



Wolves Wire

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From the Desk of the Co-Principals...

Hello, Fellow Wolves!

It's so hard to believe that we are coming up on the end of the first nine-week grading period. Time moves so quickly and one quarter of the school year has come and gone. Hard to believe it's October! October 8th is the official last day of the first grading period. Please remember if you are wondering how your student is doing you have access to grades, attendance, and missing work all through PowerSchool. If you don't have your username or password please give us a call and we will help you navigate through the new system. This is a great way to make sure your student is on track, and reach out to teachers if you have questions. We have already seen so much progress being made as the students are starting to fall back into the rhythm of being in school again. We continue to work hard with students on school expectations and planning for their future. We are emphasizing that this is THEIR building, and they need to treat it with respect.

Homecoming was an amazing week! Students had a great time during spirit week decorating their banners, dressing up for spirit days, and partaking in the class Olympics. We got to top off the week with the homecoming parade celebrating an outstanding homecoming court, and the crowning of the 2021 Homecoming Queen Jaden Smallwood. We love being able to do these fun things with the students and look forward to growing these traditions in the future. Speaking of looking forward, October 13th is another eLearning day and also Parent/Teacher conferences. We are working on how conferences will look this year and will get that information to you as soon as we can. We have some additional great things coming up in October, like Fall Break October 14-17! This is a great time to rest and rejuvenate or maybe catch up on some work that still needs to be turned in.

It is important as we enter into the flu and cold season that we remain vigilant about our individual and family health. 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 the attendance secretary, at 219-873-2044. Please remember if your student tests positive for Covid you need to call the school immediately. We will be asking for documentation of the positive test result so we can start our process of contact tracing. Additionally, if your student goes to the nurse with possible Covid symptoms they will be sent home to quarantine or can return when they have a negative test or note from the doctor with an alternate diagnosis. The health and safety of our staff and students remain a top priority and we need your help with this process.

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As always, we are here to ensure students graduate college and career ready. Please continue to follow us on Facebook and check the school website for up-to-date information. These are two great ways to remain informed of all the great things happening at Michigan City High School. We are so Proud to be YOUR leaders.

One City! One Pack!
Go Wolves!
Sarah Hendricks and Kyle Dean
Co-Principals



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 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.

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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.

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

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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.



Counselors' Corner

Happy October! We hope that every student is settled and working hard. The 1st grading period will end on Friday, October 8th. We encourage parents and students to monitor academic progress on PowerSchool. Students can frequently check grades during Wolf Pack class.

Class of 2022! Graduation is right around the corner! Counselors have been meeting with seniors to discuss high school credits and post-secondary plans. Here is some important information:

1. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens on October 1st. FAFSA is a graduation requirement. FAFSA application is located on studentaid.ed.gov. Please see your counselor or Mr. Garrett, College, Career, and Military Coordinator, if you have any questions.
2. Mr. Garrett also provides useful information regarding scholarships to students via email. Please make sure you frequently check your emails so that you will not miss out.
3. If you are applying to a college, remember to submit transcript requests on Naviance. Naviance also provides useful college information, career interest inventory, and much more.

The SAT will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at MCHS. The ACT will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at MCHS. The next SAT offered at MCHS will be on Saturday, December 4th and the next ACT will be held on Saturday, December 11th. Students can register for the SAT on collegeboard.org and ACT, act.org. SAT and ACT provides free practice test on their website.

Students who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course should consider signing up to take the AP exam by the end of October. Please see your AP teacher for more information.

If students need help, guidance, or support, the wonderful Coun-

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counselors are available to assist you with your needs. Please don't hesitate to contact your counselor.



Student Council

After campaigning and voting, Class Officer Elections were held and the following students were voted on to lead their class for the 2021-2022 school year:

Class of 2022- Seniors

President/VP- Samiyyah Agee and Jaden Smallwood
Secretary- Valeria Saavedra
Class Representative- Brooklyn Fugate

Class of 2023- Juniors

President/VP- Paige Lindfors and Skylar Henderson
Secretary- Kayla Campbell
Class Representative- Nelly Serrano, Mia Zemrowski

Class of 2024- Sophomores

President/VP- Dabria Adams and Lacey Grantham
Secretary- Ashley Sparks
Class Representative- Julia Zerbis

Class of 2025- Freshman

President/VP- Emilio Munoz and Logan Morlan
Secretary- TBD
Class Representative- TBD



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English Department

Hello Wolves! My name is Kelly Martin Fargo, teacher and educator in the MCHS English Department! The English Department, led by Christy Stewart, is so excited to announce the establishment of the first MCHS Announcements class!

