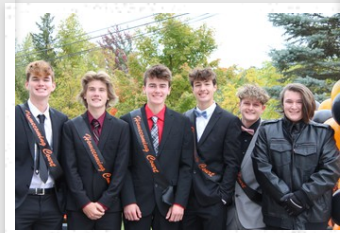


# Armada High School ~ November

— FALL FESTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT A GREAT TIME TO BE A TIGER —

## HOMECOMING

Armada High School celebrated Homecoming during the first full week of October. The week included a hallway decorating contest (won by the Junior class), a terrific parade through the community, a huge football victory against Almont, and was capped off by the dance on Saturday night. After several years of having modified events, it was great to get back to a traditional homecoming week at AHS. The energy and excitement from the students, staff, and community was felt by all who attended events.



## DECORATING DOWNTOWN

The AHS Art & Design students decorated the lamp posts in the Village on Main. Thank you to Tom Jusko from Juskos Greenhouse for donating and delivering all of the fall decorations! It is truly appreciated! Also, thanks to JPrint Sign and Design for the awesome signage and delivery and to Tigers Den Café for allowing us to pit stop, cool off and recharge!



## ARMADA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MANUFACTURING DAY

Armada High School students participated in Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) on October 4 and 5, visiting TK Mold and Engineering and Daiek Woodworking - both in Romeo. Students were provided an overview of the type of work the companies produce along with a detailed tour of their facilities. Employees interacted with the students and demonstrated many machines they do in creating molds for automotive and other industries at TK Mold and Engineering, and customized doors and woodworking at Daiek Woodworks. The students were able to discover the many inputs of their business organizations and opportunities for careers in manufacturing. Both companies had friendly employees and offered nice hospitality. We thank TK Mold and Engineering and Daiek Woodworks for their time and efforts and look forward to working with them in the future.



## TIGER CULINARY CREW VISITS LITTLE CAESARS ARENA

On October 11th, 24 Culinary students traveled to Little Caesars arena where the Michigan Restaurant and lodging association (MRLAEF) proudly hosted "Made in Michigan: Building you epicurean career symposium, a one-day event for Pro-start students to explore opportunities in the hospitality industry and learn firsthand from industry employees.

Throughout the day students rotated through various stages of the food and beverage operations within the Arena, learning about operations from hot dog stands to Elite suites. A major highlight was the tour of the facilities where armada attendees got to experience the magic of two legendary sports teams in the heart of Detroit.

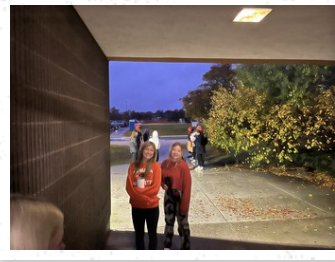


## TIGERS UNITE

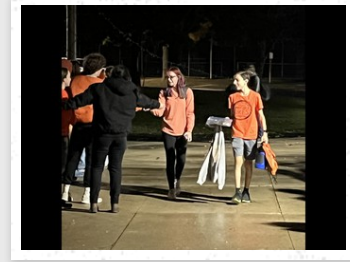
The Counseling Department teamed up with the National Honor Society and celebrated Unity Day on Wednesday, October 19th district-wide. Unity Day is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. This is a day where our community came together in one giant, ORANGE message of hope and support. The vibrant statement showed support for students who have been bullied and for bullying prevention. This was a student-led event with posters, announcements, lots of candy, and plenty of support at all three buildings in our district! Wearing orange was a visible representation of the supportive, universal message that our society wants to prevent bullying, and is united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.



## AHS STAFF



## A SMILE TO START YOUR DAY



## INFECTIOUS ENERGY AND POSITIVITY

## ARMADA WELCOMES NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Armada Area Schools has welcomed back a past graduate as the newly hired Athletic Director. Mr. Tyler Phillips, Armada Class of 2015, was hired as the new AD in mid October and has big plans for the districts Athletics programs. Mr. Phillips joins the district after earning his Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Bowling Green University and the University of Oklahoma, where he also excelled as a student Athlete. Mr. Phillips states that his vision for Armada Athletics is " To create a safe and competitive environment where every athlete can be the best version of themselves."



