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Music

Students recognized for excellence. District 113’s Finance Department celebrates 30th consecutive COE.

Tennis

The HPHS girls tennis dual team finished seventh at the IHSA State Championships. 200 Freestyle Relay - 20th Sydney Laken, Angelica Elson, Marisa Miller, Kayla Newman

Golf

MPHS senior Alex Finger received a gold at the IHSA State Championships. The HPHS girls tennis team placed seventh at the IHSA State Championships. 200 Freestyle Relay - 20th Sydney Laken, Angelica Elson, Marisa Miller, Kayla Newman

State Champion

DHS junior Anna Parke is the State Champion in the 100-yard butterfly. 50 Freestyle - Fifth Isabella Wilhelm 200 Freestyle Relay - Seventh Carmen Ulizio, Erika Ilkiu, Isabella Wilhelm, Anna Parke 200 Medley Relay - Fourth Sydney Laken, Angelica Elson, Marisa Miller, Kayla Newman

Swimming

The HPHS girls swimming and diving team placed seventh at the IHSA State Championships. 100 Butterfly - Seventh Sydney Laken, Angelica Elson, Marisa Miller, Kayla Newman 100 Breaststroke - 20th Carmen Ulizio 100 Backstroke - 34th Carmen Ulizio 50 Breaststroke - 12th Erika Ilkiu

Cross Country

The DHS boys cross country team finished 25th in the IHSA State Championships. 2000 Freestyle Relay - 20th Sydney Laken, Angelica Elson, Marisa Miller, Kayla Newman

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District 113 Maintains its ‘Aaa’ Rating
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Finance
Ten District 113 students qualified as National Merit Semifinalists. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $28 million.

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District 113 is committed to prioritizing infrastructure needs in an effort to keep our schools healthy, safe and secure, reduce costly emergency repairs, and extend the life of our high school buildings. The types of facility improvements scheduled for 2023 include improvements to the DHS auditorium to address ADA accessibility, adding new seating, adding new rigging to support new lighting as well as making some acoustic improvements. Other improvements include new roofs at HHS, fire alarm and sprinkler upgrades at both schools, and HVAC updates, including new, more energy-efficient boilers.

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2022 U.S. News High School Rankings
Deerfield High School ranked #2 among U.S. News High Schools. Highland Park High School was also ranked #2 among the best high schools in the nation for 2022. They also ranked Deerfield as one of the best high schools in the nation for STEM education.

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