

# WOLVES

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# 2022 - 2023



## MCHS 2022 Graduates

- \$5.6 million scholarships accepted
- 2,106 College Credits Earned
- 56 Early College program graduates

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# P R I N C I P A L S

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## Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year.

Our teachers, staff, and administrative team have been hard at work preparing for the new school year. I would like to introduce your leadership team at the High School. The administrative team includes Assistant Principals; Joe Metanias, Fred Greene, and Justin Browning. Also returning to the High School in a new role is Mr. Brett St. Germain as Associate Principal and myself, Kyle Dean, Principal of Michigan City High School. We are all excited to be here and look forward to a great year!

Each new school year brings new beginnings and fresh starts. This year is no exception. We kicked off the year with our Freshmen Orientation. The excitement for this year was felt from the beginning as evidenced by the turn out. The class of 2026 was excited to check out their classes, the building, and see each other. The beginning of this school year saw students returning to classes with a renewed sense of normalcy unlike the previous couple of years due to the pandemic.

New this year we are implementing a new K-12 math curriculum that forces students to own their learning instead of “sitting and getting”. Students are expected to be able to explain how they arrived at their answers as opposed to rote memorization through repetition. This will serve them well on the SAT or on the job. Our vision is Excellence for Everyone and we will continue to strive for excellence for every student. Whether this means joining college, the workforce, or the military, our students will possess the skills necessary for them to be successful and achieve excellence.

Please continue to remain informed of the many programs taking place with your students via PowerSchool and the school by continuing to read the Wolves Wire, by being involved with Parent Network, and following us on social media. Thank you for helping us start strong. I look forward to your continued support throughout the remainder of the year.

**Let's make this a great year, Go Wolves!**

- Kyle Dean Principal

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Welcome Back Wolves! My name is Mrs. Freitag and I teach in the social studies department, this is currently my 19th year here at MCHS. I am currently teaching Economics and AP Economics as well as serving as head of the department and the Senior Class Sponsor. I am truly looking forward for this school year both inside and outside the classroom. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email: [kfreitag@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:kfreitag@mcas.k12.in.us). I hope everyone has a great year!



Mr. Megyese's U.S. History classes are off to a great start! We have been discussing Early America, forming a Government and culminating with the Civil War and Reconstruction. We will be diving into Settling the West and Industrialization the next 2 Chapters. Happy to be Back!



Hello, classes are going well in N-119. We have had visits from Freud, Wundt, James, Rogers, and Skinner and a group trip to Chicago. The students have been great! We are on the right track.



I am Brian Richards. I am a life-long resident of Michigan City and I am beginning my 30th year teaching at MCAS and my 22nd year at MCHS. I currently teach AP/ Dual Credit U.S. History, U.S. History, and Indiana History. I also sponsor the Spell Bowl Team and Quiz Bowl Team. Please e-mail me if you have any questions.

Hello, my name is Rebecca Shaman. I teach US History Dual Credit for the Early College program. This is my eighth year at MCHS, fourteenth year teaching overall. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degrees in Classical Civilizations and Theology from Loyola University Chicago. Afterwards, I attended Calumet College of St. Joseph to earn my Masters degree in Teaching.



I am currently working on my Masters in History through the ACP Project at Indiana University. I am certified in Historical Perspectives and Government and Citizenship. I enjoy drinking coffee, reading books, eating nachos, and spending time with my family. This is going to be a great year!



This is Mr. Starcevich. I teach Honors Geography & History of the World. I'm a part of the Michigan City Early College family. I'm looking forward to having another successful year for the 2022-2023 school year.

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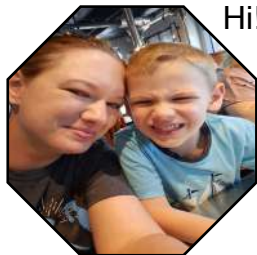
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Hey guys! My name is Mr. Brummer and I teach United States Government, Current Events and The History of Rock and Roll. This is my 16th year teaching and my 9th at Michigan City High School. I am a 1999 graduate of MCHS and am the product of two Michigan City Area Schools teachers. I am a former resident of Southern California and returned home to teach at my former high school. I love giving back to the community I was born and raised in, and feel a great sense of pride in doing so. Teaching at Michigan City High School has brought me so much joy and I look forward to many, many more successful years!

