



Madison & Preparatory High School Newsletter

MARCH 21, 2025

EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS 📣

SPRING BREAK RECESS MARCH 24 - 28 🌸

Take this time to relax, reset and recharge! Have a safe, fun spring break, Eagles!

SPRING STATE TESTING & ATTENDANCE

In April, the testing period for the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) opens. M-STEP is an annual assessment, aiming to evaluate students' proficiency across diverse subjects, such as English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies. Please help us to provide a smooth testing experience by making sure that your student participates in device collection at the end of the day on Tuesday, April 8th so they have their school issued Chromebook and charger for testing. Please note:

Ninth and Twelfth grade students will not report to school on April 9th.

Tenth and Twelfth grade students will not report to school on April 10th.

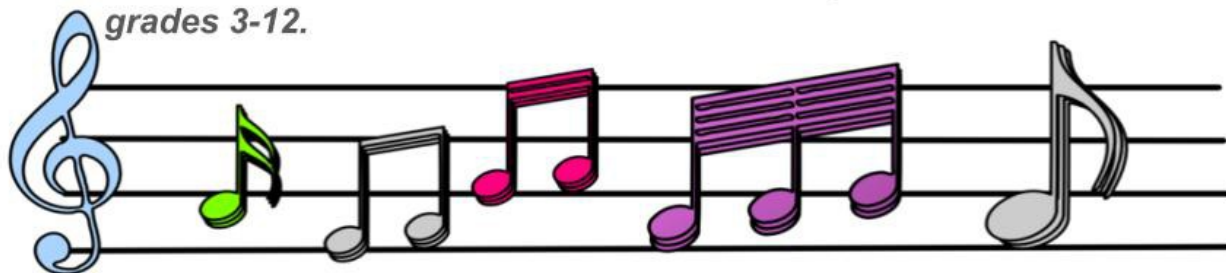
Grade	Subject Assessed	Date of Assessment
Ninth Grade	English Language Arts and Math (PSAT 9)	April 10th
Tenth Grade	English Language Arts and Math (PSAT 10)	April 9th
Eleventh Grade	English Language Arts and Math (SAT) ACT WorkKeys Science and Social Studies (M-Step)	April 9th - SAT April 10th - ACT WorkKeys M-Step (April 14-16)

Not only is attendance crucial for these upcoming standardized testing dates, DAILY attendance also cannot be stressed enough. Every day in school presents a valuable opportunity for learning, and when a student is absent, they miss out on essential educational experiences. According to Attendance Works (attendanceworks.org): "Missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. When students improve their attendance rates, they enhance their academic prospects and increase their chances for graduating."

Our goal is to partner with families to ensure that students are attending school every day. However, we are mandated by the State Of Michigan to monitor attendance. When a child is absent from school and/or tardy in excess of 10 days without a valid excuse, the law considers that child to be truant. Letters have been sent home in communication of this law and students receiving a letter will be required to meet with the truancy officer during school the week following spring break. Let's work together to empower our students by ensuring they are punctual and present every day. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a positive and enriching learning environment.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Fine Arts Festival - April 3rd @ 5:30pm

Come see the MES third graders, 4th and 5th grade choir, the WMS and MHS bands and drama club after you see the artwork grades 3-12.



Madison Fine Arts Festival
Thursday, April 3, 2025
Madison High School
5:30 Art Walk
6:30 Concert Begins



Mark your calendars to join us for MHS Spring Conferences on April 10th @ 5-8 pm

Science
Night
2025



Ignite Your Curiosity!

★ Event Highlights & Attractions! ★

- 🍴 Feast Away! — Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet
- 🐾 Up-Close Animal Encounters! — Visit the Petting Zoo
- 🔬 Mind-Blowing Science! — Dive into Awesome Science Labs
- 🐾 Saddle Up! — Experience Exciting Pony Rides
- 🧗 Reach New Heights! — Conquer the Rock Wall
- 👐 Hands-On Fun! — Create Your Own Wax Hands
- 🎰 Win Big! — Enter the Huge Raffle
- 🛍️ Take Home the Fun! — Shop Cool Science Merchandise
- 🌟 ...And So Much More! You Don't Want to Miss It! 🌟

May 22, 2025
5pm - 8:30pm
Wilkinson
Middle School

📄 How to Sign Up! 📄

Submit the Science Night Order Form
(available on www.madisondistrict.org)
with payment.

Turn in to: ECC/MES Teachers or
WMS/MHS Secretaries
Only **ONE** form per family!

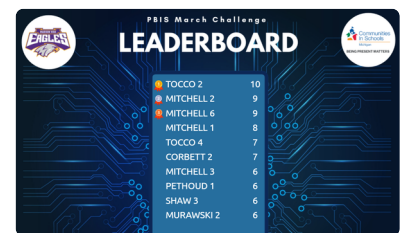
Pay by March 21,
2025 to save!
\$8 per person
(Prepay)
\$10 per person
(After March 21)
Kids under 5 —
FREE!

EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

PBIS March Digital Detox

We are so proud of our Eagles who met the March Digital Detox Challenge!!!

Students made the pledge to go phone free every day, every hour to maximize their learning experiences and prepare for spring testing.



Huge CONGRATULATIONS to our overall winning class, **Ms. Tocco's Advanced Placement Literature**, who earned an awesome reward: a movie, a buffet-style lunch from Pita Way, and a choice of a Madison High School swag item—either a Chromebook bag, a beanie, or mid-ankle socks! Kudos to the winning class for staying focused and taking on the challenge!

Thanks so much to CIS PD Ms. Clark for taking time out of your busy schedule and for serving our Eagles today!!

