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CARDINAL CONNECTIONS

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Highlights
of this
Edition

A TRAJECTORY OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Dr. Rick Spicuzza, Superintendent of Schools

As the 2021-22 school year comes to a close, the school board and I take time to reflect on what we have accomplished, what we can do better, and integrate that information to begin planning for the next year. First and foremost, we determine if our decisions were aligned with our mission statement, "To inspire lifelong learners for future success by engaging students, staff, families and our community."

After a three-year process, the community voted to invest in its facilities to ensure learning and work environments meet the standards we expect of students and staff performance. This investment will assist to ensure that general funds are directed to people, programs, and performance. Thank you for your support of student education!

Marks of Continuous Improvement:

- Wisconsin's Department of Instruction released its annual report card and Prescott School District performed in the top 15% of all public schools in the state. This is a testament to our entire staff who continue to show up each and every day.
- ACT performance continues to remain steady and near all-time highs with nearly 100% of the Junior class participating.
- CTE Program grants have increased student exposure to new technologies, hands-on projects and incorporated entrepreneurial efforts.
- Accredited courses at PHS have saved families \$245,000 in college tuition costs.
- Our one-to-one technology initiative investment to place technology in the hands of students will extend to the middle school in 2022-23.
- Investment in our evidence-based early literacy program is on target to be fully implemented K-3 by fall of 2022.

PSD will continue to focus on improvement through frequent measures of student academics and growth. This data guides how we develop and implement programming to ensure we are cultivating successful future leaders.

Enjoy your summer making special memories and take time to recharge,

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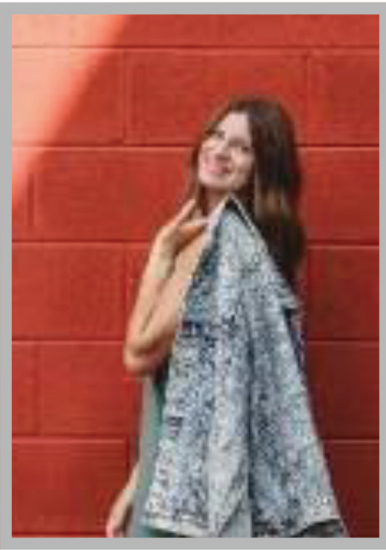
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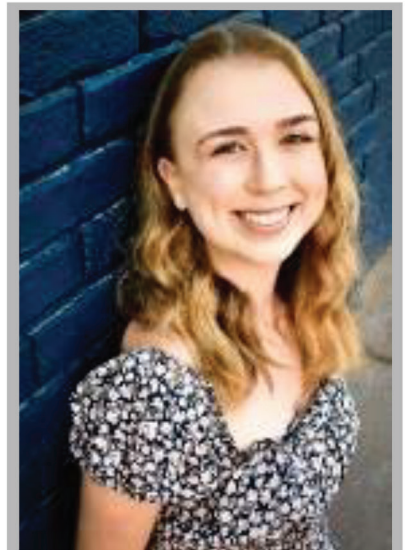