## TIGER TENNIS FINISHES STRONG

The Armada Boys' Varsity Tennis Team wrapped up a fantastic season by playing in the MHSAA Division 4 State Finals in Kalamazoo. 26-teams were playing at State. Your Armada tennis team, winning 11 points, finished 8th out of those 26-teams that qualified for this year's D4 State Finals.

1st singles, Nolan Hill defeated a player from Paw Paw, before losing to the #3 seed from Travers City St. Francis. Nolan won one point for his team.

2nd singles, Parker Westfall, won two matches. Parker's 1st win was against Midland Bullock Creek, his second victory was against Grosse Ile. In his 3rd match, Parker lost to the #1 seed from Travers City St. Francis. Parker won 2 points for his team

3rd singles, Jim Burns had a bye, then defeated Kalamazoo's Hackett Catholic Prep before losing to the #1 seed from Travers City St. Francis. Jim won 2 points for his team.

4th singles, Jaret Hill 1st win was a player from Paw Paw, his second win was against West Frankel Jewish Academy, and then in his 3rd match of the day, Jaret lost to the #1 seed from Allegan. Jaret won 2 points for his team.

1st doubles, Colton Smith and Jack Davis defeated a team from Portland before losing to the #1 seed Travers City St. Francis. Colton and Jack won 1 point for their team.

2nd doubles, Ty Vanlerberghe and Jacob Meerschaert defeated a team from Goodrich before losing to the #1 seed from Travers City St. Francis. Ty and Jacob won one point for their team.

3rd doubles, Drew Blake and Jacob Dean had a bye. In their 1st match they defeated Three Rivers before losing to the #2 seeded team from Big Rapids. Drew and Jacob won 2 points for their team.

4th doubles, Nathan Merzlake and Colten Germundson, in their first match lost in a tough 3-set match against Lansing Catholic.

This was 1st time for the Armada boys' tennis team at the state finals since 2015, and their 1st top ten finish at state since 2012. A top ten finish at state, what a way to finish their season!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Senior, **Madison Capozzo** and Junior, **Devin Abu-Joudeh** for being selected as October's Student of the Month. Madison was recognized for her hard work and effort and for going above and beyond. Devin was recognized for his big heart, for his personal growth, and for being proactive about his learning.



## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Armada High School is making sure that it is stocked with great teachers for years to come. How are they doing it? They are growing their own, through the Teacher Cadet program, taught by Mr. Foster. Teacher Cadet is an elective class that primarily gives students exposure to multiple aspects in the teaching profession so that they can be more certain about whether or not they want to pursue a career as an educator.

Students research how to get a teaching certificate from different colleges, ask about "behind the scenes" of a teacher's world (like "What REALLY happens in the teacher's lounge?"), and examine some finer points of teaching (like, "How much do coaches get paid?"). Also, students learn the college level Michigan Core Teaching Practices (explaining ideas, designing lessons, and building relationships) and then teach their classmates lessons that show understanding of these "teacher skills." Perhaps the most fun aspect of the class is observations. Twice a week, students travel to Krause to interact with elementary students. In these placements, Teacher Cadets work with small groups of kids, tutor individual students, and assist mentor teachers with classroom activities. In addition, for the first time in AHS history, there will be a Teacher Cadet 2 class (third trimester) where students will dig deeper into teacher skills and have expanded opportunities to continue their teacher journey. It's good to know that the future is being cultivated right now in the halls of Armada High School.

Below: Senior Hannah Miller works with a student at Krause Elementary School





# THE COUNSELORS CORNER

## College Visits

There are a few colleges that have visits coming up for interested students. For more information or to sign up check out the Senior BAND or click [here](#).

10/31 - Grand Valley State University - Onsite only

11/3 - Ferris State University - Visit and Onsite

11/4 - Douglas J Aveda

11/8 - Paul Mitchell

11/8 - Albion College

## GOING PLACES

The Counseling Department will be running the newly improved GOING PLACES program again this year. Seniors, as you start to get letters of acceptance from your post-secondary college, trade school, job, or military, please bring your letter to the counseling office. Our first classroom visit with shirts and raffle drawing will be in November. Currently, we have **43.13%** of our senior class of 2023 with an acceptance for post-graduation programs! Keep up the good work!!

