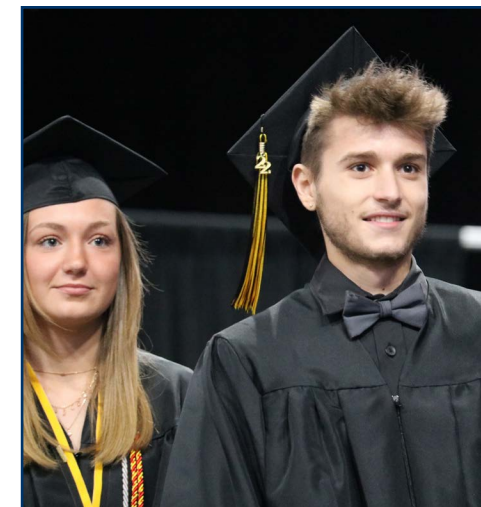
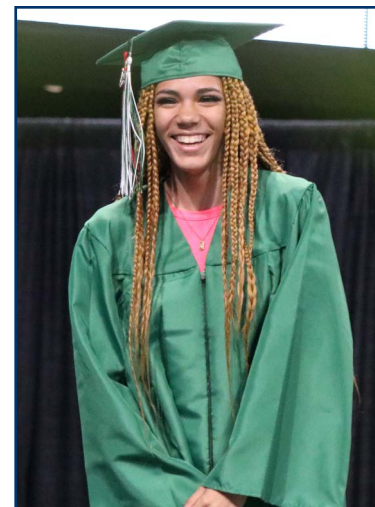
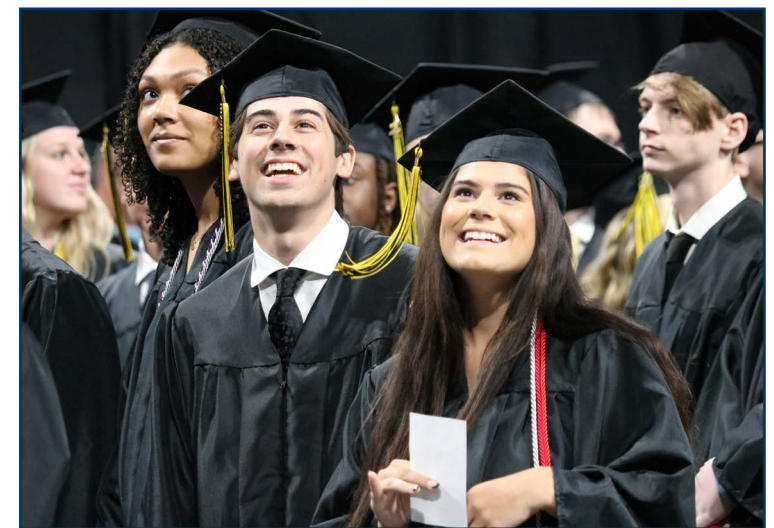
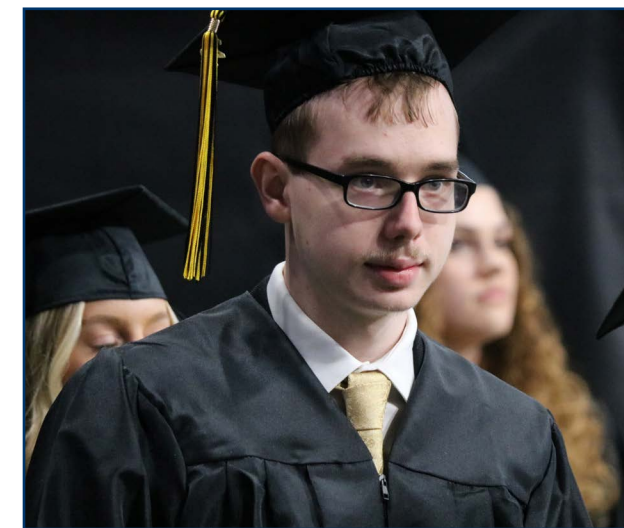
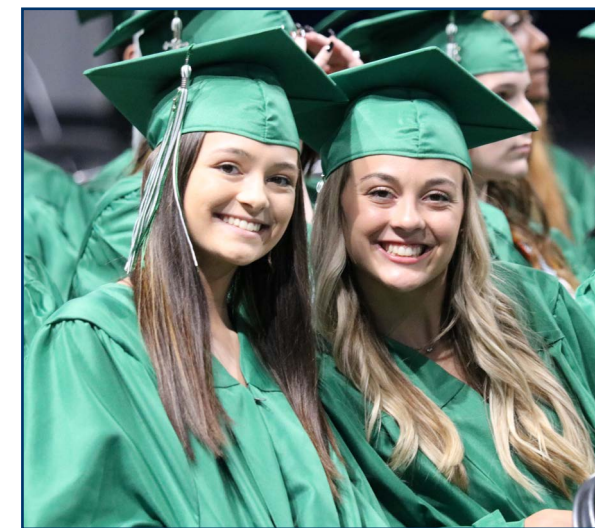
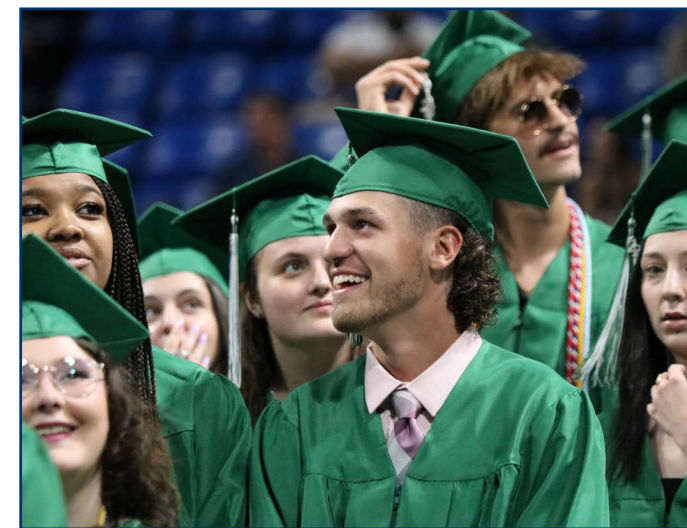
# Congratulations to the Class of 2022