A huge thank you to Pita Way for providing such a delicious reward for our students. Thank you so MUCH to Pita Way and their team especially Chance and Mike, for sponsoring our Eagle Lunch!!! Check them out: Pita Way 31161 Mound Rd, Warren, MI 48092

Shout out to our total of **170 Eagles** who met the challenge individually, earning their choice of Eagle Pride swag 🏹

We encourage all students to think about how they can utilize their screen time more wisely each and every day. Balance is key! Let's continue to make the most of our time both on and off screens!



CIS Literacy Day at MES

A Big Thank You to Our Madison High School Mentors!

Madison Elementary's Communities in Schools Literacy Day was a huge success. A heartfelt thank you to Chloe, Keshon, Antonio, Khrystyna, Adam, Jayson, Scar, and Angel, who walked over to help students with fun craft activities. The elementary students had such a blast spending time with you

all! They loved listening to the story and getting creative with the crafts. A special shoutout to Angel for reading to a whole class—you made the story come alive!

The kindness, energy, and support from our High School Mentors made the day unforgettable. The younger students had so much fun. Your time and enthusiasm sparked a love of reading that will stay with them. Thank you for making Literacy Day so special!



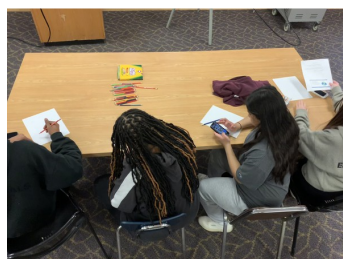
March is Reading Month with MH Public Library & MHS

Our Eagles had another great Wednesday celebrating March is Reading Month with the Madison Heights Public Library! During lunch, students were able to spin the prize wheel for a chance to win a book, a reading buddy, or a snack. Shout out once again to Rae, the Community Engagement Librarian at MH Public Library, for bringing the fun!!!



MHS 4HBeKindtoYourMind Club Positive Community Norms & Healthy Habits Session #2

Our 4HBeKindtoYourMind Club wrapped up their designs for our school posters during their third session. Justen, from the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC), and Nickole, from the Madison Heights Community Coalition (MHCC), then led the discussion in selecting a design for our poster and the group began the "Create a Campaign" portion of the session. The campaign goal is to help more Oakland County students make healthy and safe choices.



Spirit Week Powderpuff Volleyball Game

Shout out to Student Council and their sponsors Ms. Smiley and Ms. Tocco for putting on a fun-filled Powderpuff Volleyball game. Our girls stepped up to coach and our boys battled it out on the court! It ended in a tie -- the 9th + 12th grade team won one match and the 10th + 11th grade team won one match! Thanks to all who came out to support!!!



EAGLE EVENTS



Move with us Walking Club

Sign up here

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**INCREASE YOUR ENERGY AND IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH
WALK AT YOUR OWN PACE. WE WON'T RUSH YOU!
BAD WEATHER? NO PROBLEM! WE WALK INSIDE TOO.**

Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 at Madison High School

Begins April 16th



(248)545-6609

29485 John R | Madison Heights, MI

FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

»» *Support* ««

Madison High School

Tuesday, April 8

3pm – 10pm



10%

DONATION NIGHT

Support Madison High School by presenting this flyer to the Madison Heights Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Madison High School!

MHS CLASS OF 2027
PRESENTS

Spring
FLING

DANCE

APRIL

FRIDAY | **11** | 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

BUY TICKETS DURING LUNCH FOR
\$15

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(After March 21)
Kids under 5 —
FREE!

Madison Heights Recreation Events



Madison Heights
Recreation

2025

EVENTS SCHEDULE

SAT
4/12

EGG HUNT

10:30AM - 12:30PM, CC SHELTER BUILDING



RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT: 5K RUN & WALK

CHECK IN: 7:15AM, RED OAKS NATURE CENTER

SAT
4/26

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL



LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION 4/14

8U CONTROL PITCH, 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!
CLASS REGISTRATIOPN AND MORE



RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT
5K RUN & WALK

Sponsored by Rickey Busler with Re/Max First: 248-548-4400

Rickey Busler
Associate Broker, GRI, SRES, SRS

Saturday Red Oaks Nature Center
April 26, 2025
30300 Hales, Madison Heights 48071
Check In: 7:15 AM
Race Start Time: 8:00 AM

Entry Prior to 3/1/25: \$15
Entry Prior to 3/1/25: \$30
Race Day: \$40
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Madison Heights Recreation

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Leagues

- 8U Control Pitch
- 10U A
- 12U AA
- 14U AAA
- 18U Majors

Madison Heights Recreation is teaming up with Royal Oak Sandlot League to offer softball! Practices will take place at fields in Madison Heights. Games are played at fields in Madison Heights as well as Royal Oak.

All skill and experience levels welcome.
Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
Please write all player/coach requests on your registration.

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
10:30AM - 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PARK SHELTER BUILDING

Madison Heights Recreation

FLING INTO Spring

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

MAY 17TH 2025
12:00PM-3:00PM

Madison Heights Recreation

College and Career Readiness Corner

Financial Aid, Scholarships and FAFSA

*Scholarship Opportunities:

–MI Army National Guard Minuteman Scholarship: Up to four students in Michigan can be awarded it each year! Covers EITHER all tuition/fees or \$10,000 in room and board for 4 years + \$1,200 for books each year & \$420 cadet stipend monthly to the student
Eligibility: US Citizen, Class of 2025, EITHER 19+ on ACT, 850+ on SAT or 110 GT score on the ASVAB, Attend a university with an ROTC program and Eligible to enlist in the MI Army National Guard



–Jack and Jill of America Inc, Oakland County Chapter Academic Incentive Scholarship - 3/31 deadline! Find more information at: [APPLY HERE](#)

–The Rho Sigma Scholarship: Three (3) scholarships will be awarded to students graduating as a high school senior entering a 4-year college/university in the fall of 2025 (see PDF and flyer)

–MSGCU is proud to provide scholarships to dedicated students to help them follow their passions and reach career goals. Apply for over \$130,000 with a total of 57 eligible recipients!

