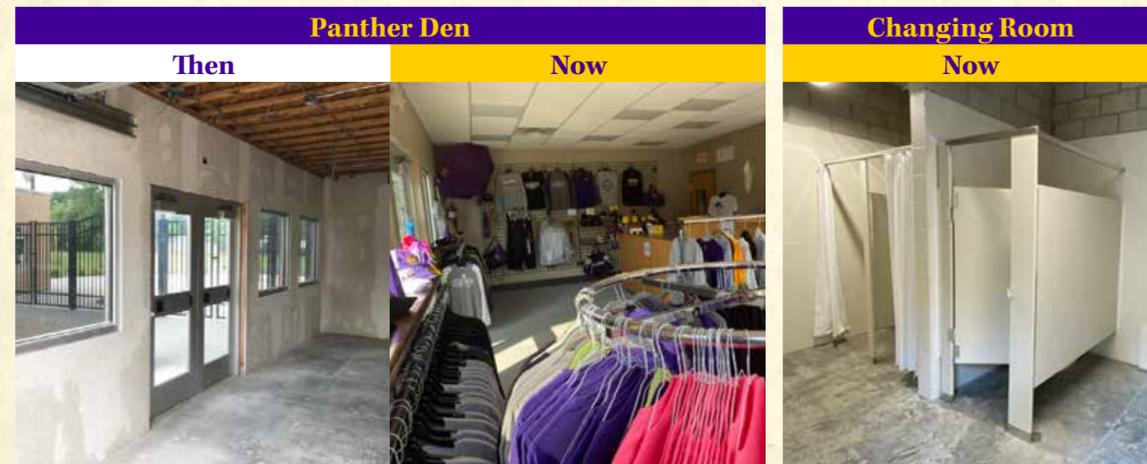
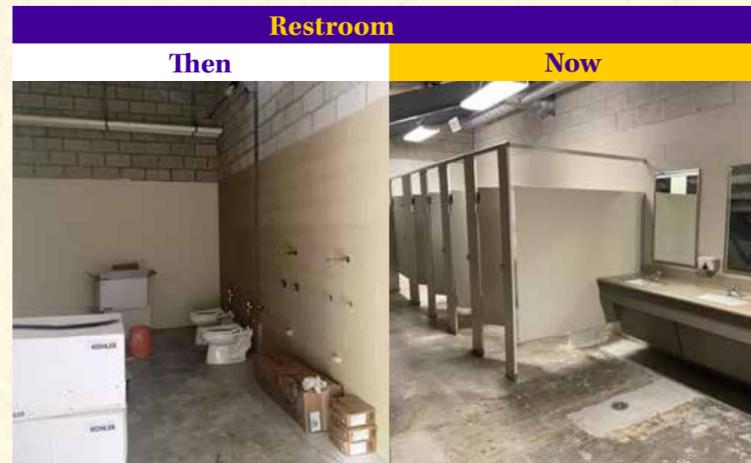


Then and Now – Kazmaier Stadium Update

After encountering a few road blocks related to deterioration of underground utilities, Maumee City Schools, with support from the Panther Pride Foundation and some enthusiastic volunteers, was able to move forward with Phase 2 of the Kazmaier Stadium renovation project.

Here are just a few photos to highlight the improvements.

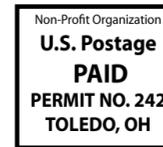


THANK YOU To the Panther Den Renovation Volunteers

Many hours of hard work went into cleaning and setting up the Panther Den athletics store. With grateful appreciation, we say thank you to the following volunteers (L to R): Chris Wedge, Ashley Zale-Karrick, Michelle Fairchild, Susan Crawford, Brian Zattau, Rob Fairchild, Holly Farthing, Mike Dick, Bruce Robinson, Jim Sechler, Cori Wagner, Scott Perrotte, Jason Wagner and Matt Dick (not pictured: Rick Pickard)