## Celebrating our graduates

Mehlville High School and Oakville High School held their 2022 graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 5, at Chaifetz Arena. Congratulations to the 776 Mehlville School District students who earned their diplomas!

- Number of students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy: 28
- Number of Summa Cum Laude students: 115
- Number of Magna Cum Laude students: 79
- Number of Cum Laude students: 93
- Number of students who were enrolled in:
  - South Tech: 87
  - Early College Academy: 9
  - MyPath/Independent studies: 14
  - St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies: 31
- Number of Advanced Placement courses taken: 401
- Number of Project Lead the Way courses taken: 251
- Total amount of scholarship money earned (over four years): \$10,788,554
- Number of students joining the military: 7
- Number of college-bound student athletes: 36



# At Home enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open

Applications are now being accepted for students in grades K-8 to attend At Home, Mehlville School District's virtual learning program, for the 2022-2023 school year. At Home was created in response to the diverse needs of our students and is available to any Mehlville student or student in a partner district who prefers to learn in a virtual setting.

At Home provides students with a comparable experience to in-classroom learning with highly engaging lessons taught by Mehlville School District teachers. Students will learn the same curriculum as their peers in the classroom.



## Enrollment instructions for current Mehlville School District families:

- 1) Log-in to Parent Portal at [bit.ly/msdr9parentportal](http://bit.ly/msdr9parentportal)
- 2) Select "View" on the yellow banner that says "New optional e-forms are available to complete."
- 3) Complete the e-Form "2022-2023 Mehlville at Home application."

