



Wolves Wire

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Comments? Suggestions?

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From the Desk of the Co-Principals...

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! We are off to a great start, and would like to thank all of the students, teachers, staff and administrative team who have made Michigan City High School the best place to be every day! The administrative team is excited about the year ahead and all the amazing things we have planned. Speaking of the administrative team, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce your leadership team at the High School. Please help us welcome to the Wolves Family **Assistant Principal Justin Browning**. We are so excited for Justin to be joining the team and his willingness to dive right into helping our students and staff. We would also like to say welcome back to **Assistant Principal Brett St.Germain** and **Assistant Principal Sylvester Mabone**. We are so grateful for their return and the relationships they build with the students every day. And we would like to formally introduce ourselves, your new **Co-Principals at the High School, Mrs. Sarah McFarland Hendricks, and Mr. Kyle Dean**. And the GOAT behind it all, we are so grateful for **Mrs. Joyce Westphal, the Principals' Secretary** whose guidance and patience is immeasurable.



L to R: Mr. Dean, Mr. St. Germain, Mrs. Westphal, Mrs. McFarland Hendricks, Mr. Mabone and Mr. Browning

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It has been such a pleasure meeting many parents/guardians and community members already who have attended the all school orientation in August, and cheering on our Wolves at sporting events. The vision at Michigan City High School is Excellence for Everyone. The Wolves Wire is filled with information regarding the many positive programs and opportunities MCHS students and Staff encounter. We are also excited about the addition of the new position of Student Success Coach to the building. These four staff members are here to support students in multiple ways including attendance, discipline, relationship building, academics, and the transition after High School. We are also lucky to have an amazing School Resource Officer, Corporal Scott Combs.

We greatly appreciate all your patience and support as we transition to PowerSchool. Our staff has worked tirelessly to learn the new program and help answer your questions. While we know we still have a ways to go, we feel we have made tremendous progress in the last few weeks. Please continue to log into PowerSchool/Schoology to help monitor your child's progress for attendance and grades. Also, if your student is going to be absent, please remember to notify the attendance secretary. We are working hard with our students as they acclimate to the school environment again. We know this is an adjustment for many students that haven't been in the building for over a year. We are spending time going over school expectations such as dress code and hallway conduct.

Thank you for helping us start strong. We look forward to your continued support throughout the remainder of the year.



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Counselors' Corner

Welcome to the school year everyone!

We have so many new things to get used to this year!

1. Being in the building!
2. Traditional Bell schedule!
3. Powerschool and Schoology!

Remember that we are all new to these things and you have support here at MCHS with us, your teachers, social workers and our new Success Coaches!

Come visit and chat with us on Wednesdays during lunch at our new "Counselor Corner" coming to your cafeteria this September!

Please welcome our new counselors to our Wolf Pack! **Joe Metanias!** He will be taking over the students that Mrs. Galloway had since she retired. Also, **Megan Methner!** She will be taking over Mrs. Ndukwu's students.



The Guidance Team

L-R: Ms. Methner, Ms. LaMarr, Mrs. Kovalcik, Mrs. DeMunck, Mr. Garrett, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Krachinski, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Metanias

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Student Success Coaches

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! **We are the Student Success Coaches.** Our role is to help students succeed academically by helping them regulate their social and emotional needs.

We began the school year by going to Wolf Pack Hour classrooms to introduce ourselves to students, and also meeting individually with students. Our goal is to visit every Wolf Pack classroom by the end of the grading period.

Soon you will begin to learn about our initiatives including creating small groups to focus on helping students manage and balance their emotions in the classroom. We look forward to building a safe community of engaged learners.



L-R: Denise Ndukwu, Ashley Micheals, Nyika Leggett, Heather Drake



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From the Treasurer

TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES

The 2021/2022 Textbook Rental Fees will be loaded in your Power School Account in the near future.

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 purchases (*all cafeterias are cashless*). If you need more information visit the food service website at educatemc.net/food.

