Superintendent’s Message

Continuing Our Course of Excellence

For the last few months, the School Town of Munster Board of Trustees and administration have been meeting to discuss and update the school corporation’s goals and direction. This goal-setting process would appear fairly simple in that most would look at the main goal of a school to be focused on educating children. It should address the fact that it is an institution of caretakers who must be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars. Even if the process would be that easy, the reality is that there are several layers to the goal-setting process and the related strategic planning process. Unfortunately, there are some challenges to completing these processes. Writing clear and measurable goals requires much thought, discussion, and vision. The goals must encompass the well-being and academic success of all children in the School Town of Munster.

Once the board and administration have established four or five goals for the corporation, the next steps are to evaluate how those goals will be accomplished and what metrics will be used to show how and when they are accomplished. This requires setting targets, creating implementation plans, establishing timeframes, defining benchmarks, selecting facilitators and committee members who will work together to measure and analyze overall progress. These pieces are then incorporated into the larger strategic plan.

Finally, the goal-setting process, the strategic planning process, and implementation must be focused on the School Town of Munster’s bigger picture, reaching our mission and vision for the school corporation. If any of these steps do not connect specifically to our mission and vision, then ultimately, we will fail as an institution. That, of course, is not an option.

Dr. Jeff Hendrix
Superintendent
A big thank you goes to Bri Rubesha, Julie Camp and Charity Schmidt for practicing and coaching the Powder Puff girls. Congratulations to the juniors!

Congratulations to Hazel Wolf Homecoming Court Queen 2019!
Munster High School’s Project Green initiative, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Munster and the Munster Theater Committee, invite the community to enjoy a homegrown dinner followed by a spirited performance of “The Addams Family” on Saturday, October 5th. The buffet-style Community Dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria followed by an awards presentation at 6:15 p.m. The performance begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Ticket price: $5/ person (dinner only) and $15/ person (dinner and show).

Thanks to all who made Homecoming 2019 A Great Success!
Saint Thomas More wants to thank the Class of 2021 for donating their homecoming playhouse to the students of St. Thomas More School. The students young and old are enjoying the playhouse!
ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

Peer Tutoring: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-3:45 in the Media Center. All students are welcome.

Khan Academy: Free math support for all grades, video lessons, and additional practice. Check our Khan Academy.

WILBUR WRIGHT NEWS

UPDATES FROM PRINCIPAL NOLAN!

Remember to download the STOPit App from the Google Play Store and iTunes Library Access Code: STM WWMS8950

As we wrap up the second month of school we want to highlight some of the happenings coming up around campus. October 15, 2019- No students. Parent-Teacher Conferences. October 16, 2019- 8th Grade PSAT October 25, 2019- WWMS PTO Fall Bash!

Don’t forget our Apples for Students Program Every time you shop at Strack and Van Til WWMS earns points towards classroom supplies. Drop off those receipts in the new WWMS attendance office.
Thank you to our PTO for organizing our 3rd annual Hawk Walk.

Frank Hammond

From 1969 to 2019, 50 years of excellence. Please join us to celebrate our 50th anniversary on Thursday, October 3rd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at FHH
The students at Elliott were very excited to see the unveiling of our new mural in the café. Each student designed a tile to create a school wide mural.

Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Johnson, designed and painted our “Owl you need is Love.” Please come and take a picture with your student and our super hero themed owl.

Judge Dimitrijevic came into fifth grade on Constitution Day, Tuesday September 17th, 2019 to talk to our students about the importance of our Constitution and how it affects their lives. She was able to explain a little bit about her job and the process of the court systems. She came in her robe and brought her gavel for students to gain an understanding of a judge’s job. This is a great foundation to our curriculum later in the year when students will be learning about We the People.
Go Mustangs! The Eads 5th grade traveled to Frank Hammond to watch the Munster High School Homecoming parade.

The Eads PTO hosted their annual back to school BBQ. The BBQ was a wonderful way to get together outside of the school day and meet new friends. The students enjoyed all of the inflatable equipment and danced the night away to the music from a DJ. Mrs. Bevil, Miss Edwards, Officer Ghrist and teachers were on the receiving end of pies in the face.

4th grade students received their chrome books. They were eager to get started with the new technology. Our 5th grade students received their Dell laptops as well. The 5th graders are computer smart already since they have a year under their belts. Thank you to the Munster Technology Department for working so hard this summer to prepare our technology for the roll out. We appreciate their dedication and long hours.

Welcome to our school. Officer Reillo brought Vader to the Eads BBQ so that the students could meet him. The new comfort dog for the Munster Police Department was friendly and he sure loved the attention of the children. We look forward to Vader coming to school in the future.
DIRECTOR OF EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVERS

As Munster launches the Exceptional Achievers Department, we can’t begin to express our excitement and appreciation for the first year of our programs. The ASPIRE Classroom has integrated technology into the curriculum on a daily basis while still utilizing tactile learning to both reach students where they are, and expose them to the content connectors for grade-level standards. And the peers working within our classrooms have shown us how creating climates of inclusion, acceptance, respect, and human dignity for all students make our school community a better place.
ILEARN results are in for 2018-19. While scores have dropped across the state, please see that the School Town of Munster has held steady a positive gap between our district and state performance.
Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to help students demonstrate academic growth and social responsibility in a supportive and intellectually challenging learning environment.

Vision:

School Town of Munster—A District of National Distinction

School Town of Munster has adopted the Indiana Coalition of Quality Schools Values:

Continuous Improvement: As a good as we are, we know that we can always achieve better results. We constantly try to find better ways of doing our work, and when we achieve our goals, we set higher targets.

High Expectations: Our learning organization requires that we maintain high expectations for one another and for self.

Alignment: We are most successful when everyone in our learning organization works to achieve common goals. We can enhance efficiency and effectiveness by achieving alignment across our system.

Shared Leadership: We work as a team. Each member provides essential leadership in support or our common goals.

Social Responsibility: We ensure that we are good partners within our community and that our students and employees support local individuals and organizations. We demonstrate wise stewardship of public resources and ensure that our graduates are ready to shoulder their civic responsibilities.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: We make decisions after careful consideration of the most compelling research and data analysis.

Accountability: Each person affiliated with the STM system, including students, employees, parents/family members, and community stakeholders share accountability for our performance results and for providing personal best effort in support of our goals.

Results Focus: We have processes in place to "inspect what we expect" as we strive to continually improve.

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