## Enrollment instructions for non-Mehlville School District families:

Families who do not have students enrolled in Mehlville School District can begin the process by completing a Google Form at [bit.ly/athomeinterest2022](http://bit.ly/athomeinterest2022) or by emailing Christy Mathews, director of virtual learning, at [cmathews@msdr9.org](mailto:cmathews@msdr9.org).

Visit [bit.ly/athomemsdr9](http://bit.ly/athomemsdr9) for more information about the At Home program.



While At Home students learn virtually, several community days are held throughout the year to allow students to meet their peers in person. At a community day this spring, students completed STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities with their classmates and families.

## 60plus Gold Cards

District residents 60 years or older can obtain a 60plus Gold Card by calling the Communications Department at (314) 467-5153 or send an email to [messenger@msdr9.org](mailto:messenger@msdr9.org). A Gold Card is your free ticket to many Mehlville School District sporting events and performances. Plus, you'll get invitations to free luncheons and will receive discounts on pool memberships, recreational swim and Swimmastics!



Community Enrichment  
**SUMMER FUN**  
BIT.LY/MSDR9CEREGISTRATION

**SUMMER CAMP 2022**

Week 1: July 5-7	Abra-Kid-Abra - Comedy, Bricks 4 Kidz - Pokemon, Chess, Crayola® Artblazers, Mad Science - Aliens
Week 2: July 11-14	Abra-Kid-Abra - Mathmagic, Bricks 4 Kidz - Minecraft, Chess, Jewelry - Disney®, Little Medical School, Mad Science - Rockets
Week 3: July 18-21	Abra-Kid-Abra - Circus, Bricks 4 Kidz - Mario Bros., Chess, Crayola® - Wild World, Jewelry - Nature, Little Medical School - Veterinarian, Mad Science - NASA
Week 4: July 25-28	Abra-Kid-Abra - Magic, Bricks 4 Kidz - Star Wars®, Chess, Jewelry - Space, Little Medical School - Wilderness Medicine

**SUMMER CAMP**  
**JULY 5-28, 2022**  
HAGEMANN ELEMENTARY  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
HALF-DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS!

**DEEP WATER FITNESS**

Held in the deep end of the pool, participants use a pool noodle for a moderate water workout!

**THREE SUMMER SESSIONS**  
**JUNE-AUGUST | 6-7 P.M.**  
**MEHLVILLE POOL**  
**3100 LEMAY FERRY ROAD**

Classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Choose one night or two!

**SUMMER COMMUNITY BAND**

**TUESDAYS | JULY 5-AUGUST 2**  
**7-9 P.M.**

**CONCERT | AUGUST 5 AT 7 P.M.**  
**NOTTELMANN AUDITORIUM**  
**3200 LEMAY FERRY ROAD**

FREE for staff members  
\$25 for students 13 yrs.+/alumni/community members  
Some experience is preferred.

**FIRST AID CPR TRAINING**  
**50 BY 50**

Hands-on Life-Saving Techniques  
Student Training Session

Shantell Goldsby, Certified Trainer for the American Red Cross, has a mission to teach 50 young scholars life-saving techniques by the time she turns 50 in memory of a loved one.

**Saturday, July 9**  
in the Mehlville High School library  
**Ages 6-10**  
from 8-10 a.m.

**Ages 11-13**  
from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- basic life supports
- CPR chest compressions
- first aid
- choking

**DRIVER'S EDUCATION**

**THREE SUMMER SESSIONS**  
**\$325/10 CLASSES**  
**JUNE 20-JULY 1**  
**AUGUST 1-12**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**8-11 A.M. (CLASSROOM)**  
**11 A.M. -12 P.M. (DRIVE TIME)**

LOCATION: WITZEL LEARNING CENTER

**Summer TENNIS LESSONS**

**JULY AND AUGUST**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**8-11 a.m.\***

\*times vary based on age group

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CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS | \$60/SESSION

**BERNARD MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COMPLEX**  
**1054 FORDER ROAD**

**SWIMNASTICS**  
Summer 2022

Three Summer Sessions

- June 6-29
- July 6-27
- August 1-24

Choose Mondays, Wednesdays or both days!  
6-7 p.m.