MALLORY BOLES



MATTHEW CARROLL



KIRA CHESNEY

**PRESCOTT
HIGH SCHOOL**
Class of 2022
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ELSPETH DEMPSEY-RICE



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KYLE HOLTAN



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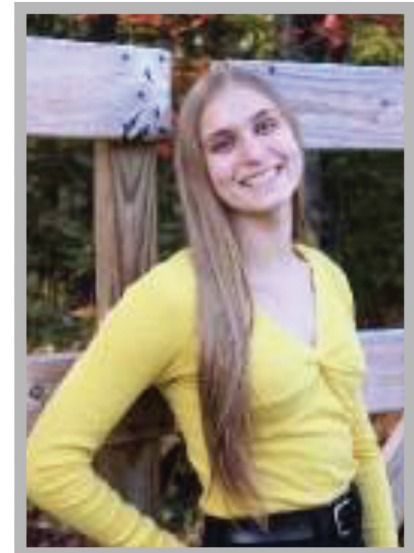
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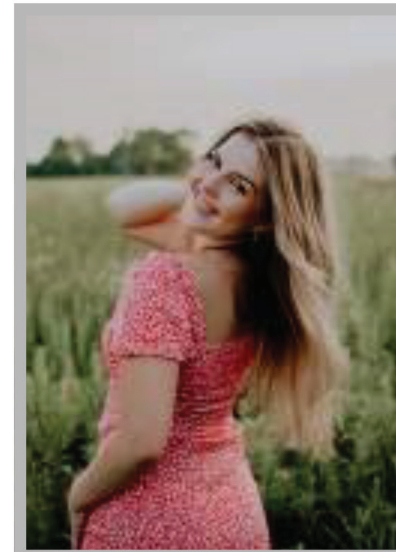
SHELBY SIZEMORE



SHAYANNE STENROOS



GABRIEL STUBBE



ANNA THOMLEY



RYAN ZERNEKE

CLASS OF 2022 LAUDE STUDENTS

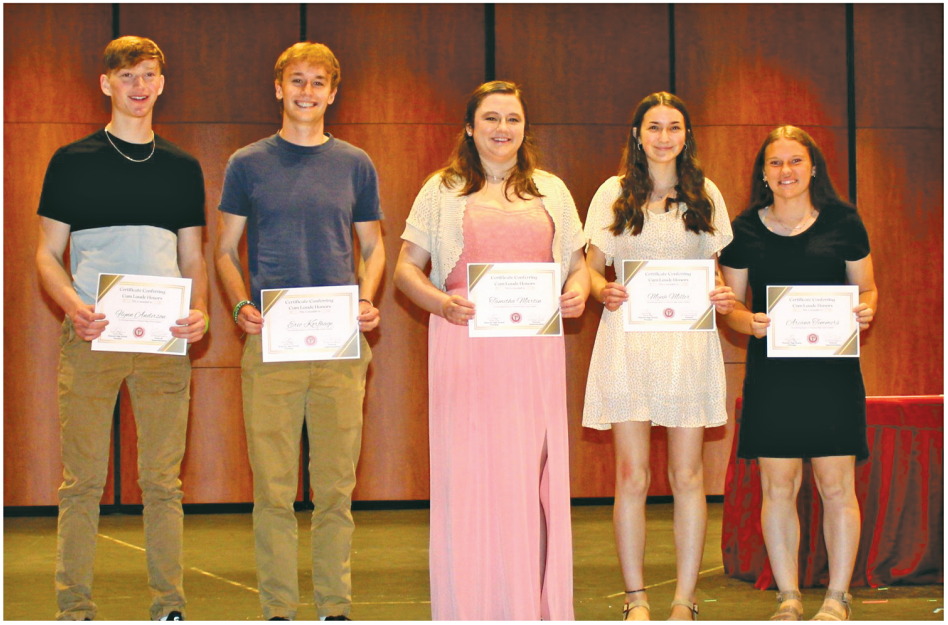


MAGNA CUM LAUDE RECIPIENTS

- AMANDA AULECIEMS
- SAVANNA FIEDLER
- JAKE HAMANN
- MERLE SEVERSON III
- LOGAN STEWART
- ISAIAH WARP
- Not pictured:
- MORGAN LUNDEEN
- MADISON MATZEK
- SHAYLA REIN

CUM LAUDE RECIPIENTS

- FLYNN ANDERSON
- ERIC KORFHAGE
- TAMITHA MARTIN
- MYAH MILLER
- ARIANA TEMMERS
- Not pictured:
- SAMANTHA RICKERS
- TESS KINNEY
- KAITLYN GRAF



MALONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Perseverance is a quality I would use to describe the entire MES staff this year who pulled together through adverse times to keep the students at the forefront of their mission. Time and collaboration were invested to focus on social-emotional learning, as well as academics.

