Royal Oak Schools: 
A Community of Excellence

Dear Neighbor:

The words that follow our name – A Community of Excellence – are not merely a tag line. Rather, these words represent our vision.

Community is the context for all that we do. Building and improving community through communication, cooperation, and collaboration is at the core of what we do each day. From helping our students experience the power of working together to solve problems, to working across organizational boundaries to improve the efficiency of public services; we are committed to building and improving our community.

The standard that we set for ourselves is excellence. Our high school students’ ACT scores are at an all-time high. Across all content areas and grade levels, our student achievement scores exceed county and state averages. On state standardized measures our scores are routinely higher than peer schools in Berkley, Ferndale, and Clarkston; moreover we are “nipping on the heels” of schools in Birmingham and Troy. “Better than last year,” or “better than our neighbors,” however, is not the standard we set for ourselves. Rather, our standard is excellence. This incredibly high standard requires a commitment to continuous improvement. At all levels, we are proud of our schools and our students. At the same time, we are not satisfied. We will continue to strive towards the standard of excellence we have set for ourselves.

If you are not currently a part of our schools, as a student, as the family of a student, or as a community member who attends events at our schools, please accept this letter from me as your invitation to join us. We are greeting families of students who will begin kindergarten next year at our Kindergarten Welcome Nights (see below). We are inviting community members to attend holiday concerts (see page 8). We are welcoming seniors to be our guests at various events through the use of gold cards (see page 8). We are celebrating our community’s historic murals with a special celebration to which you are invited (see page 6). And, this is but a sampling of the opportunities you will see on the pages that follow.

I look forward to seeing you in and around our schools!

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Superintendent of Schools
Registering for Kindergarten

Royal Oak Schools is pleased to welcome children and their families to kindergarten. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year begins on Monday, January 5, 2015. Enrollment for all kindergarten programs district wide are processed at our central enrollment office.

We encourage families to visit the enrollment section of our district website – www.royaloakschools.org – for information regarding the documents necessary for enrollment. Our enrollment web page also provides families the opportunity to complete much of the enrollment paperwork online. We look forward to partnering with you on your child’s education!

Michigan State law stipulates that a child be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year. If a child is not five (5) years of age by the September 1st enrollment eligibility date, but will be five (5) years of age no later than December 1, an option for parents or guardians to enroll the child in kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year is available. Families interested in exploring this option should contact the district enrollment office for additional information.

Following is a list of the documents required to register a child for school which parents should bring to the Enrollment Office:

**Enrollment/Registration Required Documents**

- **2 Proofs of Residency**
  - Lease Agreement (plus page with landlord and tenant signatures)
  - Mortgage Statement (within last month)
  - City Assessor’s Tax Statement (current year)
  - Current Utility Bill or Cable Bill (within last month)
  - Notarized Shared Housing Affidavit if living in someone else’s home/apartment
  - This person’s driver’s license and two proofs of their residency
- **Driver’s License** (of parent or guardian)
- **Birth Certificate** (original or certified copy with raised seal)
- **Immunization Records**
- **Vision Screening Required for Kindergarteners**
- **Court documents, if applicable** (guardianship, foster care, etc.)
- **Enrollment packet paperwork must be completely filled out.** It can be downloaded at [www.royaloakschools.org](http://www.royaloakschools.org), click “Enrollment”, or it is available at the district enrollment office or any school building.
- **Please bring:** Emergency contact names/phone numbers, physician’s name/phone number, and previous school name/address/phone and fax numbers

**District Enrollment Office** (New Location Effective January 5, 2015)

800 Devillen, Royal Oak  
Barbara Sparks, Enrollment Coordinator  
Hours: Monday - Thursday (Closed Friday)  
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
(248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260  
Fax: (248) 280-2591

See Kindergarten Welcome Night Schedule (page 1) for individual school dates and times.

Free Preschool Opportunity

Royal Oak Schools offers a variety of preschool options, one of those being GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program). Three GSRP classes are currently offered at the Addams Early Childhood Center, and we were recently approved for the addition of a fourth class to begin in December. GSRP is State funded, so it’s free for parents who qualify, according to the State’s established criteria. Eligibility is not based solely upon financial need, but eight “risk” factors, of which a child must meet at least two (for information about these factors, see the application available on the website listed below).

