

MMCRU SPOTLIGHTS

CLASS OF 2025



Jairo Rojas

BY HUNTER LESLINE
Jairo Rojas is a senior at MMCRU High School. Rojas is excited for this school year to be over and to finish without obstacles. Following graduation, Rojas wants to attend a trade school where he will eventually receive a degree as a mechanic. Rojas is thankful for the shop classes at MMCRU that will allow him to be prepared for his future.



Parker Loutsch

Parker Loutsch is a senior at MMCRU High School. Loutsch's favorite class is Construction with Mr. Long. He enjoys this class because Mr. Long is his favorite teacher. Loutsch explained that he enjoys having open campus the first period of the day. However, Loutsch stated, "My least favorite part about high school is the phone rule!" Loutsch's plan after high school is to attend DMACC in Des Moines, IA.



Cassie Weiler

BY TESSA WEILER
Cassie Weiler is a senior at MMCRU High School. Weiler enjoys golfing and hanging out with her friends in her free time. Her favorite class is World Wars with Mr. Wimmer. If she could give advice to underclassmen, she would say, "Be yourself." Weiler would describe MMCRU as caring, a family, and a community. Weiler's plan for next year is to attend the University of South Dakota and major in Business.



Izzy Richardson

Izzy Richardson is a senior this year at MMCRU High School. Richardson's favorite subject is History because she loves learning about the past, and Mr. Wimmer is her favorite teacher. Throughout her high school career she has been involved in Softball, Football Cheerleading, Competitive Cheerleading, Dance, Speech, NHS, and SkillsUSA. Richardson's plan is to attend the University of Iowa where she plans to major in Psychology and pursue a career as a Therapist. When asked to share advice for underclassmen, she replied "Don't take things for granted, and in order to change things you yourself have to change them, don't let little things get to you."



Max Pepper

BY BRODY JACKSON & NOAH HART
Max Pepper is a senior at MMCRU High School. Pepper's favorite class is Construction 3 with Mr. Long. He enjoys this class because the students get to go out and build projects together for the people of the community. Pepper's favorite high school memory is buying a boat and jet ski with his friends so they can go boating during the summer. His plan after high school is to attend Des Moines Area Community College where he will study Diesel Technology. Pepper's dream job is to become the President of the United States.



Carver Miller

BY TESSA WEILER
Carver Miller is a senior at MMCRU High School. Miller has been involved in football, bowling, and track. His favorite memories from high school have included Friday night football games and seeing the school become one family. Outside of school, Miller enjoys hanging out with his friends and family. He also enjoys playing video games. Miller's plan after high school is to attend Black Hills State University where he will major in Special Education with a minor in Coaching. He will also be playing football. Miller's advice for underclassmen is to "Cherish every memory, it goes by so fast."



McCartney Pierce

BY TESSA WEILER
McCartney Pierce is a senior at MMCRU High School. His favorite high school memory is when he stopped wearing headphones. Pierce's plan after high school is to begin working right away. His dream job is to become a comic book drawer. His favorite class is Shakespeare which leads to his favorite teacher being Mrs. Bottjen. Pierce stated that he likes Mrs. Bottjen because, "she makes class fun." His favorite school lunch is Mr. Rib. His advice for underclassmen is to "keep your locker clean!"



Noah Hart

BY BRODY JACKSON
Noah Hart is a senior at MMCRU High School. He has been involved in football all four years of high school and golf for two years. Hart's favorite class is Communications with Ms. Roberts. Some of Hart's hobbies include fishing, hunting, and driving around with his friends. After completing high school, Hart plans to attend Kirkwood Community College where he will pursue a degree in Business. He plans to finish his Business Degree at the University of Iowa.



Grant Prescott

Grant Prescott is a senior at MMCRU High School. He has been involved in football all four years of high school and track for three years. Following high school, Prescott's plan is to attend Kirkwood Community College where he will study Business. He plans to take his degree elsewhere. Prescott's favorite high school memory has been the cruise during his football season. Prescott shared that his favorite high school year is his senior year of high school because of how relaxed it is.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Lehner retiring after 24 years at MMCRU

BY CHRISTIAN LOWDEN

Sandy Lehner has been a paraeducator at MMCRU and RU for 24 years, and this year she is retiring. She enjoys being a paraeducator because she gets to work with different kids. In her spare time, Lehner enjoys crafting and spending time with her family. When she retires she is going to keep busy by helping her husband, Mike Lehner, with his side business. Her last day working for MMCRU is May 16, 2025. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school, and congratulations!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

BY TESSA WEILER

This week I asked students and teachers in the MMCRU High School, "Are you afraid of zombies?" Carter Astidias (Jr.) shared that he is not afraid of zombies. Xander Tentinger (Sr.) said, "Yes, but I have never seen one!" Mr. Youde claims that he is not afraid of zombies, and he is faster than all of them. Mick Schnepf (Fr.) said, "Yes, because they are scary!" Finally, Mr. Schuttler claims that he is terrified of zombies because they are not normal.

This week I had the pleasure of asking people if they have ever slipped on a banana peel? Noah Hart (Sr.) said, "No, I have never slipped on one." Mr. Derrick Marra (Business Teacher) said, "Yes I have, it was very embarrassing!" Mr. Alex Wimmer (History Teacher) said, "No, I don't think I have." Ms. Brenda Bird (Spanish Teacher) thought that it was a good question, but said, "No, I have not." Beckey Geerdes said, "I have not slipped on a banana peel, but my grandson has!" Finally Mr. Mark Schuttler (High School SPED) said, "Nope, never!"

This week's question at MMCRU High School was, "Have you ever been to the mountains?" The first person I asked was Mr. Marra and he said, "Yes, the Rocky Mountains in Colorado!" Next was Mr. Wimmer and he shared that he has been to the Rocky Mountains, Alps, and Appalachians. Mrs. Peters was excited to say that she has been to Pikes Peak in Colorado. Then Mrs. Letsche said, "Yes, to the Rocky Mountains!" Finally Mr. Schuttler shares that he has also been to the mountains in Vail, Colorado.

(Note: these questions were asked over a period of three weeks, not all in the same week!)

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