

Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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This time of year, we focus on our graduates. A group of young men and women ready to take on the next stage. They will fill their lives with family, career choices, educational opportunities, service to our country through the armed forces and/or in community service. They will make a difference in the lives of others. We wish them the very best!

As we come out of a challenging year full of constant change, the lessons are great the impact life changing. If you have a child(ren) who needs additional support, please reach out to me in the days ahead. I will be in most of the summer. We can work together to figure out what is needed.

Have a wonderful summer!

See you in the fall!

Sandy Kreps

What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are tiny matters...
compared to what lies

within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ida's 2021 Top 10 Seniors



**Valedictorian
Claire Schassberger**

"After graduation, I plan on attending the University of Toledo to major in biochemistry. I am also planning to enroll in the pre-medical program as well. Additionally, I am hoping I will be able to play in Toledo's marching and/or concert bands as well as join a drum corps to further my experience

in music. Following earning my degree at Toledo, I plan to attend medical school. I am unsure of what career I want to pursue in the medical field, but I will see what captures my strengths and interests as I move through university. I am extremely thankful for the experiences and education I've gained through Ida High School, and I'm excited to take my next steps into life. Go Rockets!"



**Salutatorian
Paige Stein**

"After I graduate from Ida, I will be attending Adrian College in the fall. I plan on getting a bachelor's in biology to eventually become a cytotechnologist. I also will be continuing my passion of playing softball for Adrian. I intend on begin involved in other clubs and activities,

and to keep making an impact in other people's lives. I am so excited for this next chapter in my life. I just want to thank all my teachers, coaches, classmates, friends, and family for supporting me and helping me get to where I am now. Ida High School has given me four amazing years full of great memories and friendships that have prepared me for whatever the future holds."

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Alyson Cross

"After high school, I will be attending either the University of Toledo or Calvin University where I intend to study chemical engineering and earn a bachelor's degree. I'm looking forward to all the new opportunities that will be available, like studying abroad, internships, and co-ops.

I still plan on continuing my involvement in extracurriculars and community service activities similar to the ones that have been presented to me at Ida. I will treasure the memories and friendships I have made during high school and thank everyone who made an impact in my life and helped me succeed."



Echo Bennett

"After high school I will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where I plan to pursue a degree in chemical engineering. I look forward to learning from and connecting with many different people from around the world. I also plan to continue my involvement in music as a member of a

marching band, concert band, or Drum Corps International. All of the opportunities Ida High School has given me to challenge myself in both academics and extracurricular activities has shaped the person I am today. I am excited to challenge myself even further in the future."



Christopher Zangara

"Upon graduating from Ida High School, I will attend either the University of Toledo or Michigan State University. While I am there, I will be working towards earning my bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Something that I will never forget is how much going to Ida meant to me. I have attended Ida since kindergarten and have

many great memories from my time there. Ida Schools has always felt like a family to me because of how close-knit the community is. I will always miss Ida and all of the great times that I have had there, but I am also very excited for the future."



Joshua Nowak

"Fall of 2021 will find me attending the University of Michigan Dearborn where I will study Mechanical Engineering. I am hoping to become a Naval Officer and serve my country after I earn my bachelor's degree. I am excited to continue playing Tuba in college and will hopefully be marching with the University of

Michigan Marching Band. I appreciate the experiences given to me in the Arts by Ida High School and will look for opportunities to learn and perform. My roots will always be in Ida but I am looking forward to the journey God has planned for me."



Michael Ellerman

"After my time here at Ida High School, I plan to attend the University of Toledo to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering. I look forward to making memories in a whole new environment and taking part in various clubs and organizations, but, I'll never forget where I'm from. I want to thank my friends, family and

teachers that made this chapter of my life so special at Ida."



Clayton Satkowski

"Following my graduation from Ida High School, I will be attending Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. I plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/criminology and be a student in BSU's honors college. In addition to my studies, I would like to continue my love for music by becoming a member of their marching band. My

intended career in law enforcement will be both a change for me to challenge myself and help others, to philosophies I have always fulfilled at Ida. I want to thank my family, friends, teammates, teachers, and coaches who have helped me become the person I am today and the person I will become in the future. I will never forget the great times I've experienced here at Ida, but I'm looking forward to the next big step in my journey to success."

Ida's 2021 Top 10 Seniors - continued



Abigayle Breitner

"After high school I will be attending a four-year university to obtain my bachelor's degree in secondary education to become a high school history or English teacher. I am also interested in sociocultural anthropology. I am looking forward to being involved at my future college and hope to impact others through my work. I could not have accomplished all that I have without my teachers, coaches, family, friends, and classmates motivating and supporting me throughout my journey. While I am hesitant to start this new chapter in my life and leave high school behind, it is because of this support that I am confident I will be alright. I will forever call Ida home and cherish the memories made here."