To Proud Maumee High School Alumni



The ELLA GRAHAM MOORE Alumni NEWSLETTER

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The Panther Pride Foundation in the COVID Era

Panther Family,

Even in this time of uncertainty, the Panther Pride Foundation remains a viable and powerful force in addressing the needs in academics, athletics, and arts at Maumee High School. Improvement and enhancement projects are still underway to make the scholastic experience of current and future Panthers as complete as possible. Things may look a little different now as the PPF is currently without a director, but the PPF board - under the leadership of Mr. Mark Karchner (MHS '79), president - is still planning events, funding projects, and reaching out to Panther alumni, families, and business partners. We ask that our generous contributors, those who bleed "Purple and Gold", continue to engage and support the mission of the Panther Pride Foundation as we move forward.

Thank you!

Mr. Matt Dick
Maumee High School Principal
Panther Pride Foundation Board Member

The Happenings at Maumee High School

The 20-21 school year has started much the same way that the 19-20 school year ended. School definitely does not look the same during COVID. Our students completed the last 25% of the 19-20 school year in a remote fashion. We started the 20-21 school year remotely as well but have returned to 5-day per week, face-to-face instruction. Maumee High School had more success than most of our peer high schools with the virtual learning platform as our students are 1:1 with chromebook technology and our experienced, dedicated teachers were able to quickly adjust to this instructional modality. As a result, we were able to attain a 98.3% graduation rate for the Class of 2020 - one of the highest graduation rates in Northwest Ohio! On the down side, our seniors had to forgo the end-of-the-school-year festivities that so many previous generations of Panthers were able to enjoy. No spring sports, no spring clubs or activities, no prom, no awards banquets, and no celebration of graduation with the entire Class of 2020 and their families. We were able to conduct a graduation ceremony that was individualized and live-streamed to the community. It took 8 hours to complete but each student was able to have their accomplishment recognized.

The 20-21 school year has started in a similar fashion. While we are participating in fall sports, it is in a much reduced capacity and the homecoming dance was cancelled. The Maumee Community came together, however, to provide the students with some ways to celebrate homecoming this year. The Maumee Indoor Theater hosted two private showings for Maumee students and their homecoming guests. These movies are free as was the pop and popcorn thanks to a generous donation from Maumee's Substance Abuse Intervention League. The Maumee Chamber of Commerce reached out to their membership and many restaurants stepped up to provide guaranteed reservations and dining discounts for homecoming groups. Mr. Sean Walker, a local photographer, took free portraits of homecoming groups at Side Cut Metropark and Timbers Bowling Lanes reserved lanes for students on Saturday night. This is one of the many things that makes Maumee a special place to live. We rally around and support our Panther Family.

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Athletic Hall of Fame, Hall of Excellence &
Contribution & Distinguished Alumnus Award



Recognizing the MHS Class of 2020

As we begin the 2020-21 school year, it is good to pause for a moment to recognize the Class of 2020. For so many reasons, this MHS graduating class is like no other. They lost many of the "rights of passage" that each of us enjoyed our senior year, but they overcame every obstacle the global pandemic put in their path with perseverance and dignity. They graduated prepared to advocate for what they believe is right and they are ready to make a positive impact on the world beyond the walls of MHS. From birth, these young people have had access to the internet which provided them with unparalleled access to pop culture, news, and perspectives from across the globe. Each one has a role to play in shaping the future of our community, state, nation, and beyond. Congratulations to the Maumee High School Class of 2020!



How to Support Panther Pride Foundation

Each year Maumee City Schools asks these principal questions:

- ▶ How do we provide an **exceptional experience** for every student?
- ▶ Does our work **engage, inspire and empower** each one of our students?

Unfortunately, success cannot be achieved solely by using funds provided by property taxes and state of Ohio funding. The numbers just do not add up.

The Foundation supports our students' needs in the areas of **academics, arts, and athletics.**

Our students need our support today.

PLEASE GIVE!

