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Greetings Michigan City High School Families,



It is truly the most wonderful time of the year. It is hard to believe 2022 is almost over. The school year continues to move at a rapid pace as we are entering the final stretch and the month of December. We only have a few weeks left this semester before the semester ends on December 20th. Winter Break begins December 21st and ends on January 3rd. The start of 2nd semester begins Wednesday, January 4th.



As we close out the first semester, please pay special attention to your student's grades and credits. Parents and guardians should have received the 2nd Quarter Behavior, Attendance, and Grade (BAG) report that was sent on November 28th. Remember if your student fails a class for the semester, no credit is awarded. Students must accumulate 44 credits in specific content areas to graduate, as well as fulfill additional requirements. If your student is taking any courses through Edmentum you will be receiving an email from Edmentum Sensei. This will allow you to further check in on your student's progress and support them through their online course(s).

This year Finals occur before Winter Break on December 16th - 20th. Friday, December 16th, students will take their finals in 1st and 3rd Block (Blue Day). On Monday, December 19th, students will take their Gray Day finals in 1st, 3rd, and 4th blocks. And on Tuesday, December 20th, students will take their remaining Blue Day finals during 2nd and 4th block. This schedule allows students to take no more than 3 finals on any given day. Students who miss a final for any reason will need to make their final up when we return. Students should work with their teacher to make up their final by Tuesday, January 10th when semester grades are due.

Michigan City High School is proud to present "The Adams Family" a new musical comedy. The show starts Dec. 2nd and 3rd at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on December 4th. Our students and staff have put in countless hours to ensure that you have a fun night filled with music and comedy!

We were honored to have Senator Mike Bohacek in attendance at our Veteran's Day Program. We want to commend our JROTC, vocal, and band students as well as Major McGrath, Sgt. Benak, Michelle Howisen, Frank Gast, and Aaron Garrett. The program was superb and a special thanks goes out to all who contributed.

The MCHS winter athletic teams have begun their seasons. Please check the schedules and come out and support our student-athletes this winter. Congratulations go out to all our fall athletic teams for the time and effort that all of our coaches and athletes put into their seasons.

As we head into the winter months, please pay special attention to our social media for any school closings or delays.

From all of us at MCHS to all of you, have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Kyle Dean
Principal

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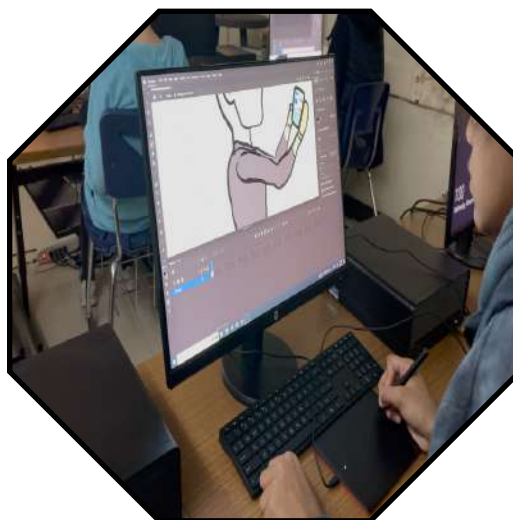
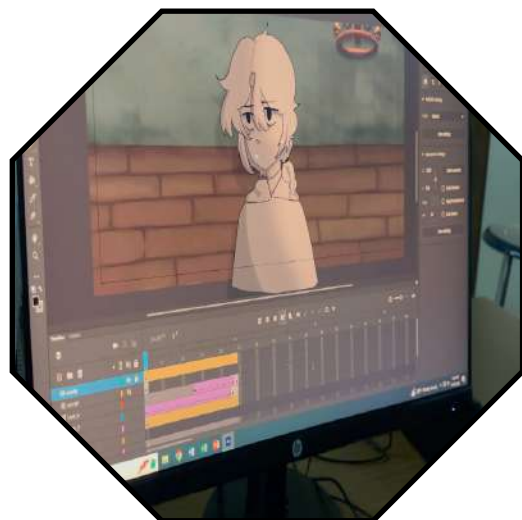
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BUSINESS

Mr. Melendez's **Computer Science 1 and Introduction to Computer** classes are starting to work on their final projects. Their final projects can include a text based game where they have to create a story and let the user choose their own adventure. Other projects they could create include but not limited to Banking System, School Management System and Bus/Train Schedule. These projects are using the knowledge the students have gained during the semester.