Because of this program, parents no longer need to apply for meal assistance. However, parents **MUST** still apply for Textbook Rental Assistance.

The Textbook Assistance and Other Educational Benefits 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 the Titan Family Portal at family.titank12.com.

Parents must apply for 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 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 PAST DUE FEES

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.

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE AND OTHER CHARGES

We are again offering an optional insurance program for Chromebooks. We **highly recommend that all families purchase this insurance by September 17, 2021 or as soon as possible!**

The insurance plan is \$30 for each device and is good for **ONE** year. It will cover two (2) accidental repairs that require part replacement throughout the school year. Equipment that is misused, abused, vandalized or repeatedly damaged through carelessness or neglect will **NOT** be covered by this plan and the full cost of parts will be charged to the student/parent/guardian.

Please note: Insurance does not cover lost or stolen equipment.

If you decline to purchase the insurance, your family is responsible for all costs involved with the repair or replacement of the device. When a repair or service is performed and the device is not insured, you will be invoiced. If the invoice is not paid by due date, you will be turned over to a collection agency and a \$30 fee plus court costs will be added to your balance.

The replacement/repair costs of the Chromebooks/Tablets are as follows:

Entire Chromebook/Tablet - \$180

LCD screen repair/replacement - \$80

Keyboard repair - \$45

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the MCAS Technology department at 219-873-2000 ext 8327.

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PARKING PERMIT INFORMATION

Students need to complete the application using the link below and upload their driver's license and registration. After submitting the application they can pay for the permit at the treasurer's office. They will receive a receipt and their permit for their designated parking spot.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w5x3YSnQk4Se9W3SDyK5u2hn6XVbFU9hRIFnN08rGmo/edit>

AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

The use of motor vehicles for travel to and from school by students is an assumption of responsibility on the part of those students. It is a responsibility in the care of property, the observation of safety rules, and the display of courtesy and consideration toward others. Therefore, students are expected to abide by the following rules, and drive safely and defensively when approaching and exiting the school.

- All students interested in possessing a parking permit at MCHS must be in good standing (not on social probation and GPA of 1.5 or above).
- All vehicles must be registered annually with the school and **display a parking permit.**
- Parking permits may be purchased from the Treasurer's Office. The \$20 fee is non-refundable.
- Parking is strictly limited to each student's designated parking spot.
- The school is not responsible for a vehicle or its contents.
- Students are not to go to their vehicles or to the parking lot at any time during the day without permission from an administrator. Students are asked to exit their vehicles once they arrive and not remain sitting in them.
- Speeding or any form of reckless driving to or from school or on school grounds is prohibited. Drive slowly!
- Student vehicles may be subject to search if there are reasonable grounds to believe that drugs, alcohol, stolen property, or other contraband might be present in that vehicle.
- All cars should be kept locked during school hours.
- Students parked illegally will be subject to disciplinary action and the car may be towed.
- Non-handicapped students are never to park in designated handicapped areas.

Please note: By bringing a vehicle onto school property, it is implied that the student consents to a search of the vehicle and its contents by a school administrator with a reasonable suspicion that the search will produce evidence of a violation of law, a school rule, or a condition that endangers the safety or health of the student driver or others. The student shall have no expectation of privacy in any vehicle or in the contents of any vehicle operated or parked on school property.

Students who do not abide by MCHS automobile regulations face possible sanctions under the Code of Responsible Behavior, as well as the following: warning ticket, ticket with fine, suspension of driving privileges, and towing of the vehicle.

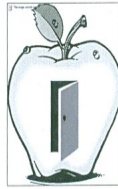
If you have any questions, please call the treasurer at 219-873-2044 ext 4305.



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Open Door Adolescent Health Center

Michigan City High School
8466 W. Pahs Road ♦ Michigan City, IN 46360
(219) 873-2082 Ext. 4545 FAX: (219) 873-2211

Dr. Kroczeck
Board President

Deborah Briggs, MSW
Director

Online Registration for MCHS Students for 2021-2022 School Year

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS

Open Door Adolescent Health Center has now
made registration simple and easy!

