



## December Newsletter



This resource will equip you with tools and ideas to utilize the Unified Champion Schools strategy by implementing the three components (Special Olympics Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement) in a way that best suits your students.

Check out this video to see inclusion in action across Missouri.

## Highlights from the Past Month



Missouri Western State University hosted their second annual Play Unified Day [Read More](#)



Tipton vs. Boonville Unified flag football tournament at Training for Life Campus [Read More](#)

Ste. Genevieve HS, recent recipient of [National Banner Recognition](#) and ESPN Honor Roll, hosted Webb City JHS as they learned more about what it takes to reach their goals.

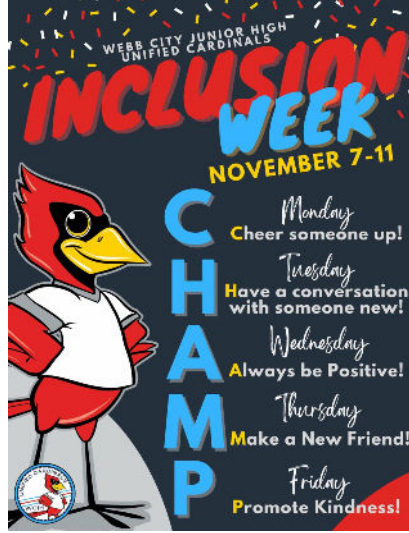


Physical Education and Health teachers at MOSHAPE had the



Students at the Missouri Association of Student Councils Gateway used the

opportunity to learn about **High 5 for Fitness** and **Unified PE** from experts Kelsey Stenger (Carthage) and Sean Nevills (Special Olympics International).



[inclusion tiles](#) activity to discuss inclusion at their schools and learned about how they can support inclusive sports statewide by participating in our freezing cold [Polar Plunge](#) fundraiser.

Webb City Junior High Unified Cardinals hosted an Inclusion Week.

## YOUTH ACTIVATION COMMITTEE

This statewide, student lead committee will meet monthly (first Thursday of the month with opportunities at 7am or 4pm via zoom) for students to gain leadership skills and collaborate on providing inclusive opportunities to impact students across the state. Unified pairs (one athlete and one Unified partner) from your school may work together to submit an application by December 15th. Please have one adult (non-relative) complete a recommendation form about the Unified pair.



Missouri YAC Application 2022



Missouri YAC Adult Recommendation Form



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### Message from me:

This month I'm learning about **Esports**. Team video game competitions are a great way to get students of



Would you like to host an inclusive sports competition for your students next fall?

Yes

Select

No

Select

I'd like to come observe one first

Select

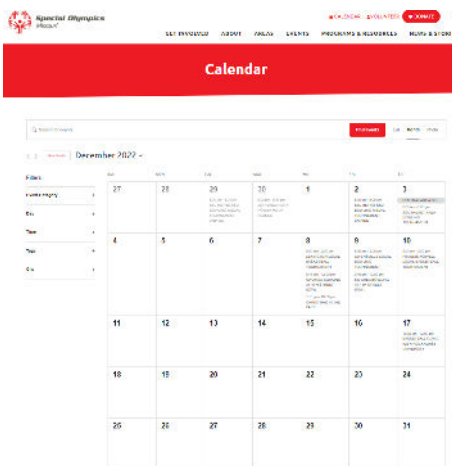
[Unified Sports Quickstart Guide](#)

all abilities and interests engaged. Through Special Olympics' partnership with Play Vs. your students have access to a free National Unified Esports League for the games Rocket League and Mario Kart 8. Registration deadline is February 10th. All details can be found at [playvs.com](https://playvs.com) and I'd be happy to discuss which option will best match your students interests or needs.

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## Click Here for [Upcoming Events](#) in Your Area



- Missouri Association of Student Councils may apply for the [School of Character Award](#) to celebrate inclusive schools by January 25th.
- RSVP now for the Unified Champion Schools 3v3 Unified basketball tournament at our Training for Life Campus in Jefferson City on February 3rd and 17th. Roster due by January 13th.  
[Unified 3v3 Basketball Roster](#)  
[SOMO 3v3 Basketball Rules](#)  
[SOMO 3v3 Basketball Training Video](#)
- Save the date for the 2023 **Spread the Word >> Inclusion** campaign. Your students can plan an inclusion week February 27th- March 3rd or opt for a banner signing event on Wednesday, February 1st. [Start brainstorming!](#)

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