



# Wolves Wire

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Comments? Suggestions?

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## From the Desk of the Interim Principal...

Hello Fellow Wolves!

October is here and MCHS staff is hard at work preparing to welcome our students back to in-person classes on October 19, 2020!

School sure does look a lot different this fall, but our teachers and students have been hard at work adjusting to new Zoom classrooms and connecting via Google Classroom and Blackboard. Some of our students will continue to connect with teachers and new academic content online through our MCAS Online program while other students have opted to return to in-person learning at MCHS, AK Smith Career Center, and Elston.

Regardless of the learning option choice *ALL student schedules will look different come October 19th*. Once new schedules are posted we will send a message to all students and parents to view them. MCHS will continue with the block schedule format when we return in person. Students will attend 4 classes per day and have a 30 minute lunch. All students will also be scheduled into a Wolf Pack Hour--a period where students and teachers will engage in authentic conversations about relevant topics, complete college and career readiness activities and grade specific lessons to help prepare our students for success in high school and post-secondary choices. Students will also have time during Wolf Pack Hour to complete other academic work and seek help from their Wolf Pack Hour teacher. All students will start in a homeroom on October 19th. This will allow students and staff to review the new procedures, find lockers, and prepare for the best in-person learning experience. Classes for in-person students start at 7:25am! Classes for online students will begin at 9:25 on October 19th *only*.

Drop-off and pickup procedures have also changed. Buses will now drop off at two locations---Door P in the front of the building and Door I in the back of the building. Bus riders will enter through designated doors and will be able to have a grab-and-go breakfast in the auditorium (Door P) or in the gym (Door I). Students will be expected to wear masks during breakfast time when not eating and students may not share food. Students that drive will park in the east lot in the front of the building and enter at Door A. Student drivers are required to have a parking permit (\$20) which can be purchased with our treasurer, Ella Brinckman. Drivers who do not display their parking permit may be subject to loss of parking privileges, extra-curricular activities, and further disciplinary action. Parents who are dropping off their students will continue to enter the MCHS property using the middle drive and drop their students along the sidewalk.

After school dismissal will look different as well. All bus riders will exit

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the building to the back parking lot using Doors H, I, and J. Buses will leave from the property using the east drive. Parent pick-up will occur in the same place--in the middle lot at the front of the building by Door A. Student drivers will also dismiss from school using Door A.

It's important that we remain vigilant about our individual and family health during the coming months. Please screen your student for symptoms every day before sending them to school. If your student is feeling ill, *please keep them home!* Students who are ill must be called off of school by a parent or guardian by contacting our Attendance Secretary, Kelli Kelly, at 219-873-2044.



**It takes us all to help keep our Wolf Pack strong, healthy, and active. So mask up and GO WOLVES!**

Julie Fregien  
Interim Principal

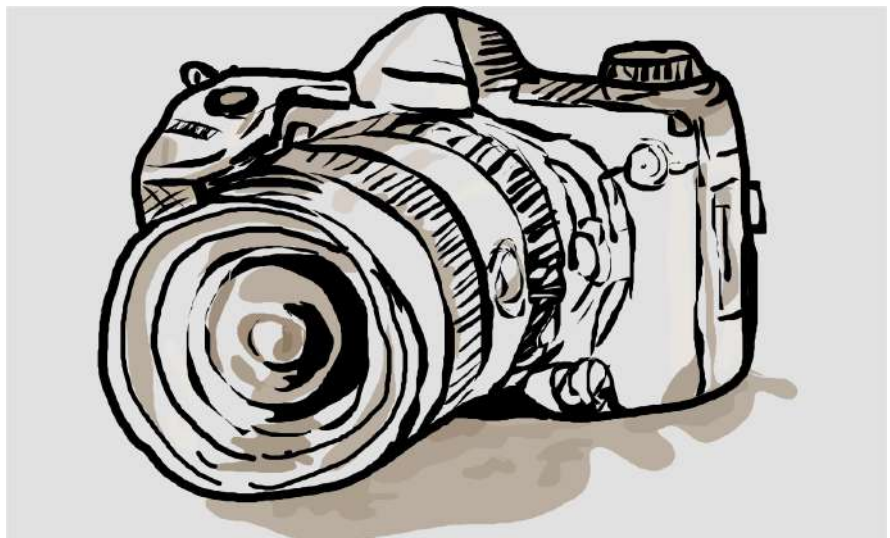


## School Pictures

Picture Day is: Oct 26, 2020 & Oct 27, 2020

Order Code is: 50286Y

Your link to order is: [inter-state.com/flyerentry/50286Y](https://inter-state.com/flyerentry/50286Y)



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## Counselors' Corner



It's October and we're "fall"ing back into our school routine on the 19th!

Counselors have been busy working with seniors to discuss credits and future plans. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) window opens on the first. Please visit [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) and begin this process as soon as possible. This year the district has made filling out the fafsa a graduation requirement so don't delay! Questions should be directed to Aaron Garrett, College/Career/Military Coordinator. Mr. Garrett also sends each senior an email when a scholarship opportunity arrives at MCHS. If you are interested in extra cash for college, please check your school email every day and/or your Naviance account and apply!

