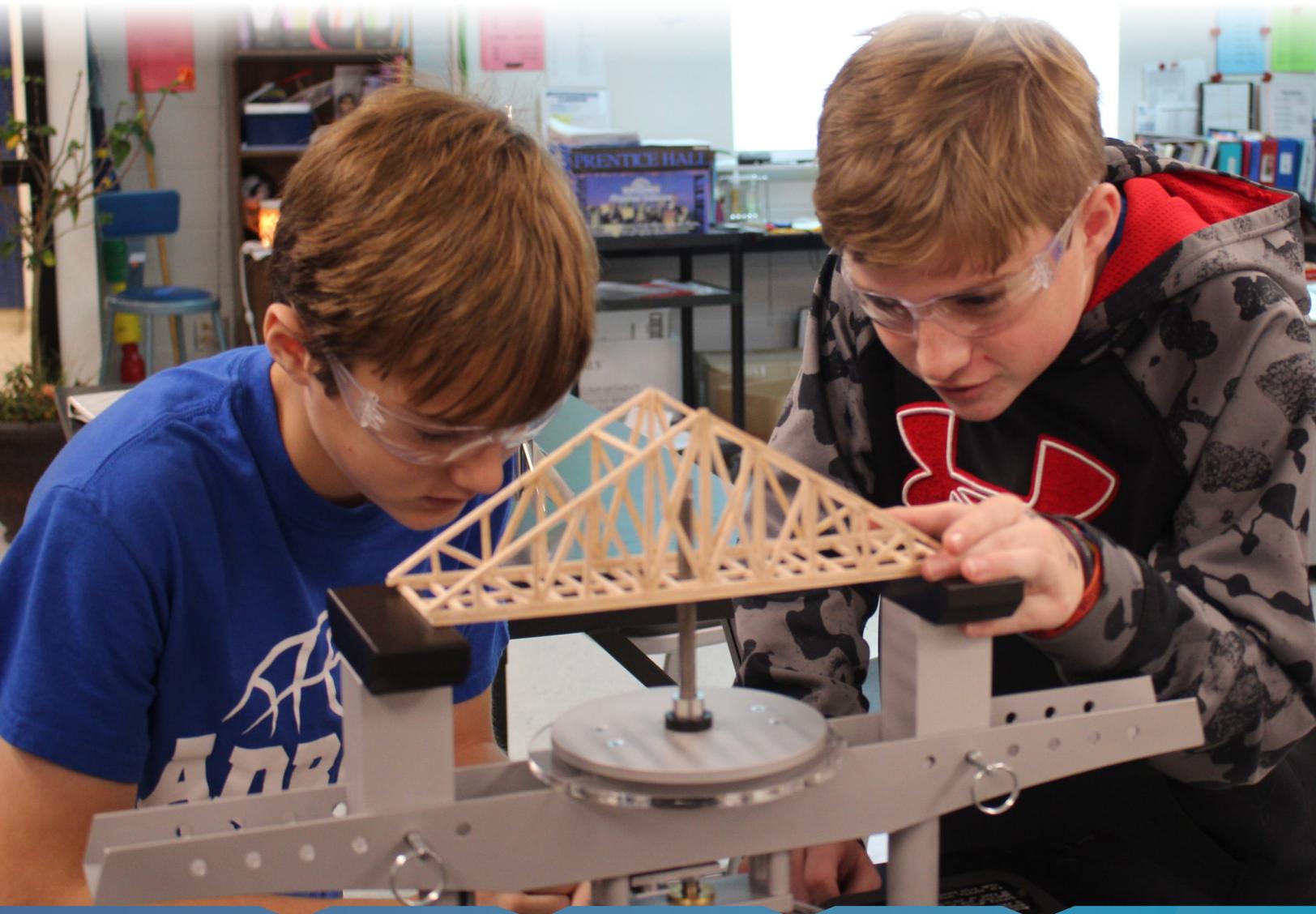


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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Adrian Public Schools Community:

Welcome to the 2018 Back to School edition of The Maple Messenger, the official newsletter of Adrian Public Schools!