My name is Heather Kessler and this year I am teaching Government and Geography & History of the World. The MCHS Social Studies department is excited to be able to offer Dual Credit Courses with Indiana University this year. Students in my American Politics class will be able to earn their high school Government requirement and a college credit in one class. I am teaching this class in cooperation with Professors Christine Barbour and Gerald Wright of Indiana University Bloomington. Our GHW classes are hard at work learning Geography Basics right now to prepare them to study every continent on the planet. Go Wolves!



Hi! My name is Suzann Tice and this is my 10th year at Michigan City High School. I teach Geography and History of the World and Honors Geography and History of the World. We utilize Schoology where you will find our daily agenda and resources. All grades will be updated through PowerSchool. The best way to contact me is via email at [stice@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:stice@mcas.k12.in.us). You can also call me at 219-873-2044 ext 4502.



Hello, all! My name is Amanda Stolarz. This is my 6th year here at MCHS. This year I will be teaching AP World History, World History, and Ethnic Studies. I look forward to the 2022-2023 school year!

# SCIENCE



Students in Mr. Marz's Chemistry I class explore physical and chemical changes in the laboratory.



# MUSIC

Welcome back to all of the students (and extremely supportive parents)! We are excited to have our performing groups back for the 2022-2023 school year. We also know that this year promises to hold many musical achievements for our students. We are looking forward to making some wonderful music together and developing into some extremely magnificent musicians!! The Wolfpack Marching Band has been busy with camps and rehearsals this summer in preparation for their competitive season beginning in a few short weeks. They will be performing at the home football games this season.

The first concerts of the school year will be our Premier Choral Concert on Tuesday, October 11, and our Premier Band Concert on Wednesday, October 12. Both concerts will take place at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. The bands and choirs are beginning to prepare for these concerts and are excited to be back on the stage performing once again! Stay tuned for more exciting news from our music department as the year progresses! We will keep you updated on all upcoming concerts and performances. Go Wolves!

# JAG

On August 30th at Michigan City High School our JAG Program sponsored its Community Awareness on Cyber-Awareness “Be Smart with Your Smartphone”. MCHS Students and Teachers participated in a presentation by Cathie Bledsoe of the Indiana State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Youth Educators Program.

The Indiana ICAC Youth Educators provide age-appropriate Cyber Safety presentations to help reach our youth before they become victims, give help to those who have already been victimized and mitigate the potential for acts of school violence committed due to online victimization. Each Youth Educator works within the structure of the Indiana ICAC Task Force with presentations specifically designed to prevent victimization in the areas of:

- Online Child Sexual Solicitation
- Online Child extortion, (sextortion)
- Online Child Sexual Abuse Material (child pornography)
- Online bullying, (cyberbullying)

The event was a success and JAG would like to thank all the classes that participated in this event held in the MCHS Auditorium.

JAG is a national, nonprofit corporation established in 1980 to assist states in creating dropout prevention, recovery and school-to-career transitions programs at a statewide level. Jobs for America's Graduates-Indiana has implemented the multi-year program targeting at-risk high school juniors and seniors. 35 to 45 Students are selected per site by an advisory group consisting of a program specialist, high school counselors and administrators, and workforce program managers. Our MCHS Program is led by JAG Specialist, Raymond Davis.



# LANGUAGES

## Michigan City Bienvenue!

French III and IV students at Michigan City High School welcomed a special Michigan City alum to their classroom on August 24th: Former foreign exchange student Hughes Goyé, who graduated from Rogers High School in 1988.

Goyé and his partner, Celine Octan, toured the building and spoke to Mme. Cathy LaFrance's class about French culture, food, and movies – and shared some of the differences between life as a teen in France and in the United States. Some surprising highlights:

- French high schools do not have sports or other extracurriculars; instead, students participate in community-based clubs.
- College costs are much lower in France – a semester might cost around \$1,000 but does not include housing or meals.
- There is currently a mustard shortage in France!
- Teens in France can't get a driver's license until they are 18.
- Gas in France is now around 6 euros (approximately \$6.00) per gallon – and recently was as high as 8 euros.

