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Principal Post

Season's Greetings to Michigan City High School Families

As 2024 approaches, we find ourselves in the bustling final stretch of the semester, with December bringing a flurry of activities and preparations. The semester draws to a close on December 20th, leading into our Winter Break from December 21st to January 3rd. We look forward to welcoming students back for the second semester on Wednesday, January 4th.

This year, we were honored to have the MCHS Marine Corps JROTC lead a beautiful Veterans Day Ceremony on November 9th. The event featured a keynote by Indiana Representative Pat Boy and performances by the MCHS Band and Choir. It was a meaningful tribute to our veterans and a reflection of our community's respect and gratitude.

I am thrilled to announce a commendable achievement by our students. Congratulations to the 83 students who made the Principal's Honor Roll for the 1st grading period. This prestigious recognition requires students to have all A's in every subject. The breakdown of the honorees is as follows: 28 Freshmen, 15 Sophomores, 22 Juniors, and 18 Seniors. Their names are available on our website.

Additionally, kudos to the **356** students who made the **Academic Honor Roll** for the 1st grading period. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and earn no grade below a C on their report card. The honorees include **87 Freshmen**, **123 Sophomores**, **94 Juniors**, and **52 Seniors**. You can find their names on our website as well.

As we conclude the first semester, it's important to focus on the academic progress of our students. Failing a class results in no credit, which is crucial to remember since students need 44 credits in specific areas to graduate. For those taking Edmentum courses, an update from Edmentum Sensei will provide insights into your student's progress in these online classes.

Final exams this year are scheduled before the Winter Break. The Blue Day Finals are on December 19th, followed by

the Gray Day Finals on December 20th. This schedule is thoughtfully arranged so that students are not overwhelmed, taking no more than three to four finals per day. In the event of any missed finals, students should coordinate with their teachers for make-up

exams upon our return from the break.

We also extend an invitation to the "One City One Sound" event on December 7th, held in the high school's Gymnasium. It promises to be a display of our students' exceptional talents. Additionally, our winter athletic teams are actively competing, and we encourage you to support them at their games. For updates on school closings or delays during the winter months, please follow our social media channels.

Here's to a festive holiday season and a Happy New Year to all!

Kyle Dean Principal



Career & Technical Education

Computer Science 2: Cybersecurity

We're delving into the fascinating and vital world of digital security. Our journey includes:

- Steganography: The art of hiding messages within other media, ensuring that only those who know where to look can find them.
- Cryptography: We're unraveling the secrets of securing messages through complex algorithms, making sure that only intended recipients can understand them.
- Encryption: A crucial part of cryptography, this process keeps our digital communications safe from prying eyes.
- Web Vulnerabilities:
 Our explorations extend to
 understanding and mitigating risks like SQL Injection and
 Command Injections common
 methods used by hackers to
 exploit websites.

Each class session uncovers new layers of how we protect digital information, ensuring our online world remains secure and trustworthy.

Principles of Digital Design

Our Principles of Digital Design students have been immersing themselves in the creative fusion of typography and art. Their recent projects involved bending and shaping the words of their favorite songs or poems to form their own portraits. Another intriguing project had them stylistically incorporate their names into a design.







Diving deeper into the artistic possibilities, the class has explored the use of the mixer brush tool in Photoshop, learning to blend colors seamlessly on a digital canvas.

For their final project, students are embarking on an exciting challenge: following a Bob Ross tutorial to replicate one of his iconic paintings. This exercise is not just about honing their digital painting skills but also about understanding color theory, brushwork, and the joy of artistic creation.

Principles of Computing

Our journey in Principles of Computing recently culminated in mastering Repetition Structures, rounding off with Chapter

5's exploration of Functions and Random Numbers. Students are now gearing up for their final projects, which involve creating a text-based game. This exciting endeavor will integrate everything learned this semester, including variables, loops,

functions, and mathematical operations.

