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MCHS Student Council awarding the Canned Food Drive to Knapp. [pg 6](#)

## Message from our Principals

Greetings My fellow Wolves!

It has been another great, but COLD, month. The end of the first semester in high school is the first milestone in the freshman high school experience. To ensure your freshman is college and career ready, they should have earned seven credits during the first semester. If your freshman student earned five or fewer credits during the first semester, please contact their guidance counselor or teachers for plans of improvement for the second semester. We have also officially begun our "Back on Track" program. This is an after school program on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday where students can work on credit recovery. This is another great opportunity to recover credits not earned during the semester. If your student is interested in this program please contact their counselor.

With the Arctic Freeze that invaded Michigan City we have had the opportunity to enjoy some additional eLearning days this past month. Our next PLANNED eLearning day is scheduled for March 1st. This is a great opportunity for students to still receive instruction time while not physically attending school. It is just as important to complete these assignments as the work they are doing in person. I would encourage you to remind your students to make sure they submit their eLearning assignments as it counts for their attendance on those days.

Attendance and punctuality are two attributes that are very important to any and all potential employers. Please remind your student (s) to be on time to school and in their classes on time ready to learn. If your student is going to be absent from school please, notify the attendance office.

Our guidance department will begin scheduling soon for the 2022-23 school year. Counselors will be meeting with all students to start the scheduling process. They are also continuing to work with the seniors to make sure that they have all their requirements in order to graduate in June. Senior parents please remind your students how important it is to come to school and pass all of your classes in order to obtain all the credits to make sure they can graduate.

As winter sports begin to enter the conclusion of their seasons and prepare for their state tournaments, I would like to invite all parents to come into Michigan City High School and support the Wolves. We have many wonderful success stories happening. Attending an extra-curricular event allows everyone in attendance the opportunity to see the students in a different setting that represents the school and the greater community.

Please contact the guidance office and continue to monitor your students via PowerSchool to ensure your students are on the correct path. As always, you can follow us on Twitter, Like us on Facebook, or call to remain informed of the many wonderful things taking place here at Michigan City High School.

- Sarah Hendricks and Kyle Dean  
Co-Principals

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# MJROTC

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) conducted a presentation to the 8th graders at Barker and Krueger Middle Schools on January 19, 2022. The purpose of the presentation was to familiarize the students about the MCJROTC prior to them scheduling for their MCHS freshmen courses. The program started with remarks from Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor. McGrath emphasized that the MCJROTC is a leadership program, not designed to prepare students to enter the military, since there is no military obligation associated with it. He discussed the course of study and the many opportunities offered with JROTC extracurricular activities. Some of those activities were demonstrated. Among them were the armed regulation and armed exhibition platoons of the military drill team, some of the events of a military physical fitness competition, and activities done while conducting physical training. The cadet commanding officer, Cadet Major Declan Rice, and the cadet company first sergeant, Cadet First Sergeant Rosa Rojas, provided their reasons why they believed it had been their best experience at MCHS. The presentation ended with a question and answer session with the 8th graders.

"I think our cadets gave the 8th graders a good representation of our program. By the number of questions offered by the 8th graders, it certainly sparked much interest," said Marine Instructor Master Sergeant Jeff Benak.

McGrath noted the Marine Corps' requirement of 100 cadets for a school to maintain the program. "Covid has had a detrimental effect on our enrollment, and I am sure we are not the only school that has had this challenge. The Marine Corps knows that Michigan City is a very active program and is very supportive."

The MCHS military drill team will be competing in a meet next month at Portage, followed by the sectional championship at Purdue University in West Lafayette in March. The winner of the Purdue meet qualifies for the National MCJROTC championship in Orlando, FL in April. The cost of that trip, like all MCJROTC activities, is covered by the Marine Corps. The cadets will also be supporting the boys basketball home games as well as the boys basketball regional tournament on March 12th.



The armed exhibition platoon demonstrates their routine



Cadets show their teamwork on the stretcher run



Cadets do the tug-of-war as part of their physical fitness team

# JAG

The JAG Program at Michigan City High School is proud to acknowledge the following award recipients at this year's Regional Career Development Conference (CDC) for Indiana Region One's Jobs for America's Graduates students held January 28, 2022 at Ivy Tech Community College-Valparaiso Campus. Please join us in congratulating our follow JAG Students

- Amya Higgins 12th Grade  
2nd Place in Public Speaking Event
- Samiyyah Agee 12th Grade -  
1st Place in Digital Invitation/Cover Design  
3rd Place for JAG Outstanding Senior.
- Davion Anderson 12th Grade  
1st Place Career Presentation  
(Davion has qualified for the JAG Indiana State Competition held on March 18, 2022 in Indianapolis)
- Megan Glade 12th Grade  
1st Place Critical Thinking Event  
(Megan has qualified for the JAG Indiana State Competition held on March 18, 2022 in Indianapolis)
- Kalala McCoy 12th Grade  
2nd Place in Digital Invitation/Cover Design

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise. JAG is delivering the best results in its 41-year history, while serving youth who face significant challenges, to help them reach economic and academic success.