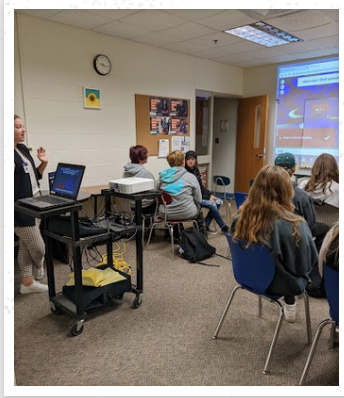
We will have drawings in the months of October, November, and December to award prizes to students who provide us with documentation of their achievements. At this time, we will also deliver the Going Places t-shirts to students who have provided us with proof of their post-secondary plans!

## **FAFSA**

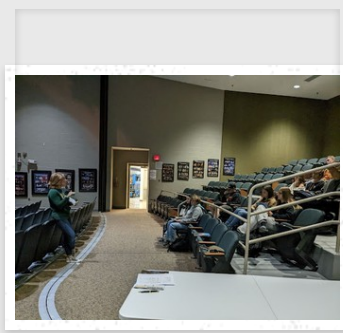
The 2022-2023 [FAFSA](#) form is now available. It is highly recommended that this gets filled out ASAP! [Here](#) is a resource to help students and parents understand everything there is to know about the FAFSA. The FAFSA is often required to qualify for different scholarships.

The Counseling Department hosted a Financial Aid Workshop this month that was maxed out for attendance! A financial aid expert from Michigan Technological University presented on the financial aid process and worked with students and families as they completed the FAFSA.

Additionally, students who bring in proof that their FAFSA has been completed will be entered into the monthly drawings. We do not want any personal information - just showing us the congratulatory email on completing the FAFSA is enough!



## COLLEGE VISIT



## MORE COLLEGE VISITS



## FAFSA INFORMATION NIGHT

## COMING SOON

November 1st- 9th grade vision screening

November 11th-13th - Fall Play and Art Show

November 17th - Exams 1-3 Half Day

November 18th - Exams 4-6 Half Day

November 21st and 22nd - No School- Teacher PD

## NOVEMBER 8TH – ELECTION DAY

Armada Area Schools November 8, 2022 Bond and Millage Proposals (3) All three proposals are not expected to increase the tax rate

1) 18 mills for non-homestead property renewal: This millage has been in place since 1994 with the passage of Proposal A. All school districts have this millage in order to receive the allowed per pupil funding amount. This would be a ten-year renewal from 1/1/25 through 12/31/34.

2) 0.85 mills for the sinking fund. The district has had a sinking fund millage for the past 18 years. The purpose of this millage has been to allow construction and repair of school buildings and sites. New rules will also allow for technology and safety items. This would be a ten-year millage from 1/1/25 through 12/31/34.

3) New \$26.5 million bond issue. If approved, this bond issue is not expected to increase the tax rate and would keep the current debt mills at 7.0. The proceeds from this bond issue would be used to:

- a. Elementary School i. Expand the main parking lot to the east ii. Repave the bus loop iii. Repave drive in front of school and Tiger Tracks loop behind the school iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture v. Replace stage curtain vi. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and add emergency generator vii. Replace exterior entry doors and rekey all doors viii. Install gutters/downspouts at valleys

- b. Middle School i. Expand the cafeteria into an adjacent space ii. Renovate the gym locker rooms iii. Renovate the stage area to become a new fitness room iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture v. Replace select interior doors and rekey all doors vi. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and add emergency generator vii. Replace clock system viii. Replace select roofing
- c. MA2S & Administrative Building i. Create a secure main entrance at MA2S ii. Replace exterior door and rekey all doors iii. Updates to the HVAC and plumbing systems iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture v. Replace select roofing
- d. High School i. Build new main entrance offices and security entrance ii. Replace select exterior and interior doors and rekey all doors iii. Replace boiler system iv. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and new emergency generator v. Replace foyer flooring vi. Purchase new student and staff furniture vii. Replace clock system viii. New athletic concession stand and bathroom building ix. Renovate old athletic/concession building x. Install synthetic football/soccer turf at stadium xi. Install synthetic softball turf xii. Resurface the running track xiii. Demo six old tennis courts xiv. Additional fencing and paving work xv. New JV softball scoreboard, varsity baseball press box, and stadium press box xvi. Replace select roofing
- e. Transportation and Maintenance Departments i. Widen the bus drive ii. Repave the transportation parking lot iii. Replace the north transportation gate iv. Add lighting to the bus drive v. Build an additional maintenance storage space vi. Purchase nine new buses




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