Post-winter break, we'll shift gears from Python to immerse ourselves in the critical field of Cybersecurity. This interlude will provide valuable insights into digital safety and security. Following this, we'll dive back into Python, equipped with a broader understanding of computing principles..

Career & Technical Education

Computer Illustration and Graphics

Our talented students in Computer Illustration and Graphics recently completed their letter art project, where they skillfully crafted designs using the letters of their names. Following this, they embarked on a challenging project, transforming their self-portraits into unique anime characters. This task not only honed their skills in outlining and coloring but also introduced them to the intricacies of highlighting and shadows.

We also had a fun one-day project creating optical illusion art, allowing students to experiment with visual perception.

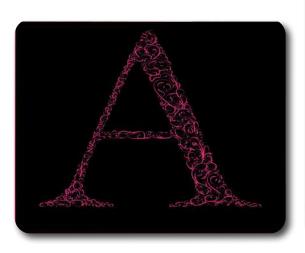
To wrap up this semester, students are now focusing on finalizing their designs for the Trail Creek logo sign, showcasing their creativity and the skills they've developed.















Early College

Student of the Quarter/Shining Star Awards

The sophomore Early College teachers would like to recognize several outstanding students who exemplify the ideals of what it means to be in the Early College program. These students stand out amongst their peers in the classroom and serve as role models to others in the program. They are committed students day in and day out and come everyday with positive attitudes. These students are eager to learn, ask questions, and have the confidence to share and contribute to class discussions. The outstanding students for the first quarter are:

Geometry Honors:

- Amaya Harmon*
- Gabriella Patino
- Lauren Smoot
- Desiree Jimenez
- Alyssa Tracy
- Shining Star:
 - Trevor Trusty

English Honors:

- Amaya Harmon*
- Jennifer Serrano
- Alvssa Tracv
- Desiree Jimenez
- Mariana Ramos
- Shining Star:
 - Zachary Dillard

Chemistry Honors:

- Desiree Jimenez*
- Alyssa Tracy
- Daunte Jones

- Amaya Harmon
- Jennifer Serrano
- Kenneth Oviatt
- Shining Star:
 - Ja-Taveon Taylor

US History DC:

- Amaya Harmon^{*}
- Alyssa Tracy
- Jennifer Serrano
- Desiree Jimenez
- Mariana Ramos
- Shining Star:
 - James Biela









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Fine Arts

Visual Communication I

Students have been working on a few different projects. Pop Art was the subject of 2 different projects: Digital transfers combine digital images with paper collage on a canvas, and the Pop Art 4 Square project has students make an Andy Warhol silkscreen-type image and add color "by hand" on the computer to create 4 different versions of the same image, which are combined into one image.

Students are also learning a fundamental part of Photoshop: how to make selections. Students practiced "cutting out" or selecting different types of objects using Photoshop's variety of selection tools. The final project is a digital collage.

Photography I

Students are staying busy in the darkroom printing photos. They are also working on a few digital assignments: abstract macro and Wes Anderson style symmetrical architecture photos. Abstract Macro means the photos are very close up (macro) so the subject is reduced to shape, color, texture, etc (abstract). The resulting

Alana Eckwood



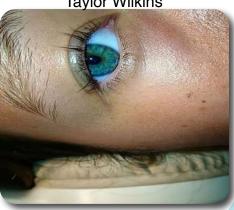
Adrianna Burgdorf



Haley Barnes



Taylor Wilkins



Azealiah Turner



Emma Hollingshead



Molly Gouge



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Fine Arts

photos are very creative! Wes Anderson is a director known for a very specific aesthetic:

symmetrical, retro-looking settings and colors. Students were required to take architecture or architectural detail photos that are symmetrical. Again, the photos turned out great! **Biennial Exhibition**