I am very excited about the opportunities for our students during the upcoming school year and proud of the many accomplishments of students and staff from last school year. We are continuing to strive and meet the expectations set by our community to be a quality district that is dedicated to our community.

For the fourth year in a row, Adrian High School was named to the U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools in America list. Kudos to the hard work of students and staff of Adrian High School on this continued accomplishment.

As we enter the school year, the final phases of construction from the 2016 bond are wrapping up with the addition of improved school safety features, upgrades to classroom and wireless technology, and facility improvements.

As the school year starts, each building will reconnect their students on district-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program (PBIS) which promotes the essential principles of Maple PRIDE –



Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. These core principles are used to build the positive climate, culture, and behavioral expectations within all our schools.

I am proud to serve as Superintendent and look forward to sharing many more examples of Maple PRIDE and success from our students and staff of APS over the course of this school year.

Go Maples!!!

Robert Behnke

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Parent Survey - Bussing

First Student

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First Student announced Deborah Pietrangelo as the new Location Manager for Adrian. In a continued effort to provide a safe, efficient, and responsive transportation experience, parents are asked to complete a short survey. Input gained from this survey will help set goals with First Student in the coming months.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APSTransportation>

BOND PROJECT UPDATES



Adrian High School Pool



Springbrook Media Center



Adrian High School Courtyard



Technology Upgrades



Outstanding APS Alumni and Teachers to Be Honored

Five outstanding Adrian Public Schools alumni will be recognized for their contributions to students, families and the entire APS community this fall.

The 2018 Outstanding Alumni and Teacher recipients will be honored at a ceremony at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center at AHS. The event, hosted by the Adrian Schools Educational Foundation, will begin with a reception at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be available for \$10 through the Alumni office. Any questions, please contact the Alumni office at (517) 263-2911.

Outstanding Alumni Include:

Robert (Bob) Freligh, Class of 1939, Navy Cross Recipient, Former School Board Member.

Douglas Nelson, Class of 1964, All State Football, Basketball, Baseball, 9 Varsity Letters at AHS, Baseball Captain at U of M.

Sharon Davis, Class of 1966, President of SEDA Consulting, LLC, Project Advisor-Diversity for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Saturn Titan Mission.

Mark Summers, Class of 1973, Naval Flight Officer, F-14 Aircraft, Founder/CEO of Three Wire Inc.

Jere Righter, Class of 1987, Croswell Opera House Artistic Director, Spearheaded the 8.2 million dollar Croswell Opera House renovation.

Outstanding Teachers Include:



Thomas Allor:
AHS Math
Teacher



Marie Lucius:
AHS English
Teacher



Doug Ruesink:
ACHS Teacher

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Tamaris Henagan



First and foremost, I want to continue as an APS board member because I love being a trustee. I find the current board to be an amazing group of people to work with, who each genuinely have the best interests of the students at heart. Additionally, I feel it is imperative that

minorities step into leadership roles in the community. Our children need to know that they can become anyone they choose to become; and they need leaders who look like them to identify with as they seek those goals.

Mike Buku



As a nearly lifelong resident of Adrian, a 2001 graduate of Adrian High, and now a parent of an Adrian student, this has been an opportunity to continue to serve my community and be involved in one of the most important aspects of any community. APS has made tremendous

strides in recent years and I'm excited for what is in store.

School Board Election is November 6th and is a part of the General Election. There are three open seats for the school board.

Jay Marks



As an APS alumnus of the Class of '87, and with two daughters currently attending Alexander Elementary, I have a personal interest in maintaining the achievements of the current school board and promoting a process of continuous improvement within the

district. My wife and I have supported the teachers and administrators throughout the educational growth of our daughters. This opportunity to declare my candidacy as a school board trustee will allow me to draw on my education, personal relationships, and my work and life experiences, to represent all parents and students within the Adrian Public School District."