The program is fully licensed and staffed with certified K-8 teachers with ZA (Early Childhood) endorsement, and associate teachers. There are four “full-day” classes per week (Monday - Thursday), and the student to teacher ratio is 8 to 1, so it’s truly designed to give children a “great start” for school success.

For more information about this preschool option, please call (248) 288-3220, Ext. 3569. You may also visit the GSRP page – www.royaloakgsrp.com – available on our website – www.royaloakschools.org

Kindergarten Vision Screening


Vision screening done by a health department technician, a physician or an eye doctor fulfills this requirement.

The Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screening for Oakland County residents. Call (248) 424-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Changing Residence and School Enrollment

Parents/guardians of all Royal Oak School district students who change their residence during the school year are required to update their address information with the Enrollment Office at the Board of Education/Administration Building. Please check the “Enrollment” section on the district website (www.royaloakschools.org) for required/acceptable proofs of residency.
Save the Date: Preschool & Child Care Information Night

The 16th Annual Preschool & Child Care Information Night sponsored by the Royal Oak Public Library will be held Monday, January 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Northwood Elementary School, 926 W. Twelve Mile Road. Addams Early Childhood Center representatives will be on hand to talk to parents and answer questions about the various programs offered, including:

- Early Childhood Special Education Program for eligible preschool children ages three to six
- Early Childhood Special Education Services for eligible children under the age of three, who are Royal Oak residents
- Preschool Program for three-, four and five-year-olds. Three-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Four and five-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The AM session meets from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and the PM session meets from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Young Oaks Before and After School Child Care Program
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Child Care Program Full or Part-time for two and one-half to five-year-olds

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Monday, February 2.

Royal Oak Schools Announces Sale of 2014 Refunding Bonds

The Board of Education of Royal Oak Schools is proud to announce the successful sale of its 2014 Refunding Bonds in the amount of $39,075,000. The bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding the school district’s outstanding 2005 School Building and Site Bonds and to pay the costs of issuing the bonds. The 2014 Refunding Bonds reduce the school district interest expense approximately $3,967,135 for the taxpayers and will occur through lower debt payments over the next seven years.

In preparing to sell the 2014 Refunding Bonds, the district, working with their financial advisor, Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc., requested that Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”) evaluate the district’s credit quality. Moody’s assigned the district the underlying rating of “Aa2”. The rating agency cited the district’s maintenance of healthy reserves, manageable debt burden and large tax base in their rational for rating the school district at this level.

“Our finance team has worked diligently on this refunding,” said Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Superintendent of Schools for Royal Oak Schools. “When the citizens approved the 2005 Bond proposal they made a commitment to our children and their learning. Through this refunding of the 2005 bonds, which reduces debt liability moving forward, we honor that commitment.”

The district’s financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, the financial advising firm, Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc. and the law firm serving as bond counsel, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. The district’s 2014 Refunding Bonds were sold at a true interest rate of 1.44% with a final maturity of 2021 (a repayment term of approximately seven years).

Brenda Voutyras, Managing Director with Stifel states, “Royal Oak Schools’ Bonds were well received by the bond market. We saw high demand and were able to take advantage of current low interest rates that resulted in a savings level that exceeded the goals of the district.”

ROMS Assistant Principal Kirk Duncan

Kirk Duncan has been named Assistant Principal of Royal Oak Middle School.

Duncan comes to Royal Oak from the Birmingham Public School District where he was teacher leader and administrative intern at Wylie E. Groves High School. He has received numerous awards including the Friends of Different Learners Achievement Award. In addition, he led the effort to achieve the Character Education Partnership’s State School of Character Award and Promising Practices Award for Groves High School. Previously he was a teacher leader, teacher and coach in Fort Wayne and Kendallville, Indiana, high schools.

Duncan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Social Sciences from the University of Georgia and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership, K-12 Administration, from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the Oakland County Schools Aspiring Principals Academy.

The Royal Oak Middle School position was open following the appointment of Joseph Youanes to Addams Elementary School Principal. In filling the position, the district reviewed over 200 applications. Nine candidates were interviewed in first round interviews, with three candidates coming back for a second round interview in a selection process that involved teacher, administrator and parent representatives.