Sara Hughes



Olivia Payne



Meshak Luncsford



Kara Ausmus



Meshak Luncsford



Rachel Jones



Paige Merrill



Sanya Choudhray



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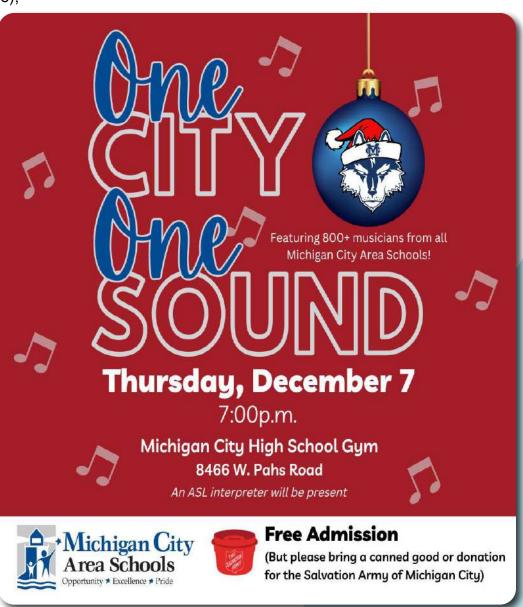
Fine Arts

Congratulations to Kara Keen (flute) who was accepted into the Indiana Bandmasters All Region Honor Band. She performed in this band at Portage High School on November 12. Another huge congratulations to Ashley Sparks (Principal oboe),

Sophia Barczak (clarinet), Jada Mckendree (clarinet), Isaac Yanke (alto saxophone), Vivian Taylor (tenor saxophone), Zoe Brooks (baritone) and Jimmy Biela (percussion) who were accepted into the Indiana Bandmasters All District Honor Band. These students performed in this band on November 19 at Kankakee Valley High School.

The Michigan City Area Schools Music Department will once again be presenting our One City One Sound Concert! Please join us in the Michigan City High School gym on December 7 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, over 300 middle school choir and band students, and 150 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.



MCJROTC

MCHS MCJROTC HOSTS DRILL MEET, EARNS AWARDS

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) hosted a military drill competition on Saturday, November 4th. The

Wolves earned 3rd place trophies for Color Guard and Exhibition, and a 2nd place for Regulation in the Armed Division. They also earned a second place for Color Guard in the Unarmed Division. The University of Notre Dame Navy/ Marine Corps ROTC provided the judges.

"For being this early in the year, our cadets drilled very well," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath.
"Particularly since most of our Drill Team are also on our Raider Team, it is a real tribute to the versatility and work ethic of City cadets to compete on such a high level on back-to-back Saturdays."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, complimented the younger cadets on their performance. "One-third of our team are drilling competitively for the first time. I have to hand it to our senior cadets for bringing our first-years up to the level where we are very competitive."

The Wolves next meet will be at Portage on December 2nd. The sectional championship will be at Indianapolis Ben Davis on January 27th. If MCHS wins that meet, they would go to the National Championship in Washington, DC in the Spring. That trip, like all MCJROTC activities, is done at no cost to the student or MCHS. The Marine Corps funds all activities.

In addition to the Drill Team, the cadets will be honoring veterans on Thursday, November 9th, with a ceremony at the MCHS Gym at 1:30 pm in anticipation of Veterans Day. The ceremony, conducted with the MCHS Band and Choir, is open to the public. MCHS particularly encourages all veterans to attend, as they will be honored during the ceremony. The following day, the cadets will honor the U.S. Marine Corps with its Birthday Ball. Friday, November 10th, is the 248th birthday of the Marine Corps. The following Saturday, November 18th, the Wolves will travel to Indianapolis to compete in Ben Davis' Raider competition. After the Thanksgiving break, MCHS will compete in Portage's Drill Meet, and turn around that evening to march in the Michigan City Christmas Parade. They will also be supporting the Michigan City Area Schools One City

One Sound concert on December 7th, the Salvation Army Holiday food and gift donations drive, and providing the Color Guards for all home basketball games.







