



Grosse Pointe South Pointes of Pride Student Highlights from the 2021-2022 School Year

US World News

- #9 School in the state and #475 in the Country. If you exclude the magnet and International Academies, we are the #5 traditional public school in the state.

Brightest & Best

- Shannon Dame was honored with WXYZ-TV's Brightest & Best.

NAMM Foundation

- Ranked Grosse Pointe Best Communities for Music Education.

South High – 2021-2022 “Evergreen Level Award” designation as a Michigan Green School

Quiz Bowl:

- Grosse Pointe South placed 4th at the MAC.

The Tower:

- Tower Newspaper made headlines and is featured in the Washington Post.
- Tower Newspaper won a Gold Crown from the NSPA in March
- Tower Newspaper received a Pacemaker nomination for The Tower, fall 2021
- Tower Newspaper received a Pacemaker nomination for The Tower Pulse, spring 2022
- Meghan Wysocki received the Michigan Journalist of the Year recognition from MIPA and the JEA
- Eleni Tecos received a Michigan Student Journalist staff from MIPA
- Tower newspaper received a second place Best of Show at the NSPA spring conference
- Tower newspaper received a “Pacemaker 100” designation from the NSPA

Gearheads:

- North and South Combined robotics team ranked 53rd out of 492 teams in Michigan and was 1 of 492 teams to qualify for the state championship at Saginaw Valley State University in April.

DECA:

- Congratulations to 19 DECA students. on becoming District Champions.

Mu Alpha Theta:

- 20 Students participated in MathCON, sponsored by South’s math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta. 16 students were commended for Outstand Performance and 2 students are moving on to the National Finals in Chicago on April 30th.

TV Production:

- Three students received Best of Show for their GPTV News openers. Both videos were featured to a live audience at the DIA’s Film Theater on June 4, 2022
- A student was awarded Excellence for her two short films *Let Them Sea Me* and *Metamorphosis*.
- Student’s received awards for their short films *Day in the Life*, film.
- Student received an award for her documentary on the documentary *Grosse Pointe Animal Shelter*.
- Student’s received an award for their movie trailer to their 45 student film, *Miraculum*.

- Student received an award for her promotional video on the Redford Theater.
- Student's received an award for their promotional commercial for the Sugar Bar in Grosse Pointe.
- Student received a certificate of honor for her video on a look at 100 Years for GPPSS
- Student received a certificate of Honor for his video Celebrating 90 Years of Grosse Pointe South.
- Students were awarded for their promotional commercial for Coldstone Creamery.
- Students were awarded for their parody called *New to News*.

National Merit:

- 8 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- AP Scholars - 80 (Granted to students with scores of three or higher on three or more exams).
- AP Scholars with Honors - 27 (Granted to students with an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams).
- AP Scholar with Distinction - 64 (Granted to students with an average score of at least 4.04 on all AP exams with scores of three or higher on five or more exams).

Art Awards:

- Logan Hepner honored National Scholastic Art Award Gold Medal in Jewelry
- Vivian Leech honored National Scholastic Art Award Silver Medal in Photography
- 70 Students Received ArtFest Awards from Generous Community and alumni sponsors during South's 2022 ArtFest Awards Ceremony

Playwrights Festival:

- Grosse Pointe South has 6 semi finalists at the Wharton Center's Young Playwrights Festival. Congrats to Harry Campion, Meaghan Dunham, and all of our English faculty for their teaching and mentoring efforts.

Band/Orchestra

- Congratulations to Chris Takis on being named MSBOA District XVI Teacher of the Year!
- Boy Scout Charles Logan completed his Eagle Scout Project - building musical storage units for the Pierce Instrumental Music Dept. His honor is based on the idea of Cheerful Service. This project was a source of joy and pride for Charles who also has been a member of the South High School Symphony Orchestra these past 4 years. Eagle Scout is the highest achievable rank in the Boy Scouts. Charles will receive his Eagle rank in June at the Court of Honor, when he will become Eagle Scout for Life.
- Nominations for the Outstanding Soloists & Small Ensembles have been made by the individual adjudicators during the 2022 MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Congratulations to these South H.S. Musicians: Igor Trifunovic, violin solo, Igor Trifunovic & Daniel Gross, violin/cello duet. Chamber Orchestra: Minkinzi Allen, Morgan Braddock, Cara Chadwell, Sienna Clark, Grant Corrión, Ema Ellefson, Lilly Geer, Daniel Gross, Anna Gulyas, Lilly Hunwick, Abraham Neds-Fox, Camille O'Mara, Caroline Parent, Joseph Stapleton, Lilly Stidham, Julia Tibbitts, Igor Trifunovic, Gavin Webster, Lillianna Wodzisz & Julia Zuerblis.
- Jazz Band Rhythm Section awarded for most outstanding section in Class AA at Central Michigan University Jazz Weekend..

