

Ruth Marshall, High School/ Middle School Principal

High School Principal

Count

9th- 88

10th- 77

11th-73

12th-71

Total- 309

Staffing

New staff/new roles this year include: Molly Schultz (Assistant Principal), Karen Wing (Academic Success Coach), Joelle Snyder (Behavior Interventionist), Kaylee Maat (PE) We are sharing some staff with our middle school this year: The following middle school teachers are teaching 1 or 2 high school classes- Heaven Parker and Jack Savidas. We have Kaylee Maat and Jody Zuern teaching an 8th grade specials class.

Curriculum

This year we added an Advisory period after lunch (25 minutes). Students are split up by grade level and the teachers will focus on skills relevant to their needs. For example, all Freshmen will take Transition to HS and Seniors will take Personal Finance and Adulting 101. We will also have academic interventions during this period and PSAT/SAT test prep.

For the first time in quite a few years, we are offering Accounting to upperclassmen; this is taught by Kellie Moore.

Events

We hosted Open House and Freshman Orientation on August 18th. We had a huge turnout!

Upcoming-

Cross Country will host the Mohawk Invite on September 20th

Homecoming Spirit Week is September 22-26

Academic Awards Ceremony and Homecoming Pep Assembly September 26th

Supreme Court Visit to Big Rapids- We will bring up to 45 students

Past-

Senior Sunrise- September 8

Picture Day- September 11

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Middle School Principal

Count

6th- 80

7th-65

8th-90

Total- 235

Staffing

New staff/new roles this year include: Molly Schultz (Assistant Principal), Alissa Boerman (Social Worker/Counselor), Joelle Snyder (Behavior Interventionist), Danielle Vining (Middle School Secretary), Kaylee Maat (8th PE), Jack Savidas (7th Grade Social Studies).

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Curriculum

This year we added an Advisory period around lunch (25 minutes). Students will be with a “homeroom” teacher to have a home base for the year. They will teach their SEL lessons (Character Strong) during this period, give students extra time to get caught up on work, read aloud to students,teambuilding, and teach study skills to students.

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Homecoming Pep Assembly September 22nd

7th Grade Field Trip to Art Prize- September 24th

Past-

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Picture Day- September 11

Clark Huntley, Athletics

Nothing new.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

Morley Stanwood Elementary

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August 18: Back-to-School PD and Open House occurred. Staff spent time engaged in Grade Level Team Meetings, Back-to-School Staff Meetings, and similar activities before Open House in the evening. When the doors opened at 5:30, the elementary school was flooded with excited students and families as these folks worked to meet teachers, find classrooms/lockers, and drop off school supplies.

August 19: Professional development continued for staff at MSCS. PK-12th grade teachers spent time with Zach Ripley from Communications by Design reviewing where we have been and where we are going on our Standards-Based Instruction work. K-2 teachers then spent the afternoon diving deeper in exploring using the proficiency scales to assess students and learning how to track when and how often priority standards are taught.

August 25-28: Students at MSE participated in Fastbridge assessments. These assessments are administered three times a year and are utilized to benchmark students, monitor and adjust instruction, create intervention groups and more.

September 8: In lieu of our normal 3D (Data Driven Decision-Making) meetings, MSE hosted hour long grade level meetings. These meetings allowed me to share with groups about why we've reformatted intervention times, allowed teams to analyze grade level data, and to begin creating grade level intervention groups.

Enrollment Update:

2025-2026	Sept.
DK	15
Kdg.	56
1st	77
2nd	76
3rd	75
4th	69
5th	62
ECSE	5
Total	435

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

C.I.A. Director: Jamey Nelson

Curriculums: We have a core curriculum in all of our buildings. The curriculums are posted on our website for stakeholder review. The curriculums are:

Mathematics K-12: McGraw Hill-Glencoe (Everyday Mathematics)

English K-5: Bookworms/**Mystery Writing** English 6-12: HMH Into Literature/Reading

Social Studies K-3: Studies Weekly (Newspaper tactile format) Social Studies 4-12: TCI

Science K-5: Mystery Science Science 6-8: Cereal City Science 9-12: Savvas Realize

BOLD: New additions

Assessment

Elementary and Middle school have completed Fastbridge testing. The elementary will begin their IRIP process identifying students for interventions. High School assessment changed platforms to Progress Learning(purchased Horizons). Along with PSAT/SAT style assessments it also has an attached set of instructional materials to support the improvement of test scores. We will continue to use our embedded diagnostic assessment and instructional material IXL. This program has become the most highly used digital platform in our K-12 district.