[APPLY TODAY!!!](#)

– Wayne State Guarantee tuition pledge - covers the full cost of tuition and standard fees with federal, state and other Wayne State University scholarships and grants, and is renewable for up to four years. [WSU INFO](#)

Incoming Freshman planning to attend WSU can apply for these additional WSU internal scholarships due by April 1, 2025:

1. [Wayne State Guarantee](#)
2. [Heart of Detroit](#)
3. [President's Award for National Merit Scholarship Finalists](#)
4. [Warrior Award](#)
5. [Gold Award](#)
6. [Detroit Leadership Award](#)
7. [Green Award](#)
8. [Scholar Award](#)
9. [Wayne Med-Direct](#)
10. [Athletic Awards](#)

*FAFSA Cafe

Spring is here, and so is our next FAFSA Café!

Join us for a FREE and supportive FAFSA completion event in partnership with the National College Attainment Network (NCAN) and Capital One. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Capital One Café, 511 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI

What to Expect: Free café beverages while you work on your FAFSA

1-on-1 FAFSA support from trained professional

A chance to win exciting raffle prizes

Next-step planning resources once your FAFSA is submitted

Laptops available (or bring your own!)

Pro Tip: Save time by creating your [FSA ID](#) at least three days before the event. If you need help, don't worry—our experts will assist you on-site!

Let's sip, submit, and succeed together this spring!

Team DCAN

*Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Students and their families looking to secure more financial aid for college are encouraged to [register for an informational webinar](#) about the [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#), which is the newest State of Michigan scholarship program expected to impact the majority of students.

Participants will be able to gather the following information:

- Information about the NEW Community College Guarantee
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship eligibility requirements and award amounts

***Virtual Financial Aid Webinars:** Students and families interested in learning about financial aid basics are encouraged to [register for a virtual financial aid presentation](#) provided by the MI Student Aid team: [March 25 at 12:30 p.m.](#), [April 16 at 6:30 p.m.](#) or [April 22 at 12:30 p.m.](#) Participants will be able to gather information on the following financial aid topics: FAFSA application information, Federal financial aid programs, State financial aid programs and Scholarship searching resources

***24/25 FAFSA** application is now OPEN!!! [Create an account or Log In](#)

Colleges and career schools use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid your student is eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, and loans.

FSA ID creation - [federal student aid website](#) - & [FAFSA checklist](#)

**MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
MINUTEMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship Includes:

- All tuition and fees or \$10K per year for room & board
- Eligible for state tuition assistance up to \$14,400 if \$10K room and board is selected
- Annual \$1,200 book stipend
- Monthly ROTC cadet stipend \$420
- Monthly National Guard pay starting at \$364.04

Qualifications:

- US Citizen between the ages of 17-28
- High school graduate before September 1st
- 19+ ACT, 850+ SAT, or 110 GT score required
- Have accumulative HS or College GPA of 2.5+
- Acceptance into a university with an ROTC program
- Eligible to enlist in the Michigan Army National Guard

FAFSA Café
"Sip, Submit, Succeed"

Location: Capitol One Café
55 Woodward Ave Detroit, MI

Date & Time:
March 25, 2025
9:00 am - 2:00pm

Join the Detroit College Access Network (DCAN) for a FREE workshop to help you complete the free application for federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and learn about recent changes that make more students eligible for financial aid.

Powered By:
DCAN
Capital One

Register here: [QR Code]

What to expect at the FAFSA Café:

- 1-on-1 Drop-in FAFSA completion support from trained professionals
- Free coffee beverages
- A chance to win raffle prizes
- Laptops will be provided, however you also have the option to bring your own
- We encourage you to obtain your FSA ID prior to event at: [www.fsa.gov](#)

**Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
Oakland County Chapter
Academic Incentive**

2025 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Apply for an academic incentive from Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Oakland County Chapter

Eligibility

- African American student who attends school in Oakland County
- Graduated from high school in 2025
- SAT 900 or higher
- Attending 2 or 4 year college in fall 2025

IMPORTANT NOTE: Families of Jack and Jill are not eligible

Apply online:
<https://bit.ly/jjoc2025>

Application Deadline:
March 31, 2025

Questions?
jjocacademicincentive@gmail.com

**Rho Sigma Detroit Alumnae Chapter
of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
in partnership with
Rho Sigma Foundation**

**Scholarship Applications
Now Open!**

Scholarships available for:
-High School Seniors
-Undergraduates
-Graduate Students
-Doctoral Students

Application and criteria on:
rhosigmafoundation.com

**DEADLINE
MARCH 22ND**

Questions?
Contact Dr. Anissa Martin at 954-235-2245
or email: rhosigmascholarship@gmail.com



Oakland Schools Technical Campus Early College Program

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2027!!!

EARLY COLLEGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INCOMING JUNIORS 25/26 AT OSTC

Dear 10th grade student, As a current 10th grader interested in OSTC, there is an exciting opportunity available this spring that we wanted to share with you. The [Oakland Technical Early College](#) (OTEC) program is an opportunity for you to earn a *free* associate degree at Oakland Community College (OCC) while attending your high school and OSTC. This opportunity is only available to be enrolled in during your 10th grade year and the deadline for this process is May 23rd, 2025.

ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION 4/21 & 5/7: There are two scheduled [Information Sessions](#) about OTEC on Monday, April 21st @ 6:00 PM and Wednesday, May 7th @ 7:00 PM. If you are interested in attending this, please make sure to register, but there is a previously recorded session available as well.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The application process involves 4 tasks that you can start and complete online at <https://www.ostconline.com/early-college/application-process>. Please note this application is completely independent from your application to the OSTC Campus.

UNSURE ABOUT APPLYING? Please note that attending the information session, applying to, and even being accepted into the OTEC program does not require you to participate, so if you are unsure about the program, we would encourage you to apply now and make a decision about participating afterwards. Late applications cannot be accepted, so don't delay and get started today!

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about applying for the OTEC program, feel free to reach out at the contact information below.

Scott Kortlandt (Mr. K) - scott.kortlandt@oakland.k12.mi.us

Janet Temnyk – janet.temnyk@oakland.k12.mi.us

Oakland Technical Early College Advisors - Southeast Campus

OAKLAND Technical Early College

Students in their final 10th grade take college courses along with their final high school and OSTC coursework. Students attend Oakland Community College Fall, Spring during the final half year of the program, earning their high school diploma and an opportunity to earn an associate degree!

It is a benefit that there is NO COST related to college tuition or books for students in OaklandTEC enrollment. There are many other benefits:

- Getting a jump start on college and career pathway
- Aligned program of studies with what the student is taking at OSTC
- Additional program support beyond the OCC enrollment

OSTC Programs that have an early college option w/ separate application process:

- Collaborative and Building
- Engineering, Electrical & Mechanical
- Manufacturing (Mfg. Career)
- Marketing (Mkt. Career)
- Health Sciences
- Computer Programming (CIS, IS, IIS Career)
- Health & Human Services
- Information Technology (IT, IIS Career)
- Engineering Technology (ET, IIS Career)
- Healthcare Administration

Requirements:

- Current 10th grade student who will be attending OSTC during the college option
- High School Transcript
- OSTC Enrollment Form
- Accumulated 60 credits with grade requirements for the program
- Complete a 90MINUTE Oakland Technical Early College Application
- Participation in a required Orientation and Enrollment Session for the program prior to 10th grade
- Financial Resources/Eligibility based on OCC

Visit www.ostconline.com/early-college for information sessions, the application process, program structure, and FAQs.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OAKLAND Technical Early College

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Complete the process at: www.ostconline.com/early-college/application-process
After you complete each task check it off!

- #1 - Fill out the General Oakland Tech EC Application
- #2 - 1. Have your Counselor send the Information Form
2. Get the Dual Enrollment Authorization form back
- #3 - 1. Create an OCC Account and Apply
2. Email or upload Dual Enrollment Authorization to your OCC application
Then after receiving OCC Welcome Email:
3. Set up myOCC email
4. Complete myOCC Online Orientation
- #4 - Complete OCC Self-Placement English Process and send required screenshot and OCC Student ID to ben.morin@oakland.k12.mi.us

MAY 23, 2025



2025 Checklist Oakland Tech Application.pdf

[Download](#)

1.1 MB



2025 Oakland Tech Info Flyer.pdf

[Download](#)

652.3 KB

EAGLE REMINDERS

7th Hour/Tutoring - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Our 7th Hour Credit Recovery and After-School Tutoring Program is now running 3 days per week -- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays @ 2:40-3:40pm!

We have 3 Tutor Volunteers and 2 staff facilitators available during each session to provide help and support! If your Eagle is enrolled in a 7th hour class, their attendance a minimum of 2 days per week is needed, but all 3 days is strongly recommended. Also, please continue encouraging them to complete their Tutorials at home, so they may use their time wisely in taking their teacher-facilitated assessments during 7th hour. Enrollment forms can be picked up in the main office.



Michigan Summer EBT

Summer Grocery Benefits for Kids

SUN Bucks is the new name for the Summer EBT grocery benefit. Eligible families will receive \$120 per child to purchase groceries over the summer.

Once you're enrolled, SUN Bucks will be automatically added to your SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) account or you will be issued a separate electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. Note: Families can receive SUN Bucks on top of other nutrition benefits like SNAP and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children.)

Note: Funds will expire 122 days after issuance – so families are encouraged to use them sooner rather than later.



What can be purchased with SUN Bucks?

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and fish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Non-alcoholic drinks

Where can SUN Bucks be used?

In-Store

SUN Bucks can be used at the same stores that accept SNAP or WIC. Use the [SNAP Retailer Locator](#) to find grocery stores, farmers markets, and convenience stores near you.

Online

SUN Bucks can now be used at online retailers like Amazon, Costco, and Thrive Market. Click 'Michigan' on the [Online Purchasing Pilot Map](#) for a full list of participating retailers.

Who is Eligible?

Families will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks if they are already enrolled in SNAP, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) benefits or meet the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals.

Note: Families not automatically enrolled should apply for SUN Bucks directly.

Deadline(s): **Apply by April 15, 2025**, to be eligible for the first issuance of benefits in May.