Low-stress water aerobics in the shallow end of the Mehlville pool

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# Nominate a Mehlville School District graduate for the Alumni Hall of Fame

Do you know a Mehlville High School or Oakville High School graduate who has accomplished incredible things since high school? Nominate them for the Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame! Nominations for the class of 2022 are due by July 1.

The purpose of the Alumni Hall of Fame is to identify and celebrate district graduates who have made a lasting impact in the community and nation. These inductees serve as role models for our current and future generations of students who aspire to be productive citizens and demonstrate traits aligned to the Mehlville School District Portrait of a Graduate.



To be considered for inclusion in the Alumni Hall of Fame, the application form must be submitted with:

- A letter from the nominator explaining the nominee's professional, cultural, military or athletic accomplishments, and community impact
- The names and contact information for 3-5 references who can speak to the nominee's accomplishments, character and community impact
- Supporting documentation about the nominee. This can include the nominee's detailed resume, news clippings, military records, letters of recommendation, etc.

To be considered, nominees must have graduated more than 10 years in the past from Mehlville High School or Oakville High School. Late nominations will be considered the following year. Questions can be directed to Dr. John DeWalle, Director of College and Career Readiness, at [dewallej@msdr9.org](mailto:dewallej@msdr9.org).

Visit [bit.ly/msdr9hof](http://bit.ly/msdr9hof) to download the nomination form or to learn more about previous Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame inductees.

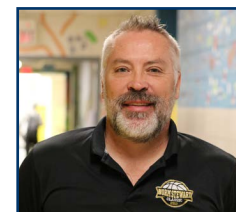


Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame classes of 2020 and 2021 were honored on the field prior to the Oakville High School and Mehlville High School football game.

## STAFF DISTINCTIONS

### Coaches of the Year

**Nicholas Traxler**, science teacher at Oakville High, was named Conference Coach of the Year for boys basketball.



Nicholas Traxler



Ed Taylor

**Ed Taylor**, English teacher at Oakville High, was named Coach of the Year for the Eastern Missouri District of the National Speech and Debate Association.

### Building Block Award

**Alexa Cahalan**, paraprofessional at Bierbaum Elementary, and **LaKristel Collins**, paraprofessional at Bernard Middle, received the Building Block Award from the Special School District of St. Louis County. This award honors the critical work and significant impact made by paraprofessionals.



Alexa Cahalan



LaKristel Collins

### Accreditation in Public Relations

**Jessica Pupillo**, director of communications for Mehlville School District, earned her Accreditation in Public Relations (APR).



Jessica Pupillo

### Lighthouse Award

**Mehlville High School** and **Nicole Spruell**, PE teacher in At Home, each received the Lighthouse Award from CHADS Coalition for being advocates for mental health and suicide prevention efforts.



Mehlville High School staff



Christy Mathews, Nicole Spruell and Denise Kennedy of CHADS

### Paraprofessional of the Month

**Denise Brodbeck** was named the Special School District (SSD) Paraprofessional of the Month for May. She was nominated by colleague LaKristel Collins. SSD employs more than 1,800 paraprofessionals to provide support for students with disabilities throughout St. Louis County.



Denise Brodbeck, LaKristel Collins

### MNEA School Bell Award

The Mehlville Communications Department received the School Bell Award from the Mehlville National Educators Association.

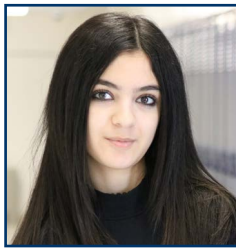


Jessica Pupillo, Hunter Robinson, Deana McKelvie (MNEA) and Jenny Bess

## STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

### Elks essay contest winner

**Noor Omar**, eighth-grade student at Buerkle Middle, placed third in the Oakville Elks Lodge's essay contest about what it means to love your country.



Noor Omar

### Gold award for student council

The **Buerkle Middle School Student Council** received the National Gold Council of Excellence Award given to student councils with high standards for their operations, projects and activities.