It is with great enthusiasm and happiness that we will actually have a pre-recorded newscast at Michigan City High School! We plan to start with a once a week broadcast in October! Students have been working furiously on the creation of this brand new class! As the teacher, we are starting with answering the five "W's" "Who are we? Where are we? Why are we? What are we? When are we broadcasting?"

With the support of the MCAS Technology Department, we now have two new cameras and our principals have reassigned a space off the library for our new studio!

Please stay tuned! MCHSTV signing off!



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Date: September 7, 2021

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First Trust Credit Union presents a check to their charity partner, Open Door Adolescent Health Center to help prevent Adolescent Substance Abuse & Mental Health Issues



First Trust Credit Union presents a check for \$2,000 to Open Door Adolescent Health Center.

First Trust's Charity Committee presents a \$2,000 check to Open Door staff including Deborah Briggs (*bottom row, second from right*), Director of Open Door Adolescent Health Center.

First Trust Credit Union's Michigan City branch has been fundraising for their community charity partner, Open Door Adolescent Health Center (ODAHC), for almost 8 years. First Trust has raised \$12,500 for the organization in total. Open Door is located inside Michigan City High School and they are dedicated to providing both physical and mental health services to students within the Michigan City Area School District. According to First Trust's Marketing Director, Dorene Martinson, First Trust is committed to doing all they can to help Open Door with the finances it takes to educate teens, prevent teen substance abuse, and recently to include aid in the area of mental health issues as well. "Our main objective is to raise funds that can be utilized for the prevention of adolescent drug and alcohol abuse," Martinson said. "However, we also know that the Covid pandemic has created an increased need of mental health assistance for our youth as they navigate all the changes the pandemic has brought upon many of them on a personal level," she added. Deborah Briggs, Director of ODAHC, thanks First Trust for their continued partnership. Briggs stated, "The funding that ODAHC has received from First Trust directly benefits our students by providing early and continuous intervention screening and prevention services that address substance use, anxiety, depression and other mental health issues."

ODAHC provides education, support, and counseling to adolescents dealing with issues stated above, and also teen pregnancy, anger management, suicide, academics, and more. Briggs stated the organization is hoping to hire two additional Social Workers this fall in order to manage the increasing need of their services.

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Student Success Coaches

"The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles" Success.com

We have visited all of the 9th grade Wolf Pack periods and are making our way to greet every student in Special Ed. and 10th grade Wolf Packs. It has been great to explain what we do to help each student be successful.

We have begun several positive culture initiatives. **"Caught You Being Kind"** will celebrate the positive, caring and empathetic deeds of students, teachers and staff in our school community. To recognize and celebrate these individuals for contributing to the **Pack Positivity**, and to encourage others to do the same, they will receive a \$10 gift certificate to our student store.

September Pack Positivity Ambassadors:

Sierra Demo
Jacob Owens
Antriana Flowers
Alesia Hunter
Keyonna Dilworth
Cheyenne Fitzpatrick
Mr. R. Richards
Ms. Chastain
Coach Wells

If you see anyone displaying kindness to a member of our school community please forward their name to the Success Coaches via email: mchs-sscs-mcas@mcas.k12.in.us

Lunch Lessons

During the second grading period we will run small lunch groups focusing on relevant topics: Mindfulness, Self-Esteem, Anger Management, Organization. Students will be invited to the groups based on their interests and/or needs.

Bring Change 2 Mind

The **Bring Change 2 Mind** Club has started with a dedicated group of students. The purpose of this club is to shed light on the mental health crisis facing students and the larger community as a whole, and to break down the stigma around mental health care and wellness. Our next meeting will be October 4th right after school. Please feel free to stop by! Everyone is welcome!



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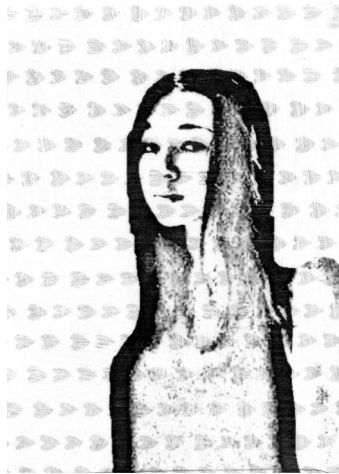
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Art Department

Mrs. Whitler's Digital Design I students have been working on digital transfers. This project is our first time working on Photoshop. Students covered a canvas with patterned paper, then glued a Photoshop-manipulated photo face down onto the canvas. The paper is then dampened and rubbed off until a thin layer of the image remains, with the patterned paper underneath still visible.