DISTRICT NEWS

APS COMMUNITY RECREATION:

As a part of the District's Athletic Advisory Committee Recommendation, APS has moved forward with the launch of a Community Recreation Department. Recreation Director Jeremiah Davies said, "We believe the heart of success for our students is to have an active recreation program to engage students and to attract residents to our community."

Davies is seeking community input as the district plans to launch programming options. A town hall meeting will take place on Monday, September 17th and Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm and will be held in the High School Cafeteria. Bob Behnke, Superintendent, said, "I am eager to launch this critical conversation and learn what our community - our Maple Family - envision how a recreation department can help build our community and enhance the experiences for our students."

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY UPDATE:

Thanks to the efforts of Rep. Bronna Kahle, Senator Dale Zorn, and Lenawee Now, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has changed the way rental housing tax program grants will be awarded starting this fall. This important shift in grant funding allows for continued hope that the former Garfield Elementary School can be developed into a Senior Housing project.

Keller Development of Fort Wayne, Indiana will be re-applying tax credits which will not only convert the current building into affordable residences, but will also allow for an addition to the building which could ultimately provide 59 low cost housing apartments to the east side neighborhood.

MSHDA will announce the projects that receive tax credits in January of 2019.



APS IN THE NEWS

Student team brainstorms ways to fight opioid abuse

Toledo Blade April 28, 2018

Adrian Public Schools adopts long-term "game plan" for district athletics

Toledo Blade Jan 03, 2018

Adrian girl reaches out to kids in foster care

Monroe Evening News July 8, 2018

Adrian STEM Showcase

Daily Telegram April 9, 2018



Michener Receives Disney Grant

The Wharton Center Institute for Arts and Creativity announced that Michener Elementary is the recipient of a Disney Musical in Schools Grant. This multi-year grant provides artist in residence training, technical support, and royalty free access to any number of Disney School based plays.

"I am so excited for our students to have the opportunity to not only take to the stage as part of a Disney musical, I am grateful for the support that the Wharton Center will be providing to our students and staff to ensure a professional production. I see this as another avenue to ignite



the passion for arts in our students," said Michener Principal Ann Lacasse. Michener students will perform their inaugural Disney production this spring at the George and Julianne Argyros Performing Arts Center.

Summer Lit Lab Pop Up

Elementary students participated in the Lit Lab Pop Up sponsored by the LISD this summer. A strong focus was placed on teaching literacy and STEM. Thanks to the partnership with Goodwill Industries, students received free books to build their literacy skills at home. Students also worked with Foster Grandparents who helped at the learning stations throughout the summer.

This is an important countywide program that has helped support learning over the summer.



Students designing and making catapults!



Learning how energy balls work at Stem Lab



The Maple Maker Club now enters its fourth year at Lincoln Elementary School. Additionally, the program has now been implemented in the other three elementary schools. It is designed to create an after-school space for students to let their curiosity and imagination come to life through activities such as cardboard construction, coding, game design, engineering activities and digital creation.

This summer students presented at the Maker Summit at the Detroit Maker Faire at the Henry Ford Museum. "It's great to see elementary students taking the lead and teaching adults and teachers from all over the state about the Maker mindset and materials they love," said Tracey DeMeritt, Elementary Technology Teacher.



Students helping to plant trees at Alexander Elementary School

School - Community Connections

Adrian Noon and Adrian Morning Rotary Club members partnered with students from across Adrian Public Schools to plant trees at each of the district's school buildings on Arbor Day. According to Adrian Noon Rotary Club President Nate Smith, "It always makes my heart smile when our club can work with students to make a positive difference in our community."



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parents spoke... We listened...

