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## SINKING FUND RENEWAL PASSES BY OVERWHELMING NUMBERS

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, residents in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District were asked to approve a sinking fund renewal to help us continue this era of excellence we have embarked upon.

As you are aware, the sinking fund provides an additional \$1.2 million yearly in revenue that allows the district to make necessary repairs to our facilities and maintain a high quality level of investment in our infrastructure. Most importantly, the sinking fund allows the district to make these costly repairs without having to dip into the general fund – keeping those dollars available for the classroom.

Thank you to our residents who overwhelmingly approved the district's sinking fund renewal by a margin of more than two to one. We do not take lightly our responsibility to the community in maintaining a safe and inviting learning environment for our students. Your confidence in our work has once again proven that together, we can accomplish great things for our community. Thank you again for supporting our efforts in maintaining a high quality education for our children.



**ZERO-  
TAX-RATE-INCREASE  
SINKING FUND  
RENEWAL**

**W B Woodhaven-Brownstown  
School District**

**VOTE - TUESDAY,  
NOV. 5TH**

	Election	AV Counting	Total	
Yes	1,013	1,880	2,893	69.96%
No	294	948	1,242	30.04%
Total	1,307	2,828	4,135	100%

# WOODHAVEN THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS "BADGER"

By award-winning playwright Don Zolidis

The Woodhaven Theater Company (WTC) is no stranger to taking on emotionally charged and demanding performances in an effort to raise community awareness on a whole host of issues.

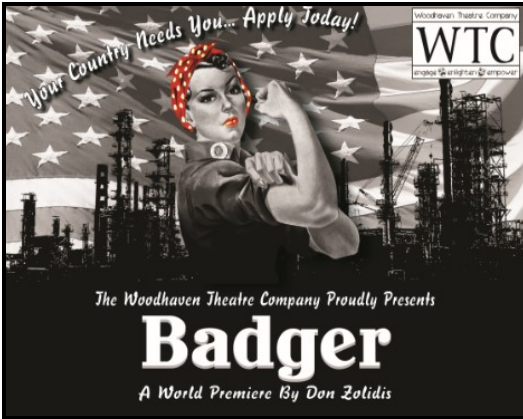
On November 14, 2019, WTC presented the world premium performance of the historical drama, *Badger*.

*Badger* is set in 1944 and tells the story of five young women who take newly available jobs at the Badger Ordnance Works, one of the largest munitions factories in the United States. The women forge an unlikely friendship and experience joy and heartbreak amidst the sexism of the era and the challenge of entering the workforce in the darkest days of World War II. As a result of that bond in friendship, Rosie the Riveter was born.

According to Mr. Michael Clemons, WTC Sponsor, "Students worked diligently on this special and historic opportunity. They are 'Warrior Strong' everyday, behind the scenes and on stage."

Students engaged with real-life Rosies to help themselves prepare for their roles. The Rosies then attended the final performance on November 16th and participated in a "Q & A" with the audience. It was an eye-opening experience for all.

Congratulations to WTC on another memorable play!

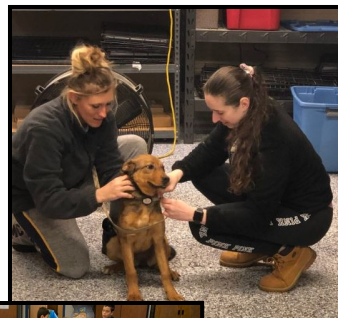


Our Warriors are a generous brotherhood. Each holiday season many clubs and sports teams generously give of themselves to help those less fortunate. Whether it's bell ringing for The Salvation Army or simply raking leaves for our senior residents, our Warriors know how to give back to the community.

Thank you for making the holidays memorable for those in need!

## WARRIORS GIVE BACK

WHS Christian Club volunteers at the Brownstown Animal Shelter.



Erving Elementary's Lighthouse Team decorates bags for sack lunches that were delivered to local homeless shelters.



WHS DECA & Interact Club students volunteer with The Downriver Veterans and bell ringing.





# GUDITH ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL TOM MARTIN NAMED MEMSPA REGION I HONOREE



Gudith Principal Tom Martin was recently honored as the Region 1 Honoree by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) during its annual conference held in Traverse City in early December.

MEMSPA described Mr. Martin as having “an unrelenting passion for education and advocacy on behalf of student's.” It was noted that Gudith Elementary is a Title 1 school with over 60% of its students receiving free/reduced lunch along with an English Learner population of about 10%. Under Mr. Martin’s leadership, Gudith Elementary continues to beat the odds by outperforming many of its downriver neighboring peers.

A staff member observed, “It’s a privilege to work in a school under the leadership of Tom Martin. His dedication and commitment . . . is clear the minute you walk into . . . school. He is able to build an atmosphere where everyone feels they are a part of a team and more importantly, a family . . . not only the staff, but also the students and their families. Tom Martin’s unwavering strong, positive leadership is an inspiration to us all.”

Congratulations, Mr. Martin, the WBSD is very proud of you!



## WARRIOR ATHLETES DOMINATE DURING THE FALL SEASON

Warrior athletes had a very successful fall 2019 athletic season. Varsity football saw its second undefeated season of 10 plus wins in school history and played in the MHSAA playoffs for the ninth consecutive year. The girls Cross-County, boys Varsity Soccer and Volleyball teams also won Downriver League championships. Volleyball advanced through the MHSAA playoffs and earned the title of MHSAA District Champs. The Volleyball team set a school record with its first ever undefeated season.

Congrats on a job well done, and good luck in the winter season!





# A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .

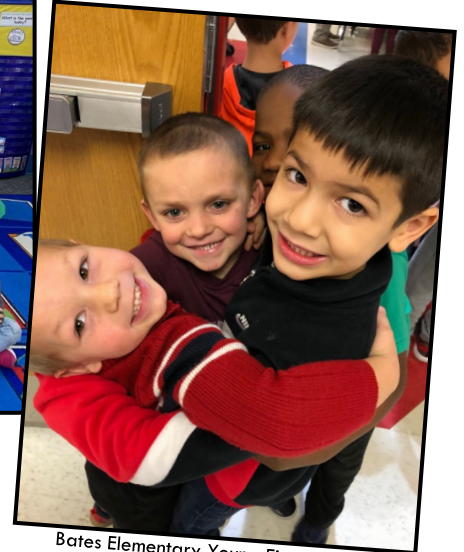
**Warrior Strong**



WHS alum and Free Press sports writer Anthony Fenech talks to WHS students about careers in journalism.



Wegienka Elementary Young Five students study the Wampanoag Tribe.



Bates Elementary Young Fives make a hug sandwich!



PHMS Robotics team, the Goonies, advances to states.



Erving Elementary students mail letters to Santa.



So many things to choose at Yake Elementary's Santa



Erving Elementary students host a Native Americans assembly.



Shop with a hero!



Jenna Kejkick commits to play volleyball at Albion College.

Mr. Czajkowski engages in CORE reading with Wegienka Elementary Young Five students.