Buerkle Middle School Student Council

### Kiwanis Terrific Kids and Outstanding Students

The Kiwanis Club of South County recognized Terrific Kids at our elementary schools and Outstanding Students at our middle schools for their excellent character and progress in the classroom.

Rogers Elementary students recognized were **Colton Alemond**, second grade; **Jackson Duerfahrd**, third grade; and **Selma Karkholova**, fourth grade.

Trautwein Elementary students recognized were **Aldo Chavez**, fifth grade; **Mariah Stear**, second grade; **Sage Brummet**, third grade; and **Ryan Nguyen**, fourth grade.

Wohlwend Elementary students recognized were **Kayla Mard**, fifth grade; **Bailey Henderson**, second grade; **Cameron Benton**, third grade; and **Lauryn Grigery**, fourth grade (not pictured).

Eighth-grade students recognized were **Parker Givens**, Bernard Middle; **Aliya Wood**, Buerkle Middle; **Lizzie Altenbernd**, Oakville Middle; and **Brooke Newsom**, Washington Middle.



Rogers Elementary



Trautwein Elementary



Wohlwend Elementary

Middle school students **Parker Givens**, **Brooke Newsom**, **Lizzie Altenbernd**, **Aliya Wood**



### Do the Right Thing Award

**Miles King**, junior at Mehlville High, received the Do the Right Thing award from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. After witnessing a car accident, he called 911 and stayed with the driver until EMS arrived.



Miles King

### National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Mehlville High seniors **Paige Heitman** and **Raveen Noory** were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists based on their SAT scores, high academic achievement and extracurricular/volunteer activities.



Paige Heitman



Raveen Noory

### Award-winning scientists

**Molly Manley** and **Austin Rutledge**, fifth-grade students at Oakville Elementary, and **Asher Pleimann**, sixth-grade student at Bernard Middle, received the Bayer Top Young Scientist Award at the St. Louis Academy of Science Science Fair.



Molly Manley, Austin Rutledge



Asher Pleimann

### J-Day journalists

Mehlville High School media students received awards from the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association and Missouri Journalism Education Association when they attended J-Day at Mizzou.

Seniors **Emina Brkic**, **Adisa Jahic** and **Aldin Sahbaz** were named Best of Show, while **Aynur Akhmedova**, senior;



J-Day journalists

**Josh Everding**, senior; **Amelia Hays**, junior; **Grace Potter**, senior; **Livi Roberts**, junior; **Cameron Ulmer**, junior; **Emily Worthmore**, junior, were named All Missouri.

### HOSA Vice President

**Lisa Hang**, junior at Mehlville High, was elected vice president of the HOSA (Future Health Professionals) Missouri State Officer team for the 2022-2023 school year.



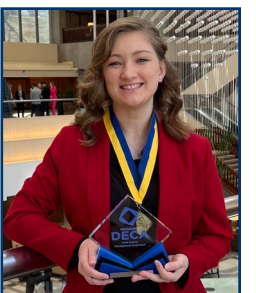
Lisa Hang

### Future Entrepreneurs

**Eva Beidle**, senior at Oakville High, placed second in Marketing Communications at the Missouri State DECA Career Development Conference and Competition. **Ella Burns**, junior at Mehlville High, finished fifth in Food Service Marketing.



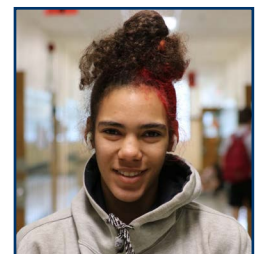
Eva Beidle



Ella Burns

### Rosemary Zander Award

**Brianna May**, senior at Mehlville High, received the Rosemary Zander Award from the Special School District of St. Louis County for being a student-leader in the South Tech veterinary assistant program. **Anna Breihan**, senior at Oakville High, also received the Rosemary Zander Award for serving as a role model for other students in the South Tech dental sciences program.