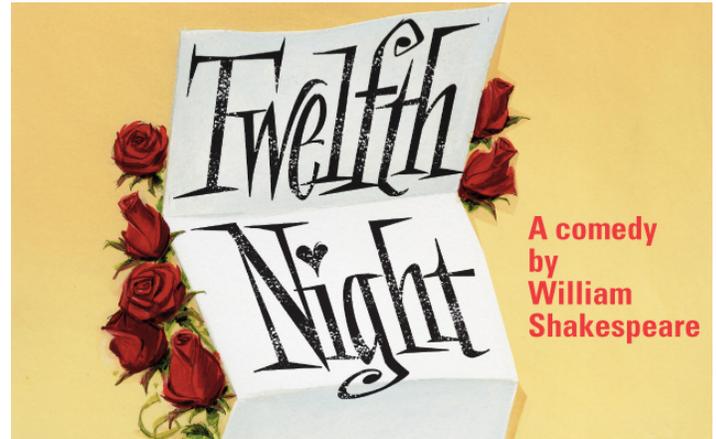
Springbrook Middle School Principal Nate Parker assembled a parent advisory group and sought input on what type of elective classes parents of incoming sixth graders would like to be offered to their students. Following the robust discussion and approval from the Board of Education, three new classes are on the books for sixth grade students.

In addition to the courses already in place, students can now choose from: Digital Storytelling, a course focused on filmmaking; I Challenge U, a course where students work in teams to solve business and community problems; and Theater, a sixth through eighth grade class which introduces students to all aspects of on stage and behind the scenes activities to develop a meaningful production.

Elective course offerings will be reviewed at Adrian High School over the course of this school year.

National Junior Honor Society

Springbrook Middle School celebrated the induction of the 25 newest members of the National Junior Honor Society. Sponsor Deb Holmes said, "I am really excited for our new group of NJHS members, they are motivated and challenged to serve our community. I am looking forward to seeing all of the good things these students will accomplish." Students plan to provide outreach through a food drive which benefits The Daily Bread. The students have also expressed an interest in volunteering or supporting the Lenawee Humane Society.



Fall Productions

Students from both Springbrook Middle School and Adrian High School will be hitting the stage this fall performing two classic plays.

The Springbrook Fall Production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," will be held at the Julianne and George Argyros Performing Arts Center at AHS on October 11th, 12th and 13th.

Additionally, the High School production of "Present Laughter" by Noel Coward will run on November 15th, 16th and 17th.

Tickets are \$5 for seniors and students and \$8 for adults.



Celebration for Academic Excellence

AHS Principal Ron Jacobs announced the Celebration for Academic Excellence, a program to recognize top student achievement at Adrian High School, in a letter to parents this summer. The program, which kicks off this fall, was created with input from teachers, students and parents.

Students will have the opportunity to earn academic honors, including varsity letters and honors certificates to recognize their academic achievement. Awards will be based on the following criteria:

Maple Blue Level: Three trimesters of 3.75 GPA or higher. Students will receive an Academic Maple T-shirt and an honors certificate.

Maple White Level: Six trimesters of 3.75 GPA or higher. Students will receive an Academic Varsity Letter and an honors certificate.

Silver Level: Nine trimesters of 3.75 GPA or higher. Students will receive an Academic Varsity Chevron and an honors certificate.

Gold Level: Twelve trimesters of 3.75 GPA or higher. Students will receive a Gold Maple pin and an honors certificate.

A big thank you to Clark Construction for donating \$1,000 to help start this program.



Strength and Conditioning Program

A new and innovative approach to athletic strength training and conditioning is coming to Adrian High School. This program will prepare all Maple athletes for success before, during and after every game. Through a partnership with Mission Sports Performance and Personal Training, the Maple Strength and Conditioning Program will be held in the new Performance Gym at the high school.

“The overall goal of this program is to improve the performance and wellness of every Maple athlete, which will give Adrian High School teams a competitive edge and boost team morale,” said Eric Driver, Mission Sports owner. “With one comprehensive training plan, all AHS athletes will be better prepared for the stress their bodies will endure, lessening chances of injury.”

The Maple Strength and Conditioning Program will provide sport- and team-specific strength and conditioning programs, along with sport-specific warm-ups, training programs, and cool-down routines. It will also offer nutritional guidelines and recommendations for all AHS athletes. Student athletes will be tested for strength, performance and overall health throughout the program to measure their progress.

There is no cost for students to participate.





