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Count

6th- 77

7th-67

8th-92

Total- 236

Staffing

Nothing new to report this month.

Curriculum/Extra Curricular

Our Middle School Robotics team has been working hard this fall. They will have their first competition on December 6th.

Events

11/26-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

12/4 Holiday Band Concert- All Band Students Grades 6-12 will perform

Past-

The first marking period ended on October 17th. Fifty-one percent of our middle school students made the Honor Roll, and 19% earned all A's.

We received a lot of positive feedback from our P/T conference format this year (4-6pm appointments, 6-7pm open house style). We will plan to offer this format next year as well.

Fall sports seasons wrapped up in October, and the middle school celebrated with our favorite tradition- the staff vs. 8th grade game! On October 31st, the staff took on the 8th grade volleyball team. While the 8th graders were surprised by the staff's athleticism and the staff held a commanding lead for most of the match, when "next point wins" was called, the 8th grade team came out on top!

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Count

9th- 84

10th- 75

11th-73

12th-71

Total- 303

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Staffing

This month we welcomed Erika Leon to our staff as one of our Virtual Para Coordinators. She works with Amanda Cornell in the media center supporting our Virtual students.

Curriculum/Extra Curricular

For the next 9-18 weeks, our Advisory teachers will focus on SAT/PSAT prep, and interventions in Math and English.

We added an Esports team this year! Next year, it will be an official activity in the CSAA. Andy Starr is our coach and they are wrapping up their fall season this week. They will start up again in the spring.

Events

11/6 Varsity Volleyball are District Champs again!

11/12 Winter Sports Begin

11/17 We had 9 student-athletes named All-Conference for fall sports. Clark and I took them to Big Rapids for pictures and lunch at The Rock to celebrate their success this season. They are: Volleyball- Alexis Martin, Madeline Kozuch, Katelynne Nawrot, Aivree Christensen

Football- Mitchell Walch, Beau Hart, Brandon Heath, Bo Slavens, Aiden Miles

11/20 CSAA All-Conference Band- We are sending 10 students to represent MSHS at the CSAA All-Conference Band Performance in Big Rapids

12/4 Holiday Band Concert- All Band Students Grades 6-12 will perform

12/5 Evening Play Performance- Our HS Drama crew will perform a variety of short holiday skits for the public, then will perform for our students the next day at school

12/17-12/19 First Semester Exams

Past-

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The Jostens Renaissance leadership event that Kelsey Ray and I attended with students was a wonderful experience. The students returned with many great ideas to implement throughout the year to recognize students and staff, improve school climate and culture, and help everyone feel a stronger sense of belonging. Our first activity was delivering hot drinks to our bus drivers after their morning routes on November 3rd.

Over 60 students and parents attended the Spartan Spectacular on Sunday, November 2nd in East Lansing.

Clark Huntley, Athletics

1. New scoreboards have been installed at the elementary.

2. Bush Insurance, through Auto Owners, has generously purchased us new folding chairs for our

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high school gym. Should be arriving in a few weeks.

3. High school boys' basketball begins on November 12.

4. High school girls' basketball begins on November 19.

5. Congratulations to our athletes that earned all conference recognition:

Volleyball:

Maddy Kozuch

Aivree Christensen

Katelynne Nawrot

Alexis Martin

Saige Ososki (honorable mention)

Football:

Mitchell Walch

Bo Slavens

Brandon Heath

AJ Miles

Beau Hart

Jackson Ramsey (honorable mention)

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

October 21 & 23: MSE hosted two nights of parent-teacher conferences. We experienced very good turnout from our parents & guardians. A thank you to the MSE PTO and several parents for providing a dinner for the staff on the evening of the 21st.

October 31st: The MSE PTO & Vining Volunteers once again teamed up to host a very successful Trick the Halls Event. Despite relatively nice weather and the football team playing a playoff game in Harrison, we still estimate about 400 children were able to participate in a warm, dry trick-or-treating environment and had the opportunity to

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play games, use bounce houses (donated by Felde Fun Houses), and take a trip through The Haunted Classroom.

November 7: Marla Estes and I attended the 2nd of 5 sessions of Title I Compliance Training at the MOISD. These sessions are led by MDE-OES representative Melanie Allen and are designed to support schools in being prepared for a Title I On-Site Review. The information and knowledge are important not just for compliance, but also for making sure our programs are benefitting students as we intend for them to do.

November 11: MSE hosted the 21st Annual Veterans Day Assembly. This assembly featured a warm breakfast for veterans and their guests, poetry reading, singing and dancing, and much more. I've heard from a number of veterans how much the event means to them and how moved they are by it. Several commented that this year's version may have been the best yet. An entire team of folks go above and beyond each year to express gratitude for and to honor our local veterans.