By Emma Kniola



By Trey Walker



By Nick Gatti



By Shabaa Holmes

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Takin' Care of Business

Business classes are not just for business students. Our department offers a variety of classes to help ensure that all students acquire and apply knowledge, skills, processes, technology, and values to become life-long learners and productive citizens. Below is an example of what has been happening in our classes.

Accounting - In Accounting we continue to analyze how transactions affect a business's assets, liability and owner's equity accounts. Our next step will be to journalize the transactions and we will soon be learning QuickBooks.

Business Law: The topic of the week is The Law and the Courts. We began the week with discussions on ethics, what the law is and how our court system began and alternative dispute resolutions to avoid going to trial.

Computer Science 1

The students have been learning the Java programming language. They have learned how to get user input and display the information back to the user. Currently we are learning how to make decisions using if else-if and else statements. The image shows two students working together in pair programming to accomplish a task of getting three names from a user and then having the program sort those names alphabetically.



College & Career Readiness we are talking about roles we play in the different areas of life and doing career research & exploration.

Computer Illustration and Graphics

We have been focusing on digital drawing skills using Wacom drawing tablets. Students have been hard at work designing different card designs. We will be making these cards into vinyl stickers for the students as a keepsake.

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Here are some of the card designs students came up with.



Digital Applications - Throughout this course we will be learning the Microsoft products: Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. We are currently learning some of the basic functions in Word to create documents. We are able to create business letters, memos and short reports in which they can transfer those skills into writing their college essays, creating cover letters and reports for other classes.

Entrepreneurship - We have been learning what it means to be an Entrepreneur and the traits of successful Entrepreneurs. We have just started exploring the parts of a Business Plan.

Introduction to Computer Science

Students in this class have been learning the basics of computer science through the Python programming language. They have learned how to get input from the user and store the information

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in a variable and then display that information back to the user. Students have been learning how to make decisions using if else and else statements. The image demonstrates the code they have been learning.

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Python 3.7.8 Shell
Python 3.7.8 (tags/v3.7.8:4b47a5b6ba, Jun 28 2020, 08:53:46) [MSC v.1916 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
===== RESTART: G:\My Drive\Computer Science\Python\ch3Notes.py =====
What is your salary? 35000
How many years have you worked? 2
You qualify for the loan
>>>
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ch3Notes.py - G:\My Drive\Computer Science\Python\ch3Notes.py (3.7.8)
#Loan
MIN_SALARY = 30000.0
MIN_YEARS = 2

#Get the salary and years from the user
salary = float(input("What is your salary? "))
years = float(input("How many years have you worked? "))

#Determine whether they qualify
if salary >= MIN_SALARY or years >= MIN_YEARS:
    print("You qualify for the loan")
else:
    print("You do not qualify")
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Marketing: We are exploring the five P's of Marketing and how the 5 P's of Marketing are important to the business world. We are also exploring job descriptions of marketers.

Personal Finance – Our topic of the week is Budgeting 101. Students are learning the importance of financial literacy and creating a monthly budget.

Work Based Learning - We have been very busy working on improving our workplace skills. We have worked in Navance to help us prepare and update our resume. Each month we are focusing on a workplace soft skill, this month the focus has been on Customer Service skills. In addition to the above we are also learning to calculate different types of gross income.

Music Department

Congratulations to the Wolf Pack Marching Band receiving silver at the Hobart Invitational on September, 11th and silver at the Highland Invitational on September 18th. At the Highland Invitational the Color Guard also received an achievement award. The Marching Band will compete at the Kankakee Valley Invitational on September 25 and finish their season at the ISSMA Festival Class Championships on October 2 at Crown Point. This year's marching band show is entitled "Industrus" and features a medley of various musical styles and genres. The Wolf Pack Marching Band Drum Major is Emray David. Go Wolf Pack!

