



# Medina City Schools Minute

February 17, 2025

To keep our community informed, here is the latest update about things happening around the District, including important dates to remember.

## Medina High School Announces February Students of the Month



Congratulations to Medina High School seniors Jake Krahe and Eleanor (Ellie) Kristan, February Students of the Month.

Jake is a hardworking and dedicated student who demonstrates an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. His passion for learning is evident in his diligence, attention to detail, and the pride he takes in his work. He consistently approaches challenges with poise, maturity, and determination.

A natural leader, Jake is known for his honesty, courtesy, and respect, earning the admiration of both his peers and teachers. His kindness and integrity make him a role model, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence.

Jake's rigorous academic schedule has included Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. He has earned the Medina High School Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude in his

junior and sophomore years and Magna Cum Laude in his freshman year.

Beyond the classroom, Jake is an active and engaged student leader, holding key positions in the National Honor Society, HUDDLE, Spanish Club, Outdoors Club, and Model UN Club.

Jake is also an accomplished athlete. As a three-year member of the varsity bowling team, he was named 2024 Bowler of the Year by the Greater Cleveland Conference. Additionally, he is a two-time national champion in the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), winning in both 2024 and 2023, and is a proud member of the SCTP All-State Team Ohio.

Beyond competition, Jake gives back to his community by volunteering as a Junior Coach at the Copley Trap Range while also working there.

Jake plans to attend university, where he will major in business. He is the son of Jeremy and Amy Krahe.

Eleanor (Ellie) is an exceptional student leader who embodies academic excellence, leadership, and community service. With outstanding communication skills, she inspires and motivates her peers, fostering a spirit of teamwork and achievement. Her ability to easily manage multiple responsibilities makes her a role model among students.

Ellie has pursued a challenging academic schedule, taking Honors and College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. She has been recognized for her academic achievements, earning the Medina High School Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude in her junior year.

Her leadership roles extend across various organizations, demonstrating her dedication to student engagement and advocacy. Ellie is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Medina High School Speech Team, vice president of the Medina High School Speech and Debate Team, Tri-C Student Government president, Joint Student Council member, Phi Theta Kappa vice president at Tri-C, and a board member on the Tri-C Committee on Curriculum and Degree Requirements.

A Girl Scout since 2013, Ellie has also pursued her passion for music, performing as a drummer in a band through the School of Rock in Strongsville.

Ellie is deeply committed to community service, regularly volunteering at the Tri-C Food Pantry while also balancing work at Guy's Pizza. After graduation, she plans to attend university, where she will study philosophy and political science. She is the daughter of John and Bonnie Kristan.

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## Third Episode of The Hive: Bee in the Know-Stories About MCS Released

The third episode of The Hive: Bee in the Know-Stories About Medina City Schools podcast has been released. In this episode, hear from students and teachers about the many elective opportunities for students at Medina High School. To listen to the latest episode, click [here](#).



## MHS Student Council Hosts Inspiring Middle School Leadership Workshop

On Friday, February 7, 2025, Medina High School Student Council hosted a Middle School Leadership Workshop, welcoming over 60 young leaders from Medina High School, Claggett Middle School, A.I. Root Middle School, St. Francis School, Wadsworth Middle School, and even 5th graders from Waite Elementary.

The evening was packed with engaging activities, discussions, and team-building exercises focused on collaboration and leadership development. Medina High School Student Council members Piper Jackson, Ava Kanieski, Nonsi Malasulila, and Brady Vein led the large group through energizers and activities designed to encourage teamwork and confidence.



### ***Leadership Labs: Learning Through Experience***

Participants rotated through eight interactive leadership labs, each designed to develop essential skills for future leaders.