November 14 & 21: I will be training 6 staff members, 3 from each building, in CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention. This training will provide staff with enhanced de-escalation skills, an ability to recognize student behavior and risk levels, and to respond appropriately to each.

Enrollment Update:

2025-2026	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
DK	15	15	15
Kdg.	56	58	58
1st	77	78	78
2nd	76	77	75
3rd	75	75	74
4th	69	68	69
5th	62	63	62
ECSE	5	5	5
Total	435	439	436

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Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director of **Curriculums:**

BOLD highlights new additions to continued implementation and monitoring

Congratulations!!: All 3 of our schools received the Universal Support Tag which means we are performing in the regular range for the School Index Report generated by the state. If you remember, we are only a few years removed from being a targeted school and had to build specific plans to address areas.

Curriculums:

We are looking into a pilot program called Reading Eggs/Math Seeds. It would be an additional resource to our Tier II and Tier III supports.

Continued: We have a core curriculum in all of our buildings. The curriculums are posted on our website for stakeholder review. K-5 curriculums and apps/programs are now able to sign into through a single source called an SSO. Our SSO is named Clever. 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

Instruction

We will be looking to shift our Communication By Design focus as we evaluate the path for the year. While we have started tracking priority standards we may look at utilizing our proficiency scale work a little more than the tracking.

Continued: Tier 1 instructional focus is on priority standard frequency. The priority standards are directly tied to tested items. The goal is to improve assessment results through this focus. Tier 2 and 3 instruction is still available through guided teacher instruction, paraprofessionals and special education teachers.

Assessment

Continued: Elementary and Middle school complete Fastbridge testing three times a year.. The elementary uses their September results for their IRIP process identifying students for interventions. The Middle School uses their results to place interventions during the advisory

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period. High School assessment changed platforms to Progress Learning(purchased Horizons). High School also tests three times a year. Assessment results allow students to access a set of instructional materials to support the improvement of test scores. K-12 are currently using IXL to provide continued assessment of skill. As skills are assessed IXL builds learning plans for them in real time. IXL is the highest utilized program in the district.

Professional Development

Continued: Standards Based teaching and Learning is in Year three of 6. First training occurred August 20th. We will have individual department meetings through the year and grade level band meetings and training.

School Improvement

Continued: Our current school improvement plan is active from 2023-2028. It is monitored and adjusted each year and in 2028 we will determine the success rate. Then a new five year cycle will begin. School improvement meetings are October 6th, 2025, December 11th, 2025, April 14th, 2026, and June 4th, 2026. The team consists of K-12 staff and parents.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Well, the E-Sports equipment is finally set up and students are competing with other districts. Andy Starr was instrumental in helping finish this project with his experience in gaming and offered his valuable insight on how the lab were to function. This new adventure is a steep learning curve for our district and fortunately we have Andy who is willing to take this on. I would imagine we will be hearing more about this in the coming months and how the students are embracing this activity.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

Everything is running smoothly in the transportation department. Fall sports are done and we are just starting the winter sports season.

I have one driver having surgery this week, another in December, and yet another I think in between. It will be a busy winter I am afraid.

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Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

We are now fully staffed! After having 5 people retire/resign last year, we have found 3 wonderful additions to our staff. Erin Kemperman joins the high school staff as a part-time edu staff employee. Mariah Steele has also joined the high school staff as a full time edu staff employee. Jill Valliere has joined the elementary as a part time edu staff employee and will also work at the high school as needed. All three ladies have kids here in Morley Stanwood, and all three ladies are doing fantastic and are a great addition to our team! Leesa Warner has now become a Morley Stanwood employee after working last year as an edu staff employee.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

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Morley Stanwood is servicing 16 students with active 504 plans.
Morley Stanwood currently has 157 students attending with IEP's. 109 of those students receive special education programming with special education teachers as case managers.
ECSE + Elementary - 39
Middle - 31
High - 39

Kellsey Fairris, Director of Finance and Grants

November 2025 Finance & Grant Update.
At this time, I have very little new information to share. The new state grants have presented more questions than answers, and based on current communication, it's likely that we won't have full clarity on several key details for a few more months.
Regarding the 31aa grant, new language has been added that, after consultation with our legal counsel, we have determined is not in the district's best interest to opt into. Although there is ongoing discussion and a legislative push to revise this verbiage, it appears unlikely that any changes will be made before the November 30, 2025 opt-in deadline.

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The good news is that our budget planning did not include these particular funds, so this does not

represent a financial loss for the district.

On a brighter note, the Consolidated Application (Title II and Title IV) has been submitted and is

currently awaiting approval. In the meantime, many of our staff members are scheduled to attend various

professional conferences over the next several months.

Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!