Goyé, who lived with the Hildreth family as an exchange student in 1988, told students that when he was in high school, kids spent a lot of time hanging out with friends at Marquette Mall. After a very short stint on the swim team, he found his own niche in theatre productions at Rogers, including *Grease* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

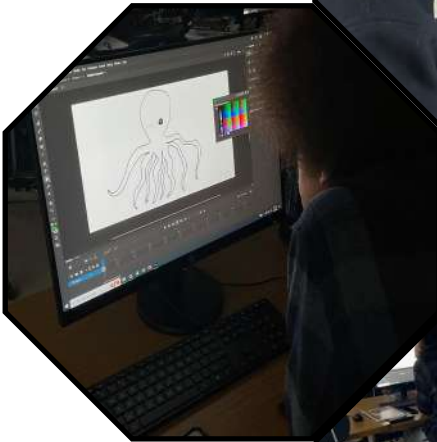
Goyé and Octan enjoyed their tour of the high school, especially Heritage Hall. "I loved to stay here," he said. "I have so many great 'souvenirs,' which is, of course, the French word for memories!"



# BUSINESS

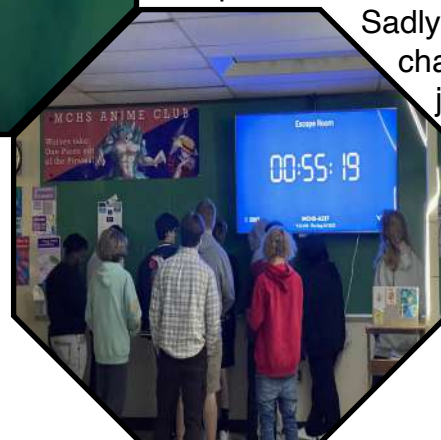


Mr. Melendez's Computer Illustration & Graphics class started out the year learning about the history of animation. They created flipbooks to imitate frame-by-frame animation. Their next project was learning how to use a drawing tablet (Wacom One) with the Adobe Animate software. Students learned how to draw an octopus using the drawing tablet. Their project was to create and illustrate an original character design. We will be learning how to start animating objects to create full animations.



Mr. Melendez's Computer Science classes participated in an Escape Room challenge where they had to decipher encrypted messages using their new knowledge of Ceasar Ciphers. The class worked with their peers to decode the messages to find the next clue.

Sadly the two classes did not win the escape room challenge. However, the students thoroughly enjoyed decoding messages. They have already asked to do another escape room challenge.



# M C J R O T C

While many high school students were rising at the crack of noon and whose biggest decision was which swimsuit to wear to the beach, the cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) were busy improving themselves and supporting Michigan City Area Schools and the community.

The cadets trained for a week in Wisconsin at a Leadership Camp organized and run by MCHS, with cadets from Portage and South Bend Riley also attending. Selected cadets also attended the National Military Drill Camp at Schreiner University in Texas and the MCJROTC Senior Leadership Camp in Boswell, Pennsylvania. These camps, like all MCJROTC activities, were done at no cost to the students or MCHS. They were fully funded by the Marine Corps.

The cadets provided Color Guards for numerous events over the summer. Among those were the Michigan City Patriotic Parade, the Indiana State Employees Convention, the LaPorte County Veterans Court, and Montel Williams' Veterans Home Refurbishing TV show. The cadets also did a number of community service projects which included the Adopt-a-Highway program with the local chapter of the Marine Corps League, landscaping at the Dunes Summer Theater, paper shredding/food drive at the Member's Advantage Credit Union in Michigan City, and the district Back-To-School Rally at Elston's McGill Field.

"We have very dedicated students in our program," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "Despite being on summer break, our cadets know that support for our school district and community is needed year-round."

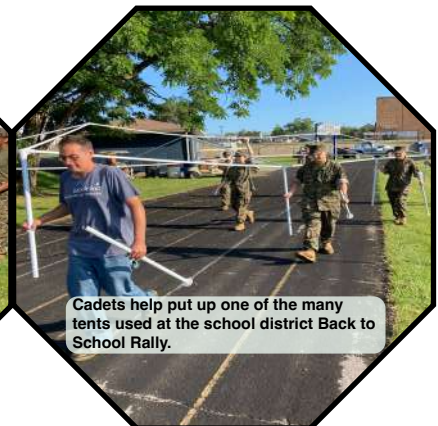
Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the extra effort the current group of cadets have exhibited. "Covid really hurt us, with so many events being canceled. Our current group of cadets have really stepped up as our operational tempo has returned to normal."