#### **Lab 1 – First Impressions: Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover**

*Discussion Leaders: Autumn Campbell, Madison Makin, Alicia Troche*

#### **Lab 2 – Decision Making: This or That?**

*Discussion Leaders: Kaitlyn Suliks, Mikaylah Collins*

#### **Lab 3 – Active Listening: You Said What?!**

*Discussion Leaders: Nonsi Malusalila, Adelynn Ma*

#### **Lab 4 – Respect: R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

*Discussion Leaders: Jillian Ruppel, Sophie Akers-Novak*

#### **Lab 5 – Teamwork: Collaboration Station**

*Discussion Leaders: Hailey Blanco, Natalie Bair*

#### **Lab 6 – Public Speaking: Speak Your Mind**

*Discussion Leaders: William Shimko, Brinley Hair*

#### **Lab 7 – Risk Taking: Take the Leap!**

*Discussion Leaders: Amrita Kaur, Veronica DeLong*

#### **Lab 8 – Surviving High School: Get Involved!**

*Discussion Leaders: Alexa Prifti, Brady Vein*

### **A Night to Remember**

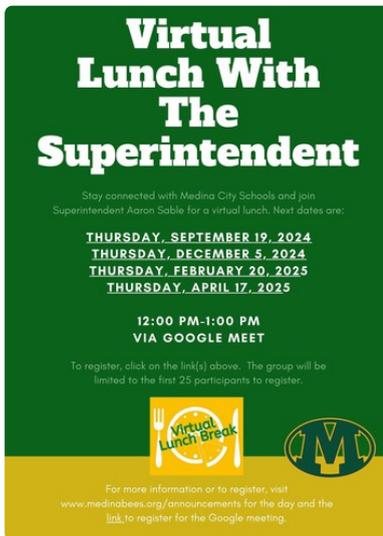
The workshop provided a dynamic and supportive environment where middle and elementary school students could step outside their comfort zones, build leadership skills, and connect with

peers from different schools. Student Council advisors Mrs. Calaiacovo, Ms. Puskas, Mrs. Marsala, and Ms. Stacho's dedication and hard work made this event a memorable experience for everyone.

This collaborative event was a valuable learning experience and an inspiring opportunity for students to embrace leadership and teamwork—setting the stage for future student success.

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## Virtual Lunch with the Superintendent: Thursday, February 20



The next Virtual Lunch with the Superintendent is Thursday, February 20 from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM. Dr. Kris Quallich, assistant superintendent, will join to discuss mental health programs and services available to Medina City Schools students and staff. There is still space available. To register, click [here](#).

Join us for great discussion. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

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## MCS Hall of Fame to Recognize Inductees to the Class of 2023 and 2024

The Medina City Schools Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be on Friday, March 14, 2025, at The Blair Center in Westfield at 6:00 PM. To purchase tickets, click [here](#). The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, March 6, 2025.



We will celebrate:

### Class of 2023

Greg Newkirk  
Frank Shotwell  
Jessica Toocheck  
Scott Tucheck

### Class of 2024

Sam Chester  
Dr. Brian Huber  
The Late Jim Gowe  
Rob Harvilla

## Scholarship Opportunities Now Available

Scholarship applications are now open for Medina High School seniors. To view all of the scholarships available, please click [here](#). Please note there are varying deadlines for applications. For more information, contact your school counselor.



## MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS NOW HIRING



### Medina City Schools need you to join its Support Staff!

*"Education is the key to unlocking the world...."* Oprah Winfrey

Join our dedicated staff in impacting our students' lives whether by assisting special needs students achieve learning goals, helping nourish students and staff by preparing delicious breakfast and lunch items, keeping our buildings clean or transporting students safely.

#### The following is a list of jobs currently available:

**INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL** (\$17.12 per hour) Part-Time, normally 27.5 hours/week. Work one-on-one with special needs students or in small groups to facilitate learning.

**SCHOOL CUSTODIAN** (\$18.83 per hour) Full-Time, 2nd Shift rotating schedule. All work is on second shift with work days scheduled on a regular rotation to include some weekends. The rotating work schedule is known for an entire contract year.

**CAFETERIA COOK** (\$15.20 per hour) Part-Time, approximately 15-20 hours/week. Food Service employees are generally done working by 1:30 p.m.

**BUS DRIVERS** (starting wage \$22.35-\$24.22 per hour) No Civil Service Test Required  
Interested Bus Drivers email: [mcstrans@medinabees.org](mailto:mcstrans@medinabees.org) or call (330) 636-4360.