If you student is already registered - no need to complete again.

Please log into your

POWER SCHOOL account

Under forms - look for

OPTIONAL FORMS

Open Door Adolescent Health Center

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MCHS Care Closet



Students – Place your order online!

Did you know that Michigan City High School has a **Care Closet**? What is a Care Closet you ask...The Care Closet is operated by the Open Door Adolescent Health Center and is a free service to our students who may need assistance in obtaining basic hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes/combs, and other products. We also can take special request for products if we don't have specific item on hand. These products have been donated from various community organizations and businesses and you can request items directly on the student's chromebook or thru the Michigan City High School website. This process is confidential (you provide a 4 digit code) and you pick up your order in one of two designated spots at MCHS within 48 hours. We are here to help so please don't hesitate to ask! If you need more information, please call 873-2082.



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JROTC

MCHS MCJROTC CADETS ATTEND SUMMER CAMPS



Despite pandemic concerns, cadets from the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) attended the National JROTC Military Drill Camp at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas and the MCJROTC Senior Leadership Camp (SLC) in Boswell, Pennsylvania. All appropriate preventive measures to avoid the Covid virus were taken. The cadets attended each camp at no expense to themselves or MCHS. Both camps were completely funded by the Marine Corps.

A theme that was evident at both camps was the importance of humility. "It was amazing to see how much a unit can accomplish when everyone forgets about their egos," said Cadet Corporal Danielle Burgess, who attended the SLC. Cadet Staff Sergeant Darrick Hammond echoed Burgess' sentiments. "This camp really pushed me out of my comfort zone, allowing me to attain goals that I didn't think were possible."

Cadet First Lieutenant Declan Rice, who attended the Drill Camp, noted the spirit of cooperation among the cadets from throughout the country. "Nobody thought that their program was perfect. Everyone wanted to learn from each other. It was great to be able to share ideas with the goal of improving all of the schools' drill teams."



Major Tom McGrath, the MCHS Senior Marine Instructor, is looking forward to a normal military drill season and MCHS cadets excelling. "Our goal is to return to the National Championship Meet in Daytona Beach, Florida. It is a tall order, but I have confidence that our cadets, led by the ones who attended the Drill Camp, will put in the hard work required to qualify for that meet."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the MCHS Military Instructor, is also ready to return to a traditional routine. "Last year took a toll on everyone. I know our cadets are anxious to get back to drill team practice before school, to work hard for a successful drill season."

The cadets will be supporting a number of school and community service events in the next few months. MCHS will host their Military Drill Meet on December 4th. It will probably be the first Drill Meet in the Northwest Indiana/Chicagoland area for the upcoming

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MCHS MCJROTC SUPPORTS MCAS ACTIVITIES TO START SY

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) participated in numerous activities as Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) kicked off the 2021-2022 School Year. The cadets provided Color Guards for the Superintendent's opening speech to all MCAS staff members and the first two home football games. Cadets also worked the two Orientation Days at MCHS for all students as well as the Back To School Rally at Elston Field. The rally provided free school supplies to all MCAS students along with many activities to motivate the students in anticipation of the school year.

The Covid pandemic has had an adverse effect on MCJROTC enrollment. Many of the events in which cadets normally participate, particularly presentations to the middle schools, were not allowed due to Covid precautions. Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor, is hopeful that the return to a more normal routine will result in enrollment exceeding 100 cadets, which is the Marine Corps requirement. "Our cadets are enthusiastic about competing in Military Drill Meets and CyberPatriot (the national cyber security game), as well as doing more community service and supporting patriotic events. As other students see all that our program has to offer, I am confident our enrollment will increase."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, echoed McGrath's belief that more students will take MCJROTC as an elective. "We have a really great group of cadets this year. They will show MCHS students what it means to be 'The Few and the Proud.'"

