

# Points of Pride 2016-2017

## Kearsley Schools: Pride, Excellence, Tradition

### District

- Kearsley partnered with the **University of Michigan** to offer supplemental health services to school-age students at a health center inside Kearsley High School.
- A **perfect audit** of district finances was once again recorded by a third party accounting firm.
- Staff and students raised \$11,600 for **Kearsley's Christmas Charities**.
- All buildings are equipped with high levels of technology including interactive Smart Boards, document cameras, desk-top and lap-top computers, iPads and tablets.

### Class of 2017

- Seniors were offered more than \$1.7 million in scholarships.
- Attending a university: 33 percent; attending a community college: 49 percent; attending a vocational school: 2 percent; joining the military, 3 percent.
- Thirty-nine seniors earned their service learning cords by logging more than 100 hours of community service during their four years at KHS. The Class of 2017 completed 9,641.75 hours of community service.

### KHS

- **KHS was named one of the nation's best high schools in 2017.** KHS earned a bronze rating in the U.S. News & World Report's 2017 Best High School's rankings.
- Seven students from the Class of 2017 took the **SAT** and earned the **Outstanding SAT Performance Award** for scoring 1,300 (91st percentile) or higher. They are **Alyssa Caudle, Erin Davis, Jacob Finateri, Kassidy Krist, Sarah Streit, Emily Taunton** and **Connor VanSteenburg**.
- Twenty-two students from the Class of 2017 took the SAT and earned a total score that ranks them in the **top 20 percent of SAT test-takers nationwide**.
- The **President's Award for Educational Excellence** was earned by 30 students from the Class of 2017 for earning a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and for scoring in the 75th percentile or better on either the SAT (EBRW and/or math) or ACT (math and/or reading). They are **Hailey Baltosser, Hannah Brackin, Camille Clarambeau, Erin Davis, Brittney Dick, Zachery Elizondo, Jacob Finateri, Chandler Ford, Emily Harper, Brandon Hart, Makenna Hass, Chloe Jankowski, Savannah Jones, Alexis Kelly, Kassidy Krist, Ave'r McKay, Brandi Morgan, Marcus Moss, Dylan Phelps, Lauren Richardson, Rian Schulz, Alexis Schwartz, Aubrey Scott, Sidney Shields, Sarah Streit, Trevor Swickard, Emily Taunton, Connor VanSteenburg, Sidney Wager and Shelby Wiley**.
- Based on the results from the May 2016 Advanced Placement exams, 28 students from Kearsley High School scored high enough to potentially earn college credits.
- **Matthew Monroe, Lily Brown, Kyle Langworthy** and **Chloe Clark** earned medals at the **Flint Metro Math and Science Competition**.
- **Nicholas Niles** and **Emily Harper** were selected to be part of the **Best of the Best** in Genesee Intermediate School District's Career Technical Education program.
- **Sarah Streit** earned the **University of Michigan Ann Arbor Jean Fairfax Scholarship** (full tuition).
- **Emily Harper** earned the **Northern Michigan University Presidential Scholarship** (full tuition).
- **Matthew Carpenter** earned the **Mott Community College Trustees' Leadership Scholarship** (full tuition).
- **Lauren Richardson** earned the **Wayne State University President M. Roy Wilson BUILD Scholarship** (full tuition).
- Kearsley Hornets Nest achieved **DECA Gold-recertification** for the seventh year in a row.
- **Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference** competitors were **Nicholas Niles, Kevin Donnelly, Barbara Hawes, Luke LeBlanc, Nickole Sarginson, Makalia Jenkins** and **Alexis Kelly**.

- **DECA's School Based Enterprise Gold Certification** was earned by **Emily Taunton, Samantha LePard** and **Erin Davis**.
- **Nicholas Niles** was a **state delegate** for the **International Career Development Conference**.
- **Aubrey Scott** was nominated for the **Robert E. Weiss Outstanding Youth Award from Priority Children**.
- **Two choirs** received excellent scores at **District Festival** and six of seven students who participated in **District Solo and Ensemble qualified for States**.
- **Kayla Meyer** and **Marcus Moss** were named **Wendy's High School Heisman Award Winners**.
- **Chloe Jankowski** was selected as the **MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award District Winner**.
- Kearsley was the overall winner of **Metro League Winter All-Sports tally**.
- **Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Softball** and **Wrestling** were **Metro League Champions**.
- **Competitive Cheer** team members were **MHSAA District Champions**.
- **Boys Bowling and Girls Bowling** team members were **MHSAA Regional Champions**.
- **Girls Bowling** won its fourth consecutive **MHSAA State Championship**.
- **Competitive Cheer** qualified for the **MHSAA State Finals** for the first time in school history.
- **Competitive Cheer, Volleyball, Girls Tennis** and **Softball** team members were named **Team Academic All-State**.
- **Dylan Tarrence, La'Ron Ruffin, Andy Ruhstorfer, Reese Harburn, Malik Davis** and **Marcus Moss** qualified as individuals for the **MHSAA State Finals** in wrestling.
- **Noel Nowacki** qualified for the **MHSAA D1 State Finals in the 100-yard breaststroke** in boys swimming. He also broke the **Metro League championship meet record** in the 100-yard breaststroke.