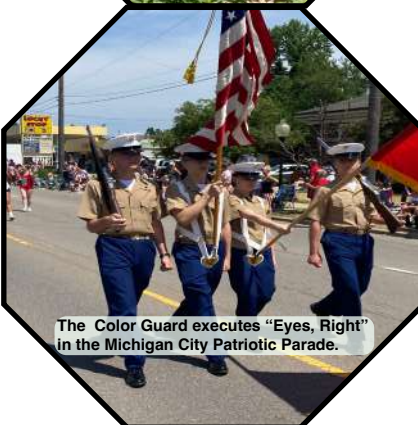
The MCHS Color Guard supports the Montel Williams' Veterans Home Refurbishing TV show.



Cadets off-load a truck for the school district Back To School Rally.



Cadets help put up one of the many tents used at the school district Back to School Rally.



The Color Guard executes "Eyes, Right" in the Michigan City Patriotic Parade.



Cadets assist in the combined paper shredding and food drive at the Members Advantage in Michigan City.



Cadets present the Colors at the LaPorte County Veterans Court graduation.

# M G J R O T C

Once school starts, the cadets will continue to support school activities, such as home athletic games and events in the community. They will also be starting military drill team practice, with the objective of qualifying for the National Championship meet in Washington, DC, in April.



Cadets Corporal Matthew Wilson (I) and Lance Corporal Dawson Cole take a break after doing landscaping work at the Dunes Summer Theater in Michigan City.



Cadets present the Colors at the Indiana State Employees Convention at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) cadets Marcus Mantel and Matthew Wilson attended the National Military Drill Camp at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. The objective of the camp was to prepare cadets to command units in military drill competitions and provide them with drill skills that are specific to the JROTC (“armed and unarmed exhibition” drill). The camp, like all MC-JROTC activities, was conducted at no expense to MCHS or the cadets. The Marine Corps paid for the camp and transportation to and from Texas.

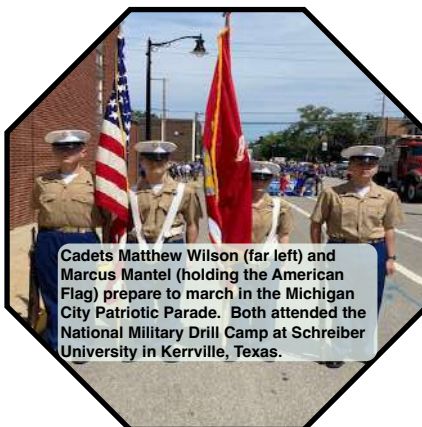
“Both of these cadets are superlative representatives of MCHS,” said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. “In addition to their dedication to the Drill Team, they are outstanding students and do many hours of community service.”

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the maturity and potential of each cadet. “They are only sophomores, but they have stepped up to assume leadership positions in our program. With their positive attitudes, they really set the tone for other cadets to follow their leadership by example.”

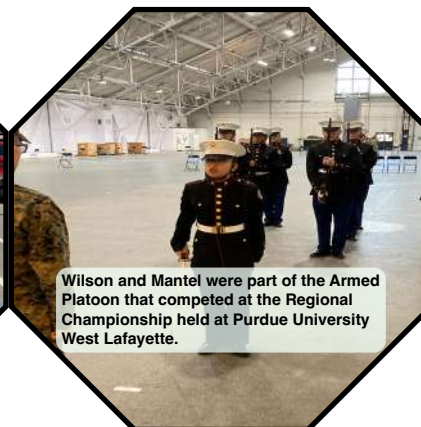
Both cadets had nothing but praise for the camp. “It was great to talk to other cadets from all over the country to get their perspective as to how their programs are run,” said Wilson.

Mantel noted the “tricks of the trade,” particularly dealing with exhibition drill, that he learned at the camp. “I am really looking forward to sharing this knowledge with the other cadets on the drill team.”