Choir:

- Competition season has held many high notes for Lillian Hunwick. After winning grand champion soloist at Churubusco Show Choir Invitational, she once again garnered top honors as best female soloist at the Fairfield Crystal Class in Ohio with even more students competing.

Pointe Singers

- Competed and earned 2nd Runner Up at Churubusco Show Choir Invitational in Churubusco, Indiana.
- Senior Ethan Vernon received Best Male Soloist Caption Award
- Senior Lilly Geer named Best Performer
- Junior Lilly Hunwick crowned Solo Grand Champion at Churubusco Show Choir Invitational
- Competed at the Fairfield Crystal Classic Show Choir Competition in Fairfield, Ohio
- Senior Lilly Geer named Best Performer
- Junior Lilly Hunwick crowded Solo Grand Champion at Fairfield Crystal Classic

Tower Belles

- Competed in the Women's Division at Churubusco Show Choir Invitational in Churubusco, Indiana
- Senior Isabel Constand named Best Performer

South Singers

- Competed and earned 3rd Runner Up in Small Mixed Division at Churubusco Show Choir Invitational in Churubusco, Indiana.
- Freshman Jolina Huchingson named Best Performer

Pointe Players

- Thespian Troupe #49 is the Honors component of South's theatre program. Our troupe and its parent organization, the Educational Theatre Association are dedicated to the advancement of excellence in theatre. More specifically, the International Thespian Society encourages students to attain a better mastery of the theatre arts and rewards those who achieve it with induction into troupe 49. Chartered in 1933, South is one of the oldest, active thespian troupes in the nation, and our mission statement mirrors the national organization's core values: people matter, strive for excellence, work together and be the person you want to work with.

South's Thespian Troupe #49 inducted 19 new members in May. No small feat with so many restrictions and limits put on activities due to covid! Hudson Burkett, Lorenzo Carozza, Alex cline, Dylan DeMarco, Gabrielle Duso, Ashton Fell, Lilly Geer, Lily Hunwick, Ella Johnson, Lily Kester, Xander Lindsay, Mae Mathis Baliatico, Audrey Monarrez, Sophie Monarrez, Sebastian Moncivais, Sage Porter, Aliana Ritter, Joshua Sonnenberg, Charlotte Van Arragon

- Senior Grad Cord Recognition:
 - Thespians: Lorenzo Corroza, Lilly Geer, Audrey Monarrez, Sophie Monarrez, Abe Neds-Fox, Ethan Vernon
 - Honor Thespians: Bridget Backer, Gabriela Dulworth, Ethan Harr, Alice Walsh

Grosse Pointe South Athletics 2021-22 School Year

2021 Fall Sports

Varsity Football

- Record: 6-5
- 5th in MAC Red
- Lost to eventual state champions in district semi-final
- 1st team all-state players
 - Jackson Lambert
 - Will Johnson
- College signings
 - Jackson Lambert - Grand Valley
 - Charlie Brandon - John Carol
 - Will Fannon - John Carol
 - Daniel Lane - Northwood
 - Jackson Taylor - Adrian
 - Will Johnson - U of M
 - Joey Klunder - U of M
- MHSFCA Academic 1st Team All-State Team Team GPA 3.994
- Mr. Chad Hepner was hired as the new head coach

Boys Soccer

- Record: 16-3-1
- MAC White Champions
- District Champions
- Regional Champions
- Detroit Country Day Invitational Champions

Boys Tennis

- 4-3-1
- MAC Red Co-Champions (3-0-1)
- State finishes
 - Team 6th
 - Alex Prather and Blake Discher: D2 Doubles State Champions
- 1st Team All-state athletes
 - Connor Stafford
 - Corbin Ifkovits
 - Ales Prather
 - Blake Discher
- College signings
 - Luke Holowinski - Adrian
- Team GPA 3.7

Girls Volleyball

- Record: 23-9-1
- MAC White Co-Champions (9-1)
- District Champions
- All-state athletes
 - Jada DiVita - 1st Team All-State
- College Signings
 - Jada DiVita - Lipscomb University
 - Elle Martin - Denison
- Team All-State Academic Award Winners GPA 3.8

Girls Swimming / Diving

- Record 11-0
- MAC Red Champions (6-0)
- 2nd Place Team Finish in the State
- College Signings
 - Olivia Yoo - Pitt
 - Jill Pilutti - Kean
- 1st Team All-State
 - Phoebe Bedsworth
 - Phoebe Hanwork
 - Sophie Capala
 - Elizabeth Klepp
 - Brooke Lezotte
 - Lily Petz
 - Sophie Schuetze
 - Olivia Yoo
- Team GPA 3.94