MCJROTC

MCHS JROTC Secures Top Spot in Indianapolis

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Wolves Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) competed in a Raider competition at Indianapolis Ben Davis High School on Saturday, November 18th. Raiders is a physically challenging event. requiring cadets to work together to accomplish objectives roughly based on skills required in combat. The Wolves won the Tug-of- War event, placed second in the Physical Fitness Challenge, and earned 3rd place in the Rope Bridge, Sandbag Relay, and Tire Flip.

"Our cadets really improved from our first meet," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "Since this is our first year doing Raiders, I think we are building a solid foundation from which to have really competitive teams in the future." Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, also noted the cadets improvement, citing their hard work in practice. "These Raider meets are really physically challenging. Our cadets have put forth the effort in practice to eventually be competitive at the National level." The Marine Corps will hold the National MCJROTC championship at Boswell, PA the last week in April.

The Wolves are hoping to obtain an at-large berth. If they do, that trip, like all MCJROTC activities, is done at no cost to MCHS or the student. They are funded by the Marine Corps. The cadets will be busy supporting MCHS and the community after returning from Thanksgiving break. They compete in a military drill meet at Portage High School on December 2nd. That night, they will march in the Michigan City Holiday parade. Cadets will provide Color Guards for the four home boys basketball games in December, as well at the LaPorte County Courts Veterans graduation ceremony. In the spirit of the season, they will support the Michigan City Area Schools One City One Sound Holiday concert along with providing their time and talents to help the Salvation Army help the needy.











Social Studies

The Psychology classes from our school embarked on an unforgettable educational journey to Chicago on October 31st. This excursion was not only a fun outing but also a vital part of our learning experience. Throughout the day, we explored various points of interest in the city, each offering unique insights and opportunities for hands-on learning.

Our first stop was the renowned Money Museum, where students engaged in interactive learning about the economy, currency, and financial literacy. The museum's exhibits provided a practical understanding of money management, an essential skill for young adults.

Next, we strolled along the scenic Chicago River Walk. This was more than just a leisurely walk; it was an opportunity to observe urban design and discuss its impact on community psychology. The serene environment by the riverside offered a perfect backdrop for thoughtful conversations and reflections.

The Chicago Cultural Center was another highlight. Its architectural beauty and the range of cultural exhibits sparked discussions about the influence of culture on human behavior and societal norms. This was particularly relevant to our study of

social psychology.

A surprise discovery was Couch Alley, a lesser-known gem in the city. This site led to an impromptu experiment in environmental psychology, examining how different urban spaces can affect mood and behavior.

Throughout the day, the students conducted small, ethical experiments, applying their classroom knowledge in real-world settings. These activities were designed to be interactive and thought-provoking, providing practical insights into the workings of the human mind.

One of the most memorable stops was an unexpected one: Starbucks. Over coffee and snacks, students engaged in lively discussions, sharing their observations and insights from the day. This casual setting fostered open conversations and strengthened our class community.

The trip concluded with a group reflection session. Students shared their experiences, highlighting what they learned and how they could apply these lessons in future studies. The enthusiasm and maturity they showed throughout the day were commendable.

In summary, the Chicago trip was a resounding success. It was not only an enjoyable outing but also a rich, educational experience that brought classroom theories to life. The hands-on experiments, coupled with the exploration of Chicago's diverse sites, provided an invaluable learning opportunity for everyone involved. It was indeed a great day for our psychology classes, filled with learning, discovery, and camaraderie.



World Languages

MCHS German Class

Stasia Forsythe (teacher), together with senior, Julia Zerbes (German IV), organized a community outreach project with the 7th grade class at Queen of all Saints School in support of the school's Culture Night. Culture Night is an annual event.

Each class is assigned a specific county and prepares a relevant cultural project to share with the school. Students had a wonderful time learning about German language and culture and making "Lebkuchen" hearts (out of cardboard, rather than Lebkuchen) for display. Culture Night took place at Queen of All Saints on November 10.







EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES









Computer Science Honor Society

On November 6, students from the Michigan City High School Computer Science Honor Society (MCHS CSHS) participated in a service project that extended their learning beyond the classroom. They collaborated with the school's IT department in two key areas: disassembling and sorting Chromebook parts, and troubleshooting overheating problems in gaming computers used for Esports. This experience offered students a practical understanding of computer hardware and the complexities of maintaining high-performance gaming systems.

During their time in the IT department, the students learned about the inner workings of Chromebooks, gaining insights into electronic device lifecycle and sustainable waste management practices. In the Esports room, they investigated the causes of overheating in gaming computers, exploring factors ranging from software settings to hardware configurations to ensure efficient and problem-free game performance.

This hands-on project was more than just an educational exercise; it was a real-world application of the students' classroom knowledge. They developed essential technical, problem-solving, and teamwork skills crucial for a career in IT. Their efforts were well-received by the IT department, highlighting the positive impact and mutual benefits of such student-led initiatives.

The project's success showcases the growing importance of practical computer science education and the role of the MCHS CSHS in fostering a community of service and technological proficiency. These experiences prepare students for the challenges of the evolving tech world and set a precedent for future collaborative projects that benefit both the students and the school community. For more information about the MCHS Computer Science Honor Society and their activities, please contact cmelendez01@ educatemc.net.









Esports

The Esports teams at Michigan City High School (MCHS) wrapped up their fall season with a mix of challenging losses and commendable victories, laying a solid foundation for improvement in the upcoming spring season. The Overwatch 2 Varsity team secured one win in six matches, while the Super **Smash Bros (SSBU) Varsity** team achieved one win, two draws, and three losses. The Rocket League Varsity team balanced their record with three wins and three losses. Notably, the SSBU JV (Academy) team had an impressive record of four wins, one draw, and only one loss. In the realm of Chess, where MCHS students compete individually, standout player Carlos Serrano achieved an impressive second rank in the state among 55 participants, with two other students tied for 25th and another at 36th.

On November 4th, the MCHS Esports team hosted a 12-hour live stream on their Twitch channel to raise funds for Extra **Life**, an initiative supporting the Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals. During this engaging event, the team successfully raised \$730 towards their \$1,500 goal, contributing to a noble cause. Extra Life continues to accept donations until December 31st, and supporters

are encouraged to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Click here to donate

The SSBU team members showcased their skills at a tournament held at Manchester University on November 18th, marking the largest Super Smash Bros tournament in Indiana's history with 256 participants. Five MCHS students participated, facing tough competition. One student achieved a commendable 93rd place, and Katelyn Ast, the team's standout performer, narrowly missed securing a spot in the Top 32. tying for 33rd place. Her performance was particularly notable as she was on the verge of becoming the only female in the Top 32.

The determination and effort displayed by all MCHS Esports team members this season have been exemplary. With their eves set on further achievements and improvements, the students are already discussing their return next year, fueled by the experiences and lessons learned from this season's competitions. The MCHS Esports program continues to grow, fostering not only gaming skills but also teamwork, strategy, and perseverance among its participants.







National Honor Society

On Friday Nov 17, Siniyah Burdine, Natalie White, Hannah Parker, Jennifer Mezo, Alyssa Workman, Naomi Williams, Brianna Harvey, Katelyn Lane, Kaitlyn Milliagan, Jaden Hart and Gerzey Hibner attended the Rotary International World Affairs Conference at Ivy Teck in Valpo. These students participated in stimulating conversations about Teen Mental Heath. Each year the Rotary comes together to discus global issues affecting students, people across the country.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION









Healthy Culture

During this Holiday Season, the students and staff at our school embraced a heartwarming opportunity to reflect on and express their gratitude. In a thoughtful initiative organized by the Healthy Culture team, everyone was invited to share what they are most thankful for. This exercise of gratitude was not only a chance to pause and appreciate the good in their lives but also a way to foster a sense of community and shared values within the school.

