The 2017-18 school year has concluded and graduation celebrations are in full swing! Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and kudos to students and staff on the many accomplishments throughout the course of the school year. Below is a compilation of some of the great things that happened at Marcellus Community Schools this past school year.

- Marcellus High School was named a U.S. News and World Report Best High School for 2018.
- Marcellus Elementary was recognized as an "Outperforming School" by the Reading Now Network.
- Marcellus High School Marching Band earned a #1 rating at Festival.
- The Marcellus Class of 2018 was offered over a million dollars in scholarship & grant money.
- Marcellus Community Schools earned an Education Excellence Award from the SET SEG Foundation and the Michigan Association of School Boards.
- The MHS Quiz Bowl team won first place in the local tournament and advanced to state competition at Michigan State University.
- Marcellus Elementary was recognized by Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Support Initiative (MIBLSI) for strong outcomes on meeting the needs of every learner through Multi Systems of Support (MTSS).
- Marcellus Early College enrolled the first cohort of students.
- Marcellus High School's Digital Multimedia Production program was one of only eighteen career technical programs in the state selected to participate in the prestigious CTE Showcase held at the Capitol building in Lansing**.**
- The Marcellus Marching Band traveled to Florida and marched at Disney World.
- The girls basketball team earned All-State Team Academic Honorable Mention for the 3rd year in a row.
- The boys' basketball team, girls' volleyball team and girls' track team earned All State Team Academic honors.
- The boys' track team won the MHSAA Regional Track Championship and qualified for state competition. The girls' track team also qualified for state.
- The Ladycats Varsity Softball team won Districts for first time in 18 years.
- Thirteen Scholar Athletes were recognized in the SW 10- the most of all the conference schools.
- The third annual Marcellus Elementary Swim Camp was held for 3rd graders.
- Nine Marcellus High School students were honored as Outstanding CTE students at the Lewis Cass Intermediate School District's reception.
- Volinia Outcomes School established a Leo Club, participated in Dinner in the Dark and the Adopt a Highway program.
- Marcellus Community Schools hosted the first Community Expo in conjunction with the annual K-12 Student Showcase. Over twenty local institutions, nonprofits and businesses participated.
- A new display featuring the first cohort of Academic Hall of Fame inductees was unveiled.
- ABC 57 *Cool Schools* featured the high school Digital Multimedia class and ABC 57 *Made in Michiana* showcased Volinia Maple. WWMT aired a feature story on senior baseball player Trent Henry.
- All Marcellus freshmen were offered CPR training.
- The elementary school held its 12th Annual Veteran's Day Assembly, with forty-nine area veterans honored.
- Sixteen boys and girls track athletes qualified for the MHSAA Division 4 State Individual Track Championship Meet. Derek Flory won his second consecutive State championship in the 300 hurdles.

- Melissa Steinkraus, Amy Steinkraus, Rebecca Swartz and Madleen Hass earned track individual Academic All State recognition.
- Senior Ash Stokes took 4th place at the MHSAA State Individual Wrestling Championship. Stokes qualified for the state competition for the last four years.
- Seniors Grace Mihills and Ellie Holmes earned volleyball individual Academic All State.
- Senior Eli Robinson was named BCAM's Best of the Best Honorable Mention for Class C and for Individual Academic All State.
- Senior Morgan Hartline was one of only 12 Class C females to be named a MHSAA Scholar Athlete finalist.
- Junior Emma Pachay earned Cross Country Academic All- State Honors for the last two years**.**
- The first annual Patriot Games honoring local veterans were hosted by Marcellus and the SW10 Conference.
- Five Marcellus seniors were honored for academic excellence at a Southwest 10 Conference banquet.
- The Marcellus Band Program, thanks to Curt and Paula Johnson, was the recipient of a $2500 gift from America's Farmers Grow Communities.
- Teachers Tanya Lillie, Amy Monroe, Volinia Director Amy Anderson, Superintendent Nanette Pauley and elementary principal Mindy Bohan all won grants to support student programs.
- Student clubs and organizations contributed to charitable organizations and causes throughout the school year, including the American Diabetes Foundation, Michigan State Police Detective Aaron Steensma and the Marcellus Food Pantry.

There are many more accomplishments that could be added to this compilation, including individual students who earned accolades for academic, band and/or athletic achievements throughout the school year. I am proud of all the great things happening in Marcellus! My sincere thanks to the faculty and staff, students, parents, community and to our outstanding volunteers for making 2017-18 an outstanding school year. Great things are happening at Marcellus Community Schools!