



you're amazing!

# the fabric of MHS

A mini-zine celebrating  
family, students, and  
school connections!

unfold me  
for resources!



Hi there!

We're here to celebrate YOU!

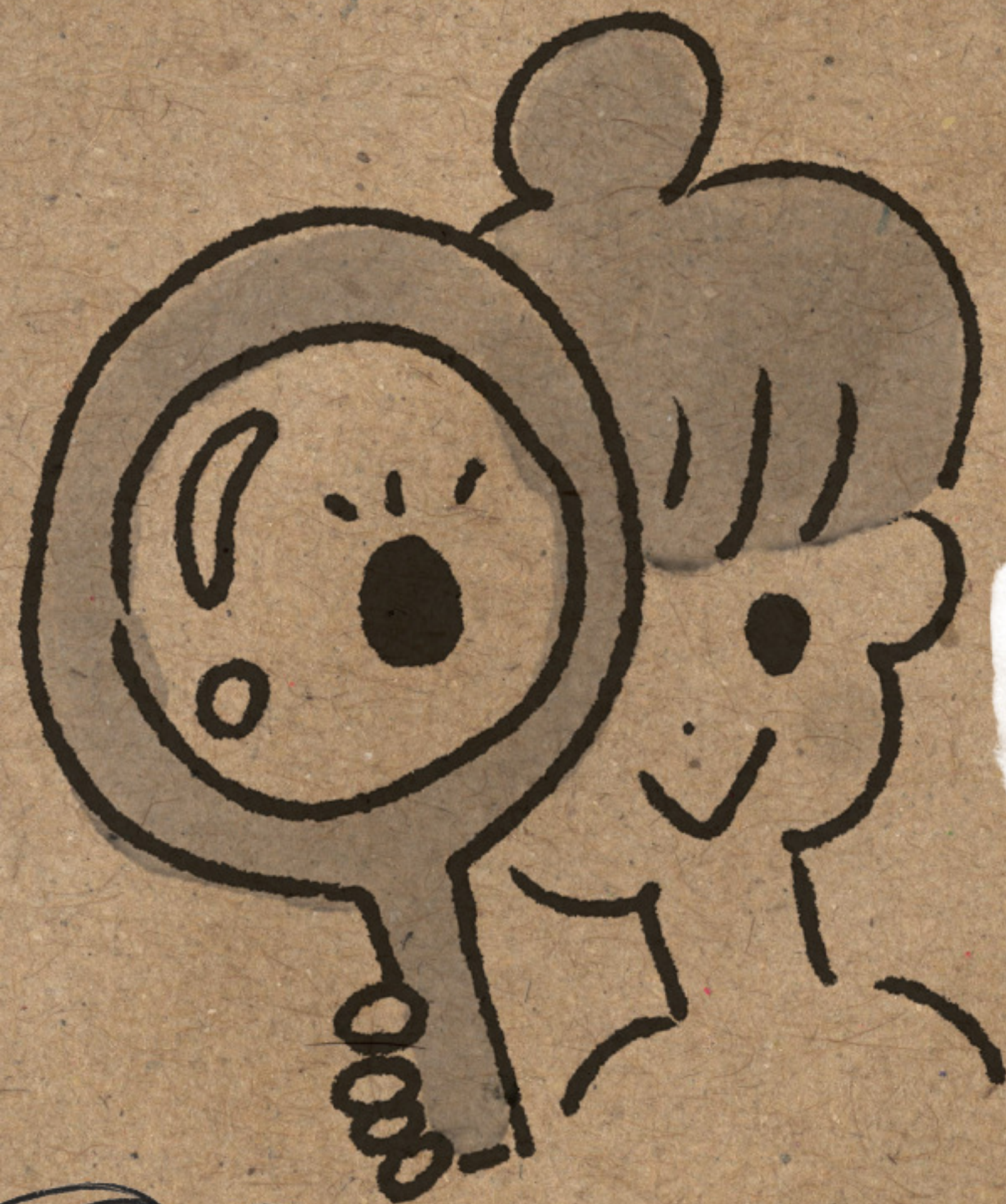


We're researchers who set out to learn how schools and families build meaningful relationships. Along the way, we discovered the incredible role YOU play in making this connection strong and vibrant. Schools aren't just about teachers, assignments, or buildings – they're about people like you who create the heart and soul of your community.



In this zine, we'll share some of what we learned and how your actions are shaping a brighter future!






We noticed that sometimes building connections isn't easy- language barriers, time constraints, and cultural differences can create challenges. But guess what? We also saw so much GOODNESS! Teachers, families, and students like you are finding creative ways to overcome these challenges:

- Culture Day: You lead and share your heritage, bringing everyone closer.
- Translating: You help bridge communication selflessly.
- Kindness & Leadership: By being inclusive, you inspire others to follow your lead.

Your efforts remind us that even when things get tough, there's always a way forward together.
















Imagine our school as a big, beautiful quilt. Each student is a unique thread, weaving strength, creativity, and love into the fabric of our community

- You bring families together with your leadership.
- You make everyone feel included through your empathy and actions.
- You're the reason this school feels like home for so many.

Keep leading, sharing, and caring- you're making a difference every single day.



## RESOURCES & ORGANIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS

	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan	The SAC is dedicated to ensuring that every K-12 student receives a quality education, regardless of the challenges they face. They offer free support and advocacy for students dealing with issues like suspension, expulsion, denial of special education services, racism, and other barriers.
	Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan	DAYUM is a youth-led activist organization that advocates for justice within Detroit communities, emphasizing the inclusion of marginalized youth in decision-making processes. For students interested in activism, DAYUM offers opportunities to engage in meaningful change and connect with like-minded peers
<b>Migrant &amp; Refugee Students</b>		
	National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights	NNIRR offers a comprehensive list of <b>mental health</b> resources tailored for migrant and refugee communities. These resources include culturally specific services and materials available in multiple languages, addressing the unique mental health needs of migrants, refugees, and their families.
	United We Dream	United We Dream is the largest immigrant youth-led network in the United States, empowering young immigrants to advocate for justice and dignity for all. They offer resources on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), deportation defense, and mental health support.
<b>Undocumented Students &amp; Families</b>		
	Informed Immigrant	Resources for undocumented High School Students including: alternative pathways, college application resources, and advocacy tools
	Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	The MIRC is a legal resource center dedicated to serving Michigan's immigrant communities. They offer free legal advice and representation in various immigration matters, including family-based cases, humanitarian relief, and naturalization.
<b>Muslim and Arab Communities</b>		
	American Muslim Advisory Council	The AMAC offers a curated list of <b>mental health</b> resources specifically designed for Muslim youth and their families. These resources include confidential hotlines, online support platforms, and guidance for parents and guardians.
	ACCESS	The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) offers a range of programs including Youth Programs, Health & Wellness services, Employment Services, and Human Services. Located in Dearborn, Michigan.
	Center for Arab American Philanthropy	The Teen Grantmaking Initiative by the CAAP is the nation's sole Arab American youth philanthropy program. It empowers teens to engage in community service and philanthropy, allowing them to identify and support causes and organizations that resonate with them.
<b>LGBTQIA+ Students</b>		
	Stand with Trans Michigan	Stand with Trans is committed to empowering and supporting transgender youth and their families. Key offerings include: Support groups, Therapy Assistance, Ally Parents Program, and workshops
	The Trevor Project	The Trevor Project is dedicated to suicide prevention and <b>crisis intervention</b> for LGBTQ+ youth under 25. They offer 24/7 confidential support through trained counselors via phone, text, and chat services.