One of the highlights planned this year is the Midwest Military Drill Championship to be held at MCHS on March 19, 2022. 19 schools from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana will compete for a chance to go to Daytona Beach, Florida for the National Drill Championship in April. If Michigan City earns that spot, the trip, like all MCJROTC activities, are done at no cost to the cadet or MCHS. It is primarily funded by the Marine Corps, and augmented by the MCJROTC Booster Club.

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Student Support Services



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Welcome Back to the 2021-2022 school year! If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) we are here to help.

Parents/Guardians of students with an IEP, here is our contact information.

Ms. Amy Wojasinski-Labis, Department Head/ Resource:
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Ms.A. Henrich, co-taught Algebra I: ahenrich@mcas.k12.in.us

Mrs. E Stahl, social worker: estahl@mcas.k12.in.us

Mrs. S Baldwin, deaf and hard of hearing:
sbaldwin@mcas.k12.in.us

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Art Department

Mrs. Whitler's Photography I students have been working on their first digital shooting assignment: The Principles of Design. Students have been studying 7 of the Principles of Design so they can learn how to effectively arrange elements in their photos.



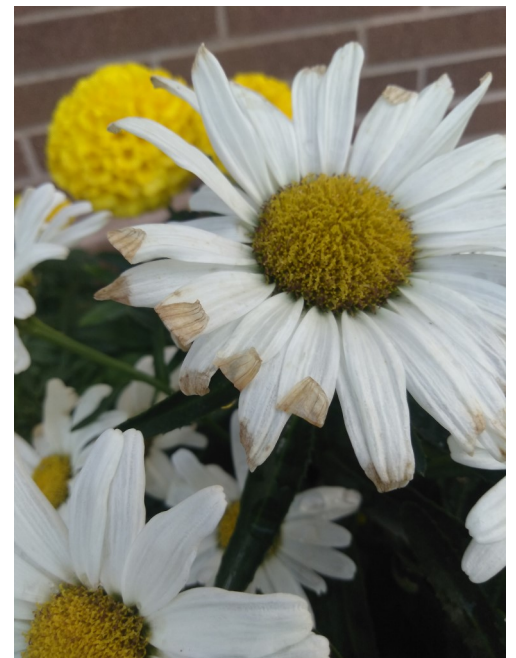
Symmetrical Balance

By **Alayla Anderson**



Emphasis

By **Gavin Hall**



Implied Movement

By **Hazel Murphy**



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to all of the students (and extremely supportive parents)! We are excited to have our performing groups back for the 2021-2022 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 concert of the school year will be our Premier Concert on Thursday, October 7 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. The bands and choirs are beginning to prepare for the concert 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!



PREMIER CONCERT

OCTOBER 7th

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SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Welcome back from the Social Studies Department!!!! We are excited to have you back and we know that we have something for everyone in this department. My name is **Mrs. Freitag** and I am currently entering my 18th year here at City! You can find me in N123 this year and I am teaching Economics and AP Micro Economics. I am looking forward to some fun activities in those courses and getting to know the seniors. I am also the Junior class sponsor with the FAMOUS MS. FEARE so if you have any questions please ask! I hope you all have a great year and remember: Social Studies: All the cool kids are taking it!!

Welcome back Wolves!! Hopeful you all had a great summer and are ready to have a fantastic school year! My name is **Mr. Bruemmer** and this is my 7th year teaching at MCHS. As the product of two successful Michigan City teachers and an MCHS alumni, my goal is to give back to the community as much as possible! While this is only my 7th year at MCHS, it is my 15th year of teaching overall, and I have both taught as well as coached tennis at River Forest Jr./Sr. High School and Dale Middle School, located in Anaheim California. I teach 3 classes...United States Government, Current Events and the History of Rock and Roll. The Social Studies Department is very excited about this school year and are hoping to make it a memorable one! There are so many great new classes offered down in the N-wing and I know we as a group are thrilled to teach them! We hope you have a great start to your school year and GO WOLVES!!



