



ARMADA

AREA SCHOOLS

District ROAR

Winter 2024

Armada High School Ranked #1 High School in Macomb County for 7th Consecutive Year



With our Senior Class of 2025 averaging 1024.8 on the Spring 2024 SAT, Armada High School continues to rank at the top of Macomb County in student achievement. The students' outstanding accomplishment highlights their hard work and dedication to their academic success.

The SAT is a college admissions test that assesses students' skills in reading, writing, and mathematics and is often cited as a strong indicator of student preparedness for higher education. We are very proud of the Class of 2025 for continuing the tradition of making Armada Area Schools top in Macomb County!

Armada Area Schools Ranks #1 in 9 of 20 M-STEP Categories



The Armada Area School District is once again celebrating our student achievement on the Spring 2024 M-STEP. M-STEP assessments are standardized assessments given annually at various grade levels and

are intended to measure students' skills in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

We are proud to announce that for the Spring 2024 testing, Armada Area Schools ranked #1 in 9 of 20 M-STEP categories. These results are a true testament to the Armada Area School District's commitment to fostering a nurturing environment and our ongoing efforts to ensure academic success for all. We congratulate all of our students for their hard work, discipline, and commitment to learning, and we thank them for showing all what it means to be an Armada Tiger!

| | English Language Arts | Math | Science | Social Studies |
|--------|-----------------------|------|---------|----------------|
| Grades | Rank | Rank | Rank | Rank |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | | |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | | |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Armada High School Receives Top Marks in State Accountability Rating

Each year the State of Michigan releases a "A School Accountability Index Report" where schools receive a ranking from 0-100 in specific categories. For the first time since the Index Rating has been utilized, Armada High School received a perfect score of 100 on the "Growth Index" and had a high overall index score of 96.58. These accountability rankings serve as an additional indicator that Armada High School continues the tradition of being a school of excellence.

To learn more about the "School Index," please visit mischooldata.org.

| Category | |
|--|-------------------|
| Overall Index | 96.58 |
| Support Category | Universal Support |
| Growth Index | 100 |
| Proficiency Index | 92.63 |
| Graduation Rate | 100 |
| English Language Learners Progress | n/a |
| School Quality and Student Success Index | 93.49 |
| Assessment Participation | 100 |

Corner

Superintendent's



Michael G. Musary, Ed.S.

Dear Community,

We are almost midway through another successfully school year. There has been significant progress on our \$26.5 million bond issue projects across the district (see more on page 5). The timeline for the remaining projects is as follows:

- Late 2024/Early 2025 Projects:
 - o New concession stand
 - o MA2S secured entrance
 - o Press Boxes (2) – stadium and varsity baseball field
 - o Softball field
 - o Building generators (3)
- Summer 2025 Projects:
 - o New H.S. offices
 - o Transportation parking lot
 - o M.S. projects – cafeteria expansion, locker room renovations, and new fitness room
 - o Renovate old athletic building
- 2025 Project:
 - o East wing of H.S. HVAC renovation
- 2026 Project:
 - o West wing of H.S. HVAC renovation

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is always open. Enjoy the holidays with your families.

Regards,

Michael G. Musary, Ed.S.

Armada High School is an AP Honor Roll School

Armada High School was named to the 2024 AP School Honor Roll! The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP program are delivering results and broadening access for students.

Schools can earn the Honor Roll recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing their school's college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness. The AP School Honor Roll offers four levels of distinction: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

Armada High School had 122 students who took at least one AP Exam in 2024 and 55.74% of students scored three or higher on at least one AP Exam which often equates to college credit.

During the 2023-2024 school year Armada High School offered 8 AP classes. This school year students were offered 12 different AP classes.



Armada High School Students Explore Manufacturing Careers



On October 3rd, 26 students from Armada High School had the exciting opportunity to explore the world of manufacturing as part of Manufacturing Day. The students visited two local businesses, Berg Tool and The Pond Guy, where they got a first hand look at the day-to-day operations of each company and learned about the diverse career opportunities available in the manufacturing sector.

District Recognitions

2023-24 Teachers of the Year



Orsola Curcuru - High School, Tiffany Slobodnik - Elementary School, & Kyle Bartels - Middle School



Teacher Retirements



Violet Fiddes
High School
Teacher

Armada Area Schools Receives National Recognition for Music Education Support for the Sixth Time.

We are excited to share that for the 6th time in the past 7 years, Armada Area Schools has been selected by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for qualifying as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the United States! We were one of only 21 school districts selected from across the state of Michigan, making this quite the accomplishment for our music department. Congratulations to every student, parent, teacher, and administrator involved with the AAS music department! Receiving this award is definitely a team effort.

The full list of BCME winners can be found here:
<https://www.nammfoundation.org/articles/bcme-2024-districts>

The NAMM Foundation uses a number of criteria including percentage of participation in music classes in all grade levels K-12, availability of Band, Choir, Orchestra, and General Music offerings to all students in grades K-12, qualifications of the music teachers within a school district, statewide festival participation and success, collaboration between music and other arts disciplines, involvement of the music program within community events, and many more.



Armada High School Seniors Inspire Young Readers Through Reading

One of the best parts of being part of the Armada community is the close-knit relationship between the schools, which allows for unique opportunities for collaboration. Last week, students from Mr. Becker's Senior English class took a step toward helping shape the future of Armada by visiting Krause Elementary and reading to the Kindergarten class of Mrs. Parenteau.

