

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR #DECATURPROUD COMMUNITY!



K-12 students are invited to register at their future school on:

Wednesday, July 13
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday, July 14
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 16
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Justin Dixson Named School District's Athletic Director

We are proud to announce that Justin Dixson, a 2002 DCHS graduate, will take over as Athletic Director of MSD of Decatur Township Schools on July 1, 2016. Mr. Dixson joined the Decatur Township community as a social studies teacher and head football coach in 2009. In seven seasons as head coach, he compiled a 42-30 record, led the Hawks to two Mid-State Conference Football championships in 2011 and 2014, and was named Marion County Coach of the Year in 2015. "I've always had a passion for teaching and sports. My grandfather was an educator here and I'm a lifelong resident of Decatur Township and had some terrific teachers and coaches growing up," says Dixson.

A father of two young sons, Dixson says there's nowhere else he'd rather have his kids go to school. "I'm excited for my sons to become Hawks and be part of the great programs here in the schools of Decatur Township. The relationships administrators, teachers, and counselors build with the students make the kids feel welcome and taken care of."



Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates of Decatur Central High School and Decatur Township School for Excellence!

Message from the Superintendent:

Welcome to the MSD of Decatur Township Newsletter! As a valued member of our community, this resource is dedicated to keeping you informed and involved with our school corporation while showcasing the many remarkable individuals within it. Here at Decatur Township Schools, we believe in providing an educational experience to nurture, guide and encourage our students to create the quality life they each deserve. Together, we are **#DecaturPROUD!** - Dr. Matthew Prusiecki





DCHS Natatorium Open to Public This Summer

Join us this summer at the Decatur Township Natatorium, located at the DCHS campus, for open swim, water aerobics and swim lessons!

Open Swim: 12-3 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri., June 6 - July 22

Water Aerobics: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Tue. & Thurs., June 14 - July 7

For more information, contact:
Curtis Cox, Aquatics Director
Email: cjcox@msddecatur.k12.in.us
Phone: 317-856-2120 ext. 28006

SUMMER EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

3D Printing & Design Camp

What: Students will learn the design process, basic circuit building skills and measurements, design and 3D print original creations, and so much more!

Who: All 3rd-10th graders

When:
Grades 3-5: June 6 - June 10
Grades 6-10: June 26 - July 1

Where: DCHS

Price: \$225 (scholarships available)

Learn more or register online at
1stmakerspace.com

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

2016 Graduate Jonathan Bradway

As his 13 years in the Decatur Township school system come to an end, 2016 DCHS graduate Jonathan Bradway looks back at his journey with a smile. A member of the school marching, jazz and concert bands, the robotics team, an ACE mentor, and a student who enrolled in seven AP classes his final year, Bradway took advantage of the many great opportunities Decatur Township Schools provides its students. He's proud of his many accomplishments and is quick to point out that many of his teachers helped get him to where he is today. "All of the teachers I've had have done their absolute best to make sure I'm in a place I need to be to get where I'm going. I haven't had a teacher who hasn't cared about me as a student and as a person," says Bradway.

He'll attend Purdue University in the fall to study mechanical engineering, and feels prepared for his next step thanks to his DCHS learning community, New Tech, where he used computers and new technology every day. "One of my favorite classes was Engineering Design and Development where we got to build go-karts from the ground up, reverse engineer some of the parts, do 3D printing and everything we needed to get done we could do in the lab," says Bradway. "There are some really cool things our teachers let us do that other schools don't."

Though he is excited for his next journey, he admits there's a lot he'll miss. Says Bradway, "I'm going to miss the input from my teachers and the opportunities I've had. My advice for incoming students is to try your hardest, because there's not a teacher here that's going to let you fail."

STAY CONNECTED:

Visit decaturlproud.org for the latest updates and scheduled events.



SUMMER SERVINGS SITES

Decatur Township Schools will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program. On weekdays from June 6 to July 15, meals will be provided to children 18 and under, and adults over 18 who are enrolled in a state-approved educational program for mentally or physically disabled. All other persons who are 18 or older are welcome to eat for \$2.00.

LOCATIONS

Stephen Decatur Elementary

11:00-12:30

Decatur High School Campus

10:30-12:30

Canterbury House Apartments

11:00-12:00

Heartland Crossing – Central Park

11:00-12:00

Troy Manor

12:30-1:30

Valley Brook – Clubhouse

11:00-11:30

Valley Brook – Pool

11:45-12:15*

Lynhurst Park Apartments

12:30-1:30

River Run Villas

12:45-1:30*

River Run Bluffs

11:45-12:30*

Decatur Hardware

11:00-11:30*

For more information regarding the Summer Food Service Program, contact: Becky Batz | 317.856.5265

Why we're #DECATURPROUD:

Congratulations to some of our 2015-2016 award winners:

Rachel Slagle - MSD of Decatur Township Teacher of the Year

George Monday - MSD of Decatur Township Support Staff of the Year

Olivia Thomas, Jordan Holliday, Trent Barbee - Going Green Eco Science Fair Winners

Adriana Carmona - Citizens Energy Poster Contest Winner



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Susan Strube

As the principal of the arts-based elementary school West Newton, Susan Strube has helped develop a culture of encouragement and individuality. With 28 years in education and having sent two daughters through the MSD of Decatur Township school system,

Strube knows the importance of leading with compassion and care. "I tell all my parents at the beginning of the year that I'm always looking

through my principal lens—and also as a mom—way down the road. We always want to make sure students are emotionally and socially prepared for the next grade level, in addition to academically. We're always looking at how this will impact students throughout their career and beyond," said Strube.

West Newton offers a unique learning framework primarily focused on visual arts, drama and music, with an emphasis on

reading, writing, speaking and listening, and helps students develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. But what sets West Newton apart from other schools outside of MSD of Decatur Township district isn't its incorporation of the latest

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technology or test scores—it's the desire to celebrate each student and help them find their path. Strube's favorite event called Tiger

Time does just this. "Tiger Time is all about the kids. We honor students of the month, give out awards and are always looking for ways to recognize students for the things they do," said Strube. From getting to eat lunch with the principal, to bookstore coupons, and even having Staff vs. Students dodgeball games, everyone has the opportunity to be rewarded for their positive contributions. By helping students set goals and talking about them with their parents,



West Newton is always encouraging students to grow, learn and achieve.

As for Strube, there isn't anywhere else she would rather be. "I really want to take care of this corner of the world. I live in this community and there's a reason I built my house here. I get to see what these kids are becoming. And that's the number one thing, that when a kid walks through our doors, they know they are loved and that this is a great school for them."



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