

Student Achievements

- **612** students (**88%**) were present on our honor roll from the **first marking** period.
- **587** students (**84%**) were present on our honor roll from the **second marking** period.
- **2** middle school students currently attend the high school for honors language classes. **10** middle school students currently attend the high school for honors math.
- **217** students are currently taking Honors English Language Arts, while **215** students are currently enrolled in advanced mathematics.

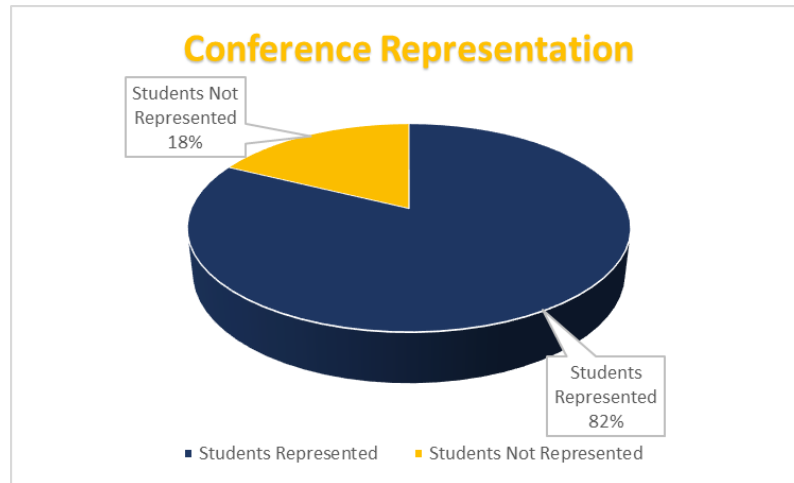
Student Activities (Athletic, Drama, Music, Arts, etc.)

- **48** students participated in Science Olympiad this year. The team competed at the Regional Tournament at GVSU on March 19th and qualified for the State Tournament.
- Students participating in Band – **181**, Orchestra – **123**, and Choir – **303** Total—**607 (86%)**
- A total of **511** students participated in the following interscholastic sports: girls field hockey, coed soccer, girls volleyball, coed cross country, rocket football, football league, boys basketball, coed swim/dive, coed wrestling, and girls basketball.
- Approximately **200** students participated in after school intramural activities including basketball, badminton, volleyball, and archery.
- This year, the Student Council was very active. They held a Hearts of Gold sale (which included t-shirts, socks, a pedal flow raffle, and doughnuts). The group hosted a flag football tournament and a live scavenger hunt and will be hosting a volleyball tournament after spring break. The Student Council also plans on organizing a collection to support Syrian refugees, an effort led by students who were inspired by an ELA assignment. They also led several spirit weeks, including one to raise money for a new foosball table and Class Theme Day which resulted in a pizza party for the winning classes.
- Odyssey of the Mind: **6** students and 2 coaches competed in the Odyssey of the Mind state competition in Middleville on March 19th. They now advance to Odyssey of the Mind World competition held at Iowa State University.
- Shakespeare Club began this year involving **17** students. These students will be performing scenes from various Shakespeare plays May 12th and 13th. Students learned everything from sword fighting, to the history of Shakespeare, to memorization techniques, to the proper way to bow in Elizabethan times!
- Mr. Coffill won 30 brand new ukuleles for the middle school! He started a Ukulele club involving **17** students.
- Maker's Club also began this year with help from the Foundation Grant. **5-30** students show up to meetings depending on the topic.
- Derby Days raises money for the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan and the Autism Society of Kent County through the sale of t-shirts. Jill Fouch runs the fundraiser in March, culminating this year in an epic race of two Jedi masters (teachers) chosen by the students at our spirit assembly. Students may vote for their favorite teacher to compete by purchasing a shirt at lunch time. Each shirt counts as one vote.
- Day of Caring preparations have already begun. Each year we volunteer a collective 1,500 hours of volunteer work across the community. This year's main charity is the Ronald McDonald House. Students have begun collecting pop can tabs for this organization as well.

Partnerships/Collaborations

- This is the 13th year that our teachers and staff have graciously requested that in lieu of holiday gifts, students donate to families and students in need in our middle school. Many families and students are struggling because of health issues, job loss, or other situations out of their control. Some of the items families were able to purchase/pay for were new tires, winter clothing, utility bills, and holiday gifts for their children, food, mortgage/rent payments, health care, and personal care items. This year, donations totaled **\$3,698.00**.

- Conference Attendance:



- **155** students, identified through multiple measures, have been addressed through programs that include (but not limited to) Check and Connect and Student Assistance Team.
- The St. Jude Math-A-Thon was a great success again this year with students raising **over \$2,900**.
- On Tuesday, March 15th, our 8th grade students participated in the 2016 “Freshman Transition Fair” at the high school. Students spent an afternoon experiencing and learning about the opportunities that await them for the coming year.
- The MLK Middle School committee embarked on an incredible day of events including: our students participating in a silent march to the gymnasium through hallways. The assembly was a culmination of music from our choirs, student dance, guest speaker Aziz Ellis, and Dr. King’s famous speech. The students returned to their classrooms to participate in grade level service projects.
 - 6th grade: blankets for homeless shelters
 - 7th grade: made manipulatives for early education students, Young 5s through 3rd grade
 - 8th grade: made individual food bags for Kids’ Food Basket
- Thank you to the EGR Schools Foundation for awarding the East Grand Rapids Middle School the following grants:
 - King Tut Exhibit Visit for the 6th Grade
 - Innovation Lab Phase I
 - Stand-Based Desks
 - ALEKS Subscription (online adaptive math enhancement)

The East Grand Rapids Middle School is designed to provide students with a learning environment that is based on an expectation of responsibility, respect, and personal best from our entire school community. Our middle school offers academic rigor in the core content areas, as well as a variety of exploratory opportunities, a multi-disciplined approach to teaching and learning, and a focus on providing differentiated learning opportunities for all students. The middle school is committed to providing an environment that focuses on student achievement. Our vision is to provide an exceptional education for every student so that they may pursue their dreams, maximize their potential, and positively contribute to the world.