When Mr. Duncan was introduced to the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Shawn Lewis-Lakin said: “Kirk has a passion for public education. He has personally experienced the powerful positive impact that teacher and caring school personnel can make. We are all looking forward to working with him.”
Royal Oak High School Students’ ACT & MME Test Scores Top Neighboring Districts

Last May, the Michigan Department of Education released the results of the 2013-2014 American College Test (ACT) and Michigan Merit Exam (MME), the annual high school assessment for Michigan 11th graders. For the past four years, Royal Oak High School (ROHS) student scores topped those of our neighboring districts including Berkley, Clawson, Lamphere and Madison Heights.

ROHS showed across the board increases.

- In every subject area (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), ROHS scores improved over the prior year.
- Scores in all areas are significantly above Oakland County averages.
- Royal Oak student scores are also well above state averages.

ROHS mean composite ACT scores surpassed those of neighboring districts and the percentage of ROHS students meeting ACT readiness standards (based on ACT determined cut scores in each of the subject areas) continued to climb and again outpaced surrounding districts.

Royal Oak Schools Financial Audit Receives Highest Level of Confidence

David Youngstrom, Principal, Yeo and Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants, addressed the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education and the community. Auditors from Yeo and Yeo gave the district’s annual audit an unmodified opinion, the highest level of confidence received for such reports.

The District had $10,720,665 of unassigned general fund balance as of June 30, 2014. The fund balance equates to 20% of operating expenditures and is within the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) recommended 15-20%. This represents approximately 73 days of operating expenses which is critically important when dealing with unpredictable variables in budget planning.

In his comments, Youngstrom commended Rick West, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, and the district’s business services team for a good job of managing revenues and expenditures and for getting the audit completed early.

In reviewing the enrollment picture, he noted that while experiencing a slight decline, Royal Oak’s enrollment seems to be leveling out.

Youngstrom praised the Board and the community for having a building site and sinking fund millage. “This provides a ‘wonderful tool’ for maintaining the community’s investment in facilities,” he said.

Addams Elementary School Principal Joseph Youanes

Joseph Youanes has been appointed Principal of Addams Elementary School.

Prior to joining Royal Oak Schools as Assistant Principal at Royal Oak Middle School, Youanes taught elementary school in Troy for nine years. He held various leadership roles in Troy, including five years as the coordinator/principal of the district’s summer program for elementary students and four years as an elementary school “head teacher.”

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University and a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Saginaw Valley State.

The Addams Elementary School position was open following the appointment of Principal Jane Flarity-Gram as Special Education Director for the district. In filling the position, the district reviewed over 150 applications and looked for at least five years of elementary teaching experience and at least one year of successful leadership in an administrative position. The interview process included parent, teacher, and board representation. At the end of the process, the team was enthusiastic and unanimous in their recommendation of Mr. Youanes.
Royal Oak Schools Welcomes 18 New Teachers
Royal Oak Schools welcomed 18 new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Addams Early Childhood Center
• Kathleen Krantz, Occupational Therapist

Elementary School
• Tim Boyer, Fourth Grade, Upton
• Teresa Bruno, Social Worker, Oak Ridge
• Shannon Carlson, Third Grade, Addams
• Joe Dombrowski, Fourth Grade, Oakland
• Laura Foss, Fourth Grade, Addams
• Mary Johnson, Elementary Music, Keller
• Chalene Letkiewicz, Kindergarten, Oak Ridge
• Jeanette McLeod, Second Grade, Keller
• Sean Meisel, Social Worker, Oakland
• Cari Villaluz, Occupational Therapist, Keller
• Kelly Waterstredt, Fourth Grade Northwood
• Faith Wroblewski, Resource, Addams

Royal Oak Middle School
• Jaimee Wilhelmsen, Special Education

Royal Oak High School
• Celeste Bens, Special Education
• Elizabeth Cusick, Science & French
• Amy Porter, CAD & Industrial Technology
• Teresa Stuck, Physical Education

Royal Oak welcomed new teachers at its Board of Education Meeting. Pictured left to right: Sean A. Meisel, Oakland; Tim Boyer, Upton; Elizabeth Cusick, Royal Oak High School; Shannon Carlson, Addams; Teresa Bruno, Oak Ridge.

