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Superintendent's Column

By Todd Cramer, Ed.D.



We Are Maumee & 'Panther For A Day'

I would like to begin by thanking the entire community for your support of "We Are Maumee" Week as declared by Mayor Carr during the last week of October. It was impressive to see so many signs in shop windows and yards as visitors came across the bridge into Uptown Maumee. As you know, the bell returned home on October 27. It is repainted purple and gold, signed by the 2017 football team, and on display for all to see.

Welcome to New Board Member Jennifer Campos

Mrs. Campos will be sworn into office in January as she joins Maumee's five-member board of education. She has already started preparing herself for this role by attending the recent Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and attended sessions for board members-elect. Mrs. Campos says she felt called to run for school board to continue the tradition of excellence of the Maumee City Schools and wants to explore ways to help the district and students thrive now and into the future.

Thank you to Board Member Jane Durham

Mrs. Durham served as a Maumee School board member for four years and decided not to run for re-election in November when her term expired. During her tenure on the board of education, Mrs. Durham was instrumental in many initiatives including creation of the Panther Pride Foundation. We wish her well as she pursues new endeavors in the Maumee community and beyond.

'Panther For A Day' An Open Invitation to Visit Our Schools

I want to extend an open invitation to visit our schools. I make this invitation to families considering Maumee as your future home and to those who have made another school choice for their children but wish to explore your public school option.

I welcome you to come in and witness first hand how we are providing a 21st century learning experience for students and enhancing their lives with positive support systems, college & career experiences, clubs/activities, athletics and community service opportunities. We offer our "Panther For A Day" program that welcomes students of all ages to spend time with us and shadow a student and attend classes, meet other students, share a lunch, and learn about all that we offer. I can assure parents that Maumee staff members are student-focused, caring, hard-working professionals dedicated to the success of all students. I make it a practice to visit every classroom in a school year and, having made more than 100 visits since August, I have seen incredible things happening district wide.

For more information about Maumee's "Panther For A Day," to schedule a student or parent visit, or just ask questions, please reach out to me at (419) 893-3200 and I will connect you with the staff member who will assist with making arrangements for you and/or your child.

Meet Maumee High School's Distinguished Alumnus Award Winners for 2018

Merle Gulick (1906 – 1976) (MHS '24)



Merle was a very successful business professional and philanthropist. He was a retired vice president of Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York where he worked from 1930 until he retired in the early 1970s. He graduated from Hobart College and was recognized as one of the

most outstanding Hobart alumni, receiving the Hobart Alumni Association Medal of Excellence in 1972. He served his alma mater in many roles including chairman of the board and as a trustee for 18 years. He was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree in 1966. Merle was active in philanthropic and health organizations throughout his life. Some of the organizations that benefited from his service include: National Council on Alcoholism, American Cancer Society, United Negro College Fund, and National Association for the Prevention of Blindness. Merle was an All-American football and lacrosse player at Hobart where he transferred after spending one year at the University of Toledo. During WWII, Merle served as a Captain in the United States Coast Guard, serving as Chief of Port Security in Washington. He was married to Helen (Hindemarsch) Gulick and they had one son, Peter.

Carol Anne (Hamilton) O'Brien (MHS '76)



Carol is the Prosecuting Attorney for Delaware County, Ohio. She was appointed in 2011, elected to the post in 2012 and elected again in 2016. Prior to serving as Prosecuting Attorney, Carol was an Assistant Ohio Attorney General (1995-2007). In 2004, she received the Innovation &

Excellence Award, in 2014 was named Prosecutor of the Year, and in 2016 received Ohio's Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney award. Carol's commitment to community service work began when she was in college and law school. She is a graduate of Northwestern University (1980) and the University of Toledo College of Law (1983). She has been an active community volunteer since college and recently retired after 13 years as a Special Olympic gymnastics coach. Over the years, Carol has been active with the Central Ohio YMCA, Worthington Youth Boosters - volunteer baseball coach (1990 – 2001), Cub Scouts, and St. Michael's Catholic Church. She currently volunteers for The Ohio State University College of Law in the mediation practicum and mediation moot court programs. Carol is married to William (Bill) Owen and has three sons (Patrick, Eamon, Timothy), one stepson (Sean), and four granddaughters.

Jack Hiles (MHS '68)



Jack Hiles is known in the Maumee community as a historian, collector, community volunteer and successful businessman. He is currently the curator of the Maumee Memorabilia Museum. He retired as Executive Director of the Maumee Valley Historical

Society/Wolcott House Museum (2004 – 2014) and has curated a collection of close to 15,000 pieces of Maumee memorabilia. He says he began collecting memorabilia, postcards and high school yearbooks when he was eight years old and his favorite items are advertising pieces from over the years. Jack recently donated his entire collection to the Historical Society and Museum. If you have a question about the history of Maumee or surrounding areas, Jack is the premier authority. It's important to him that the heritage and unique identity of Maumee is never lost. Maumee City Administrator John Jezak calls Jack the "unofficial historian of the City of Maumee." Jack worked for many years as an Insurance agent at Modern Woodmen of America and in his early career spent 38 years in the grocery industry with 34 of those years with Seaway Foodtown. He has been married to Gloria for 30 years. Jack's children are: daughter Laura, son Jack III, and stepson Raymond (deceased). He has four grandchildren: Denis, Dylan, Valerie and John.