The CDC is a week-long competition that takes place in each region throughout Indiana. Students will compete in 10 categories, and those placing in the top two positions will then advance to the state CDC where they will compete for scholarship dollars against the rest of the state. Students participating in this competition are from Lake, Porter, and Starke Counties.

The JAG Program at Michigan City High School is led by JAG Specialist Mr. Raymond Davis. If you would like any information about the enrollment into the program for 11th or 12th grade



JAG Winners with Raymond Davis

tate to contact Mr. Davis at [rdavis01@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:rdavis01@mcas.k12.in.us).

MCHS students or partnering with the JAG Program to provide community service and/or job shadowing opportunities for our JAG students through our (WIOA) federally funded Work Experience Program don't hesi-

## Music Department

Twenty choir students will be competing at the ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Contest on January 29. The contest will be held at Valparaiso High School. Fifteen choir soloists and 2 ensembles will be performing in front of judges to receive feedback and rankings. Twenty band students will be competing at the ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 5. The contest will be held at Kankakee Valley Middle School. We wish all of these students luck as they prepare for these competitions!

The MCHS Music Supersaver Cards are coming back as of March 1! For \$10 you can use the card for a full year for discounts at many local restaurants and stores throughout Michigan City. Stay tuned for further information or you can contact Choral Director Michelle Howisen at 219-873-2044 x4401 if you have any questions.

# Counselor's Corner

**Scheduling:** Scheduling for next year is coming up quickly. Counselors will be discussing and going over schedules with students for next year starting February 7th through the 10th. Make sure to pay attention to upcoming announcements and presentations during Wolf Packs regarding scheduling.

**Back on Track Program:** The Back on Track Program after school has begun! This program is designed to help students work on recovering credits they are currently deficient in that are required to graduate. It is running similar to summer school and follows the same protocol as Credit Recovery through Edmentum. The program is on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 – 4:15. Transportation is also available for students. Counselors will enroll students who are interested in the program.

**Career & Technical Education:** Career and technical education is a great way for students to begin earning credits and certifications for their chosen careers along with completing graduation pathway requirements. Students who are interested in applying for a career pathway at the LaPorte Career and Technical Education Center, (AK Smith), should fill out and complete the application process very soon. There are 2 parts to complete the application process. First, students must complete the online enrollment form for LaPorte Career and Tech Education, found at [www.mcas.k12.in.us](http://www.mcas.k12.in.us) in the dropdown box under Select a School. Second, students must obtain a LaPorte CTE confirmation form from their counselor, have it signed by their parent/guardian, and return it to their counselor.

**Upcoming Test Dates:** SAT- March 12th, 2022. This administration will be given at MCHS. (Register online at [www.account.collegeboard.org](http://www.account.collegeboard.org). Deadline to register is February 11th) See your counselor for more information and a guidebook and practice exam. ACT: April 2nd, 2022. Deadline to register: February 25th, 2022. Given at Portage High School. To check other locations/dates and to register, go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**Naviance:** Every student should log into their Naviance account often. There is a wealth of information on colleges and careers, as well as interest inventories and career surveys.

## What you should be doing now:

**Seniors:** Continue to update and request transcripts through Naviance. Make sure that you have completed your FAFSA, whether you are planning to go to college, the military, or into a career training program. Many opportunities for funding, including scholarships, grants, and student loans require that you have completed a FAFSA on file. The earlier you complete this, the better your outcome for receiving funding for your goals. Although the deadline to complete the FAFSA is April 15th, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA WAY AHEAD OF THIS DATE. Many colleges have deadlines in February and March. Some schools award financial aid on a first come-first served basis. Get your FAFSA completed early. This cannot be stressed enough!

**Juniors:** If you are planning to take the SAT or ACT this spring you should register early and begin to plan a study schedule. Plan to do a few questions every day so you can become comfortable with the type of questions asked on these tests. Junior year is the most important year in high school. Continue to work hard in your classes to get the best grades that you can. Use Naviance to research colleges and careers that interest you.

**Sophomores:** Work hard in your classes. Start thinking about your summer plans and your future. There is a Career Survey in Naviance that is assigned for all sophomores to complete.

**Freshmen:** Congratulations! You have made it through the first semester of high school. Continue to work hard in your classes. If you have not joined a club or sport, consider joining one now or next fall. With all of the activities here at the high school, you are bound to find a club or sport that sparks your interest. Get involved. This is a good way to learn to manage your time in classes while you are doing something that you enjoy. In addition, there is a Career Survey in Naviance assigned for all 9th grade students. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey, so do it today.

# Success Coaches

Student Success Coaches have had over 1200 individual student touchpoints during Fall semester. During the Spring semester we will coordinate students into small groups to focus on the most pressing needs of students.