Please note: it is expected the hourly rates will increase for the 2025-26 school year. These jobs all receive paid holidays, earned sick & personal time as well as employer contributions to a pension plan.

Apply online now at: [www.medinahs.org/job-opportunities](http://www.medinahs.org/job-opportunities) or stop by the Civil Service Office at Medina City Hall, 132 N. Elmwood, lower level, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Test times will be arranged on an individual basis.

For additional information, contact Deb Nelsen at (330) 636-3013 or [nelsend@medinabees.org](mailto:nelsend@medinabees.org).

## Save the Date

Save the date for these upcoming district events.

**March 3-March 31, 2025: Medina County Student Art Show: A Celebration of Youth Art Month.** Medina County student works of art on display in businesses and restaurants in and around Medina's Historic Square during regular business hours.



**May 22, 2025: Strings in the Park:** Uptown Park (rain location the Medina Performing Arts Center) 12:00 PM-1:00 PM. Pack a lunch and bring your chair to listen to the amazing sounds of the Medina High School Orchestra.

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## February is Love the Bus Month

February is Love the Bus Month. Here's to the iconic yellow school bus and those who safely transport our students daily to and from school.



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## Medina Athletic Boosters Purchase AED

The Medina Athletic Boosters recently purchased an added portable AED (Automated External Defibrillator) until for the Athletic Department. This will provide trainers with an additional tool to keep students, staff, and fans safe at the various Medina High School venues.



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**Medina City Schools Foundation Presents:**



MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

Get ready for a night of epic piano battles and sing-along fun with The Cleveland Keys Dueling Pianos.

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**When:** Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Where:** Williams on the Lake  
787 Lafayette Road  
Medina, OH 44256

**Time:** 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

**Tickets:** \$75 per person

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Tickets are now on sale online at  
[www.medinacityschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.medinacityschoolsfoundation.org)

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# **MEDINA COUNTY STUDENT ART SHOW**

**MARCH 3 – MARCH 31**

**@ Medina's Historic Square**

View artwork created by Medina County students. Their works of art will be on display in and around Medina's Historic District in celebration of Youth Art Month.

Beginning March 3rd,  
view the art locations by visiting:  
[medinabees.org](http://medinabees.org)  
or [mainstreetmedina.com](http://mainstreetmedina.com)

**A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ART MONTH**

Supporting sponsors:





Medina Band Program Presents:

# FEEL THE BEAT

## Concert & Jazz Events 2025

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Immerse yourself in the thunderous beats, soul-stirring melodies, and raw energy of live performances by the Medina bands that will leave you amazed.

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### **MHS WINTER BAND CONCERT**

**MARCH 4-7 PM  
FEATURING ALL  
MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS  
JAZZ BANDS-FREE**

### **OMEA LARGE GROUP**

**MARCH 14/15-T.B.D  
SYMPHONY BAND,  
CONCERT BAND,  
FRESHMAN BAND-FREE**

### **JAZZMATAZZ**

**APRIL 5-EVENING  
FEATURING ALL  
MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS  
JAZZ BANDS-\$\$  
FUNDRAISER**

### **MHS SPRING BAND CONCERT**

**MAY 1-7 PM  
SYMPHONY BAND,  
CONCERT BAND,  
FRESHMAN BAND-\$\$**

### **SPRING JAZZ CONCERT**

**MAY 14-7 PM  
FEATURING ALL THE  
MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS  
JAZZ BANDS-FREE**

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# MEDINA YOUTH RUGBY SPRING REGISTRATION

**WHO CAN JOIN**  
**BOYS & GIRLS GRADES K-8**

**WHEN**  
**PRACTICES START SOON...**

**GAME DAYS ARE SUNDAYS:**  
**MARCH 30, APRIL 6, APRIL 13, APRIL 27, & MAY 4**

**CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAY 18**  
**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAY 25**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: JUNE 7-9**

**REGISTER ON-LINE**  
**WWW.ROOKIERUGBYOHIO.COM**



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**[www.medinarugby.wordpress.com](http://www.medinarugby.wordpress.com)**



**DEVELOPING  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
YOUTH SINCE 2011**

**DIVISIONS**  
**PreK-K Flag (U6)**  
**1st-2nd Flag (U8)**  
**3rd-5th Flag (U11)**  
**5th-6th Boys (U12)**  
**6th-8th Girls (U14)**  
**7th-8th Boys (U14)**

**FUN FOR ALL**  
**Open to all.**  
**No experience**  
**necessary.**  
**New athletes of**  
**all skill levels**  
**welcome!**

**COST**  
**Flag = \$100**  
**Tackle = \$115**



## 3-6 GRADERS



# MEDINA GIRLS GOLF



3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls interested in playing golf.