If your student is looking for tutoring or needs to make up a credit, Club Inspire offers both for only \$5 per school year. If you would like to sign up before we return, you can apply online at <http://www.educate.net/safeharbor>, or ask your counselor for a form when we return.

Fall parent conferences were scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th from 12-6 p.m. All conferences were held virtually.

Students taking an AP class are required to sign up to take the exam by the end of the month. Ask your teacher for more information.

Ivy Tech is offering a "Create your Future" series on MCHS Facebook live. Be sure to check it out! In addition, Ivy Tech sent all MCHS students an email for additional dual credit opportunities for their second, eight-week session as well as spring semester. Students can take these classes on the IT campus or online. Email [esorokes@ivytech.edu](mailto:esorokes@ivytech.edu) for more information.

The next SAT offered at MCHS is December 5th and the ACT on December 12th. Please visit the MCHS guidance page for the links to sign up. This is an important step in the college-going process. Seniors should sign up for one or both if they do not yet have a score to share with universities.

Please continue to stay involved in your student's education by following their progress on RDS (parent access). If you need an account, please contact Julie Krachinski in the guidance office.



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## From the Treasurer

The 2020/2021 Textbook Rental Fees will not be loaded in your RDS until late October/early November Sorry for the inconvenience. The statements will be mailed out as soon as they are available.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING TEXTBOOK RENTAL ASSISTANCE!**

All students at Michigan City Area Schools will receive meals at no charge because of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP)! Students still need funds in their cafeteria account for extra milk or a la carte items. Because of this program, parents no longer need to apply for meal assistance. However, parents **MUST** still apply for Textbook Rental Assistance.

The **Textbook/Curricular Materials Assistance application** is part of the online registration for all students. If you did not complete the form for this when registering your child, you can complete an application at any time. **To apply for Textbook assistance:** log in to Parent Access, select your child, and choose the Registration tab at the top of the screen. Click on the link for Textbook Assistance to enter your information.

Parents must apply for textbook rental assistance **EACH** school year. Because situations change, families may apply at any time during the year. If you receive Food Stamps or TANF you may already be pre-approved for Textbook Assistance. New students to Michigan City Area Schools must complete an application even if they were approved in their old school corporation.

### **SENIOR PARENTS-IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020/2021**

Please watch for information for past due Textbook Rental and Chromebook fees. If you have past due fees you will receive a report of fees due in the mail soon.

If you have any questions, please call the treasurer at 219-873-2044 ext 4305.





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## OPEN DOOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER

### Sports Physicals for Winter and Spring Sports 2020-2021

1. This is for MCHS students who did not have a sports physical last year.
2. Student must be registered with Open Door Adolescent Health Center (online registration is now available - MCHS website under services you will find Open Door tab)
3. Appointment must be done in person at the Open Door Adolescent Health Center located in O-111 at the MCHS. (Students will need transportation to/from appointment before October 19. After October 19, students that are still doing virtual school will have to find their own transportation).
4. Appointments must be made in advance by calling (219) 873-2082.
5. Appointment times will try to be made during a students lunch/power hour, so students will not miss class.
6. Student must bring sport physical paperwork signed by parent to appointment.

Questions? Please call (219) 873-2082

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### Open Door Adolescent Health Center



#### **REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE** **for 2020-2021 school year**

The Open Door Adolescent Health Center (ODAHC) is a school-based health center on-site at Michigan City High School that provides health and mental health services free of charge to students. Due to COVID-19, and on-site restrictions at MCHS, Open Door Adolescent Health Center will allow parents/legal guardians to complete the registration paperwork online for their student(s). Once the paperwork is completed, a staff member from ODAHC will contact the parent/legal guardian by telephone for verbal authorization prior to providing any services. Once you sign your student up for services, it is good for school life. If you have any questions, please call the office at (219)873-2082.

**Here is the link:**

<http://educatemc.net/opendoor>



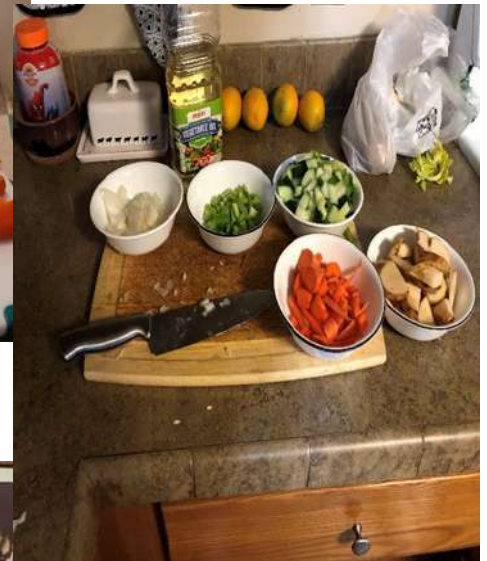


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## FACS Department

The fourth-period Intro to Culinary and fifth-period Advanced Nutrition and Wellness participated in a Knife Cutting Skills Lab on Zoom. The students practiced cutting carrots, celery, potatoes, and onions. The cuts they performed were a medium dice, julienne (match sticks), and oblique cut. Many of the students had never cut vegetables. I could tell it was hard for them to keep their fingers in the claw shape, so they would not cut their fingers. Overall, they did great! The students were excited to show their parents.