Mr. Melendez's **Computer Illustration & Graphics** class is continuing to work on their final project. Their final project is to create a 2 minute (at minimum) animation based off one or two emotions. They have been working on their character profile (background, interests, hobbies, family life, etc.), the story, what their character will look like. Each week until the project is due the students are working on a specific part of the project. Below are examples of two student's current progress.



EARLY COLLEGE

Early College - 9th Grade

Congratulations to all of our freshmen Early College students on completing their first grading period of high school! You worked hard and persevered. We hope that you all continue to push yourself and finish the semester strong! Remember, we are here to support you!

ALPHA & WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each Grading Period, the Michigan City Early College 9th Grade team selects outstanding students for the ALPHA and WOLF Awards. The ALPHA Award goes to the student who had the highest grade out of all of the freshmen in the four core Early College classes. The WOLF Award goes to the student who not only has shown academic success but also integrity, grit, kindness, helpfulness, and is an all-around exemplary Early College student. The following students were the recipients for the

ALPHA AWARD RECIPIENTS (First Grading Period):

ALGEBRA: Carmen Galindo

BIOLOGY: Desiree Jimenez

ENGLISH: Amaya Harmon

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: Amaya Harmon

WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Hayden Mangual

Blake Oviatt

Jennifer Serrano

Alyssa Tracy



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MCHS HONORS THE USMC

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) honored the 247th birthday of the United States Marine Corps by conducting the traditional Marine Corps birthday ceremony. Marines always celebrate November 10th, the day the Marine Corps was founded in Philadelphia in 1775 prior to the start of the Revolutionary War. Whether at peace or at war, in combat or training in the field, on ship or ashore, Marines always find a way to celebrate the traditions of the Marine Corps. MCHS MCJROTC did that at the Pine Grove Banquet Hall in LaPorte. The cadets performed the same ceremony that Marines world-wide do for their respective celebrations.

“The Marine Corps’ core values of honor, courage and commitment are the same values that we try to instill in our cadets,” said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. “Our cadets are very cognizant that, by wearing that Marine uniform, they are expected to act in a way that honors our school and the Marine Corps.”

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, also emphasized how living those core values help the cadets grow as individuals. “Regardless of whether a cadet goes into the military or not, it is so important that they possess moral courage, a quality that is essential to any leader, regardless of their profession.”

November is a busy time for cadets, as they are involved with many patriotic ceremonies in conjunction with Veterans Day, including MCHS’s Veterans Day ceremony, which will be conducted in the high school at 1:30 pm on November 11th. The ceremony, which also includes the MCHS band and choir, is open to the public. All veterans are encouraged to attend, as they will be honored during the ceremony. The following day, MCHS will host a military drill competition. MCHS hopes to qualify for the Regional Championship meet in Reading, PA in February. To meet that goal, they must finish in the top 3 schools in the

Sectional Championship at Portage High School on January 14th. Among the most competitive schools at that meet will be the host school, along with Indianapolis Ben Davis and Romeoville, IL, which will also be at the MCHS meet. The competition is open to the public and is free.



Two pieces of cake are cut, one to the oldest cadet, one to the youngest cadet, signifying the passing of Marine Corps traditions from the old to the young.



The Sword Detail and the Color Guard execute “Present, Arms” for the playing of the National Anthem.



Cadets positioned the cake for the cake-cutting portion of the ceremony.