I am **Mrs. Kessler** and I am starting my 3rd year at MCHS teaching US Government and Geography & History of the World. I have three sons and our family raises beef cattle and sheep. It is exciting to be back in the classroom full time and getting to know our students. Our Government classes have been working on learning about the origins of power and representative government, and will begin studying the US Constitution soon. Geography is learning about all the tools geographers use to study our planet and the different climate regions of our earth.

My name is **Cathy Lindgren** and I teach AP Human Geography to Freshman in the Early College program where students will spend the year exploring how humans have understood, used, and changed the surface of the Earth.


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Welcome to my class! My name is **Mr. Richards** and this is the start of my 29th year at MCAS and my 21st at MCHS. This school year I will be teaching AP Government, AP US History, US History and Indiana Studies. AP Government and Indiana Studies are one semester courses and both US History classes is for the full year. I will be using Schoology where all assignments will be located. I am also the coach for the Spell Bowl and Quiz Bowl teams. If you have any questions please e-mail me at brichards@mcas.k12.in.us



Hello, my name is **Rebecca Shaman**. I teach AP World History Modern for the Early College program. This is my seventh year at MCHS, thirteenth 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 certified in Historical Perspectives and Government and Citizenship. I enjoy drinking coffee, reading books, and spending time with my family. This is going to be a great year!



I'm **Mr. Russel Starcewich**, I teach Geography & History of the World and World History & Civilization here at Michigan City High School. This is my third year at MCHS and I'm looking forward to making it the best year yet! I'm located in the N-Wing, if you see me in the hall, feel free to say hi!

Hello! My name is **Amanda Stolarz**. I am in my fifth year here at MCHS and will be teaching African Studies, AP World History: Modern, Psychology, and Ethnic Studies.

I am very excited to start the school year off in-school this year! I believe it will be a great year to get back on track!

Hello! My name is **Suzann Tice** and I teach AP Human Geography and Geography and History of the world. Already this year, my students have been busy chalking cognitive maps on the sidewalks and becoming masters at interpreting maps. I look forward to working with your students and making this a great year!





Michigan City Booster Club

MC RAFFLE



Tickets are \$20

Chance to win:

1 - \$1000 prize

2 - \$500 prizes

2 - \$250 prizes

5 - \$100 prizes

Drawing will be held September 29, 2021

Virtually on the MCHS Booster Club Facebook page

Winner need not be present to win.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MCHS ATHLETICS

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT (219) 873-2043

OR EMAIL THE BOOSTER CLUB - MCHSATHLETICBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM

OR SEND THIS FORM IN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

WE WILL MAIL YOU THE TICKET STUBS.

Name for ticket: _____ Number of tickets: _____

Mail my stubs to: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

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Dates to Remember

09/17	Homecoming
09/20	E-Learning Day
09/29	ASVAB Testing
10/02	SAT Testing
10/06	Premiere Band & Choir Concert - 7:00 pm
10/08	End of Grading Period 1
10/13	E-Learning Day
10/13	Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/14	Fall Break - No School
10/15	Fall Break - No School
10/23	ACT Testing
10/26	National Honor Society Induction - 7:00 pm
10/28	Howl-O-Ween - Ames Field
11/03	Fall Sports Awards - 6:00 pm
11/04	MCHS Red Cross Blood Drive
11/04	School Picture Retakes
11/10	Veterans Day Ceremony - period 8
11/11	E-Learning Day
11/12	Fall Musical - 7:00 pm
11/13	Parent Network Craft Fair - 9:00-2:00 pm
11/13	Fall Musical - 7:00 pm
11/14	Fall Musical - 2:00 pm
11/22-11/26	Thanksgiving Break - No School
12/02	Wolf Pack Round-Up - 5:00-6:00 pm
12/04	SAT Testing
12/04	JROTC Drill Competition - 8:30-3:00 pm
12/10	Foreign Language International Dinner - 5:00 pm
12/11	ACT Testing
12/20	Winter Break Starts
01/03	School Resumes
01/14	End of Grading Period 2 (1st Semester)
01/17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School