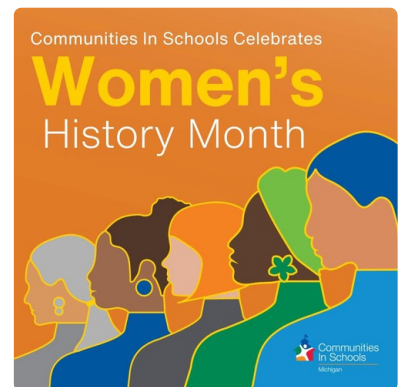
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until August 31, 2025.

[Apply Now](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

☆☆ March is Women's History Month! ☆☆

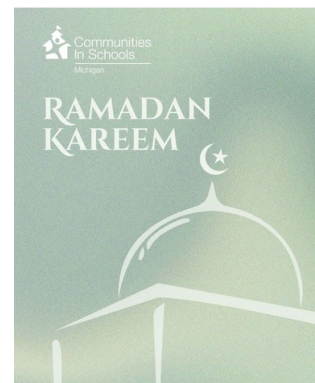
At Communities In Schools of Michigan, we celebrate the incredible women—past, present, and future—who inspire, lead, and create opportunities for students to succeed. From educators to mentors, advocates to changemakers, women have shaped the path for a brighter future.



This Spring, we celebrate world religions and cultures

Madison High School and Communities In Schools of Michigan wish all our students who observe Ramadan or Lent peace, joy, and blessings this holy month. May your days be filled with kindness and gratitude. Ramadan Kareem! (have a generous Ramadan) Happy Lent!

Muslim students who fast, if you need accommodation during your lunch time (to pray or to rest), please feel free to see Ms. Margi, Ms. Cauley, or Ms. Haïette



March Family & Community Events

FAMILY FUN

- Saturday, March: Project Art Teens, Detroit Public Library, Lincoln branch. Registration at: [Project Art Teens March 22 & 29](#)

- Sunday, March 23rd & March 30th: Rolling into Reading with Shelter Dogs, Detroit Public Library, Children's Library. More info and registration at: [Rolling into Reading with Shelter Dogs](#)

- Tuesday, March 25: Chess Club, Detroit Public Library, Wilder branch. More info and registration at: [Chess Club March 25](#)

- Wednesdays: Knit and Crochet with Ms. Joyce, Pontiac Public Library. Everything is provided. Age: 18+

- Thursday, March 27th:

*Net-Surfing Basic, Detroit Public Library, Hubbard branch. More info and registration at: [Net-Surfing Basic March 27](#)

*Anime Club, Detroit Public Library, Wilder branch. More info and registration at: [Anime Club March 27](#)

*Family Crafts, Detroit Public Library, Franklin branch. More info and registration at: <https://detroitpubliclibrary.org/events/event/1225309697289>

- Free Admission Days at Metro Detroit Museums

Detroit Institute of Arts: Always free for Macomb, Oakland and Wayne County residents.

<https://www.metroparent.com/things-to-do/attractions/metro-detroit-museums-free-admission/>

- See Brilliant March Calendar for family friendly events. <https://brilliantcities.org/detroit/>





Jobs opportunities

Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Looking for the perfect summer job? Your Metroparks are hiring, and we want YOU on our team! Whether you're a student looking for a summer gig, a retiree wanting extra cash, or just someone ready for a change of scenery, we've got awesome seasonal jobs waiting for you.

What kind of jobs?

- Greet visitors at the toll booths
- Keep swimmers safe as a lifeguard
- Help maintain beautiful park spaces
- Serve up tasty treats at the beaches
- Work at one of our scenic golf courses

Perks you'll love:

- Work Outdoors
- Paid time off (earn up to 16 hours per year)
- Paid medical leave (earn one hour of every 30 hours worked)
- Training and development
- Career advancement opportunities
- Wellbeing program
- Flexible work schedules
- Free or discounted facility use (golf, water facilities, food service, etc.)
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Seasonal employee incentive bonus
- 457 deferred compensation retirement plan with Metroparks contribution

And there's more! Eligible seasonal and part-time employees can earn a summer bonus of up to \$2,000. Earn \$1.75, \$2.75 or \$5.75 per hour worked during certain pay periods through summer ([details on our website](#)). Seasonal employees can also earn an additional \$0.60 per hour for the entire season. That's some nice extra cash to start the school year or fall season off right.

Now is the perfect time to apply. The Metroparks are looking for a team of people dedicated to providing exceptional experiences for visitors, and every position plays a role. Summer jobs are already posted on the website and more will be added in the coming weeks.

They're your Metroparks. Come join our summer squad.

[EXPLORE POSITIONS](#)

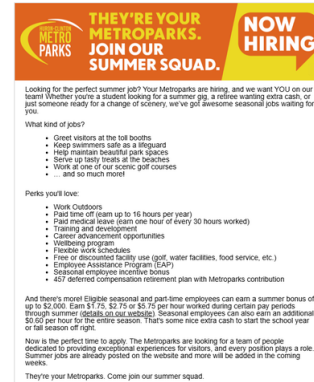
Madison Heights: We're Hiring: Summer Camp Staff! (18+)

Looking for a fun and rewarding part-time summer job? Join our dynamic Madison Heights Recreation team and make this summer unforgettable for kids and staff alike! We're seeking passionate, energetic, and responsible individuals to fill various positions for camp this season.

What We're Looking For:

- A positive attitude and a love for working with kids
- Strong teamwork skills
- Ability to handle a fast-paced environment
- Previous experience in similar roles
- CPR/First Aid certification (City of Madison Heights provided upon hire)

View all open positions and apply today at: <http://www.madison-heights.org/Jobs>



Educational Events

- Saturday, March 22nd: **Free Senior Tech Class**, University of Detroit Mercy. More info and registration at: [Free Senior Tech Class Saturdays until April 19th](#)

- From our friends at MH Public Library: Use your library card number to access tutorials on 8 Collage Techniques [Collage Techniques](#)



Civic Opportunities

Message from our CIS partner nylc (national youth leadership council):

Looking for tools, insights, and stories that inspire youth leadership and civic engagement?

