

MARCH NEWSLETTER

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

ARMADA HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES OUR CTE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Armada High School is proud to recognize our 2023 Career and Technical Education Students of the Year, Allan Oneski and Anna Reschke. Both students were recognized by the Macomb County CTE Association at a breakfast banquet on February 10th at the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Allan was recognized for his outstanding performance in the classroom, employability, and dedication to the skilled trades. Allen is dedicated to his CTE courses, which have included Wood Working, Renewable Energy, Culinary Arts, Building Trades, and Small Engines.

Anna was recognized for her outstanding leadership skills and dedication to academic excellence. Anna has been very involved in the medical program and HOSA- Future Health Professionals at Armada High School. She has been a member of HOSA since the 7th grade and has competed at the regional and state level, and is currently the President of the Armada chapter. Congratulations to both Allen and Anna!



ALLEN ONESKI



**ANNA
RESCHKE**



**CAREER AND
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION**

ARMADA HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZES OUR 2022/23 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Amada High School is excited to announce that we are recognizing Mr. Josh Bobek as our 2022/23 Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Mr. Bobek is in his seventh year with Armada Schools as a Music and Band instructor. He was recognized for his consistent dedication to providing outstanding and engaging lessons for his students. Students in Mr. Bobek's classes cite his passion for music education and attention to detail as reasons for his success. Congratulations Mr. Bobek!



QUIZ BOWL TEAM HAS ALL THE RIGHT ANSWERS

The Armada High School Quiz Bowl Team consists of both young men and women who have a passion for trivia and a quiz finger on the buzzer. Quiz Bowl is something that many, but not all area high schools offer. Students practice once a week and then compete 7 times during the year and then have a year end tournament to cap off the season. This years team is made up of 14 students that compete in 3 ten minute rounds and a winner is determined by total points at the end of the game. So if you are one of those people that knows way too much about way too many things, Quiz Bowl might just be for you.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Students of the Month

Congratulations to our February students of the month, Luke Williard and Isabella Blair. Luke was nominated for being a really cool kid and for having a heart of gold. Isabella was nominated for meeting her goals.

Congratulations to all the students! Keep up the good work.

ZAPS Seminar

We will be hosting Doorway to College for an SAT prep seminar. The seminar will be held at AHS from 2:45 - 5:15pm on Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 and 9. Cost is \$100. Register at: www.doorwaytocollege.org or call 877-927-8378. See the counseling office with any questions.

Dress Closet

In need of a dress for Prom? We now have a dress closet. We have dresses of all sizes, colors and styles. Donations are welcome but not necessary. Our first shopping event will be March 1 from 2:30-3:30 and March 2 & 3 from 11am - 1pm. Times are still available, you can sign up [here](#). If you find yourself in need of a dress after March 3, just stop in the counseling office. We plan on offering shopping events before any of the dances.

Interested in donating - contact the counseling office at (586)784-2420.

FAFSA

If you have not completed the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) yet, you should do so as soon as possible! The FAFSA is often required to qualify for different scholarships. The deadline has been extended to May 1!!

Scholarships

The [Armada Common Scholarship](#) is now open! This is one application that puts you in the running for 10-15 different scholarships! Most seniors will write the essay for the scholarship in their English class. This is a great opportunity because you are only competing against other Armada students! The Armada Common Scholarship is due April 1st.

Additionally, [other scholarships](#) can be found on the counseling website with hard copies in the library.

Seniors, please continue to bring in your letters of acceptance and FAFSA completion. These should be turned into the Counseling Office where we will give you your shirt. Currently, we have **81%** of our senior class of 2023 with an acceptance for post-graduation programs! Keep up the good work!!

Khan Academy

Khan Academy is a great resource for your student to use in preparation for the SAT. Students are able to [link their College Board account with Khan Academy](#) for individualized practice. The program will create mini-lessons and quizzes for areas of weakness based on PSAT scores. The best part is the resource is free! Learn more about Khan Academy at khanacademy.org.

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



GET OUT AND VOTE ON MAY 2ND



Armada Area Schools Election Information

When is the election?

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after March 23, 2023 and can be cast through Election Day.

What is on the ballot?

There will be two proposals on the ballot. The first proposal is a \$26.5 million no tax-rate increase bond proposal designed to improve safety and update and renovate schools and educational facilities across the school district.

The second proposal seeks voter approval to re-establish a sinking fund to support small-scale, ongoing maintenance projects throughout the school district.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAY 2 NO TAX-RATE INCREASE BOND PROPOSAL

What are the major areas the bond will address?