## Looking Ahead

The first semester has ended, finals have been taken, and grades have been entered. Were you happy with the grades you earned? If not, do you want to do better this semester? There are solutions to help you improve your grades.

## Study Smarter

Make study time work for you by planning your time around completing assignments and writing papers. This doesn't have to be difficult. Only you know the best time for you to complete your school work. In addition, the after school Back on Track program can help those students who did not earn all of their credits last term. The Back on Track program is held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-4:15pm. Transportation home is available, so there is no excuse for not participating. For more information and to sign up, please speak with your school counselor.

## Tutoring Opportunities

Seek out help when you need it. Always ask your teachers first when you don't understand the concepts presented in class. There are several virtual resources available to help you outside of school hours:

Rose Hulman "Ask Rose"- 1-877-ASK-ROSE (1-877-275-7673) Sunday-Thursday 6pm-9pm CST Excellent for math and science help. There is also virtual and email help by going to the website: [www.askrose.org](http://www.askrose.org)

[www.Schoolhouse.world](http://www.Schoolhouse.world) Created by Khan Academy, students learn from peer tutors. Students can get help in many subjects in addition to SAT test prep. One on one help from tutors around the world.

## Caught You Being Kind

The recipient of a MCHS Student Store gift certificate this month is Mrs. Gresham. Congratulations!! Please continue to submit names of people displaying acts of kindness in our community. Let Kindness Flow!!

# Exchange Club



Exchange Club Students of the Month  
Luke Poulin and Kasey Marovich (Marquette)

# Student Council

Michigan City High School Student Council is seen awarding the trophy to Knapp Elementary for winning the Canned Food Drive



# Open Door Adolescent Health Center

## Big Thanks to

### **Palko Distributing Company of Michigan City.**

For supporting the MCHS Care Closet and for the very large donation of hand sanitizer for our students



# Treasurer Tidings

## TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES

The 2021/2022 Textbook Rental Fee Statements have been sent home via mail and email, if we have a current email on file for the guardian. The statements are for the school year, not by semester. You may make payments throughout the year with check, cash, or money orders. Online payments are not available this year. We would like all fees to be paid by the end of the school year. Contact the treasurer if you have any questions.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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

**Many students have completed their application but have not paid the fee and obtained their parking permit. Please see the treasurer ASAP to complete the process.**

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. [Permit Application](#)

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.

# Treasurer Tidings

- 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.

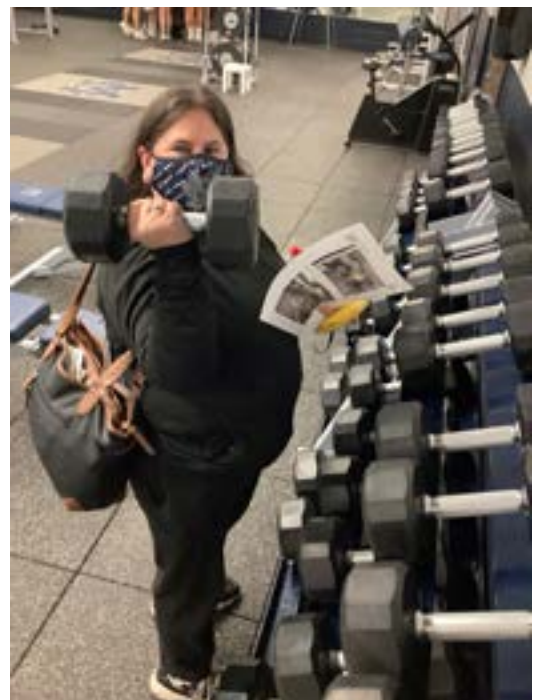
Students who do not abide by MCHS automobile regulations face possible sanctions under the Code of Responsible Behavior, as well as the following: warning ticket, ticket with fine, suspension of driving privileges, and towing of the vehicle.

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

## MCHS Weight Room



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# '22 YEARBOOK

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## February 2022 Upcoming Events

- 2/9 ISTEP+ Retesting
- 2/10 ISTEP+ Retesting
- 2/12 ACT Test
- 2/15 ISTEP+ Retest Make-up
- 2/21 Famous American's Day  
(no school)
- 2/25 Foreign Language Olympics

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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27	28	1	2	3	4	5

## March 2022 Upcoming Events

- 3/1 E-Learning
- 3/1 Parent Teacher Conferences  
(2:30 - 6:30)
- 3/2 School SAT Grade 11
- 3/2 Horizon Assessment  
Grades 9-10
- 3/12 SAT Test
- 3/15 Classics Night (Choir) 7pm
- 3/17 Classics Night (Band) 7pm
- 3/18 End of 3rd Grading Period
- 3/22 Winter Sports Awards
- 3/23 Foreign Language  
Honor Society Induction (6-7:15am)
- 3/23 Jazz Band & Choir Swing  
Night 7pm
- 3/29 Red Cross Blood Drive  
8-1:30pm

# March 2022

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