Girls' Cross Country

- Record 4-4
- MAC Red 5th (3-4)
- Savannah Spangler - State Finalist
- One of the largest teams in the state

Boys' Cross Country

- Record
- MAC Championship 2nd place overall finish

- Team GPA 3.7

Field Hockey

- Record 16-2-1
- D2 East Conference Champions (7-0)
- STATE CHAMPIONS
- 1st team All-State
 - Kate Adams
 - Elise Charbonneau
 - Katherine Griffin
 - Molly Ryszewski
- College Signing
 - Jocelyn Beckerman - Wooster
- Team GPA 3.65

Dance

- 4th place Divisional Finish
- 4th place Hip Hop Lyrical Regional Finish
- College Signing
 - Sophia Smith - Western
- Team GPA 3.87
- Regional Best Precision Award

Golf

- Record 7-1
- MAC Red Champions (6-1)
- Team 8th Place State Finish
- Sabel Imesch 4th Place State Individual Finish
- College Signings
 - Sabel Imesch - Wayne
- Team GPA 3.68

2021-22 Winter Sports

Figure Skating

- A Team 3rd Place Finish
- B Team 5th Place Finish
- Team GPA 4.0

Boys' Basketball

- Record 11-11
- 5th Place MAC Red (4-6)
- District Finalist
- BCAM Team All-State Academic, Team GPA 3.35
- 1st Team All State
 - Anthony Benard
- College Signing
 - Anthony Benard - Mercer

Girls' Basketball

- Record 4-18
- MAC Red 6th Place Finish

- College Signing
 - Kamryn Richards - MCC
- Team GPA 3.37

Boys' Swimming

- Record 6-0
- MAC Red Champions (5-0)
- 2nd in Wayne County Meet
- 3rd Place State Finish
- State Record 200m Medley Relay
- 1st Team All-State
 - Chandler Bower
 - Tucker Briggs
 - Troy Liu
 - Kieran Rahmaan
 - Jake Vallan
 - Andrew Van de Putte
 - Logan Hepner
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 - State Champion Diver
 - Diver of the Year
- All-Americans
 - Logan Hepner
 - Keiran Rahmann
 - Jake Vallan
 - Tucker Briggs
 - Andrew Van de Putte
- Team GPA 3.64

Wrestling

- Record 11-13
- 2nd Place MAC Gold (5-1)
- District Champions
- Wyatt Hepner 7th Place Individual State Finish 103#
- Team GPA 3.05

Boys Ice Hockey

- Record 14-8-2
- 3rd Place South Division
- 1st Team All-State
 - Jacob Spitz
- Team GPA 3.3

Girls Ice Hockey

- Record 14-1
- 2nd Place League Finish
- Frozen Four: State Semifinalist
- Team GPA 3.2

Competitive Cheer

- 3rd Place MAC Blue
- 10th Place Team Districts
- Team GPA 3.18

Gymnastics

- Record 6-2
- League Champions
- Team GPA 3.76

Synchro Swim

- No Report

2022 Spring Sports

Baseball

- 20-14 overall record
- MAC Red Champions (11-4)
- Team GPA 3.611
- College Signings
 - Robert Leonard - Adrian
 - Jonathan Drake - Xavier

Softball

- Record 19-11
- 3rd Place MAC Blue
- Team GPA 3.77
- College Signings
 - Meredith Kramer - Hope

Girls Soccer

- No Report

Boys Track

- Record 2-3
- 4th Place MAC Red
- 10th Place D1
- Team GPA 3.39

Girls Track

- Record 5-2
- 3rd Place MAC Red (3-2)
- 1st Team All-State
 - Selga Jansons - 100m Hurdles
- Team GPA 3.75

Girls Tennis

- Record 19-5
- MAC Red Champions (4-0)
- Regional Champions
- 4th Place Team Finish State Finals
- 1st Team All-State
 - Moira Hix
 - Meghan Wysocki
 - Molly Perkins
- Team GPA 3.96

Boys Lacrosse

- Record 10-9

- 2nd Place MAC Red (6-2)
- Team GPA 3.61

Girls Lacrosse

- No Report
- College Signing
 - Abby Keane - DePaw

Crew

- Qualified for Nationals
- College Signings
 - Stephanie Hampton - Clemson
 - Alexandra Rollins - Texas
- Team GPA 3.54

Sailing

- No Report

Boys Golf

- Record 8-0
- MAC Red Champions (8-0)
- 11th Place State Finish
- Team GPA: 3.6