New teachers who attended the Board of Education meeting included left to right: Jeanette McLeod, Keller; Kelly Waterstredt, Northwood; Jaimee Wilhelmsen, Royal Oak Middle School; Cari Villaluz, Keller; Amy Porter, Royal Oak High School.

Flood Recovery Team
Royal Oak Schools (ROS) Board of Education commended the district’s Flood Recovery Team (l to r): Garry Stuart, Matt Johns, and Jeff Synowiec (GCA Services Group), Patrick Murphy (Operations Manager ROS), Sue Harbert (Secretary ROS), and Ron Adamson (GCA).
Royal Oak Schools Hosts Community Murals Celebration December 5th

Royal Oak Schools will host a Community Murals Celebration on Friday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. to commemorate the 80th year of the initiation of the historic Depression-era murals. The event will be held at Royal Oak Middle School (ROMS) and will feature a showing of the award-winning PBS documentary “The Murals of Royal Oak.” This documentary film traces the 70-year journey of the murals and the grass-roots community effort to resurrect and restore these local treasures that had been lost for decades. There will be an opportunity for reflections on the murals restoration project, with a reception following the video.

The murals were financed by government programs that provided work relief for many unemployed persons during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Part of the program encouraged the creative arts and provided opportunities for unemployed artists to create music, drama and artworks such as the Royal Oak murals. The Royal Oak Mural Project was the largest government-funded art project in Michigan.

In the spring of 2004, the Royal Oak Murals were rediscovered after being in storage for over 25 years. The three 11x23-foot oil-on-canvas murals offer an artistic glimpse at the history and future of the Royal Oak community.

Today the three murals proudly hang once again in the auditorium of Royal Oak Middle School. They have become a symbol for community members who recognize the value of their shared past and celebrate the vitality of working together for a common goal. The first mural centers on the cultural arts. The second mural, entitled “The Naming of Royal Oak,” depicts early Michigan Territorial Gov. Lewis Cass. The third mural offers a glimpse of the community in the mid-1930s, including the old Royal Oak High School, along with a look at various professions that then-graduates might pursue.

Filmmaker Ruben Rodriguez of VideoWorks Inc. followed the work of the murals committee for five years, resulting in the one-hour documentary “The Murals of Royal Oak.” “The film is a look at how a diverse and sometimes divided community came together for a single purpose and rediscovered itself along the way,” said Rodriguez.
15 Alumni, Five Educators Honored at Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame Induction

Members of the Royal Oak community gathered in September to honor 20 new members of the Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame. The 2014 class of distinguished alumni and educators joined 67 prior honorees, notable in their efforts to fulfill the school’s motto: “Enter here to learn; go forth to serve.”

The induction included many familiar Royal Oak civic leaders, as well as internationally recognized individuals in law, music and ministry. The 15 alumni and five faculty members joined a notable list of past inductees, which includes author Judith Guest (Ordinary People), activist Tom Hayden, Eagles musician Glenn Frey, and editor and publisher of Car and Driver David E. Davis.

Inductee Edward Nahhat (’79), current drama club coach at Royal Oak High School, delivered the keynote address, which focused on the themes of teaching, education and giving back to one’s community.

Dr. Kenneth Noble, a retired teacher, historian and Hall of Fame inductee from 2006 served as the master of ceremonies. The Royal Oak Historical Society worked together with the Hall of Fame Committee and opened its doors to community members prior to the induction ceremony with an exhibit called “Your Schools.”

The 2014 Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame Class of Inductees includes:

Richard Aginian, ’59, President of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
Gary Briggs, ’77, School Board President, Royal Oak Schools
Shirley Culver-McClellan, ’42, Decorated community leader and volunteer; Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children; chair of Berkley Historical Committee and a founder of Berkley Historical Museum
James Ellison, ’70, longest serving mayor of Royal Oak (since 2003); 2002 Royal Oak Citizen of the Year; original chairman of Dream Cruise Event
Gerald Gilbert, ’51, Two-star admiral in US Naval Reserves, Asst. US attorney, international lawyer
George Grisdale, ’49, Educator, Oakland Schools pioneer in computer systems for Michigan schools
Ani Kavafian, ’66, Concert violinist (New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra) who has performed at Carnegie Hall
Michael Kenny, ’73, Antitrust attorney, lead lawyer at US Supreme Court cases; funded scholarships at Oakland University and Georgia State University
Peter Kramer, ’52, Community Leader: Royal Oak City Commissioner (1967-77), Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center (1970-77), Beaumont Hospital Authority (1974-2001)
Doris Leenhouts-Hunter,’47, Pioneer female minister; International lecturer
William Orosz, ’67, Founder of Cambridge Homes, developed 70 residential communities; MBA, Harvard Business School
Edward Nahhat, ’79, Attorney, actor; founded the non-profit Water Works Theatre Company in 2001, presenter of Shakespeare in the Park; Producer of Mitch Albom’s Ernie; Drama coach at Royal Oak High School