Tori Potter

"After graduating high school, I plan to attend Monroe County Community College for two years to pursue a career in high school guidance counseling. After Monroe, I will enroll at either Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI, or Baylor University in Waco, TX to earn a master's degree in education and educational counseling. I am looking forward to experiencing all that comes my way while being a college student, but will forever cherish every memory I have made while growing up in Ida. I have this town, my family, friends, teachers, coaches, and God to thank for molding me into the person I have become. I am honored to represent my class as a member of 2021's Top 10."



Sunday

June 13, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.
Graduation Ceremony

Monday

June 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Rain date



Monday

June 14, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
Graduation Ceremony



Forrest Wenman
34 Years of Service

Linda Howell
20 Years of Service

Lisa Ziesmer
33 Years of Service

Amy Janssen
30 Years of Service

Beth Rupp
21 Years of Service

Cyndi Yeary
21 Years of Service

Donna Scott
20 Years of Service

April Paratchek
30 Years of Service

Suzette Peterson
43 Years of Service

Retirees as of July 1, 2020 - June 1, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR RETIREES! OVER 250 YEARS OF SERVICE COMBINED IN OUR 2020-2021 RETIREES. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS AND THE DISTRICT. WE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU! BEST WISHES ON YOUR PATH AHEAD.

Ida Elementary Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony

This dedication ceremony was a time to dedicate a particular place in order to honor and memorialize the young lives of Ida Elementary Students who have left us way too soon. Mikayla Fletcher, Logan Kruse and Alexis Hasley



As you look at the memorial, look closely at the many different elements of it, including the solid bronze, the shiny gold plating, the beautiful flowers, and the soft grass. Each of these elements offers its own particular component to the memorial.

- The solid bronze, with its unyielding strength and determination.
- The gold plating with its brightness.
- The flowers that add color and life.
- The grass that adds softness.

All of these characteristics can be said of the students memorialized on this wall. They each possessed a strength and determination that was unsurpassed, their bright smiles and personalities lit up our building, they added a unique brightness to this world for all to enjoy and embrace, and

they had a softness in their hearts and souls that lives within us all daily. It is our hope that visiting this wall may bring moments of comfort to all who knew these children. There is a closeness we can all feel when we are at this memorial. Whether you're related to

someone whose name is placed here, a friend, a teacher, or an acquaintance; you can share in the kinship of celebrating and memorializing their lives forever. I encourage the staff, students, and families to preserve this place for the generations to come. I encourage all of you to help make sure that this memorial lives on so that the lives of Mikayla, Logan, and Alexis will be remembered and cherished for many generations.

Thank you to all of those who have worked so hard on this memorial from its very beginning. This includes Service Provider, Donna Banker, the parents, and our Principals' Advisory Committee. This memorial is something we can all be proud of and will stand as a lasting tribute to Mikayla, Logan and Alexis and the many gifts they gave us all.

Ida Elementary PTA Bookfair



The Ida Elementary PTA got creative to ensure that students could have their Bookfair. On Saturday, February 20th they sponsored

a Scholastic Books Drive through Bookfair. It was a fund day and Clifford also showed up! Thank you PTA.



Pictured left to right: Tanya Monday, Aimee Kusina, Clifford, Renae Jones and Jane Keeler.

Dear Ida Public School Community:

On behalf of Ida Public School, I would like to thank you for voting to renew the Tech Millage that will continue to help us provide the latest curriculum, equipment, and software for all students.

Your support and your belief in education is not taken lightly, especially during these challenging times. Thank you! Your trust makes us work even harder to provide all we can for our students.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kreps



Thank you
for supporting the
**EDUCATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY
MILLAGE RENEWAL**
for Monroe County Schools!

5th Grade D.A.R.E Program with Monroe County Deputy Tony Modica



Facility Update

CURRENT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Keith Kohler - Kohler Architecture (Facility Study)

John Davids - Kingscott (Curriculum and Design)

Gary Stellar - Clark Construction Company

Traci Brower - Clark Construction Company

Kari Blanchett - PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Sandy Kreps - Superintendent, Ida Public Schools

Chuck Fuller - High School Principal, Ida Public Schools

Dave Eack - Middle School Principal, Ida Public Schools

Bert Wagner - Elementary School Principal, Ida Public Schools

Stacy Maynard - Assistant Principal, Ida Public Schools

Chad Baas - Business Manager, Ida Public Schools

Bob Cherry - Supervisor of Building/Grounds/Maintenance, Ida Public Schools

John Elkins - Transportation Supervisor and Coordinator for Building/Grounds/Maintenance, Ida Public Schools