MCHS is looking forward to the upcoming drill season and trying for a berth in the National Championship meet in Washington, DC next April. The Wolves have qualified for the Nationals twice before the pandemic. With leadership from Wilson and Mantel, they are optimistic about earning a spot for the third time.



Cadets Matthew Wilson (far left) and Marcus Mantel (holding the American Flag) prepare to march in the Michigan City Patriotic Parade. Both attended the National Military Drill Camp at Schreiber University in Kerrville, Texas.



Wilson and Mantel were part of the Armed Platoon that competed at the Regional Championship held at Purdue University West Lafayette.



The Armed Exhibition platoon executes their routine. Wilson and Mantel will apply the skills they learned at the National Drill Camp to improve this year's platoon.

# ANIME

This year the Anime Club has been fantastic with 20+ students in attendance! The President and Vice President have been working hard on creating games or discussions for club meetings. We do have a few students working on our new homecoming banner. It will be unveiled during homecoming week. The question they asked, "What is a Slicer?" Can't wait to see what they come up with.



This game you see here is their version of Pictionary, however the students had different Anime shows on paper or a character on a piece of paper.

# ESPORTS

MCHS eSports Team will be consisted of Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Chess, and Valorant. These games will played against other schools in the Indiana HighSchool Esports Network (IHSEN). Esports is new to many schools around the country. They are looked at and compete like regular sports. We will have Varisty and JV teams playing those games. The fall season does not start until the end of September. Our students are extremely excited to be playing against other schools. They have been working on the team layout for each game that we will be competing in.



MCHS Esports Logo



# C O U N S E L O R



The counseling department is excited to welcome back our former and new students to MCHS! We are looking forward to working with you on your college and career aspirations, academic needs or personal issues. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your counselor for assistance.



Seniors, please make it a point to check your school email at least once a day. Our district's College/Career/Military Coordinator Mr. Garrett, will email seniors on a regular basis on how to apply to colleges, request transcripts, how to attach your colleges to your Naviance account, and provides links to every scholarship we offer. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact him at: [agarrett01@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:agarrett01@mcas.k12.in.us).



The SAT will be given at MCHS on Saturday, October 1st. The registration deadline is September 2nd, with late registration ending on the 20th. You may access your Collegeboard account to register.



Let's make it a great year! Go Wolves!

# N U R S E

## **IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!**

Students should stay home for 24 hours fever free with no medication to lower the fever. The same requirement applies if your student is vomiting. It is cold/sinus/allergy season, coughing and sneezing is to be expected however it is also symptoms of other illnesses. Please monitor your student closely if experiencing any of these symptoms. Also keep in mind the school nurse's office cannot diagnose or write prescriptions. Open Door has a nurse practitioner that is able to diagnose and prescribe medications. Your child must be registered with Open Door to be seen. Registration for Open Door can be done online thru MCAS website or in PowerSchool in the student registration section.

## **MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

Students may not carry medications on them at school unless it is ordered by a doctor and the documentation is on file in the nurse's office. If students are found with medication at school the medication will be confiscated and destroyed. Over the counter medications can be administered in the nurse's office when a medication authorization form is filled out by a parent/guardian and supplied in the original bottle by the parent/guardian. Prescription medications can be administered in the nurse's office with a prescription medication authorization form and provided in the prescription bottle.

# OPEN DOOR

## The Open Door Adolescent Health Center at MCHS is accepting registrations for the 2022-23 School Year!

The Open Door Adolescent Health Center is located at MCHS (Room O-111), and it provides comprehensive health and mental health services for students during the school day. Open Door works closely with the MCHS school nurse in providing supplemental services by a Family Nurse Practitioner, MSW Social Workers/Mental Health Counselors, and a Medical Director/Pediatrician. There is no cost to families for Open Door Adolescent Health Center services.

Among the many services provided by Open Door are:

- Evaluation and treatment of minor illness or injury
- Wellness and Physical/Sports Examinations
- Preventative and Health Education
- Individual and Group Mental Health Counseling

For much more information, visit the [Open Door Adolescent Health Center](#) website.