David Shugar (MHS '68)



David was a Delta Airlines manager for much of his career (1972 – 2002), working as an Airport Customer Service Supervisor in Toledo and Cincinnati, and a Corporate Sales Account Manager in Cleveland, Akron-Canton, and Youngstown. He received both a President's

Award for Outstanding Customer Service and the Delta Airlines CIT Silver Wings Award. David has always been an active community volunteer, spending many hours giving back to Maumee High School activities. Over the years, he served as a youth hockey coach, member/trustee of the Maumee Athletic Boosters, Maumee Hockey Team game announcer and currently serves as the MHS Class of 1968 webmaster. David earned his Amateur Extra radio license and volunteers with Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LCARES) helping Toledo Express Airport run disaster drill simulation communication. David was the Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) 2014 Amateur of the Year, and volunteers many hours each month to TMRA for public service and education. He is a founding member of the Maumee Community Band (1979-present), with weekly practices and numerous community performances every year. David has always lived in Maumee and is married to Candace. They have two sons (MHS graduates Paul and Mark) and one grandson (Jackson).

A dinner and awards banquet will be Saturday, January 27 at Parkway Place in Maumee and the winners will be honored on Friday, January 26 at halftime of a varsity basketball game. Tickets are on sale now. Visit the Maumee City Schools website – under LATEST NEWS – to find more information. The web address is: www.maumee.k12.oh.us.

Maumee High School is proud to announce the individuals who will be inducted into the Maumee High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Maumee High School Athletic Hall of Excellence and Contribution in 2018. Photos and biographies are on the school district website and will be included in the next issue of this *SchoolNotes* community newsletter.

Kendall Karchner ('06)

Angela (Williams) McEwen ('93)

Karen (Snyder) Brebberman

Robert Boyles

Ray Foreman

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Mission: To educate, prepare and inspire students to be contributing and valuable members of our community and beyond

Vision: Proactively engage and inspire student learning, involvement and service

Core Beliefs: We believe students come first. We believe in continuous improvement. We believe in maximizing the potential of others.



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Panther Pride Foundation Launches Kazmaier Stadium Renewal Project



Did you know that Kazmaier Stadium hosts more than 150 community events every year and more than 10,000 people pass through the gates annually? Without any real improvements since it was built in the 1960s, renovations and upgrades are long overdue.



The Panther Pride Foundation (PPF) has raised \$1.2 million for the renovations/upgrades through major gifts and now PPF needs the Maumee community to help push fundraising over the top to the \$2 million needed so groundbreaking happens in Spring 2018. Giving has never been easier. Just go online: www.pantherpridefoundation.org or use the QR code for a direct link.

For information about naming opportunities that still exist and to be added to the Foundation mailing list so you can follow the status of this project and those planned for the future, please contact, Sarah Otis (MHS '78) Director of Development and Alumni Relations at sotis@maumee12.org or (419) 893-8778 ext. 20260.

Corner Alumni 

Maumee High School Boasts Two National Merit Commended Students



Congratulations to seniors Emily Rice and Noah Pasquinelli who are National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Scholars. They are among the top 50,000 students of more than 1.6 million who entered this year's National Merit competition. Noah plans to attend Northwestern and major in biomedical engineering. Emily plans to attend BGSU and major in journalism.

Great Fall Sports Season: Bell is Back, Matt Lucas Qualifies for States, 8th Grade Volleyball Team Finishes 2nd in League



Photo courtesy of The Mirror Newspaper

Cross Country: States was the culminating cross country experience for senior Matt Lucas. Maumee High School is very proud that he was one of 183 runners who competed in the Division I state tournament. Matt placed 9th at the Division I District Meet and his performance qualified him to run at states. Congratulations Matt!



8th Grade Volleyball Team:
2nd Place Finish in Northern Lakes League



Photo courtesy of The Mirror Newspaper

Football: The Maumee High School football team brought home the Ding Dong Bell by beating archrival Perrysburg High School on October 27 in Kazmaier Stadium. Congratulations to the team for making an entire community proud. #WeAreMaumee



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SAVE THIS DATE . . .

Community Wellness Fair & Burrito Bowl Fundraising Dinner

January 19, 2018
Maumee High School Cafeteria 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Visit booths hosted by local businesses and organizations that specialize in health and wellness products and services. All will have giveaways.

This free event is part of the school district's employee wellness initiative that is funded by a \$10,000 grant from Promedica.

Fundraising Burrito Bowl Dinner Tickets:
\$6 Adults/\$4 Students/senior citizens

Varsity Basketball Games –
Boys/girls varsity double-header beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner and Wellness Fair precede basketball games. Senior citizens with a Golden Panther Card are admitted free of charge.

Golden Panther Cards

Are you a Maumee school district resident and at least 60 years old, but don't have a Golden Panther Card yet?

Call 419-893-3200 to learn how to get yours so that you can attend high school and middle school athletic events as well as plays and musicals free of charge.

Maumee Helps Those Less Fortunate this Holiday Season



• Maumee High School DECA students organized the school's Harvest for Hunger food drive to benefit St. Paul's Episcopal Church. More than \$1,000 and 550 nonperishable food items will help families in need.



• Wayne Trail partnered with Maumee Churches United to host a Feed My Starving Children meal build on November 30 and December 1 and 2. Wayne Trail students, staff and the community assembled 225,000 nutritional meals for malnourished children around the world.



• Maumee High School students wrapped hundreds of gifts for younger Maumee children whose families have a financial need this holiday season. Secret Santa gifts were donated by one generous family and by Maumee Community Church members who not only donated toys but also a food gift card for each family.



• Fort Miami, Fairfield, Wayne Trail and Gateway had a friendly Ohio State vs. Michigan canned food drive to stock local food pantries for families in need this holiday season. Hundreds of items were collected and donated throughout the community.