Carolyn Clark - Elementary School representative, Ida Public Schools

Matt Darr - Board Member

Tim Leonard - Athletics representative, Ida Public Schools

Sherry Locke - Elementary School representative, Ida Public Schools

Mike Mero Jr - Board Member

Jeremy Nadeau - Community Member

Holly Nartker - Community Member

Jeremy Potter - Middle School representative, Ida Public Schools

Stefanie Rauch - Community Member

Nelda Reynolds - Community Member

Kelly Riley - High School representative, Ida Public Schools

Heather Schafer - Board Member

Steve Stotz - Community Member

Jessica Thompson - Middle School representative, Ida Public Schools

Tera Shaffer - Community Member

Sue Kreps - Community Member

Jim McMonagle - Community Member

Wendy Hiteshew - High School representative, Ida Public Schools

Dale Brunt - Community Member

Paul Metz - Community Member, Ida Township

Tim Mata - Community Member

ROLE/MISSION OF THE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

The mission of Ida Public Schools Building Committee is to provide students with a facility that is a safe learning environment so staff can carry out an exceptional curriculum to meet the challenges of the future and provide facility resources to become life-long learners.

Goal: To maximize and be a good steward of community and district resources while providing the best facilities for our rich traditions, a safe learning environment, and exceptional curriculum.

CORE BELIEFS OF AN EFFECTIVE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

- We love our children.
- We love Ida Public Schools: We understand that our schools are the heart of our community.
- We love the Ida Community: We are aware of our neighbors and their resources, and the level of support they can feel good about.

ROLE/MISSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To communicate with and coordinate all entities involved in the fulfillment of the Ida Public Schools Building Committee's mission statement. This includes and is not limited to government, schools, community, private sector, and commercial entities.

ROLE/MISSION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Do what is best for the students first and foremost while also serving the will of the community members we represent. Gather information and feedback from building committee. Use this information to take back to the board to make a formal bond decision that reflects the communities wishes.

MORE TO COME IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE IDA INSIGHTS IN THE FALL OF 2021.

Ida Public Schools Board of Education Meetings

At their annual organizational meeting, the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal year 2021. Twelve of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the high school library, unless the Board of Education determines a more appropriate site is available. Remaining meetings:

June 21, 2021

Regular Business Meeting

Board of Education

Michael Mero, Jr.
Board President

Jamie Hunter
Board Vice-President

Matt Darr
Board Treasurer

Heather Schafer
Board Secretary

Lauren Calkins
Board Trustee

Sarah Lambert
Board Trustee

Ryan Winkelman
Board Trustee

Administration

Sandra Kreps
*Superintendent
of Schools*

Chuck Fuller
*High School
Principal*

Stacy Maynard
Assistant Principal

David Eack
*Middle School
Principal*

Bert Wagner
*Elementary
Principal*

Sarah Ash
Curriculum Director

Chad Baas
Business Manager

Bob Cherry
Maintenance

John Elkins
Transportation

Ryan Kisonas
Technology Director

Pam Oberski
Food Service Director

Tim Leonard
Athletic Director

Ida School District Mission Statement

The Mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring students, staff, and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long learners.

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Principal: B. Wagner 3500
Secretary: J. Wehner 3501
Secretary: B. Clymer 3502
Student Services Provider: D. Banker 3520

Middle School: 5 – 8

269-2220 or Ext. 2502
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
Principal: D. Eack 2500
Secretary: T. Getzinger 2502
Secretary: M. Hosler 2503
School Counselor: J. Butz 2504

High School: 9 - 12

269-3485 or Ext. 1502
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
Principal: C. Fuller 1500
Assistant Principal: S. Maynard 1501
Secretary: W. Hiteshew 1502
Secretary: R. Nowak 1503
School Counselor: K. Riley 1506
School Counselor: C. Ryan 1505

Central Office

269-3110 or Ext. 4003
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Superintendent: S. Kreps 4000
Secretary: J. Dressel 4002
Transportation: J. Elkins 4001
Secretary: C. Guthrie 4003
Building & Grounds: B. Cherry 4001

Business Office Ext. 5002

Business Manager: C. Baas 5003
Bookkeeper: D. Nieuwkoop 5002
Payroll: C. DuCharme 5001

Special Areas

Athletic Director: T. Leonard 269-3485 or 1504
Curriculum Director: S. Ash HS-1510, MS-2510
Food Service Director: P. Oberski 3510
Technology Director: R. Kisonas 5005
School Social Worker: R. Tinney ES-3036, MS-2520
School Psychologist: T. Stockton ES 3036
MS-2518
HS-1518