There was also a feeling of being “Back to Normal” as we were able to host Malone Parent Committee’s Back to School Bash, Holiday Shopping Spree and the Spring Carnival. We are grateful for their dedication to our elementary students. There was also the reengagement of the community in our music events and playground fundraising efforts. The first phase of the playground will be installed in the fall for student enjoyment. Thank you again to Afton Apples for their generous donation to make this project for kids a reality!

We are looking forward to welcoming the third grade team and the third grade students to Malone Elementary next school year . Until then, have a wonderful summer!

Sara Dusek, Malone Elementary Principal



PRESCOTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

What an incredible school year 2021-2022 has been at the nest we call Malone Intermediate School!

I would like to say THANK YOU for your partnership and flexibility as we made it through a year filled with challenges and successes. For a second year in a row we were able to navigate the ongoing pandemic while keeping our school doors open all year...Together We Made the Difference.

This year we once again have much to celebrate at the intermediate school. In the fall, the state report card showed that our students did an incredible job and our school was deemed as **Significantly Exceeding Expectations**. When compared to all other elementary schools in the state, **Prescott ranks in the top 15% in Academic Achievement and in the top 4% in Student Growth**. Where many schools saw academic gaps form, the intermediate school has been able to elevate our outcomes. WAY TO GO CARDINALS!

At the Math Masters Competition this spring, Prescott placed third out of seventeen teams, with multiple blue ribbons earned by individuals. We also placed third in the National Current Events League and a secured a First Place in the Pierce County Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest.



In the classroom we soared to new heights as we implemented additional intervention and extension opportunities, took classroom learning outside whenever possible, and spent time on a number of field trips.

As we wrap up this year, we are looking forward to some down time this summer to rejuvenate and start making plans and adjustments as we head into fall. I hope you are able to make some family memories over the summer.

On behalf of myself and the entire intermediate school staff, have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Michael Kosmalski, MIS Principal



PRESCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Prescott Middle School Staff and students rose to the meet academic challenges this year. We worked hard at the beginning of the year to adjust back into the school year after more than a year of disrupted learning. In October, STEM classes were back to creating and making projects. The students and music department put on a wonderful musical and we have had great band and choir concerts throughout the year.

An initiative the middle school is looking forward to the most is moving to one-to-one with Chromebooks. With each student having access to a Chromebook on a daily basis, it opens up opportunities for new curriculum that has been inaccessible in the past. Students and teachers will have the ability to use new programs and engage in

both virtual and hands-on labs. This initiative will provide students skills to prepare them for high school and beyond.

Thank you to the middle school parents for partnering with us throughout the school year. With the leadership of the Parent Advisory Committee, our parents continue to partner and support us. It does not matter if it is helping with fundraising, providing grants for various MS opportunities or supplying meals and snacks for our staff.

Have a great summer.,

Kyle Igou, Prescott Middle School Principal



WE ARE PRESCOTT HIGH SCHOOL



It's that time of year where the advent of change is all around us. Winter has evolved into spring, and spring is quickly giving way to summer. At Prescott High School, change is relentless. Students and staff are wrapping up the 2021-22 school year and looking ahead to graduation, summer school, and are deep into the planning for the 2022-23 school year. We have seen many improvements this year, thanks in large part to our staff and amazing Class of 2022, who have led numerous initiatives. This group of spectacular students has certainly been living our mission of "creating future successful leaders."

As the year comes to a close, it's important to look back at this class's successes. They led movements celebrating diversity, started an Inclusivity Club, helped PHS staff form an Enrichment Period to foster relationships and explore new possibilities, brought in guest speakers, and worked to add monthly awareness days on topics spanning anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and suicide. This class has led teams: The Forensics team earned the Excellence in Speech award given to only the top 5% of Wisconsin schools. Golf, softball, basketball, dance, and track are just a few other examples of teams led to regional, sectional, or state recognition by seniors. This group had one of the highest collective ACT scores for Prescott High School, and **the highest pass-rate** for AP courses in PHS history. The Class of 2022 has certainly made our school proud in their relentless pursuit of excellence.

