

CommunityBridge113

Summer/Fall 2023



Dear District 113 Community,

Our summer/fall edition of *The Community Bridge* celebrates staff and student achievements since our last issue and looks ahead to the 2023-24 school year. You will see why we should all be so proud of our two outstanding high schools.

Inside you will also learn that numerous summer infrastructure projects are underway in an ongoing effort to take care of our buildings. These upgrades include new roofs at HPHS and HVAC, fire alarm and sprinkler upgrades at both schools. The infrastructure work in the DHS auditorium remains on schedule for completion in November. That work includes needed repairs and improvements to acoustics that will allow patrons to better hear performances. When finished, we hope to welcome you in person to see those extensive renovations at one of the many fantastic performances in that space.

In the coming year, you will notice the continued emphasis on security. The safety of our students and staff is our first priority. In today's world, that means protecting students and staff from gun violence in schools and that requires constant review and evaluation of new tools, practices and protocols to support that priority. To the extent that we can disclose that information, you can expect to see more details of enhancements in the future via this newsletter or through additional communications that you can subscribe to on our website dist113.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2027, new staff and our returning students and staff back to school.

Respectfully,

Dr. Bruce Law, Ed.D.
District 113 Superintendent of Schools



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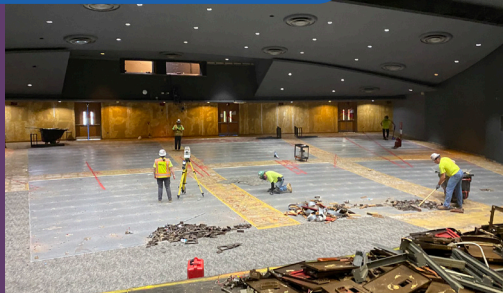
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Athletics



Wrestling

The boys wrestling team at Deerfield High School finished eighth in the IHSA State Tournament and was awarded the Sportsmanship Banner for exemplifying the ideals of sportsmanship.



Competitive Dance

The competitive dance team at Deerfield High School finished seventh at the IHSA Dance State Finals with a score of 88.66.



Basketball

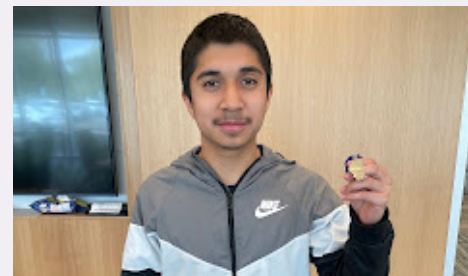
The girls basketball team at Deerfield High School finished fourth at the IHSA State Tournament and guard Lexi Kerstein was named to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) All-State First Team.



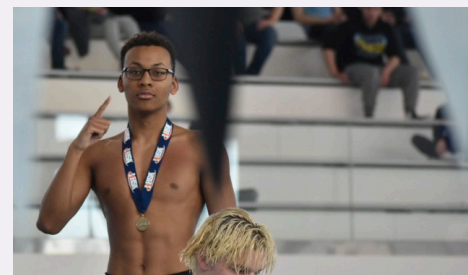
Tennis

The boys tennis team at Highland Park High School finished seventh at the IHSA State Tournament with a total of 17 points.

IHSA State Champions



Erick Chavez, Highland Park High School, is the IHSA FIFA eSports State Champion.



Kevin Obochi, Highland Park High School, was named Senior Swimmer of the Year by the Illinois Swimming and Diving Coaches Association (ISDA) and is the IHSA State Champion in the 50 Yard Freestyle.



Evan Glebov and Blake Gold, members of the boys tennis team at Highland Park High School, are doubles State Champions.



Swimming

The boys swimming and diving team at Highland Park High School finished fourth at the IHSA State Championship with a total of 89 points.

200 Yard Freestyle Relay - 2nd

Kevin Obochi
Iliya Rivkin
David Daniels
Danny Castle

400 Yard Freestyle Relay - 5th

Kevin Obochi
Aron Fridman
David Daniels
Danny Castle

Alex Bradshaw

- 12th in 1 Meter Diving

Danny Castle

- 12th in the 50 Yard Freestyle
- 18th in the 100 Yard Freestyle

Noam Kulbak

- 2nd in 1 Meter Diving

Kevin Obochi

- State Champion in the
50 Yard Freestyle
- 3rd in the 100 Yard Butterfly

Achievements

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

All 10 District 113 students who qualified as National Merit Semifinalists earlier this year have been selected as Finalists. The nationwide pool of Finalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Finalists are eligible for scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Program and many colleges and universities offer additional scholarships to those who qualify as Semifinalists and Finalists.