The library walls became a canvas of positivity, adorned with 'Paws' - each one inscribed with heartfelt messages of thanks. These Paws, symbolizing the collective spirit of the school, were filled with a diverse range of reasons to be thankful, from personal achievements and friendships to the supportive school environment and inspiring teachers. The display turned the library into a vibrant and visually impactful reminder of the power of gratitude. The Healthy Culture team's dedication to this initiative played a crucial role in its success. creating an uplifting and inclusive space where everyone's expressions of gratitude could be seen and celebrated.







Open Door

Open Door Adolescent Health Center

MCHS Parents and Students - PLEASE READ

PLAN AHEAD FOR SPRING SPORTS SEASON

FREE SPORTS PHYSICAL FOR 2023-2024

MCHS Students that are registered with the Open Door Adolescent Health Center may stop by Room #O-111 during lunch or passing periods to schedule your appointment.

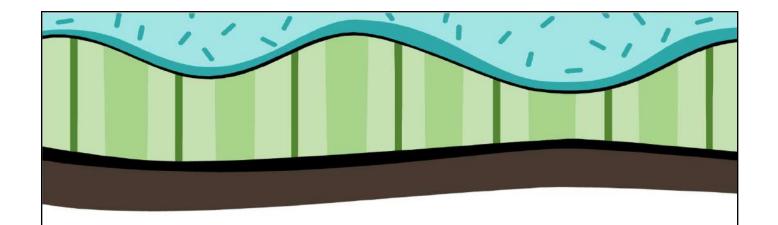
If not registered, parents/legal guardians can enroll their student through their PowerSchool Parent account - go to Forms and complete the OPTIONAL FORM for Open Door Adolescent Health Center

PARENTS: Please complete the IHSAA – Pre-participation Physical on the MCHS Athletics Webpage under FINAL FORMS. Once this is completed, we can schedule your exam.

Don't delay - Come schedule your appointment today!



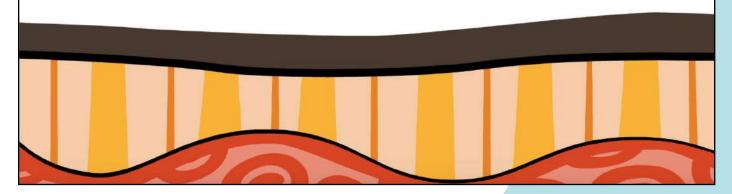
Open Door



Michigan City High School – CARE CLOSET
WISH LIST!!

Male/Female/Neutral Products NEEDED
Shampoo and Conditioner
Body Wash / Body Spray
Deodorant
Lotion
Lip Balm/Chapstick
Hairbrushes/Combs

Donations collected in the Open Door Adolescent Health Center – Room #O-111 – or call x4545 – Thank you!



Nurse

We are in the cold/sinus/ flu season. The best way to prevent the spread of these illnesses is frequent hand washing. Washing your hands after sneezing or after touching your nose/mouth area will help prevent many respiratory illness. Covering your cough and sneezes will also help prevent the spread of illness. Sneezing and coughing in your elbow is the best way to cover coughs and sneezes.

If your student is feeling ill please keep them home if they are vomiting, have diarrhea or are running a fever of 100.4 or higher. They should stay home for 24 hours after those symptoms stop with no medication. This will help prevent healthy students being exposed to illness also.





Student of the Month

























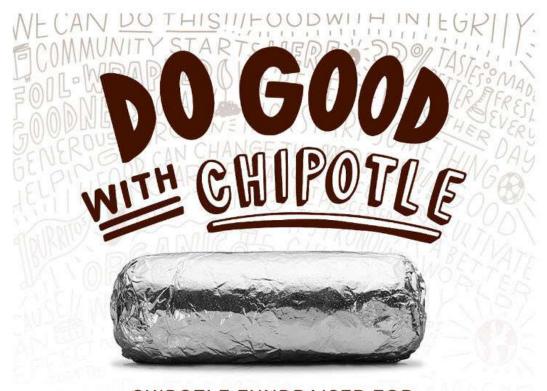




Talent Show



Giveback Fundraiser



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **3RFG69W**OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

December

Galendar

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