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MCHS HONORS VETERANS

Michigan City High School (MCHS) conducted a ceremony to honor veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th. The school's band, choir, and Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) participated. All junior and senior classes attended along with many veterans from surrounding communities. One highlight of the ceremony was the band playing the Armed Forces Medley, during which veterans of their respective service were recognized during the playing of their service song. The event was a modified military parade, with the march on of troops and the manual of arms. The choir sang the National Anthem, God Bless America, and America the Beautiful. It concluded with the troops passing in review.

The ceremony was live-streamed to freshmen and sophomore classes. Indiana State Senator Mike Bohacek was the guest speaker. Senator Bohacek emphasized the importance of looking out for our veterans, both their physical and mental health.

"It is a great testimony to the dedication of the members of our band, choir and cadets to put forth so much effort into the preparation of this ceremony," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "I also want to commend the attentiveness of the student body. With less than one percent of our population serving in the military, many young people have no connection to the armed forces."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the cadets' flexibility and ability to multitask. "We conducted our Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony and marched in the Michigan City Veterans Parade last weekend. The cadets participated in the Michiana Marines' ceremony last night, did this ceremony today, and we will host and compete in our military drill meet tomorrow."

The Military Drill Team will continue to prepare for the Sectional Championship Meet at Portage on January 14th. If the Wolves finish in the top 3, they will compete in the Regional Championship at Reading, PA on February 19th. That trip, along with all MCJROTC activities, are done at no cost to MCHS or the cadet. They are funded by the Marine Corps. Cadets will also continue to support MCHS functions, including the One City One Sound holiday concert and all home basketball games.





MCHS HOSTS MILITARY DRILL COMPETITION, EARNS AWARDS

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) hosted a military drill competition on November 12th. The Wolves competed against the traditional powerhouse schools of Portage, Indianapolis Ben Davis, and Romeoville, IL. They earned a 2nd place trophy in the Armed Regulation category, and finished third in Unarmed Regulation, Unarmed Exhibition, and Armed Exhibition. The University of Notre Dame Navy/Marine ROTC provided the judges.

"This is early in the year to host a drill meet, but our cadets rose to the challenge and represented our school well," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. Despite the usual heavy commitments around Veterans Day, the kids still put in the hard work to be ready for this meet. It takes a special young man or woman to make it to school at 5:45 am for practice daily."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, also noted the cadets' flexibility to adapt to different events. "Since our gym supports all winter sports, it is tough to obtain a date later in the year but before the MCJROTC Sectional Championship. Our cadets didn't complain. They just put in the extra work required to be competitive against some good schools."

The Sectional Championship is scheduled for January 14th at Portage. The Wolves will have to finish in the top 3 to qualify for the Regional Championship at Reading High School in Pennsylvania. The top three finishers there will compete for the MCJROTC championship in Washington, DC in April. Those trips, like all MCJROTC activities, are done at no cost to the school or student. They are funded by the Marine Corps.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Jada Mckendree (clarinet), Torey Morris (bass clarinet) and Josh Pratt (bass clarinet) who were accepted into the Indiana Bandmasters All Region Honor Band. They performed in this band at Portage High School on November 13. Another huge congratulations to Ashley Sparks (Principal oboe), Kyra Krachinski (Principal flute), Alaina Kotaska (Principal euphonium), Sophia Barczak (clarinet) and Zac Hogan (trumpet) who were accepted into the Indiana Bandmasters All District Honor Band. These students performed in this band on November 20 at Kankakee Valley High School.

The Michigan City Area Schools Music Department will once again be presenting our One City One Sound Concert live! Please join us in the Michigan City High School gym on December 8 at 7 pm. Admission is free but we ask that you bring a canned good to donate to the Salvation Army. Monetary donations to the Salvation Army will also be accepted. This concert will feature over 400 elementary singers and beginning band students, over 300 middle school choir and band students, and 120 high school choir and band students. Our music students have worked very hard to put together this concert for you and we hope that you will join us and celebrate the holiday season with the MCAS Music Department.