<http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us/pantherpridefoundation/index.php>



COVID-19 Ask and Donations

To date, the Panther Pride Foundation has collected approximately \$25,000 in donations to support the efforts to battle COVID in the Maumee Schools and help our students during the periods of remote learning. Donations can still be made to this effort.

You can simply send a check to:
Panther Pride Foundation
Maumee High School
1147 Saco St.
Maumee, OH. 43537
In the memo line, please write:
COVID-19 Relief Effort



Thank you to the family of Dennis “Denny” Hamernik (1948-2020, MHS ’66)



The Panther Pride Foundation is deeply humbled and would like to thank the family of Dennis “Denny” Hamernik

(MHS ’66) for making the PPF Kazmaier Stadium Renewal Fund the proud recipient of Denny’s memorial contributions. Maumee High School has lost a cherished member of our Panther Family, but Denny’s legacy, and the gift from his family keeps his spirit with us. From his obituary:

“Denny attended St. Joseph School of Maumee and Maumee High School graduating in 1966. He attended classes at Owens Community College. He was known as “Crazy Legs Hamernik” through high school, where he excelled at football, basketball, and track. He received many accolades and set several school records with his athletic accomplishments. He was on the 1965 basketball team that were District champions in the Ohio High School Athletic Association tournament. For many years, he coached youth football and baseball through the CYO program.” We are proud to call him a Panther and express our condolences to his family.

Class of ’21 Maumee High School Distinguished Alumni Inductees

The Panther Pride Foundation is pleased to recognize the following four MHS Distinguished Alumni members into the 2021 class:



Judith (Thompson) Barr, Sc.D., M.Ed. (MHS ’63)

Judith Barr is a Professor and the Director of the National Education & Research Center for Outcomes Assessment in Healthcare at the School of Pharmacy Northeastern University, Boston. She received a bachelor’s of science degree from Simmons College, a master’s in science education from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and a doctorate in health policy and evaluation from the Harvard School of Public Health. Judith is very active in civic and professional organizations and is a published scientific author.



Marshall B. Otwell (MHS ’62)

Marshall Otwell grew up in a musical family. After several years attending Princeton, Marshall headed to Los Angeles to establish himself as a performer. He has recorded albums and performed with many of the world’s best-know jazz musicians. In addition to playing music, Marshall spent many of his working years as a software developer, ascending the leadership ranks in a number of companies, retiring as President of his firm in 2006. Today, Marshall manages his own private musical consulting and performance business. Today he also is a jazz piano instructor at Cuesta College and lives in Los Osos, California with his wife Laura.



Jeremy Joan Hewes (MHS ’62)

Jeremy Hewes is a successful author, photographer, and exhibiting artist. She has authored, co-authored and illustrated for many artistic, business, and social service agency publications. She has been praised as the illustrating artist for a 100th-anniversary publication highlighting the San Francisco cable car and also for a publication titled “Redwoods.” Jeremy has a strong focus on supporting the arts community and environment. She earned degrees from Duke University (history) and the University of Michigan (American Studies) and currently lives in Sonoma County, CA.



William Patrick (Pat) Donnelly (MHS ’61)

Pat Donnelly graduated from Maumee High School as his class valedictorian. He received a commission to the U.S. Navy Academy and was a member of the Navy football and lacrosse teams. After graduation from the Academy, Pat deployed for two tours to serve in Viet Nam as a member of the Navy Mobile Construction Battalion. He earned a master’s degree in civil engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, studied at Oxford, and retired as a Navy Captain after 24 years. After retiring from the Navy, Pat worked in the building industry for many years. He was married to Missy Donnelly for 54 years and they lived in Bonita, CA. The Donnellys have three children.