### **Armstrong Middle School**

- The PBIS team started a **Student of the Month** program, which showcased students observing the **B Code: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**. Students were chosen by staff.
- Approximately 50 students qualified for the **Wall of Fame**. These students received all A's and B's on their semester report cards all three years at AMS.
- AMS hosted **four family nights** this year focusing on social media and the law, career exploration and two parent academies focusing on math, science, social studies and science.
- **National Junior Honor Society** is made up of 60 eighth grade students who have maintained a 3.5 GPA average or higher during their middle school years. The members performed nearly 700 hours of community service and made a considerable donation to the Weiss Advocacy Center.
- **Blueberry Ambassadors** contributed toys and books to Hurley's Children's Center, distributed winter wear and personal items to those in need, and assisted with field day at Pumpkin Patch.
- **Blueberry Ambassador Karlee Clarambeau** earned the Blue Ribbon Award and a \$100 scholarship.
- Armstrong staff and students raised \$4,400 for **Kearsley Christmas Charities**.
- In the third year of the **robotics program**, the **Scrap Rats** joined the **Clock Works**. Both teams qualified for state competition and finished among the top 25 teams in Michigan at States. They earned a number of awards including the Judges Award for Girl Power, Gracious Professionalism, Control Award for robot programming and the Rockwell-Collins Innovate Award for innovative design.
- Several students succeeded in the **Future Problem Solvers State Competition**: **Nicholas Hatchew, Harmon Field, Abigail Seelman, Jack Sidebotham, Zachary June, Elia Garcia, Elyse Hause, Katlynn Garfield, Kyle Coon, Kaleb Loyer, Jaden Sorensen, Daniel Barrington, Brendan Schanick, Karlee Clarambeau, Mackenzie Simms, Gavin Balius, Allyson Palka, Tabitha White, Emily Hipkins, Katelyn Jacot, Molly Gunn, Hannah Burke, Lexa Jones, Harmon Field, Alex Lechota** and **Emily Schanick**.
- An assembly was held featuring a retired U.S. Army sergeant who **inspired students** with his story about **overcoming life's barriers**.
- **Quiz Bowl Team One** took third place in the East division. **Team Two** took fifth place and **Team Three** took seventh.

### Fiedler Elementary

- Students participated in **What I Need (WIN)** for 30 minutes four days a week. Some students participated in a math intervention, some participated in a literacy intervention, and some received enrichment activities.
- **PTO** provided support for assemblies, reading incentives, PBIS celebrations and book fairs.
- Students and staff participated in **One Book, One School**. They read “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library” in a school-wide book club.
- Families participated in four events hosted at Fiedler: **math and science night** in December; **reading night** in March; **writing celebration** in May.
- Students were selected as weekly **B-Code winners** by following the B-Code: Be Ready, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.
- Forty-five students served on the **Leadership Council**, and were responsible for doing activities to make Fiedler a better place to learn. They also were **Blueberry Ambassadors** and performed at least three random acts of kindness in the larger community.
- The **Leadership Council** worked on a school-wide project to collect stuffed animals for students at Weston. Enough stuffed animals were collected so that all Weston kindergarteners received a stuffed animal as a reading buddy in March.

### Dowdall Elementary

- Students took part in an all-school book club called **One School, One Book**. They read “**The life of Ty: Non-Random Acts of Kindness.**”
- Students celebrated **kindness** during the month of March.
- The gift of a **ga-ga ball pit** was received from a local Girl Scout for the playground.
- The **Detroit Red Wings** gifted a set of floor hockey equipment.
- **Author Deb Pilutti** talked to students about being an author.
- A representative from the Genesee Intermediate School District’s “**P-NUT**” program visited on several occasions to cook and teach students about nutritious food.
- Two **family fun nights** were held this year, the latest one to help support summer learning.

### Weston Elementary

- A **B-Code assembly** took place at the beginning of the year and focused on the **B-Code: Be Ready; Be Respectful; Be Responsible.**
- **Burton Fire Department** taught the children about **fire safety** in October and later in the year **Deputy Ulshafer** from the **Genesee County Sheriff’s Department** and his canine partner stopped in for a **safety conversation** with the children.
- Attendance was high for the **family nights** in January and March.
- **WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students)** offers positive role models in the lives of students.

### Pumpkin Patch Early Learning Center

- Earned maintained its **four-star rating** by Michigan’s Department of Education’s “**Great Start to Quality**” office. Ratings are based on the number of state standards met.
- Offers a one-week **kindergarten boot camp** during summer for those starting school in the fall.
- Offers classes for infants and toddlers along with preschool options (for 3-5 year olds) in **Child Development, Montessori** and **Creative Care**. **Latch key** also is available.
- **Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP)** is offered to the district’s eligible 4-year-olds.