The choir and band students have been very busy this quarter preparing for our first concert of the year! The Music Department's *Premier Concert* will be held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 7 pm. The concert will feature the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. It will also feature the Beginning Boys and Girls Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Chorale and City Singers. There is no admission charge for this concert, however we will be accepting donations at the door. It is going to be a great night of music and we hope to see everyone there!



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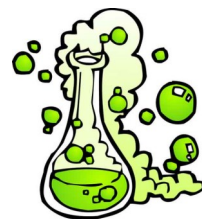
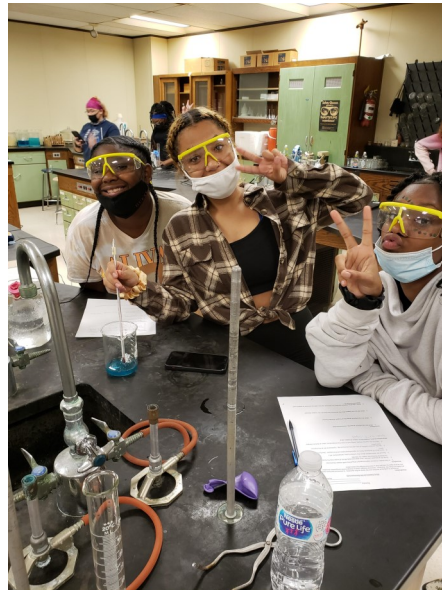


Science Department

Students measure parts of a skeleton while doing a forensic anthropology lab in **Miss Zahrt's Principles of Biomedical Science class.**



Students in **Mrs. Glaze's ICP class** are looking for signs of a chemical reaction.



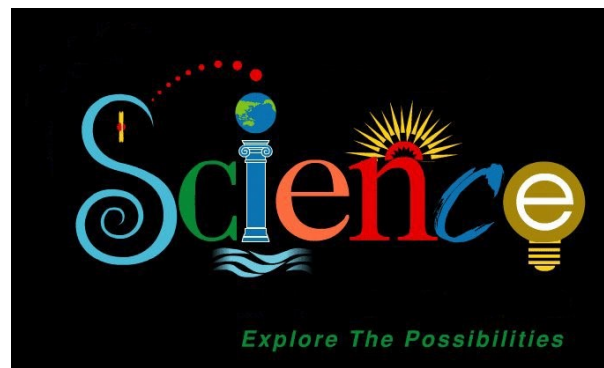
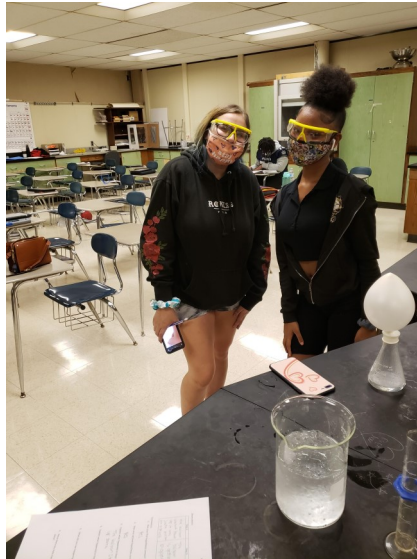
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Students in **Mrs. Glaze's ICP class** explore the effects of heat on expansion and contraction of air.



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Social Studies Department

Mrs. Kessler's Government class has been exploring the US Constitution and why our government works the way it does. They have also been writing our own Class Constitution. This includes a Preamble that explains the purpose of classroom rules, how our classroom elections and government will work, and the rights and responsibilities of teachers and students in our classroom. Next they will vote to ratify it, and it will serve as the classroom rules for all of our Geography and Government classes in N121. You can see this semester's Constitution at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pcwkNBinctFcVYAva7fqEmRC-JDeaeC46eiLxMJDhl/edit>.

Hello Chicago fans! All of **Mr. Stahls' History of Chicago classes** went on a field trip in September. The weather was perfect and so were the students. We toured in a Triple deck bus, what views. We saw so many sights in the Loop and Mayor Lightfoot joined us for lunch. We ate lunch on the bus, everyone had Deep Dish Pizza or Chicago Dogs, no catsup. After lunch we continued around the Loop stopping at Union Station. What a great building to tour. We saw so many things in so little time. The River Walk was a favorite during the final stage of our great trip. Our tour guide did an outstanding job and was really funny. We plan to go back very soon.