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Mr. Stahl's combined classes left town in the wee hours of November 3rd. A good number of students participated in the trip. In this photo the class ID prepaing for take off from Chicago. The students had a great day and we walked 6 plus miles. The Riverwalk, the Cultural Center, Union Station were just a few attractions visited. Cloud Gate was also a big hit. Thanks to all participated, Great Job!

The Social Studies department was excited to welcome Representative Jim Pressel from the Indiana General Assembly to MCHS. Rep Pressel spoke to some of our senior Government and Economics classes. The students prepared a list of questions for him to answer beforehand, and Rep Pressel talked about how he got involved in politics and government, what his job entails, and how he decides to vote on bills that come before his chamber.



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Members of Mr. Marz's Chemistry class build atomic models together.



C O U N S E L O R

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The end of the 1st semester is on December 20, 2022, in which students will receive a credit for each passing grade. The Counselors encourage students to prepare for their final exams. Please Seek help from your teachers and frequently check your academic progress on PowerSchool.

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The BAG reports were emailed on November 28th. This is a quarterly update on Behavior, Attendance, and Grades. The Counselor, Success Coaches, and Principals continue to meet with students that are failing two or more classes, missing several days of school, and/or have numerous discipline reports.

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After school tutoring and credit Recovery is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please visit your counselor to sign up.

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The 10th grade students had the opportunity to visit the LaPorte County Career and Technical Education (A.K. Smith Center) on November 28th and December 5th. The students were able to view the programs offered at AK. If students are interested in attending, please enroll online at www.educatemc.net/careertech and pick up a registration form in the Guidance Office.

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The 8th grade Middle School students will visit the high school on December 2nd. They will hear about the wonderful classes, activities, and sports the high school offers. Welcome Future Wolves!!!

Seniors, don't forget to complete the FAFSA application online, studentaid.gov, as soon as possible. Remember, this is a graduation requirement. The next FAFSA workshop is scheduled for December 7th @ 6:00 p.m. If you and your family need assistance, please contact Mr. Garrett. Seniors, remember to submit transcript requests through Naviance. Also, check your emails for important information such as scholarships, college visits, employment opportunities. If you have not started planning for your future, please contact your counselor. We are available to help you. The SAT exam will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Remember to bring your photo ID and printed admission ticket, or you will not be permitted to test. Juniors will take the SAT in March 2023. More information will be provided soon.

The Counselors will be meeting with 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students in January to discuss selecting courses for the next school year.



Exchange Club Student of the month Mia Zemrowski

S U C C E S S C O A C H E S

What a wonderful month it has been! We hope you all enjoyed your break.

This past month Success Coaches conducted a needs assessment with 9th grade students. This was to determine where students are struggling and to help students build success. We want to provide our students tools to improve their social-emotional needs. As a result of the assessment we will be going into the 9th grade Wolfpack classrooms to do short guidance lessons on building SEL skills. Our first lessons will be on “How to Ask for Help” and “Managing Stress”.

Small groups will begin in January. We will focus on “Improving Self Esteem” and “Problem Solving/Decision Making”.

Success in Motion

Congratulations to Rylee Cabanaw! Rylee was selected to be on the Bring Change 2 Mind Student Advisory Committee. This is a statewide committee whose goal is to work with other students to erase the stigma of mental health.

On November 13, members of the Bring Change to Mind club along with club advisor Mrs. Ndiukwu traveled to Indianapolis to the Bring Change 2 Mind statewide Summit. Over 200 hundred club members from high schools around the state attended the Summit which was held at the Indianapolis Colts fieldhouse. There were many activities to promoting mental health and wellness, including therapy dogs who received a lot of attention from participants. MCHS students connected with BC2M club members from La Porte and Plymouth high schools and hope to plan a joint event with them around mental wellness in the future.