The event, aimed at fostering a love for literacy, was designed to help the young Tigers get excited about reading. The high school seniors, many of whom have been part of the Armada school system since kindergarten, enjoyed the opportunity to give back and share their passion for books with the next generation of students.



Athletic Highlights

Varsity Football



Best Armada High School football team in school history with 10-2 record.
MHSAA Division 5 District Champions - First District title ever!
Macomb County Football Team of the Year.



Football Coach Kyle Rowley
Macomb County Football Coach of the Year
Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Week

Equestrian Team



Regional Champions and fourth place at State Finals
Pictured left to right: Ashley Goretski, Erika Goretski, Aubrey Alcini, Grace Clark, & Hannah Duncan

Cross Country



Three student-athletes qualify for MHSAA Division 2 State Finals
Pictured left to right, Abigail Denoyer, Robert Carrigan & Brooklyn Khon

Boys' Tennis



BWAC Champions and MHSAA Division 4 State Qualifiers.
Coach Lisa Langtry - BWAC Coach of the Year

Girls' Cross Country



BWAC Champions
Coach Rob Blume - BWAC Coach of the Year

Bond Update

We are excited to share that construction projects are well underway across the district, with progress being made on numerous initiatives. Several projects have already been completed, and new ones are beginning to take shape.

Behind the scenes, we've successfully replaced the water softeners at the Administrative/Academy Building, Middle School, and Krause Elementary School. Ongoing work to enhance safety and security includes the replacement of doors and hardware across all district buildings, with this project nearing completion.

Significant upgrades have been made to our athletic facilities, including the installation of turf on the softball field and soccer/football field, resurfacing of the track, installation of new discus and shot put pads, and the transformation of the old tennis courts into a dedicated marching band practice area.

We've also expanded and reconfigured the Elementary School parking lot to improve traffic flow, making drop-offs and pick-ups more efficient.

Looking ahead, a number of exciting projects are on the horizon. A new concession stand, restrooms, and press box are being built at the football/soccer field. Our backup generators have arrived, and the concrete pads for them have already been poured. Construction is also underway on a new entrance to the high school, and during this time, the athletic entrance will serve as the main entrance for visitors.

We're excited about the improvements taking shape and look forward to seeing these projects completed in the near future!



New turf football/soccer field & resurfaced track



New turf softball field



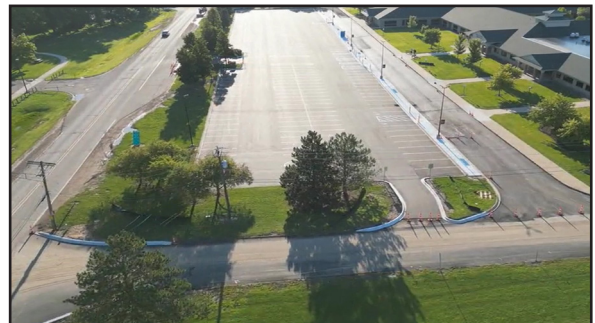
Discus and shot put pads



New concession stand and restrooms



Marching band practice area



Expanded & reconfigured elementary school parking lot



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Memorial Golf Classic such a success!



1st Place Winners: E. Wood, B.P. Klein,
C. Burmann, L. Heaters



Staff Challenge Winner:
Middle School: C. Mizuki,
J. King, J. Khon (not pictured)



Alumni Challenge Winner: 1990s Classes

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www.armadaschools.org

2024-2025 School Calendar

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Aug. 21 & 22 | Teacher Professional Development - No Students |
| Aug. 26 | School begins (Half day all students) |
| Aug. 30 | No School |
| Sept. 2 | No School |
| Sept. 27 | 1/2 Day All Students - Teacher PLC |
| Oct. 9 | Conferences |
| Oct. 10 | Conferences |
| Oct. 11 | No School - Teacher Professional Development |
| Oct. 31 | ½ day all students - Teacher PLC |
| Nov. 5 | No School - Teacher Professional Development |
| Nov. 21-22 | ½ day all students High School exams & records Middle School & Elementary records |
| Nov. 25 | No School - Thanksgiving Recess Begins |
| Dec. 2 | School Resumes |
| Dec. 10 | ½ day all students - Teacher PLC |
| Dec. 23 | No School Winter Recess Begins |
| Jan. 6 | School Resumes |
| Jan. 20 | No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Teacher Professional Development |
| Feb. 7 | ½ day all students - Teacher PLC |
| Feb. 10 | No School - Teacher Professional Development |
| Feb. 17 & 18 | No School - Mid Winter Break |
| Feb. 19 | School Resumes |
| March 6 & 7 | ½ day all students High School exams & records Middle School and Elementary records |
| March 24-28 | Spring Break - No School |
| March 31 | School Resumes |
| April 4 | ½ day all students - Teacher PLC |
| April 18 | No School for Students and Staff |
| April 21 | No School - Teacher Professional Development |
| May 2 | 1/2 day all students - Teacher PLC |
| May 19 | 1/2 day all students - Teacher PLC |
| May 26 | No School - Memorial Day |
| June 4 & 5 | ½ day all students High School exams & records Middle School & Elementary records |
| June 5 | Last day of school |