Updates and improvements will be completed at all school facilities. Projects fall into four major categories:

- **Safety improvements**
Replacing door entry systems, re-keying doors, adding emergency generators, and creating secure entries.
- **Interior improvements to support the learning environment**
Updating HVAC systems (unit vents and temperature controls), updating bathrooms, replacing furniture, replacing select doors, replacing clock systems, updating lighting, and renovating locker rooms.
- **Exterior improvements to the facilities**
Repaving parking lots and bus loops, improving site drainage, replacing select exterior doors, and replacing select roofing.
- **Site work/Athletic improvements**
Renovating the athletic building to add concessions and bathrooms, adding press boxes at the varsity baseball field and stadium, resurfacing the track, adding synthetic turf, creating a practice field for the Marching Band, and installing a scoreboard at the JV softball field.

How were the bond proposal projects identified?

As part of the Armada Area Schools' strategic plan, school administrators worked with architectural and construction management specialists to identify short- and long-term facility needs. The list of projects was prioritized, and the final list was developed.

Will the bond provide for the installation of secure entrances at all schools?

In 2015, secure entrances were created at Krause Elementary School and Armada Middle School. The May 2nd bond proposal will provide secure entrances at Armada High School and the Academy.

Can any of the bond proposal funds be used for employee salaries or operating expenses?

No. Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries. They also cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses. Bond proposal funds must be used only for purposes specified in the ballot language, and as required by state law, they must be independently audited.



Vote May 2nd

How can approval of the bond proposal not raise the current tax rate?

Armada Area Schools will extend the current tax rate for the entirety of the bond. Hence, there will not be any tax-rate increase to complete the projects.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAY 2ND SINKING FUND PROPOSAL

What is a sinking fund?

A sinking fund is a pay-as-you-go method of funding upgrades and repairs to schools and school facilities.

The school district already has a sinking fund. Why isn't the sinking fund proposal a renewal?

Residents first approved the sinking fund in 2004 and renewed it in 2014. At that time, sinking funds could only be used to purchase real estate for sites and to construct or repair school buildings.

In 2016 the law changed, and now sinking funds can be used for the purchase of school property sites, the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, and the acquisition or upgrading of technology. Due to the change in the law, the Armada Area Schools must ask voters to approve the sinking fund with language that includes the allowable expense areas.

Even though the sinking fund ballot language calls for a .85 mill increase, it is the same amount that residents now pay. The length of the sinking fund proposal is ten years.

NO CHANGE IN THE TAX RATE. NONE!

Information about voting...

Who can vote in the May 2nd election?

Residents of Armada Area Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote can vote in this election.

Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, and absentee voting)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website (www.michigan.gov/vote) or call your local Clerk's Office.

Where can I get more information about the bond and sinking fund proposals?

- Go to www.armadaschools.org and click on *School Election Information*
- Call any Armada Area Schools Principal
- Contact Superintendent of Schools Michael Musary at (586) 784-2112 or email him at mmusary@armadaschools.org.

Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think about the Armada Area Schools' bond and sinking fund proposals.

Scan the QR code or go to www.research.net/t/ArmadaAreaSchools to take a brief survey.



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No Tax-rate Increase Bond Proposal - Sinking Fund

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ARMADA ART & DESIGN

Spring 2023 Show

ARMADA HIGH SCHOOL LOBBY

Show times correspond with the production of
"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" below...

Opening Night - Friday, March 3rd, 6:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday, March 4th, 6:00 - 9:00pm

Sunday, March 5th, 1:00 - 4:00pm

ART WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE THROUGH MARCH 9TH!



Cash and checks made payable to Armada High School accepted.
A portion of the sales will support the efforts of future
art shows, art classes and an art scholarship fund.
Sold work available for pick up after March 13th.

ART WORK BY SHARLEEN M.
COREY DESIGN BY BRITNEY C.

The Complete Works
of William Shakespeare
(abridged)

Tiger Theatre Presents

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield
New revisions by Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield

March 3 | 7 PM
March 4 | 7 PM
March 5 | 2 PM

Armada High School Theater
23655 Armada Center Road
Armada, MI 48005

Advanced tickets at
www.showtix4u.com

FIGHTING PI LOOK TO MAKE THEIR MOVE

The Fighting Pi Robotics Team will have their two District Competitions in March. They will compete at Kettering University on March 10-11 and at Troy Athens High School on March 25-26. Events are free for the public to attend if anyone wants to come see them in action. Depending on how the team performs at these events, they will hopefully be invited to the State Championship at SVSU and the FIRST Robotics Championship in Houston, TX – both events taking place in April.



SYMPHONIC BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA MSBOA DISTRICT 16 FESTIVAL

WHEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 10:30AM

WHERE

**6319 COUNTY LINE ROAD
FAIR HAVEN, MI**

MORE INFORMATION


Band plays at 10:30 am and Orchestra plays at 1:30 pm.



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