Brianna May



Anna Breihan

### Published Author

**Cori Weathers**, kindergarten student at Rogers Elementary, published her first book, *Dance & Diet*.



Cori Weathers

### Missouri 100 Scholars

**Paige Heitman** and **Kenan Mustafic**, seniors at Mehlville High, were named Missouri 100 Scholars, a recognition earned by 100 of the top academic seniors across the state each year. **Margaret Curran** and **Lindsey Marshall**, seniors at Oakville High, received Missouri 100 Honorable Mentions.



Paige Heitman



Kenan Mustafic



Lindsey Marshall, Margaret Curran

### Distinguished Artists

Oakville High students had artwork selected for the St. Louis Artist Guild Young Artists' Showcase. Students honored were **Natalie Boyd**, senior; **Elizabeth Donnelly**, senior; **Britney Du**, sophomore; **Joey Effinger**, sophomore; **Kaitlin Gleiforst**, senior; **Lucy Keeven**, junior; **Antonio Kerosovic**, senior; **Sejla Mehanovic**, junior; **Kiera Murphy**, senior; **Anna Muhlke**, senior; **Hailey Veninga**, junior; and **Jenna Wolf**, senior.

**Hailey Veninga** also had work selected for the Emerson Young Artist Exhibit by the St. Louis Artist Guild, and **Lauren Pepper**, junior at Oakville High, had her painting selected for the Southern University of Illinois-Edwardsville Regional High School Art Exhibit.



OHS distinguished artists



Lauren Pepper

### Chamber of Commerce Honor

**Hayden McEachran**, eighth-grade student at Oakville Middle, was named Student of the Year by the Southwest Area Chamber of Commerce.



Hayden McEachran

### Basketball Stars

**Kylie Anderson**, junior at Oakville High, was named Conference Player of the Year for basketball. Oakville High School basketball players **Kylie Anderson**; **Addie Czuppon**, sophomore; **Grant Hastings**, senior; and **Colby Noblitt**, junior; were named All District. **Almedina Mrguda**, senior at Mehlville High, was also named All District for basketball.



Kylie Anderson



Addie Czuppon

### Wrestler of the Year

**Ethan Venable**, sophomore at Oakville High, was named Conference Wrestler of the Year.



Grant Hastings and Colby Noblitt



Almedina Mrguda

### Scholar Athletes

**Lauren Rapp**, senior at Mehlville High, and **Faith Kohm**, senior at Oakville High, were named Scholar Athletes by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for excelling in athletics and in the classroom.



Ethan Venable



Lauren Rapp



Faith Kohm

### Gold Musicians

Mehlville High and Oakville High band and choir students earned a Gold Rating at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Mehlville High band students recognized were **Andrew Freeman**, junior; **Sean Gallagher**, senior; **Ruth Hollander**, senior; **Brendan Johnson**, senior; **Nick Karr**, senior; **Chris Koogler**, senior; **Tyler Langford**, sophomore; **Logan Mitchell**, senior; **Mia Peters**, senior; and **Zach Thomason**, senior.

Oakville High band students recognized were **Alen Avdic**, senior; **Michael Agnew**, senior; **Samantha Brummett**, junior; **Ethan Chapman**, junior; **Brendan Horn**, sophomore; **Thomas Kallaos**, junior; **Kevin Liu**, senior; **Katie Rohr**, senior; **Luke Roth**, junior; **Matthew Sippel**, junior; **Nathan Waggoner**, senior; and **David White**, sophomore.

Oakville High choir students recognized were **Cameron Cannon**, freshman; **Ava Chancellor**, sophomore; **Ellie Dong**, sophomore; **Mackenzie Earney**, junior; **Hayden LaChance**, sophomore; **Lucas Le Luong**, senior; **Jacob Leath**, senior; **Nathan Lillard**, senior; **Gavin Sandvoss**, senior; **Alex Stauffer**, junior; and **Jasmine Quach**, senior.



MHS Band gold musicians



OHS Band gold musicians



OHS Choir gold musicians