The Leader is NYLC's monthly newsletter designed to empower young people and those who support them. Each issue is filled with actionable ideas, impactful stories, and resources to build informed global citizens.

Stay connected—subscribe today!

<https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1980334/1960369/>



Family Supports and Resources

- It's National Poison Prevention Week: When the unexpected happens, Poison Help is here for you 24/7. Save the Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222, in your contacts. #NPPW25

- Thursdays starting March 27th until May 15th: **Brilliant Minds**: an 8-week program focusing on aspects of mental health as a parent support group. Presented by Brilliant Detroit.

Brilliant Minds – A Support Group for Caregivers!

Parenting and caregiving come with its highs and lows – Brilliant Minds is here to provide a welcoming, non-judgmental space where caregivers can support each other and learn valuable skills to improve their well-being. Each session explores important topics like self-care, overcoming challenges, managing stress, and building resilience, all while connecting with others who truly understand the journey.

Need a moment to unwind? We've got you covered! While caregivers relax and connect, we'll have engaging programming for the kids—so you can focus on YOU while they enjoy fun activities in a safe space.

Thursdays, March 27 - May 15


5PM - 6:30PM

Brilliant Detroit Central Hub

803 Hazelwood St., Detroit, MI 48202

Let's grow, uplift, and navigate this journey together. Register today:

<https://forms.gle/f5iqS8nRhHJJmYa6>



Brilliant Minds

This support group will meet one hour each week, by peer-certified coaches.

Topics include:

- Self-Care
- Good Days and Bad Days
- Facing Your Fear
- Lift Yourself and Others
- Anxiety and Depression
- Dealing with Trauma
- Conflict Resolution
- Graduation and Celebration

Brilliant Minds is an eight-week program focusing on aspects of mental health as a parent support group. All materials are included.

BRILLIANT DETROIT
WHERE Brilliant things HAPPEN

CHECK BELOW
for days, dates, and times!

Visit our facebook page: www.facebook.com/brilliantdetroit
www.brilliantdetroit.org

Support, learn, and grow together at the Central Hub!

THURSDAYS
March 27 - May 15
5PM - 6:30PM

Brilliant Detroit
Central Hub
803 Hazelwood St.
Detroit MI 48202

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ritam@brilliantdetroit.org
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cabram@brilliantdetroit.org
Gabriela Simpson, Peer Facilitator
businessg40@gmail.com

- **Monday, March 31st:** Join Michigan State Representative Brenda Carter for her upcoming **Renters and Homeowners Resource Fair** on Monday, March 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Senior Citizens Center, 52 Bagley St. in Pontiac.

- **Citizenship preparation free online classes**, presented by IIMD (International Institute of Metro Detroit): **April 7 – June 18, 2025**. Complete the online registration form by scanning the QR code or go to: [IIMD On-Line Citizenship Spring Class \(April 2025\) Registration Form](#)

- Message from our community partner ACHC: It's true! Vaping nicotine does not help with anxiety or depression. If you are looking for more information on youth vaping visit <http://www.alliancemi.org/resources/vaping-ends>.

- Message from our community partners at MHCC (MH Community Coalition): We're proud to partner with Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities to bring lifesaving harm reduction boxes to our community. These stations provide 24/7 access to:

- Naloxone (Narcan) doses
- Fentanyl & Xylazine testing strips
- Safe disposal kits
- Educational resources

You can find them at:

- Jennifer & Dequindre
- Sacred Heart Madison Heights Outpatient & Wellness Services

Even though Naloxone is available OTC, cost and stigma still create barriers. These stations are free and open to anyone in need.

Help us spread the word!

- **Wellness Wednesdays**, Baldwin Center, Pontiac. Every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland County residents in need of health, housing, employment and community resources are invited to enjoy a meal at the Baldwin Center, located at 212 Baldwin Ave., while connecting with services. More info at: [Wellness Wednesdays by Oakland County](#)

- Message from our CIS community partner, E-Community Outreach Services:

Did You Know?

Our Parent Empowerment Center is here to help families access vital resources!

DTE & Consumers Energy Assistance – We can place a hold on your account to help prevent shut-offs.

MI Bridges Navigators – Our team can help you apply for benefits like food, cash assistance, and healthcare.

Furniture Bank Partner – Need furniture? We can provide a referral to help furnish your home.

Strong Community Network – We've built relationships with over 10 community partners to connect families with essential resources.

ECOS Family Membership Store – Our members get exclusive access to shop once a month for household items, clothing, and essentials!

Looking for assistance? Contact us today! We're here to help you and your family find the support you need.

Visit the Parent Empowerment Center or reach out for more information!

- Message from **Oakland Family Services**:

"Take the first step toward positive change with **SMART Recovery**! Our evidence-based, stigma-free meetings focus on self-empowerment and provide practical tools rooted in motivational and cognitive behavioral theories.

Topics Covered:

Building and maintaining motivation

Coping with urges and cravings

Managing thoughts, feelings, and behaviors

Living a balanced life

Who: Adults 18+ | Free | No registration required

For more information, contact Rachel Boyle at rboyle@ofsfamily.org.

Join us on the path to a healthier, more balanced life—we're here to support you!"