On November 21st, the Student Success Coaches took 33 students to Chicago for a tour of Chicago State University (CSU). This trip is the result of several student requests to visit a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) campus. CSU is recognized as a HBCU institution. Students toured the campus, visited the dormitory and gymnasium, and learned about the academic offerings. Our students were engaged and asked a lot of questions during the presentation. Afterwards, the group enjoyed Chicago-style deep dish pizza at a famous Chicago eatery, took pictures at the Bean and visited Navy Pier. It was a great trip! Thank you Assistant Principal Fred Greene and MCHS JAG instructor Ray Davis for volunteering to chaperone. Thanks to the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, #NACAC, for the Imagine Grant which made this trip possible. The Success Coach team hope to plan more outings in the future to promote student success, encourage academic and career exploration, and foster interpersonal relationships.



ESPORTS

Our Rocket League team has the opportunity to play in a tournament put on by Intel. The picture below shows our students playing in a qualifying match, sadly they did not qualify, however, they do have two more opportunities to qualify. Once they qualify they are immediately put in to play in the national tournament and they are playing for \$40,000. Yes, you read that right \$40,000. Their next qualifying match will take place on December 10.



Our Fall Season has ended and we are now in our Spring split. Our Spring season starts in the middle of January. We are improving and gaining new athletes in our games. When we start Spring season we will be having Varsity, Junior Varsity and Club level teams. We have had a good start to our 1st year.

If you would want to see a promotional video of our Esports team and why they play please click on [Esports Promotional Video](#).



Open Door **Adolescent** Health Center
Michigan City High School

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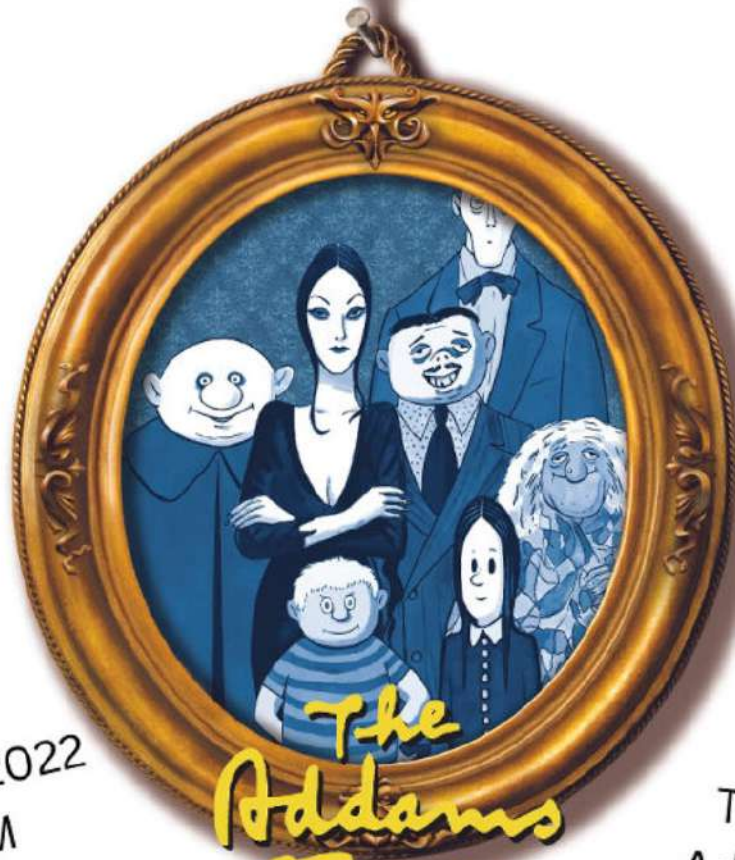
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Michigan City High School Drama Club presents



Dec. 2 & 3, 2022
7:00 PM
Dec. 4, 2022
2:00 PM

The Addams Family A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

School Edition

TICKETS
Adults \$10
Students \$5

Based on Characters created by Charles Addams

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary LuRoffe, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Vivek Tiwary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clarence, LLC, Adam Zotovich/Tribe Theatricals

By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical
Theatrical Rights Worldwide

Michigan City High School 8466 W Pahs Rd





Back On Track



After school: 2:25-4:15pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays at MCHS

Tutoring and Credit

Contact your School Counselor to sign up

Transportation is available as long as you sign up with your school counselor



Volver Sobre la Pista



después del colegio: 2:25-4:15pm
martes y jueves en MCHS

Tutoría y recuperación de créditos disponibles

Comuníquese con su consejero escolar para inscribirse

El transporte está disponible siempre que se registre con su consejero escolar.



MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

FAFSA COMPLETION

WORKSHOPS



FAFSA completion
is a requirement
for all MCHS
seniors!

OCTOBER 13 @ 5:30 PM
NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 7 @ 6:00 PM

WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE AT MCHS

FAFSA = Free Application For Federal Student Aid

Please bring:

- Your Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Chromebook or computer, if possible

Student and a parent/guardian must be present.

*If you have questions, or cannot attend one of these sessions
contact Aaron Garrett
(MCAS K-12 College/Career/Military Coordinator)
agarrett@mcas.k12.in.us*

**Prepare for
your future!**



RSVP AT WWW.EDUCATEMC.NET/FAFSA
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**Michigan City
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One City One Sound

Featuring 1,000+ musicians from all
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Thursday, December 8

7:00p.m.

Michigan City High School
8466 W. Pahs Road

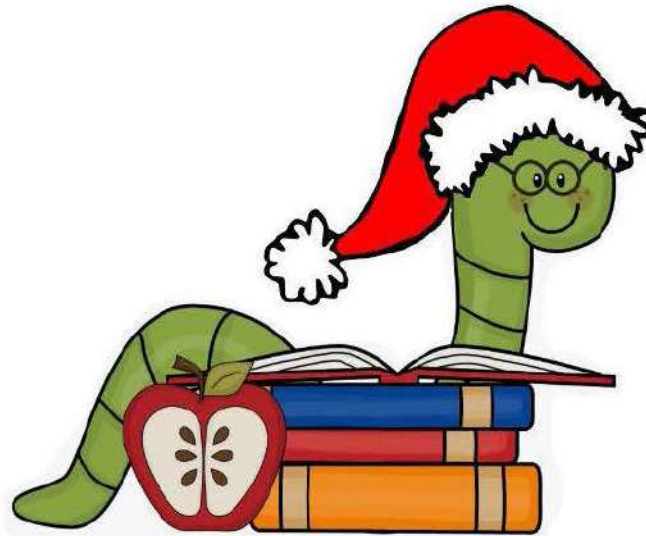


Free Admission

(But please bring a canned good or donation
for the Salvation Army of Michigan City)



OPERATION BOOKWORM



**MCAS Schools will be collecting
NEW (*or nearly new*) Books for
Children & Teens!!!!**

Drop them off at Any MCAS Building Now- Dec 9, 2022.

Proudly Sponsored by: **MCHS National Honor Society**
Distributed by: **Salvation Army of Michigan City**



Attention, Michigan City!

CAN WE DO IT?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

9:00 am - NOON

Drive-through and donate food at Ames Field

Nonperishable items only, please! Food collected will be provided to the Salvation Army of Michigan City food pantry.

Which MCAS school can collect the MOST?

*Community members encouraged to donate...
you can designate your donation on behalf of your favorite school.*

*Last December, MCAS donated 4.6 TONS of food.
CAN we top that this year?*

Sponsored by MCHS Student Council

Wolves Fans: Bring a Can!



Michigan City High School Athletics
is collecting canned goods/nonperishable food items
through December 9th for
the Salvation Army food pantry.



**\$1.00 off admission
to any athletic event
with your donation!**

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December 2022

December 2022 Upcoming Events

12/02 - Fall Musical
 12/03 - SAT Testing
 12/03 - Fall Musical
 12/04 - Fall Musical
 12/08 - One City One Sound
 Concert
 12/09 - Foreign Language
 International Dinner
 12/10 - Can Food Drive
 12/16-20 - Final Exams
 12/20 - End of Grading
 Period #2
 12/21-1/03 - Winter Break

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January 2023

January 2023 Upcoming Events

1/04 - School Resumes
 1/16 - MLK Day (no school)

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