

# PĪTĀCEMOW

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## MIHS Construction Update



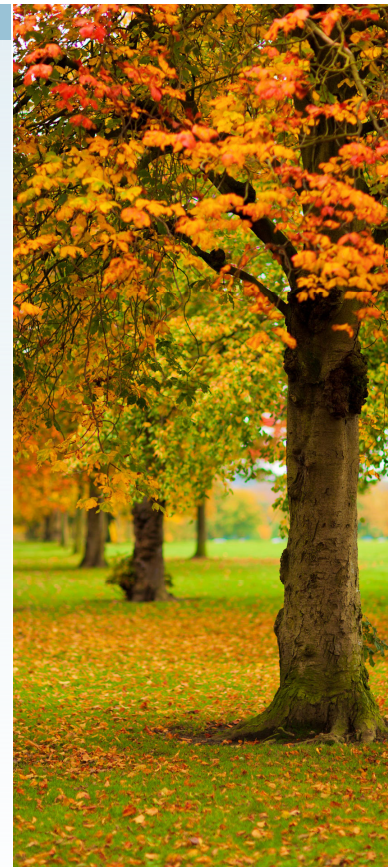
In late September, our project team went up in a boom lift to capture an aerial view of the site.

We are thrilled to share another exciting update on the progress that has been made at our new High School. Over the past month, the crew continues to assemble the structure of the building. Cranes were mobilized to set more than 50 precast panels to form the gymnasium, masons continued to work forming block walls

and slab on grade concrete pours have begun. Once the building perimeter is set, load bearing walls are constructed, utility connections are roughed-in and a concrete slab is poured as the foundation of the building. This complex work was carefully preplanned and sequenced with the goal of having the building enclosed by the end of the year. Before a shovel hit the ground, our construction team spent months carefully planning out the sequence and timing of the building to achieve the safest and most efficient outcome.

Another interesting outcome of the construction preplanning process is the prioritized creation of the stormwater retention pond early in construction. Design and building code dictates that the addition of impervious surfaces, or hard surfaces such as concrete, roof, asphalt, etc., requires the creation of a pond to manage stormwater, protect against flooding and serve as an artificial wetland.

It is estimated that this project will have over 400,000 square feet of impervious surface. The pond has been dug and appropriate piping has been laid, preparing for winter snowfall and the spring melt. Next spring when the snow melts, it will strategically drain into the pond to minimize or eliminate flooding onsite.



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### MISD VISION

Enriching the lives of  
our children through  
education





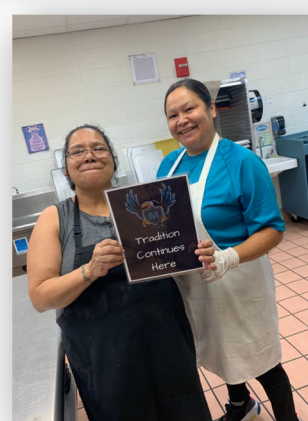
## First Day of School

School is back in session at MISD as students and staff returned to MIHS, MIMS and KPS for the start of the new year on September 5th. Students received schedules and got settled into their classrooms as they reconnected with their classmates after a long summer. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff who helped make the first day of school a success. We are excited about the year ahead and all the great opportunities it will bring!



### MIMS Picture Day

MIMS students – picture days are right around the corner! School pictures will take place on **Tuesday, October 3** with re-take day occurring on Thursday, November 16. Be ready to bring your best smile! □



# Prevention Before Intervention



Mental health in our schools is more serious than ever. A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction annual Risk Behavior Survey found in 2021 that more than one-third of students reported being depressed and over half of the students reported struggling with anxiety. Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, these numbers have been on the rise

and schools across the country have seen the impact mental health has on their students and within their communities.

At MISD, we have witnessed the effects of mental health on our students and families even before the pandemic. Our community and schools have worked to implement resources for students to seek help and find support. One of our most recent opportunities includes partnering with Menominee County to provide a social worker that will be in MIMS two days a week, being accessible on-site for students. With this partnership, we will also be able to provide a training course called Youth Mental Health First AID. This is a course that is built into our health curriculum to help students learn about mental health warning signs and different tactics to address mental health situations and conversations.

The need for mental health services within our school is crucial to our students' well-being, safety and overall success in the classroom. That's why we are supporting a prevention before intervention mindset. We want to give our students the resources they need to feel heard and supported before any escalation in their situations occur. We continue to encourage students to be willing to talk to school counselors and therapists. No matter how big or small you think the issue is, there is no harm in taking time to talk about it with someone who you trust. We also want to remind parents to talk about the problems of mental health at home with your children. Starting these conversations at home is one of the most important ways to connect with your children and what they might be struggling with. Together, we can fight this battle of mental health in our schools and help our students grow into the best versions of themselves.

## 13 Language Certificates Awarded

In the past few months, 13 language certifications have been earned by MISD teachers and community leaders. That is quite impressive! We would like to say Waewaenen (thank you) for valuing the preservation of our language, traditions, history and culture.

And we also want to say Waewaenen for helping future generations carry on our language.

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1	2 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	17	18	19 Teacher Work Day	20 No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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