Royal Oak: Thursdays @6:30pm,

Pontiac: Tuesdays @ 1pm

- Message from **MDHHS**:

No one has to face their struggles alone. If you or a loved one are feeling overwhelmed or experiencing thoughts of suicide, free confidential support is available 24/7/365.

- Saturdays by appointment only from 1/25 to 4/12: **Free Tax Preparation**, Pontiac, provided by OLHSA in partnership with AccountingAidSociety. More info and locations at: [IRS Get Free Tax Prep Help](#)

- Start registering now for the April 5th **MHYA and OCSD Women & Girls Self Defense Awareness Program**. Girls ages 13 and up. Written permission from parent/guardian required for participants 13-17 years, not accompanied by parent/guardian.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MadHgtsYouth4-5-25>

- Every Thursday, Pontiac Public Library is offering FREE TUTORING from 5:30-7 p.m. So please bring your child/children out and let us help them be the best they can be! A light snack will also be provided.

- **Ferncare free clinic:** to become a Patient, call 248-677-2273. This is an appointment only clinic. All calls are returned within 24 hours Monday through Friday. More info at:

<https://www.ferncaire.org/>

- The City of Pontiac is offering **free carbon monoxide detectors** to Pontiac residents through our Carbon Monoxide Safety Program.

Click the link to apply on our website today: <https://tinyurl.com/PontiacGrants>

Applications are also available at Pontiac City Hall in the Grants and Philanthropy office.

- Buyer's Assistance Program, Oakland County Treasurer's Office. More info at: [Buyer's Assistance Program](#)

- Need help with improving your computer skills? Check out **Michigan eLibrary**. Thanks Madison Heights Public Library for the tip! More info at: [MeL Computer Skills Center](#)

- **The Hardship Assistance Program:**

The Hardship Assistance Program can help eligible Oakland County residents. The program is open to Oakland County residents who get their water from a municipal water system, not a private well.

- Pay their current water or sewer bill for up to three months.
- Eliminate past-due balances.
- Pay for plumbing repairs.

For more info, visit: <https://www.oakgov.com/government/water-resources-commissioner/affordability/hardship-assistance-program>

To apply: [United Way for Southeastern Michigan Utility Assistance Application](#)

Volunteering opportunities:

- Volunteer with Madison Heights Public Library! **Volunteens** is **every last Thursday of the month!** Get recorded volunteer hours, a snack and help our library!

- Volunteer with Lighthouse. More info and registration at: [Volunteer with Lighthouse](#)



National Poison Prevention Week | March 16-22, 2025

Be Prepared,
Save the Poison
Help Line
1-800-222-1222

Poison Help is Here for You.

#NPPW25



National Drug and Alcohol Fact Week

FACT:
Research shows that quitting nicotine can improve mental health, with 90% of young people who quit vaping feeling less stressed, anxious or depressed.

ALLIANCE OF COALITIONS
for Healthy Communities

IIMD CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

- Classes are held twice a week for 11 weeks.
- Classes start on Monday, April 7, 2025 and end on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.
- Late admission to join the class ends on May 1, 2025.
- Your IIMD Instructor will be Lindsay Van Loon.

To register for our free classes, complete the online registration form by scanning the QR code or go to <http://bit.ly/OnlineCitizenshipClassAPR2025>

On-Line Citizenship Class

- meets Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:30pm
- using Zoom and Google Classroom

Free Classes

- Must be a Michigan Resident
- Image of Driver's License or official ID will be required
- Image of USCIS Permanent Resident (Green Card) will be required

For more information: email: lindsayv@iimd.org
International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit

Join Me!

RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS RESOURCE FAIR

MONDAY • MARCH 31 • 4-6 PM

BOWEN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
52 BAGLEY ST. • PONTIAC

STATE REPRESENTATIVE **BRENDA CARTER**

Call, text or chat 988.

Caring support from trained specialists

988
SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE
MICHIGAN

THIS SAVE A LIFE STATION IS PLACED IN A HIGH-TRAFFIC AREA TO MAKE SURE LIFE-SAVING RESOURCES LIKE NALOXONE AND FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED MOST.

SMART RECOVERY

Royal Oak | Thursdays at 6:30pm
Pontiac | Tuesdays at 1:00pm

SMART Recovery
Life beyond addiction

SMART Recovery is the leading, evidence-informed approach to overcoming addictive behaviors and leading a balanced life. SMART is stigma-free and emphasizes self-empowerment.

OAKLAND Family Services **dayone.**
A Michigan Licensed Family Services

Self Defense Class

Women and Teen Girls (13 years and older)

Join us and learn critical protection and defense information and strategies.

This FREE class is sponsored by Madison Heights Youth Assistance and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Saturday - April 5, 2025
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Madison Heights Fire Department Training Room
3313 Brush Street Madison Heights, MI 48071

Register - Space is Limited
Scan the QR code or visit www.sunnymonster.com/it/MadisonHeightsYouth4-5-25

Written permission from parent/guardian required for participants 13-17 years, not accompanied by parent/guardian.

Participants should wear closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle.

Questions? Contact MHYA (248) 589-6860

OLHSA FREE TAX PREPARATION

Provided in partnership with Accounting Aid Society

Saturdays, by Appointment Only!
January 25-April 12, 2025 from 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Location: 196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac MI

Schedule Now: (248) 716-3260 or accountingaidsociety.org

Required documents include, but are not limited to:

- ID
- Social Security Card (for everyone in the household)
- Social Security Benefit Statement
- W-2 for every job
- Property Information (This is printed out if you own a home)
- Agreement if you have been married (name, address, and amount of asset)
- Last holding Hill from December
- Agreement from the individual in legal name of support
- List of other support may result in reducing or excluding for a later date.