Two of the students used the vegetables to make soups, two others deep fried the potatoes and onions. It was for all of us!



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## Visual Arts Department

- Submitted by Ms. Kedo

The Visual Arts Dept. would to thank our students and their families for doing and helping our students with projects at home. It has been an experience for all of us.

We are glad that we are going back to the classroom so we can help our students individually. We are given a chance to interact will the student and to learn the students personal artist goals.

The classes will continue to ... Work on the next level to generate and conceptualize artist ideas and work. (Standard 1 of Indiana Academic Standards for the Fine Arts)

We are still looking for yarn donations or info on where to buy quality yarn at cheap prices. Please Call 873-2044 ext. 4408, Ms. Kedo

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### Photos by our outstanding Photo I students.

- Submitted by Ms. Whitler

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**Derrick Coleman**



**Chanay Hammond**

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**Karah Henderson**



**Derrick Coleman**





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## Takin' Care of Business

Submitted by Mrs. Stark

The Business department would like to welcome some new faces to the department. This issue we introduce to you Jordan Lewis. Jordan Lewis comes to us with a strong business background. Jordan's educational background begins at the Duneland School District, graduating from Chesterton High School. After graduation he went on to play soccer at Loyola University of Chicago. While attending Loyola he studied Finance and Economics. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance and B.A. in Economics from Valparaiso University.

Jordan has also obtained his Master of Business Administration from Saint Joseph's College as a Graduate Assistant Soccer Coach. His collegiate coaching career led him into teaching. He has been an adjunct Instructor at Ancilla College while coaching the Men's Soccer Team.

Over the past few years, he has taught at Lowell Senior High School, while being the head men's soccer coach at Indiana University Northwest. Michigan City High School is lucky to have Jordan join our Business Department teaching Personal Finance, Business Mathematics and Introduction to Business. He is also the men's soccer team head coach.

The goals of personal finance are to educate students on the financial security of their short-term and long-term goals. Business Mathematics is the study revolving budgeting based upon analytics of a personal or business financial plan. Introduction to Business educates students on the operations of a business, from an employee and employer view point.

Mr. Lewis can be reached at [jlewis19@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:jlewis19@mcas.k12.in.us)

# Welcome Mr. Lewis to MCHS!



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## Student Support Services

- Submitted by Mrs. Wojasinski-Labis

### **Does your child have an IEP?** **If so please read! Important Changes!**

You will receive an email with access every time there is a new document requesting your review or signature. That email will include a hyperlink to the login screen which is specific to you. Once you are on the login screen, you must validate yourself by sending an access code to your phone either via text or voice. (The phone numbers that display are the phone numbers that the school has on your profile as the parent/guardian) - If text, you will receive a text message within a few seconds with your access code - If voice, your phone will ring and there will be an automated voice telling you your access code.

With EDPlan Connect, parents/guardians have a centralized, secure place to:

- Access student records online and in their native language
- Sign documents electronically and save time
- View historical documents in the student's record
- Stay up to date with student progress

**If you have NOT updated your email in RDS, contact your child's Teacher of Record ASAP!**

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**Parents/Guardians of students with an IEP, here is our contact information. We are happy to help.**

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## JROTC

### MCHS MCJROTC SUPPORTS SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND LOOKS FORWARD



Despite the pandemic, the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps continues to support MCHS and the surrounding community. The cadets provided the Color Guard for the Senior Night football game on September 25<sup>th</sup> and helped the Salvation Army on their "Stuff-a-Bus" collection of food for the needy.

"Although we are still teaching 100% virtual, our cadets still want to be engaged with our school and community," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath.

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, commended the cadets for their dedication, even with the restrictions that have limited everyone. "If anyone needs assistance, our cadets want to be there to help."

The cadets are looking forward to the beginning of in-person classes starting October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Military Drill Team plans on starting practice shortly thereafter. The Marine Corps has scheduled their National Championship meet on April 29, 2021 in Daytona Beach, Florida. MCHS has qualified for the last two championship meets. They must win their sectional meet. There are 21 schools in MCHS's section, covering the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa. MCHS could possibly host that meet on March 20, 2021. If they do qualify for the National Championship meet, the trip would not incur any expense for MCHS or the cadets. It would be completely funded by the Marine Corps.



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## Dates to Remember

10/15	Fall Break (no school)
10/16	Fall Break (no school)
10/19	Return to In-Person Learning
10/26	School Pictures
10/27	School Pictures
11/03	E-Learning Day
11/09	ISTEP Testing starts
11/23-11/27	Thanksgiving Break (no school)
12/05	SAT testing
12/12	ACT test
12/21	Winter Break Begins
01/04	School Resumes