Band Camp

Members of the Adrian High School Marching Band participated in Band Camp the week of July 30th at Camp Amigo, located outside of Sturgis, Michigan. This is the eleventh year the band has used the Amigo Centre for a week of intensive instruction, team building, and drills in marching for the upcoming season's music and show. The 65 students that attended the camp were taught by eight instructors, all accomplished in their field, and supported by four long-term volunteers. Students not only work together as the collective marching band, but



have opportunities for one on one and small group instruction within the 8 different sections.

The Adrian Maples Marching Band performs at each

home football game. Look for them at Art-A-Licious on September 22nd at 11am or at the Lenawee County Marching Band Exhibition at Adrian College on October 2nd.

BAND CAMP 2018



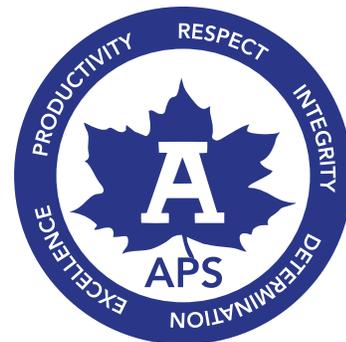
Graduation

Class of 2018 graduates received a total of \$1.2 million in full-ride college scholarships, foundation, and local academic scholarships, and top academic honors as they prepare for college and successful careers.

The AHS Class of 2018 included 21 graduates who achieved Summa Cum Laude honors with a 4.0 or higher GPA; 11 graduates who achieved Magna Cum Laude honors with a 3.8-3.99 GPA; and 30 graduates who achieved Cum Laude honors, with a 3.5-3.79 GPA.

"I wish our graduates all the best as they prepare for the next phase of their lives and a future of possibilities," said Ron Jacobs, AHS Principal. The Class of 2018 has truly set a high standard of achievement and excellence for the Class of 2019 and beyond."

"The AHS Class of 2018 is further proof that Adrian Public Schools continues to provide all students with a diverse and well-rounded 21st century education that helps prepare them for college and the modern workforce," said Superintendent Behnke.



Considering Collegiate Athletics???

Students and families can learn the myths and facts behind college athletics recruiting at "The Realities of College Athletic Recruiting" on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 pm at Adrian High School. The event is free.

Former college coach and national recruiting expert Jack Renkens will share his insights on college recruiting and common myths about college athletics. His program, which also includes strategies for obtaining athletic scholarships, has been featured at thousands of schools across the United States.

"Students who want to continue athletics at the collegiate level and learn the do's and don'ts of the recruiting process shouldn't miss this exciting program," said John Roberts, Adrian High School Athletic Director.



Students helping Students

High School student Taylor Adams has limited dexterity in her hands, making it challenging for her to manipulate her iPad and she needed some help hitting the correct spot on her tablet.

Adrian High School engineering students rose to the challenge, creating an iPad keyguard that made it easier for their classmate to hit the correct keys. She quickly improved her responses and was achieving many more correct answers on the classroom application. Adams is a Clinton Community Schools student, and attends the Moderately Cognitively Impaired program housed at Adrian High School.

Adams' significant improvement is the result of a collaboration with AHS teacher Joe Miles' Introduction to Engineering Class. Using 3-D printers, Miles' students created the specialized keyguards and sturdy iPad stands to keep the reconfigured computers in place. The engineering students designed and tested the keyguards.

The keyguards isolate finger movement on the iPads, improving typing accuracy.



¡CELEBRAMOS!

Revitalización del East Side

Los estudiantes de Adrian High School están trabajando arduamente dentro de su comunidad para aprender habilidades importantes para la vida tales como presupuesto financiero, preparación profesional, establecimiento de metas y habilidades para entrevistas como parte del "Programa de Reglas R" de Habitat for Humanity.

La Fundación Lowe's recientemente otorgó \$40,000 para ayudar a respaldar el financiamiento continuo del Programa R-Rules, que ahora ingresa en su cuarto año.