Two ways to apply:

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply online using the PowerSchool parent portal (the link is under “forms”)

[CLICK HERE](#) TO DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM (Printed forms should be brought to Open Door @ MCHS, Room #O-111.)

Questions? Contact Open Door at (219) 873-2082 Ext. 4545 or email [dbriggs@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:dbriggs@mcas.k12.in.us)

# TREASURER

## Parking Permits Now Available!

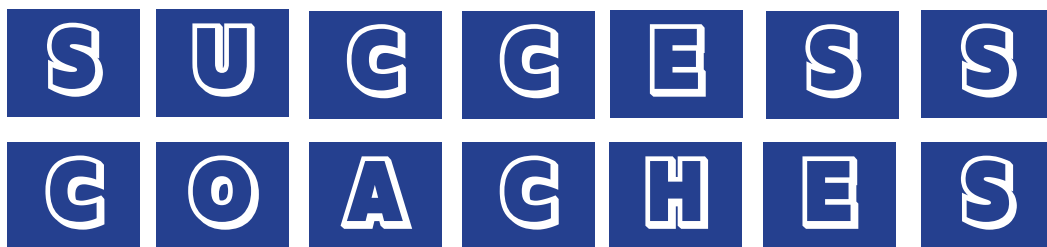
Permits are **\$20** and can be purchased at the treasurer’s window. All students that are driving to school and park in the student parking lot must have a displayed parking permit. Please complete the [Student Driver Application](#). The application must be completed before the time of payment

Starting October 1st, students that are parked illegally will be issued one warning ticket followed by a ticket with a fine. If warnings are ignored students may face loss of driving privileges, disciplinary action and vehicles will be towed away resulting in student responsibility for the full cost of tow. More information about student parking can be found in your student handbook, or you can visit the treasurer’s window.

## Chromebook Insurance

Now is the time to pay Chromebook insurance. The cost of Chromebook insurance is **\$30** for each device and is good for **ONE SCHOOL YEAR**. This insurance covers 2 accidental repairs. This does not include missing/stolen devices.

All payments can be submitted at the treasurer’s window.



Success Coaches have been meeting with ninth grade students in their Wolf Pack classrooms, and have met new students during their first week to help them get settled into the high school routine. We plan to begin small groups focusing on conflict resolution in mid September.

Meeting with Success Coaches- In order to meet with your Success Coach, please send an email and your Success Coach will contact your Wolf Pack teacher when a time slot is available. Below is the list of Success Coaches and the student last name they are assigned to:

- Ms. Heather Drake last names A-E
- Ms Nyika Leggett last names F-K
- Mrs. Denise Ndukwu last names L-R
- Ms. Ashley Michaels last names S-Z

Bring Change 2 Mind: The student club focusing on mental health awareness is planning some awesome activities to inform students how to protect their mental health and improve their mental well being. Look for flyers and positive messages posted around the school.

Caught You Being Kind: Be on the lookout for students and staff displaying kindness in our school. Each month, people recognized for kind actions will receive a gift certificate to the Student Book Store.

# BOOSTER

Michigan City Raffle

Tickets are \$20

Chance to win:

**1 - \$1,000 prize**

**2 - \$500 prizes**

**2 - \$250 prizes**

**5 - \$100 prizes**

Drawing to be held: **October 14th** – time TBD

Drawing will be held virtually on the MCHS Booster Club FB page Winner need not be present to win.

***ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MCHS ATHLETICS***

Contact the MCHS Athletic Department for tickets (219) 873-2043, any coach, or email: [MCHS Athletic Booster Club](#) at or (219) 229-0195

TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE IS **OCTOBER 8, 2022**

# September 2022

## September 2022 Upcoming Events

- 9/5 - Labor Day (no school)
- 9/26 - ELearning (no school)

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# October 2022

## October 2022 Upcoming Events

- 10/01 - SAT testing
- 10/07 - Homecoming
- 10/11 - Concert Choral - 7pm
- 10/12 - PSAT Grades 9 - 11
- 10/12 - Concert Band - 7pm
- 10/13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/14 - End of Grading Period 1
- 10/20 - Fall Break (no school)
- 10/21 - Fall Break (no school)
- 10/22 - ACT testing
- 10/27 - Honor Society Induction

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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