These distinguished alumni and educators were inducted into the 2014 Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame at ceremonies September 21. Students pictured represented those who are deceased or were unable to attend.
Royal Oak Schools Adult Education

Churchill Community High School
Daytime Alternative High School program for students ages 16-19.

Days: Monday through Friday
Class Times:
1st Session 8:00 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.
2nd Session 9:05 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
School Calendar: Terms are offered between September and June.
New students must call (248) 577-5639 or (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1505 to schedule an interview for admission.

Adult Education/Afternoon and Evening High School
Program for adults and high school age students ages 16 as of September 1, 2014, and older who wish to complete the requirements for a high school diploma.

Afternoons and Evenings: Monday through Thursday
Class Times:
Monday & Wednesday
3:00 - 4:45 p.m., 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.
and 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
3:15 - 5:00 p.m., 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.
and 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.
School Calendar: Two 15-week semesters are offered between September and May. Classes begin January 26, 2015.
Registration begins January 5, 2015
Registration Fee: $25.00
Monday & Tuesday, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.
Tuition: Non-high school graduates who do not attend school during the day must pay a tuition fee for evening classes and bring a signed permission slip from their high school counselor.

G.E.D. Preparation – English & Math
These courses are designed to prepare students for the G.E.D. test. The focus of the classes will be on writing skills, the essay, and math. Test taking skills will also be taught. You can earn one unit of credit while you prepare for the G.E.D. test. Classes are free and begin January 26, 2015. For further information, call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1505.
Registration begins January 5, 2015
Registration Fee: $25.00
Monday & Tuesday, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

Activity Gold Card Available for Seniors
The Royal Oak School District presents its Senior Activity Gold Card, a complimentary pass for Royal Oak residents ages 60 and over. This complimentary pass will be renewable every three years.

Benefits
The Gold Card includes free admission to:
• Athletic Events (except state sponsored tournaments)
• Drama Programs & Dance Shows
• Vocal & Instrumental Music Concerts
• Evening Recreational Swim at Royal Oak Middle School

Applications are available at the Churchill Community Education Center, 707 Girard, Royal Oak. For additional information, please call (248) 588-5050.

Winter Holiday Performing Arts Events
The Royal Oak High School (ROHS) Performing Arts Department announces its upcoming concerts with an array of performances and ensembles. All events are open to the public.

Wednesday, December 3
ROHS Winter Band Concert
ROHS Kimball Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4
ROHS Winter Orchestra Concert
ROHS Kimball Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, and Friday, December 12
ROHS Choral Winter Concert
ROHS Kimball Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Admission: Adults $10, Students $5

Thursday, December 18
Jingle Bell Jazz
Royal Oak Farmer’s Market, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

To view a complete list of events and activities, go to the district website, www.royaloakschools.org, and click on “Calendars”. There are current calendars for each school, as well as a complete district calendar.
Three Royal Oak High School Seniors Cited in 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Royal Oak High School’s 2015 National Merit Scholars:

Erin K. Lynn, National Merit Semifinalist
Casey Linenberg, National Merit Commended Student
Griffin St. Onge, National Merit Commended Student

These students were named by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation based on outstanding academic performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test taken as juniors.

The nationwide pool of 16,000 semifinalists, represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. There are 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition.

Erin is the daughter of John and Julie Lynn. Erin is involved in Model UN and a member of the Orchestra.

Casey’s parents are Beth and Dean Linenberg. Casey is Editor-in-Chief of Acorn, President of Interact and Co-captain of the Varsity Tennis team. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Drama Club.

Griffin is the daughter of Barb and David St. Onge. She is President of the School Book Club, head photographer of Acorn, a member of the Flute Choir and National Honor Society. Griffin also participates in the Mentor/Mentee Program.

These students are making use of the opportunities available at Royal Oak High School to complete Advanced Placement coursework, which provides students the opportunity to complete college level courses while attending high school.

As a semifinalist, Erin is among the academically talented high school seniors who has an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,000 National Merit Scholarships worth about $33 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. Finalists will be announced in February.

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Anne (Grimm) Scott, ’58, Community activist, First woman to chair the Boys & Girls Club; President of Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce; OCC Board member of 18 years, Royal Oak Citizen of the Year (1987)

James Sullivan, ’26, Operator of Sullivan Funeral Home, President of Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce; President of Kiwanis Club; guided establishment of William Beaumont Hospital

Gary Vanek, ’58, Michigan Congressman (1978-83), State Liquor Commissioner (1983-88), 17 year educator in Royal Oak Schools (Keller Junior High School and Kimball High School)

Rick Hartsoe, 40-year teacher of vocal music, Dondero High School; Founder of the school’s famous Pop concert

Ruth Hetzman, 36-year teacher of English, French and Latin at Royal Oak and Dondero High School, beginning in 1931; helped create Michigan Tenure Law passed for teachers; President of Michigan PTA

Charles Jones, 40-years as math teacher, coach and athletic director at Kimball High School and Royal Oak Schools; inducted into Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame; Royal Oak High School Gymnasium named in his honor

Michael McElroy, 34-year teacher (27 years at Dondero High School); coach of swimming, football and track and field; over 100 All-League athletes during his career and 10 All-State athletes

Larry Streeter, 36-year teacher (27 years at Dondero High School); Student Senate sponsor and recipient of the 1995 and 2003 Michigan Association of Student Councils Advisor of the Year Award; national speaker of student activities; State Board of Student Councils

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee and inductees agreed that service is an important legacy to leave to the students of Royal Oak High School as well as the surrounding community.

“I’ve always felt that for a strong community, it’s necessary for its citizens to give back and serve the community with any talents they have. I got a great education out of Royal Oak. I stayed near it and I felt I had to give back,” said inductee Richard Aginian.

Noble emphasized the importance in preserving the ROHS Hall of Fame for future generations.

“The importance is two-fold. One is it honors students that have gone forth in community service. Two, and arguably the main service, is to provide a motivator and awareness to the current students that they can go on and achieve greatness,” he said.

The next ROHS Hall of Fame Induction is scheduled for November of 2016. Nominations can be made by mail or through the Hall of Fame website. Donations can also be made to the Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame. For more information, go to the Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame website at www.rohshalloffame.com.
Instructional Swim Program

Registration:
Wednesday, December 17, 5:15-6:30 p.m. at Royal Oak High School Pool Entrance

If classes are not filled on this date, registration will continue at the pool prior to the start of the first lesson.

First Date of Winter Lessons:
Saturday, January 3, 2015
Royal Oak High School Pool

Classes:
Workout Program for Competitive Swimmers, Ages 7-17 (9 lessons)
Boys & Girls, Ages 6-14 (9 lessons)
Tiny Tots, Ages 3-5 (without parent, 9 lessons)
Tiny Tots, Ages 1-5 (with parent, 6 lessons)
Adaptive Swim, All Ages (6 lessons)
Private Lessons, All Ages (min. 5 lessons)

Winter Open Swim Program

Schedule:
Mondays & Thursdays
Now through March 5, 2015
Royal Oak Middle School

Monday Evenings:
7:30-8:30 p.m. Children & Adults
8:30-9:45 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Thursday Evenings:
8:45-10:00 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Fee:
$5.00 for everyone over 5 years of age. Seniors are free with school district Senior Citizen Gold Card (available at Churchill Continuing Education Center). Discount Cards are available at Open Swim locations for $40 (10 visits).

Pools are closed during school breaks and whenever school is not in session due to inclement weather or other emergency.

For more information, contact
Royal Oak Schools Athletic Department
(248) 435-8500, Ext. 1148
or visit www.royaloakschools.org
under Community, Pool Information
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