Class of ’21 Maumee High School Hall of Fame Inductees



Benjamin “Bo” Waggoner (MHS ’07)

Bo Waggoner is the only four-time cross country champion in Northern Lakes League history. He finished 13th at the state meet his senior year at Maumee High School. Bo was truly a scholar-athlete and excelled in the classroom as well as the field of competition. Scholastically he was a National Merit Finalist. On the track and field team, Bo ran the 1600M and 3200M for the Panthers. He was the league champion all four years at both distances, advancing to State his last three years at MHS (finishing 8th, 9th, 2nd). At Duke University, Bo was on the All-ACC Academic Team for four years, was a two-time All-ACC Scholar/Athlete of the Year, and named as team MVP all four years. Bo earned degrees in Math & Computer Science at Duke. He lives in Boulder, Colorado.



George L. “Caith” Chapman, IV (MHS ’95)

Caith Chapman excelled in both academics and sports, especially basketball and baseball during his years as a Maumee Panther. In basketball, he was named 1st Team All-NLL in his sophomore and junior years, 2nd team All-District and honorable mention All-State his junior and senior years. As a baseball player, Caith received honorable mention All-League honors both junior and senior year. Caith attended Amherst College from 1995-99 and was a four-year member of the Amherst basketball team. He was a two-year collegiate starter and named team captain his senior year. Caith lives in Westlake, Texas.

Maumee High School Makerspace Updates

The Makerspace at Maumee High School continues to be a destination unto itself. The students love the freedom to work with the technology, 3-D printers, Virtual Imaging Tools, and other equipment that the Panther Pride Foundation has had a role in supporting.



Class of ’21 Maumee High School Hall of Excellence and Contribution Inductee



Mr. Larry Welch, Coach and Educator

Larry Welch was on staff at Maumee High School from 1969 to 1996. He taught biology and was extremely involved in the Maumee High School athletics program. Larry worked with the football athletic trainers, scouted for the basketball teams, coached basketball for seven seasons, was an assistant track coach for 27 years, and the track & field team’s head coach for one season. Larry coached five boys teams and three girls teams to an NLL championship. Larry was also named Maumee High School teacher of the year in 1992. He lives in Delta, Ohio.

Panther Pride Foundation Board Update

Current Board Members

- Fran Anderson (emeritus), MHS ’50
- Diane Balcerzak
- George Champman, MHS ’65
- Matt Dick
- Tom Dussel, MHS ’65
- Mark Karchner, MHS ’79
- Kim LaClair
- Lynn Olman, MHS ’65
- Matt Szyndler
- Jan Zimmerman
- Kristin Meyer
- Tony Wagener, MHS ’03
- Josh Culling, MHS ’03
- Chris Schwab, MHS ’94
- Eddie Campos
- Chad Baker, MHS ’91



New Student Representatives: Lexi Szyndler ’21, Karrie Karrenbauer ’21 and Maddie Kontak ’21 represent the student body on the Panther Pride Foundation providing the student voice.

Student Representatives

- Lexi Szyndler, MHS ’21
- Karrie Karrenbauer, MHS ’21
- Maddie Kontak, MHS ’21

For more Panther Pride Foundation information, please visit:

- www.maumee.k12.oh.us/pantherpridefoundation/index.php

Goals of the Panther Pride Foundation

- ▶ Ensure Maumee High School has the resources needed to educate the whole student.
- ▶ Inspire a lifelong love of learning and a commitment to serving the community.
- ▶ Stay competitive with other high schools in order to attract families to the community.
- ▶ Support local property values and quality of life.
- ▶ Provide an opportunity to give back.

Donate at
[www.maumee.k12.oh.us/
PantherPrideFoundation/index.php](http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us/PantherPrideFoundation/index.php)



Union School 1870-2020

Educating Generations of Maumee Children

Union School’s Sesquicentennial 1870 – 2020

Maumee City Schools will be celebrating Union School’s sesquicentennial with “150 + 1” events in 2021. The school district had planned an open house and activities linked with the 2020 Maumee Summer Fair weekend, but since that event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, calendar year 2021 will be the year we commemorate Union School’s milestone of educating generations of Maumee’s children. Watch for more information.