Income Guidelines: Individuals & Families = \$67,000 or less annually

At this time only the taxpayer, their spouse, or a caregiver (if needed for paperwork assistance) are allowed in the building. 988.org are allowed at the tax site at this time.

OLHSA: 196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48058
Phone: (248) 716-3260 | Website: olhsa.org

FREE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FOR PONTIAC RESIDENTS

As part of the City of Pontiac Carbon Monoxide Safety Program, residents can apply for a complimentary device for their homes.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Scan the QR code or use the link to apply today.

<https://tinyurl.com/PontiacGrants>

For more information:
City of Pontiac Grants & Philanthropy
Email: grants@pontiac.mi.us
Phone: 248.758.3040 (Option 4)

Pontiac.mi.us

PONTIAC
The Heart of Oakland County



Basic Needs & Local Food Pantries

Tomorrow Saturday, March 22nd: MH Food Pantry. 10:30am-12pm, 1529 E 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI 48071, Central Church.

Pontiac Pop-Up Pantries. See flyer for more info.

WoodWard Outreach: Free meals every Monday and Friday from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, [First United Methodist Church of Ferndale](#).

Gleaners Mobile Food Distribution

Type your zipcode to find a food pantry near you: <https://pantrynet.org/>
<https://pantrynet.org/mobile-distribution-events/>

Please check the Gleaners Drive-Up Distribution Reminders for a safe and smooth process!



Monday 3/24:

9:00am - 11:00am

New Apostolic Church (Drive-Up Only)

[37800 Utica Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312](#)

Wednesday 3/26:

9:00am - 11:00am

Salvation Army – Warren (Drive-Up Only)

[24140 Mound Rd Warren, MI 48091](#)

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Perfecting Community Church – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only)

[7616 Nevada St. Detroit, MI 48234](#)

Thursday 3/27:

9:00am - 11:00am

MISide (formerly Southwest Solutions at St. Anthony's) (Drive-Up Only)

[3553 West Vernor Hwy. Detroit, MI 48216](#)

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Oakland Hope (Drive-Up Only)

[20 E. Walton Blvd Pontiac, MI 48340](#)

Friday 3/28:

9:00am - 10:30am

New Paradigm School – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only)

[4001 29th Street Detroit, MI 48210](#)

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Urban Neighborhood Initiative – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only)

[8300 Longworth Street Detroit, MI 48209](#)

Monday 3/31:

9:00am - 11:00am

Our Lady Queen of Angels (Drive-Up Only)

[4200 Martin Street Detroit, MI 48210](#)

2:00pm - 4:00pm

New St. Paul Missionary Church (Drive-Up Only)

[21050 Ascension Ave Warren, MI 48089](#)

Tuesday 4/1:

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Warren Woods Schools Administrative Building (Drive-Up Only)

[12900 Frazho Warren, MI 48088](#)

Wednesday 4/2:

9:00am - 11:00am

Oakland County Farmers Market (Drive-Up Only)

[2350 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI 48238](#)

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Lasky Recreation Center – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only) (Jayne Field Lots, enter from Luce St)

[13200 Fenelon Street Detroit, MI 48212](#)

Thursday 4/3:

9:00am - 11:00am

Fraser VFW Post 6691 (Drive-Up Only) (formerly Fraser High School)

[17075 Anita Avenue Fraser, MI 48026](#)

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Oakland County Health Department – Southfield (Drive-Up Only)

[27725 Greenfield Road Southfield, MI 48076](#)

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Fresh Market at Western International High School (Drive-Up Only)

[1500 Scotten St Detroit, MI 48209](#)

Forgotten Harvest: <https://www.forgottenharvest.org/find-food/>

Saturday 3/22:

Madison Heights Church of Nazarene (555 East 13 Mile Rd, Madison Heights 48071) – Saturday

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Madison Heights
Food Pantry**

"Look for the Helpers"

Courtesy of Central Church, 1127 E. 12 Mile, Madison Hts, MI 48061
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Limited at Central Church 1127 E. 12 Mile, Madison Hts, MI	
Driving Schedule: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	
Jan 4 & 18	Jul 12 & 26
Feb 5 & 15	Aug 9 & 23
Mar 5 & 22	Sep 6 & 20
Apr 5 & 19	Oct 4 & 18
May 3 & 17	Nov 6 & 22
Jun 7 & 21	Dec 6 & 20



PONTIAC POP-UP PANTRIES

Courtesy of Central Fresh Food Store & The Farm at Trinity Health
 This information was prepared in September 2020. Information is subject to change. Please
 check with individual organizations please check in at least 24 hours before the location.

For more information about
 Healthy Pontiac We Care, visit here

LOCATION	DAY	TIME	WHO'S SERVING	CONTACT
Central Church 1127 E. 12 Mile Madison Hts, MI 48061	Tuesday	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48061
The Farm and Food Hub at Trinity Health 4800 Woodward Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48334	Wednesday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48334
Trinity Health Center at Farmington Hills 4800 Woodward Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48334	Thursday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48334
The Farm and Food Hub at Trinity Health 4800 Woodward Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48334	Friday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48334
The Farm and Food Hub at Trinity Health 4800 Woodward Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48334	Saturday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48334
The Farm and Food Hub at Trinity Health 4800 Woodward Ave Farmington Hills, MI 48334	Sunday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fresh Produce	Chap at 48334

Woodward Outreach

Meals served
Mondays and Fridays
1:00 pm to 2:30

At Ferndale First UMC - 22333 Woodward Ave.



Principal Cauley & AP Helchowski