Professional Development/Instruction

Standards Based teaching and Learning will continue into Year 3. This is the “rubber meets the road” year as teachers begin to test their rubrics and assessments. Teachers will also begin using a spreadsheet and tracking how many times our priority standards are taught throughout the year.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Technology Report 9-15-25

It appears that Morley Stanwood was next on the list for cyber interference. On July 4 th , our firewall was breached and the attackers tried to hijack our servers. Fortunately, a few months back, cyber detection software was installed on our servers using a State funded grant. This detected the threat and shut down all services and that’s where it ended for the server. On the firewall, we needed to remove all users and tighten down our access in and out of the firewall. This is

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still a work in progress as people need certain ports open to run their applications. Since the July 4th incident, the district has purchased user endpoint cyber software from the same source Crowd Strike. This allowed us to purchase the software at discounted pricing. I am currently working on getting that set up, so I can distribute that to all the staff devices. However; the fun doesn't stop there. At the end of August, some of our staff emails were compromised and were being sent out by the hundreds to different locations within Mecosta County. This is an ongoing event that is happening to all of the school districts across the state. When this happens, the user's password needs to be changed immediately. This seems to prevent future occurrences. We are exploring the possibility of going to a MFA (Multi Factor Authentication) in the near future.

Thank you
Phil Stier

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

The transportation department started the year fully staffed, which was wonderful. Four weeks later we are down one driver. I have made some switches and have a sub driving one of the routes to free me up some. I am still in need of a full time driver though.

There were a lot of new students and stops this year. The team did a great job in picking up all the new to our school kiddos.

Both preschools have bussing this year. GSRP started the week after we did, and NEMSCA started this week. Both programs have done a good job in getting the kids ready for the bus.

Sports are in full swing now and the coaches have been very understanding with the transportation end of it. I have had to send teams a little earlier to get drivers back, they have used vans when necessary and they have let us finish our routes and then take the teams over (maybe leaving 5 to 10 minutes later than they would want to). I appreciate all the concessions they have made.]

Hopefully we will be fully staffed again soon.

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

Food Service

We started out the new year with a back to school free hot dog meal to everyone who came to the open house. Their ticket into the free meal was their filled out educational benefit form. We served over 400 meals that night. After evaluation of the night we received a lot of the middle & high school forms that we struggled in the past to get in. We will tweet a few things and next year we hope to feed even more families.

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Food Service is now monitoring concessions, as they now have to be under our food service license. Four of my ladies are monitoring and training events so we are in compliance under our license. It remains a learning curve at the moment, but I am confident that we will succeed.

We continue to serve over 10 different options at the high school lunch and have expanded our options at the elementary level, we will have four different options when we start deli next we at the elementary.

Life is busy but good in food service land!

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

It has been a busy but good start to the school year. Our special education teachers participated in training in the area of discipline and suspension procedures and documentation. The high school special education teachers collaborated with staff from the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center to discuss individualized plans and learn more about the programs offered there.

Morley Stanwood is servicing 12 students with active 504 plans.

Morley Stanwood currently has 114 students receiving special education programming with special education teachers as case managers.

ECSE + Elementary - 44

Middle - 30

High - 40

Kellsey Fairris, Director of Finance and Grants

September 2025 Finance & Grant Update.

Grants

The Consolidated App was initially placed on hold, creating significant uncertainty around all

federal funds. In August, Title I funds were released, and our allocation was set at \$617,584—just under \$70,000 less than last year's final total. This is excellent news!

For

context, last year we began with an allocation of \$519,133 and later had to adjust mid-year to

account for a substantial increase.

At this point, we have estimated allocations for Titles II and IV, which appear consistent with

last year. However, there is still no timeline for when we will be able to apply for these funds.

The state has allowed prior approval submissions for Professional Development activities

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scheduled before November 30, and those requests have already been submitted.
As for state grants, the situation remains entirely uncertain at this time.

Finance

The state School Aid Budget... simply doesn't exist right now. With any luck, I'll have real numbers to share by October. Until then, I'll be relying on my trusty crystal ball for budgeting.