**Your Medina Girls Golf team will be holding a clinic on April 24th and May 8th from 4:30 to 5:30 at Fox Meadows.** This is a fun way to meet new people and try a new sport! We hope you join us. Please reach out to us if you are interested!

If you have any questions, reach out to:

- Coach Stauffenger (V) at [stauffenger1@medinabees.org](mailto:stauffenger1@medinabees.org)
- Coach Budzinski (JV) at [budzinsb@medinabees.org](mailto:budzinsb@medinabees.org)



# 8th Graders!

# MEDINA GIRLS GOLF



8th grade girls interested in playing girls golf their freshman year of High School! Have you ever wanted to be a part of a team? Golf is a great sport for that! We are looking for 8th grade girls who want to be a part of our program. If you are interested please reach out to the Medina Girls Golf Coaches. Go lady bees!

If you are interested or have any questions, reach out to:

- Coach Stauffenger (V) at [stauffengerl@medinabees.org](mailto:stauffengerl@medinabees.org)
- Coach Budzinski (JV) at [budzinsb@medinabees.org](mailto:budzinsb@medinabees.org)



Support the Medina Bees Boys & Girls Golf Teams

# EUCHRE



## TOURNAMENT

**03.07.2025**  
CHECK IN: 5:30PM  
GAMES START: 6:30PM

RSVP: Mike or Laura  
[Moizingom@medinabees.org](mailto:Moizingom@medinabees.org)  
[Stauffengerl@medinabees.org](mailto:Stauffengerl@medinabees.org)

 Fox Meadow C.C  
4260 Fox Meadow Dr,  
Medina, OH 44256



**LIGHT APPETIZERS**  
**CASH BAR**

DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
**\$90**  
PER TEAM

Prizes for top 3 places

Check- Medina Boosters  
Venmo: [medinaboosters1](#)  
"golf fundraiser"

Cash

# MEDINA BEES BASEBALL

**MEDINA EAGLES CLUB**  
**696 LAFAYETTE RD.**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH**  
**6:30 PM**



*Scan me for tickets!*

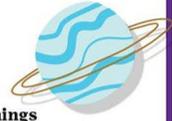


**You're  
invited!**

# Launch into Girl Scouts



Bring a friend, make new ones,  
and join us for a FREE  
out-of-this-world Girl Scout event!



Caregivers will learn all about Girl Scouts and troop openings  
while their girls participate in fun, space-themed activities.

## Calling All Future Girl Scouts Grades K-5!

### Join the Fun, Join Girl Scouts!

Thursday, February 29, 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Medina Library – Community Room A & B  
210 South Broadway Street, Medina, OH 44256

Join this event and see many others by visiting [gsneo.org/join](http://gsneo.org/join) and click RSVP Now!

Questions? Contact Customer Care by email [customer care@gsneo.org](mailto:customer care@gsneo.org),  
by phone 800-852-4474, or by Live Chat at [gsneo.org](http://gsneo.org)

**girl scouts**  
of north east ohio

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Click the "RSVP NOW" button.



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FOR 2 SIBLINGS

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FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS

## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://INVENT.ORG/CAMP) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: A | Root Middle School  
333 West Sturbridge Drive, Medina, OH 44256

Dates: June 9 - 13, 2025

Time & Cost: 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM | \$275 (before discount) | Less than \$9 per hour!

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Camp Director: Krista Lynch | [klynch5575@gmail.com](mailto:klynch5575@gmail.com) | (330) 636-3500

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- Amber F., Parent of Camper

**REGISTER HERE!**

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://INVENT.ORG/CAMP) for other locations near you.

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