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JROTC

MCHS MCJROTC HELPS TO REMEMBER 9/11



High School students were not alive when our nation was attacked on September 11, 2001. The cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) helped with the memory of that day by providing the Color Guard for the Patriot Day ceremony before the Michigan City- Valparaiso football game. The game had a large attendance, with the home stands practically filled to capacity.

"One of the many things we have learned in JROTC is to remember the sacrifices of so many men and women who have served our country over the last 20 years," said Cadet Captain Declan Rice, the cadet commanding officer.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Darrick Hammond, the cadet executive officer, also commented on how the examples of heroism on 9/11 has influenced his ability to lead in the MCJROTC. "We try to put the 14 Leadership Traits and 11 Leadership Principles into practice in the many activities we have in the JROTC. The actions of the first responders on that day, along with the military's war on terrorism, has provided us with models of unselfish leadership."

Although the MCJROTC is a leadership program, not a preparation for the military program, it does reference historical data that, in order to have a strong democracy, a nation needs a strong military. "The events of 9/11 and its aftermath demonstrated that there are groups in the world that hate America and all the good that our nation has done since our existence," said Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor. "Our cadets are dedicated to fostering love of country and unselfish service to it."



Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor who was on active duty during much of the War on Terrorism, knows first-hand of sacrifice for the greater good.. "Some of my fellow Marines were either killed or wounded. It is that kind of selfless devotion to duty that we try to instill in our cadets."



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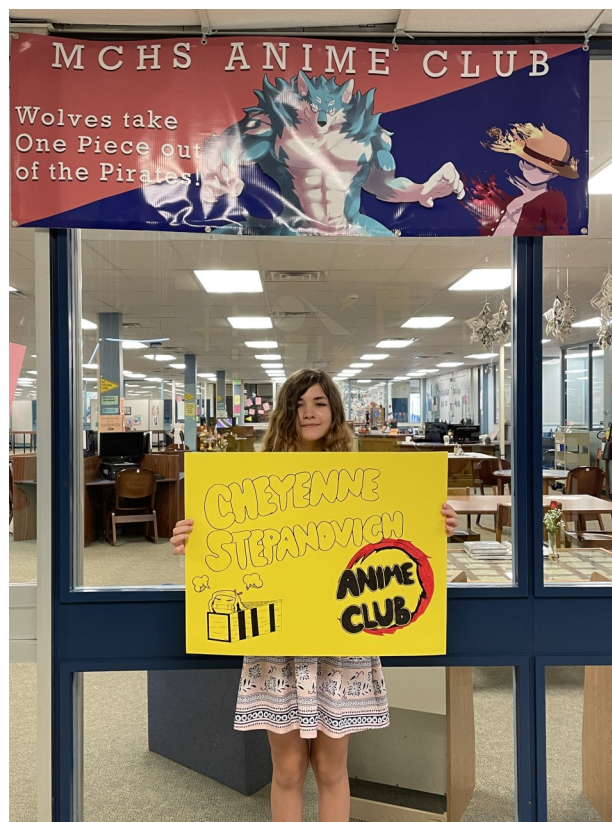
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Anime Club

Anime Club has had the biggest turn out this year with over 30 club members coming consistently. This year we were able to have to our first Homecoming Queen Candidate. Anime Club wants to thank all the members for helping to create the posters for the Homecoming Parade. We are looking forward to our game tournament and Halloween Party in October. All are welcome.



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Homecoming 2021

The Michigan City High School Student Council was very excited to be able to have a wonderful Homecoming this year after a 2 year break. We would like to thank everyone that came out and participated in and supported many of the different activities and events. We had a fun filled week with many different dress up/ spirit days as well as bringing back the Class Olympic competition which was held on Thursday, September 16th. We had a few different and entertaining events that involved the classes competing with each other to be the overall champion. The winner of Class Olympics was the Sophomores and we want to congratulate them as being the Spirit Stick winners as well for the Fall 2021 Homecoming. We would like to congratulate and thank all of the Homecoming Candidates for this year representing some of the many different clubs at Michigan City High School. Congratulations to **Jaden Smallwood**, representing the Steering Committee, on being selected the **2021 MCHS HOMECOMING QUEEN**. Thank you once again to everyone.

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Dates to Remember

10/02	SAT Testing
10/06	Premiere Band & Choir Concert - 7:00 pm
10/08	End of Grading Period 1
10/12	Senior Cap & Gown Assembly
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	PSAT 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

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(photo by Mr. Bruce Stahl)

Good Morning

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