Prescott High School staff have also been relentlessly working to add new offerings and initiatives for the 2022-23 school year. We will introduce new courses in music, technical education, computer technology, and the core areas of study. Before that point, students at the high school will have opportunities to enrich their learning through our summer school courses. With over 40 courses available, there is something for everyone.

A core goal of the PHS staff this year was a focus on R.C.C. (Relationships, Connections, and Community). To this end, we implemented an Enrichment Period once a week where students could select to learn new skills, meet new people, and create connections with new staff members. Over 92% of our students responded at the end of the year that they enjoyed the Enrichment Period and would like it offered again in the future. Furthermore, 65% said this time allowed them to create a new and meaningful connection with a staff member of the school, and 78% said this time allowed them to create a new connection with a new peer.

As we head into the next school year, Prescott High School will continue to be relentless in the pursuit of our goals to provide opportunities for students and to create strong relationships within our school community.

Thank you for supporting our PHS students,

Josh Fiege, Prescott High School Principal

ACTIVITIES, ARTS & ATHLETICS SHINE





Celebrating! OUR PSD STAFF

RETIREES	30 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>	25 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>	20 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>	15 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>	10 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>	5 YEARS <i>of SERVICE</i>
Catherine Pechacek <i>(10 YEARS)</i> Sharon Wills <i>(17 Years)</i> Victoria Schmidt <i>(25 Years)</i> Deborah Tobias <i>(30 Years)</i>	Jay Bartsch Deb Tobias	Jason Canfield Vicki Schmidt	Tania Novak	Sandra Glynn April Hamilton Jamie McDonough Joan Simon	Stacy Cepukenas Patricia Cincoski Jayne Henderlite Andrew Holland Mark Inouye Angela Magee Charlene Malueg Kathy Miller Catherine Pechacek Michelle Penk	Carl Calabrese Larissa Dreyer Josh Fiege Kyle Flaherty Pamela Geranios Michelle Jansen Kayla Kinneman Diana Morth Melissa Smoot Elizabeth Syverson Michael Thomley Michelle Tromberg
<p><i>At the close of each school year, Prescott School District takes time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our retirees and congratulate employees for their milestone years of service.</i></p> <p><i>We thank you for your dedication to improving the lives of the many learners you have impacted over the years and collective efforts to help achieve PSD's mission to prepare lifelong learners for future success by engaging students, staff, families and the community.</i></p>						

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Relaxing Retirement!



2022-2023 Prescott School District Academic Calendar

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Jump Start to School Day					No School Students & Staff									
First Day of School					No School Students / PD Day Staff					Last Day of School				
* = End of Quarter 6-8					** End of Trimester 4K-5, 9-12					Summer School w/ Busing				

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SUMMERTIME IN THE PRESCOTT COMMUNITY

PRESCOTT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Welcome Summer! Community Education has a number of opportunities available this summer, especially for youth. Check out the fun youth summer classes, trips and the other course offerings on the district website at <https://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/community/education.cfm>. We have two August trips open to all ages: *Wicked* will be playing at the Orpheum Theater on August 18, and on August 19, we will travel to watch the St. Paul Saints take on the RailRiders. Simply register on the website or contact Penny Peterson with questions: ppeters2@prescott.k12.wi.us or 715-262-4676.

PARK PROGRAMS FOR AGES 9-14

Join other 9 to 14 year-olds at Public Square Park every Thursday from 3-4 pm in June & July (across from the middle school). Each week, a different local organization will host the fun park program. Visit the Facebook page "Summer Park Program" to learn who is coordinating and what the week's activity is! Pre-registration is not necessary and there is no cost to participate.



25th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Wednesday, August 10 Clifton Highlands Golf Course

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Tee off at 12:30 p.m.

Teams can request a tee time and a group; we will try to accommodate them.

Golfing donation includes:
18 holes, cart, meal, and prizes.

Space is limited so register soon: prescottfoundation.com.

HELP US BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY!

The Prescott Foundation supports Prescott School District each year by providing grant money, an annual scholarship, and funding for classroom supplies and STEM programming.