Will Ballis



Samantha Gass



Abigail Green



Maxwell Hyman



Addison Simon



Anna Chabot



Cole Gawin



Nat Howard



Noah Meyerhoff



Carmen Ulizio

Scholars by College Bound Opportunities

Ten seniors were recognized as Scholars by College Bound Opportunities (CBO), which aims to motivate and prepare under-served students to attend and graduate from college. This year's CBO Scholars are:

Melyssa Aragon

Highland Park High School

Stacie Cruz

Highland Park High School

Ivy Diaz

Highland Park High School

Sherlyn Elizalde

Highland Park High School

Samantha Gomez

Highland Park High School

Juliana Mateos

Highland Park High School

Yacibet Mejia-Paneda

Highland Park High School

Jose Perez

Highland Park High School

Javier Sebastian

Highland Park High School

Claudia Trajgiel

Deerfield High School

Scholarships in Conjunction with the Schuler Scholar Program

Fourteen seniors from Highland Park High School earned scholarships in conjunction with the Schuler Scholar Program, which helps high-achieving and underrepresented students gain access to and succeed at highly selective colleges and universities. This year's Schuler Scholars are:

Luna Aldana

Benjamin Alonso

Paul Eam

Narvale Fincher

Nancy Flores

Jasmine Guerrero

Jovy Hernandez

Elita Hernandez

Diana Martinez

Kitzia Ollua

William Robles

Melvin Salazar

Guadalupe Vazquez

Angel Zeferino

Northern Illinois Regional Art Exhibition

Six students from Deerfield High School and five students from Highland Park High School had their artwork featured at the Northern Regional Exhibition, one of the State's largest and most influential student art exhibitions. The exhibition celebrates artistic achievement and provides talented young artists with opportunities to showcase their artwork and compete at the State level.



Kristina Cvejic

Deerfield High School
Honorable Mention, Pottery



Ariel Glassberg

Highland Park High School
Best in Show, Pottery

Laura Rodriguez-Rios

Highland Park High School
Honorable Mention, Painting



Ella Gand Seidita

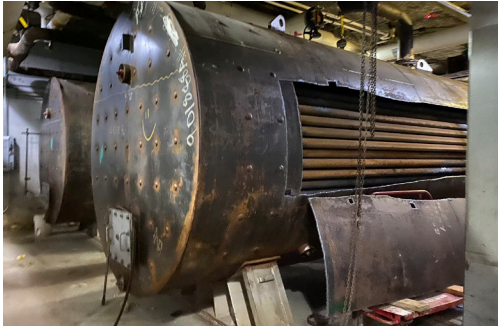
Deerfield High School
Silver, Time Arts



Facilities

Boilers at DHS

Improvements to HVAC infrastructure include replacing two of the original boilers installed when Deerfield High School was built in 1960. A third boiler, which was installed in 2002, is also being replaced. All three units are past their useful lifespan. They will be replaced by smaller and more energy-efficient units that are more cost effective to run and less costly to repair.



Regarding Roof Work in Highland Park

Part of the roofing above G Wing at Highland Park High School has reached the end of its useful life and is being replaced. The newly installed roofing, called EPDM, is made from an extremely durable and long-lasting synthetic rubber. This roofing is particularly effective in low-slope applications, like the flat roofs of our high school buildings.



Auditorium Renovation at DHS

The renovation to the Auditorium at DHS began in earnest when students left for summer break in early June. The renovations include demolishing the existing ceiling and installing a new ceiling, replacing the catwalk, reinforcing steel and the stage area for new rigging, installing new seating and stage flooring, new lighting and AV upgrades, as well as a double height overhead door to accommodate large theater props.

Thus far, the concrete slab has been poured to provide an ADA-accessible entrance and ADA-compliant ramps throughout the space. Framing has been completed for new vestibules that will provide better acoustics by incorporating more sound attenuation for the Auditorium. Demolition of the existing ceiling will start in the next few weeks.

The project is on schedule and is expected to be completed in November.



Staff Highlights



Kathryn Anderson, Deerfield High School Principal, was named Lake County High School Principal

of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association (IPA). The IPA annually recognizes outstanding high school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students.



Kevin Marsh, former Deerfield High School dean and baseball coach, won the Illinois High School Baseball

Coaches Association (IHSBCA) Ethics in Coaching Award for embodying "the highest ethical standards in all aspects of their participation in baseball." Marsh retired from District 113 in 2021.



Nicole Keith, girls basketball coach at Deerfield High School, was named Coach of the Year

by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA).



Becky Castillo, D113 Assistant Director of Transportation, was selected as the winner of the 2023 Annie Award in

the Doug Bolton Support Champion category from the Chasing Hope Foundation. One of Ms. Castillo's responsibilities is overseeing transportation for students with disabilities. The Chasing Hope Foundation is committed to singling out those in the special education profession who personify the best in the field and whose work serves as a standard toward which peers should strive.



Tim Sirois, boys swimming and diving coach at Highland Park High School, was named Boys Swim Coach of the Year

by the Illinois Swimming and Diving Coaches Association (ISDA).

Retirees

Administration/Transportation

Gloria Gibson
Janeen Hyde
Michael McComb

Deerfield High School

Yaffa Berman
Helen Crowley
Blanche Esgar
Marilena Fiore
William Knesley
Robert Weitzel
Steven Winiecki

Highland Park High School

Lesa Friedrich
Aliza Gilbert
Christine Hill
Nickolaos Kanellopoulos
Raffaella Perrelli
John Reinwald
Scott Shallenbarger
Timothy Sirois
Ronald Smith
Ana Thompson
Steven Trommer
Katherine Wynehoff

Save the Dates

August 16 - First Day of School for All Students

August 31 - HPHS Open House for Current Parents/Guardians Only

September 7 - DHS Open House for Current Parents/Guardians Only

September 29 - HPHS Homecoming Game

October 6 - DHS Homecoming Game



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