Este proyecto se enfoca en cómo los estudiantes que viven en o cerca de la Zona de Revitalización del Vecindario de Hábitat involucran a los estudiantes para ayudar a los esfuerzos de revitalización en su propio vecindario.



LATINX YOUTH CONFERENCE



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018
SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Guarde la fecha Viernes, 19 de Octubre de
2018 Universidad de Siena Heights

Línea de teléfono en español para todas las familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian

Línea de teléfono en español para todas las familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian Las familias que hablan español pueden saber sobre los eventos, alertas y actualizaciones de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian a través de nuestra línea de teléfono dedicada para ello. La línea de teléfono (517) 417-6277, está monitoreada por personal de las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian que hablan español y que están listos para ayudar. La línea de teléfono se creó para ayudar a que todos los estudiantes tengan éxito en las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian sin tener en cuenta sus orígenes, tal y como dijo el superintendente Bob Behnke.

ENLÍSTATE AHORA!



Conferencia de Latinx Youth

El viernes 19 de octubre de 2018, la Universidad de Siena Heights, en colaboración con las Escuelas Públicas de Adrian, será anfitriona de la 3ra Conferencia Anual de Jóvenes de Latinx. La conferencia de un día alberga una variedad de oradores que alientan a los estudiantes con sus planes después de la escuela secundaria. Las sesiones se enfocan en establecer metas, oportunidades profesionales y planear para la universidad. La conferencia está organizada por múltiples socios en la comunidad. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Sharese Mathis, Directora de Diversidad e Inclusión de la Universidad de Siena Heights. diversity@sienaheights.edu.



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Upcoming APS events:

- Homecoming Game: Friday, October 5, 7 pm at Maple Stadium
- Outstanding Alumni and Mentor Awards: Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm – Julianne & George Argyros Performing Arts Center
- Community Recreation and Town Hall Meetings September 17 and October 16 at 7 pm – High School Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 4, 2018	First Day of School for students K-12 - Student Half Day AM	Friday, February 15, 2019	K-12 Student Half Day AM
Monday, September 17, 2018	Community Recreation Townhall Meeting 7:00 p.m. High School Cafeteria	Monday, February 18, 2019	Mid-Winter Break No school for students/staff
Friday, October 5, 2018	Homecoming - Early Release for grades 9-12 at 12:30pm	Thursday, March 7, 2019	K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start (Springbrook and AHS Exams)
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Community Recreation Townhall Meeting 7:00 p.m. High School Cafeteria	Friday, March 8, 2019	K-12 Students Half Day AM (Springbrook and AHS Exams) End of 2nd Trimester K-12
October 17-18, 2018	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening	March 20-21, 2019	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening
Wednesday, October 31, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day AM	April 1 - 5, 2019	No school for staff/students- Spring Break
Tuesday, November 20, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day PM - Delayed Start (Springbrook and AHS Exams)	Monday, April 8, 2019	School resumes
Wednesday, November 21, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day AM (Springbrook and AHS Exams) End of 1st Trimester K-12	Friday, April 19, 2019	Good Friday - No School for Students or Staff
November 22-23, 2018	No school for students/staff - Thanksgiving Holiday	Friday, May 24, 2019	K-12 Students Half Day AM Graduating Seniors Last Day
December 5-6, 2018	K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening	Monday, May 27, 2019	No school for students/staff - Memorial Day
Friday, December 21, 2018	K-12 Student Half Day AM Winter Break begins at close of school day for students/staff	Sunday, June 2, 2019	High School Graduation
Monday, January 7, 2019	School resumes for staff/students	Monday, June 10, 2019	K-12 students Half Day PM Delayed Start (Springbrook and AHS Exams)
Friday, January 18, 2019	K-12 Student Half Day AM K-12	Tuesday, June 11, 2019	K-12 Students Half Day AM (Springbrook and AHS Exams) Last Student Day End of 3rd Trimester K-12
Monday, January 21, 2019	MLK Jr. Holiday No school for students or staff		
January 23-24, 2019	6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening		