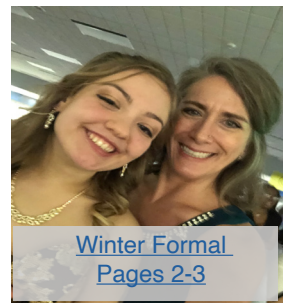


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Message from our Principals

We have a lot to celebrate at the High School this past month! Our students and staff are doing some amazing things. Junior Jamie Hodges set the single-game scoring record for MCHS with 42 points against The Bowman Leadership Academy. City finished its regular season with a 14-8 record, and will move on to sectionals next week. Coach Tom Wells has won 44 games in his first 3 seasons with Michigan City, the best ever start to a career with City. City will have to win three games to hang their first post consolidation banner. Michigan City will open with the Cavemen of Mishawaka in Game one at 5:30 PM on Tuesday March 1st at Plymouth High School, this year's sectional 3 host. Our Choir is headed this weekend to the State competition. Sophia Barczak, Alaina Kotaska, Ashley Sparks, Kyra Krachinski, and Emray David will be representing the Wolves. We are already so proud of all their accomplishments this year under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Howisen.

The month of February was a great time to reflect on what awesome Counselors and SRO (School Resource Officer) MCHS has. Officer Scott Combs spends endless hours building relationships with our students and assisting with the safety and security of the building. National SRO day on February 15th was a great day to highlight all the amazing things he does for our school and community. National School Counselor appreciation week was during the month of February as well. Our school counselors are working tirelessly to finalize schedules and help seniors with college applications and applying for scholarships. Our Early College Counselor Ms. Lamarr recently took a group of students over two days to visit Valparaiso University. What an awesome experience for our students!

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) announced changes to its COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools. Our School Board approved revisions to our COVID Response Plan, aligned with this new guidance. Face masks are now optional at school for all MCAS students and staff. Masks will still be required on school buses, per Federal law. MCAS will still require that students or staff who have COVID-19 isolate for 5 days. They may return to school on day 6 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications, as long as their symptoms are improving. (We encourage these individuals to wear a mask after returning to school, days 6-10.) MCAS will no longer be contact tracing or reporting positive cases to the Indiana Department of Health. We will continue our policy of excluding individuals from school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. They may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and their symptoms have improved. (A test result or doctor's note will no longer be required.) Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms each day before sending them to school!

Looking ahead, March is going to be another busy month. Coming up on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th all Juniors will be taking the SAT. For those of us that remember taking the SAT it is a very different test than years past. Teachers have been working hard to prepare students for this exam as it counts as part of their

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Message from our Principals

graduation requirements. All students were sent an email with instructions on when and where they will be taking the test. They can always see their counselor if they have any questions. March 18th is the end of the 3rd quarter. Please make sure you are keeping up with your students' progress. You can see all the information you need through the parent portal in Power-School. Through this you have access to your students grades, attendance, and teacher information. Thank you for all you do. We are grateful for the partnership we have with some amazing parents and students. We will continue to do everything we can to support our students. Go Wolves!

Sarah Hendricks and Kyle Dean
Co-Principals
MCHS

Principal's Honor Roll

Congratulations to the 61 Students that made the Principal's Honor Roll for the 2nd grading period. To qualify for the Principal's Honor Roll you must have all A's in every subject. [Click here](#) for the full list of students.

Freshmen - 15
Sophomores - 16
Juniors - 16
Seniors - 14

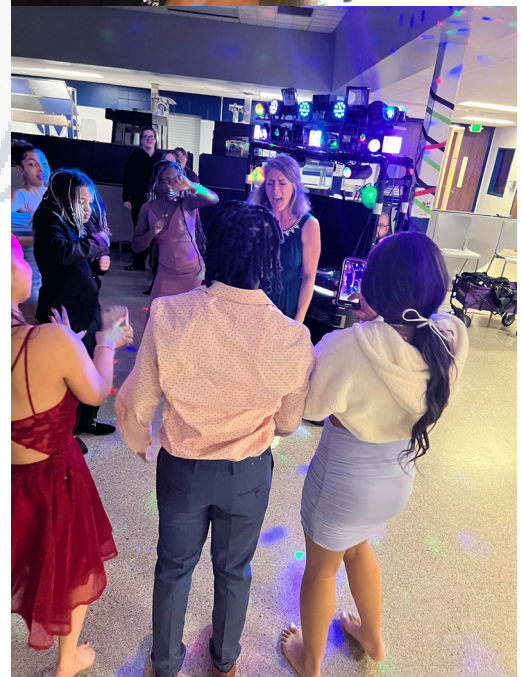
Academic Honor Roll

Congratulations to the 367 Students that made the Academic Honor Roll for the 2nd grading period. To qualify for the Academic Honor Roll you must have a 3.0 grade point average. A student will not be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll if they earn a grade below a C on their report card. [Click here](#) for the full list of students.

Freshmen - 102
Sophomores - 80
Juniors - 100
Seniors - 85

Winter Formal

MCHS Student Council hosted a Winter Formal Dance on Saturday, February 26, 2022. It was the first school sponsored dance in quite a while. The students had a great time as well as the staff that volunteered.



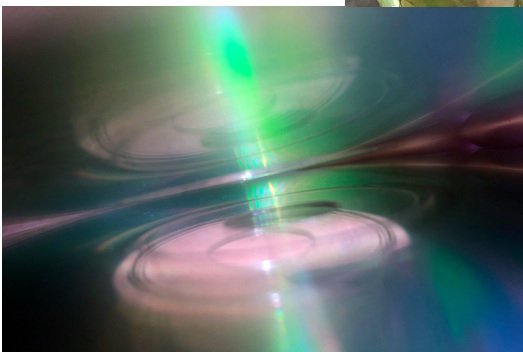
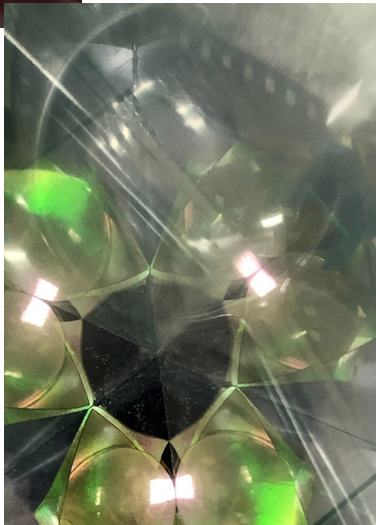
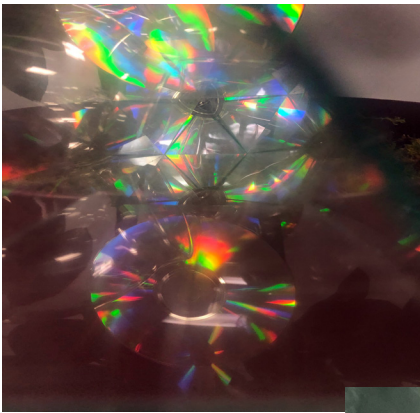
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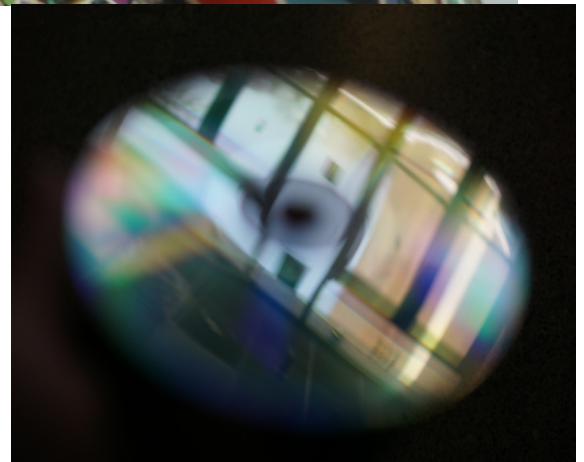
Photography 3

Photography III students have been working on Abstract Reflection photos. Students used a variety of reflective or light refractive objects, such as glass ornaments, crystal balls, CDs, and textured glass, to distort the subject and make it “abstract”. The resulting photos reduce the subject to colors, patterns, and texture.

Christian Messenger



Makaylee Coapstick



Abby Hammonds



Computer Science 1

We have been working through learning about classes and objects. Students learned how to create and play a Japanese Guessing game called Cho-Han. Learning Cho-Han was an in class tutorial. Their current project 21 is based off of that lesson. They are simulating rolling two dice to try to get as close to 21 as possible without going over 21. Students are learning logic and how to create multiple files and think what roles each object can do and how to put it all together.

On Monday February 28 the Computer Science 1 Students participated in an Escape Room activity. This put their problem solving skills to test, they had to work together with only one light. The students answered questions about classes and objects. To finish the Escape Room they had to play the games that they were coding throughout this chapter. The picture shows the students working together in the dark.

Computer Illustration and Graphics

Students have been learning the basics of Adobe Animate. They are currently working on a project that uses motion tweens, which allow for smoother transitions. Their projects are to create a 30 second animation with a stick figure that tells a story.

Introduction to Computer Science

We have been learning and focusing on If-Elif-Else statements. These are also known as decision structures. Students have been learning how to accept an answer from the user and from that the computer program will decide what to display to the user.



MCJROTC

Despite having the smallest team at the Portage High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) military drill competition on February 26, 2022, the Michigan City High School (MCHS) cadets earned first, second and third place trophies. The Wolves Color Guard A finished first, Color Guard B finished second, and the Armed Exhibition platoon earned a third place finish. Color Guard A and the Armed Exhibition platoon was commanded by senior Cadet Major Declan Rice, and Color Guard B was commanded by freshman Cadet Lance Corporal Marcus Mantel.

Rice, who also commanded the Unarmed and Armed platoons, was impressed with the performance of his fellow cadets, but is determined to improve. "It was great to earn trophies in those three events, but I know that we can do better, particularly in the Unarmed and Armed regulation competitions."

Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor, agreed with Rice's assessments, but was highly complimentary of his cadet commanding officer. "Most schools have a different commander for each category in a drill meet. Having the flexibility and mental endurance to command four units is a tribute to Major Rice's dedication to our program."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted Mantel's commanding Color Guard B, earning a second place trophy as a freshman. "Younger cadets like Lance Corporal Mantel, and fellow Lance Corporals (Matthew) Wilson, (Tanner) Klimczyk and (Keith) Hawley have really stepped up as we try to recover from the effects of Covid."

Mantel was grateful for the opportunity to command and encouraged other students to consider taking MCJROTC as an elective course. "In sports, you have to wait until you are a senior to be a captain. In JROTC, if you work hard, you can get the same chance that I did."

These same cadets also helped honor our country and the MCHS boys basketball seniors on Senior Night. The program provides a Color Guard for all home football and boys basketball games, along with just about every patriotic event that occurs in LaPorte County.

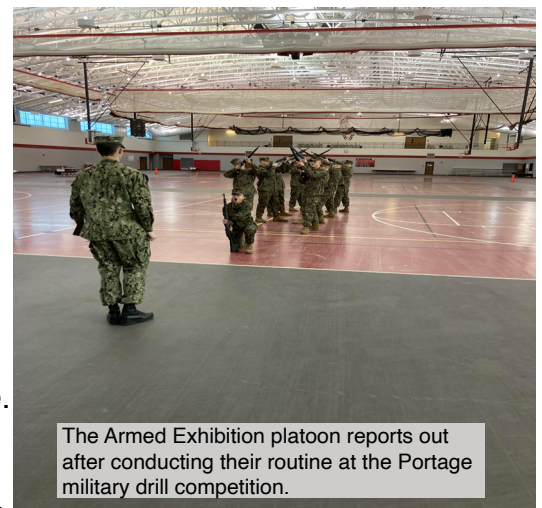
MCHS will compete in the MCJROTC Regional Championship meet on March 5th at Purdue University in West Lafayette. The winner of that meet will compete in the National Championship Meet in Daytona Beach, Florida in April. That trip, like all MCJROTC activities, is done at no cost to the student. The Marine Corps provides all funding.



The MCHS Color Guard prepares to present the Colors at Senior Night.



The Color Guard presents the Colors.



The Armed Exhibition platoon reports out after conducting their routine at the Portage military drill competition.

MCJROTC



The Armed Regulation platoon executes "Eyes Right."



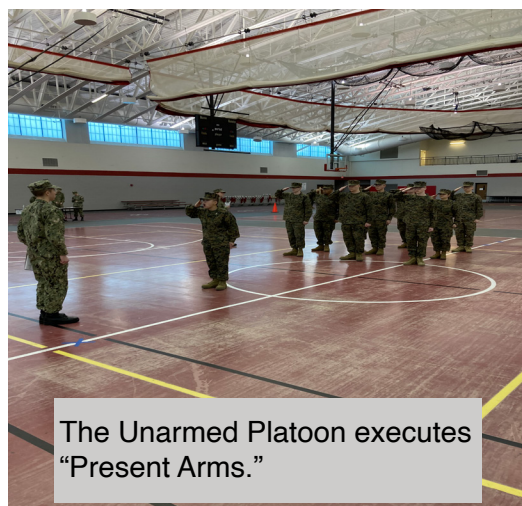
Color Guard B reports into the Head Judge.



Color Guard A performs their competition movements.



Cadets undergo the personnel inspection by Purdue University ROTC scholarship midshipmen.



The Unarmed Platoon executes "Present Arms."

Success Coaches

Success Coaches-Strive for Success!

We are almost halfway through the semester. The end of the high school grading period is Friday, March 18, 2022. If you are having difficulty in your classes, now is the time to reach out to your teachers for help. Use your time wisely and stay on top of your assignments.

If you are taking a class in Credit Recovery or the Back on Track program, remember that you have access to your class units and subject notes on your Chromebook after school and on weekends. A class in Credit Recovery or Back on Track is an actual class. As with all classes, Credit Recovery and Back on Track classes have notes and materials to read, problems to solve, and tests that you take in the classroom with the teacher present. Only your teacher can unlock your tests for you. Every credit earned in Credit Recovery and Back on Track is one credit closer to your high school diploma.

Sowing Seeds for Success

In February, Success Coaches partnered with Open Door Adolescent Health Center to bring the video series Sowing SEEDS with My TIME to MCHS. The video series, produced by GCSCORED, was developed to teach students about managing their emotions and developing a healthy and positive mindset. The five video series were streamed to students during Wolf Pack. Many thanks to Deborah Briggs, director of the Open Door Adolescent Health Center, for organizing the video screening, and the Michigan Clty Community Foundation for providing the funding for the video series.

Caught You Being Kind

Last month the following students were caught being kind:

- Aerial Howell
- Rebecca Johnson
- Karielle Jones

These students will receive a gift certificate to the MCHS student store. Please send names of students and staff displaying kindness in our school to: dndukwu@mcas.k12.in.us

Exchange Club



Exchange Club Students of the Month

From the left: Kera Cannan, Principal Sarah Hendricks, Armando Martinez, Marquette High School and Phil Freese, Exchange Club member

Science Department



Rachel Pauer's Environmental Science class built soil horizons using edible sweets!

Early College

Mrs. Cathy Lindgren who taught AP Human Geography, took a position at the A.K. Smith Career Center and the new AP Human Geography teacher is Mr. Russel Starcevich. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education from Purdue University Calumet in 2014 and He's been teaching at Michigan City High School for three years. He's taught multiple social studies subjects at MCHS including U.S. History, Economics, AP European History, Geography & History of the World, and World History & Civilization. Mr. Starcevich said, "Even though I didn't start in Early College, I'm looking forward to finishing the 2021-2022 school year with EC!" Welcome, Mr. Starcevich! We are so happy to have you on the team!

Alpha & Wolf Award Recipients

Each grading period, the Michigan City Early College 9th Grade team selects outstanding students for the Alpha and Wolf Awards. The Alpha award goes to the student who had the highest grade out of all of the freshmen in the four core Early College classes. The Wolf award goes to the student who not only has shown academic success but also integrity, grit, kindness, helpfulness, and is an all-around exemplary Early College student. The following students were the recipients for the Second Grading Period.

Alpha Award Recipients:

- Algebra: Abbas Al-Saedi
- Biology: Trevor Ackerman
- English: John Zaknoun
- AP Human Geography: Trevor Ackerman

Wolf Award Recipients:

- Kiley Buetow
- Molly Gouge
- Gabriella Stinchcomb
- Riley Hawley



Music Department

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, twenty (20) students from the Michigan City High School Choral department competed at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble District Competition held at Valparaiso High School.

Brooklynn Accardi, Jasmine Berndt, Emily Caddo, Kayla Campbell, Kirsten Carlson, Renee Eaton, Bella Garcia, Madison Gresham, Makalinn Jenks, Kyla Mashburn, Emmaleah Rosales, Breana Turman, Naomi Williams, and Alyssa Workman all performed solos at the contest and earned Gold Ratings! The ensemble composed of Renee Eaton, Kirsten Carlson and Reece Carlson, received a Gold rating and the ensemble composed of Katelyn Ast, Emma Abraham, Hannah Parker, Breana Turman and Aaverie Wingard received a Gold rating with a Perfect Score at the contest!

Jasmine Berndt, Brooklynn Accardi, Renee Eaton, Kirsten Carlson, Madison Gresham, Makalinn Jenks, Kayla Campbell, Breana Turman, and Bella Garcia traveled to the State ISSMA competition held at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis on February 19. All 9 girls received Gold Ratings at the State competition and Renee Eaton received a Perfect Score!

Congratulations to all of these Choral students! Your hard work and dedication paid off!

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, twenty (20) MCHS band students traveled to Kankakee Valley Middle School in Wheatfield, Indiana to participate in the ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Contest. Zach Hogan, Alaina Kotaska, James Symons, Clarissa Mantel, and Sophia Barczak all received a Silver rating. Brooke Lakin, Isaac Yanke, Yarnikqwa Crume, Zoe Brooks, Vivian Taylor, Emray David, Alaina Kotaska, Sophia Barczek, Ashley Sparks, & Kyra Krachinski all received a Gold Rating. Congratulations to all of these Band students! Your hard work and dedication paid off!

Music Department

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, Emray David, Alaina Kotaska, Sophia Barczak, Ashley Sparks, and Kyra Krachinski will travel to North Central HS in Indianapolis to compete in the State Solo and Ensemble Competition. Good luck to all of these band students!

The Choral and Band departments will be presenting three concerts during the month of March. Classics Night I will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature all of the high school choirs: Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Treble Chorale and City Singers. Classics Night II will take place on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature all of the high school bands: Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Swing Night will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature the Treble Chorale, Jazz Band and City Singers. Admission to all of these concerts is free and open to the public. Please come on out to hear some great music from all of our band and choral groups.

The music department is currently selling their SUPER SAVING CARDS. For \$10 the purchaser receives discounts at many local restaurants and stores throughout Michigan City and LaPorte for an entire year. Please see a member of the choir or band department to purchase your card. If you have any questions, you can contact Michelle Howisen (High School Choir Director) at 873-2044 x4401.



Open Door Adolescent Health Center

PLAN AHEAD FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
FREE SPORTS PHYSICAL FOR 2022-2023
beginning April 1, 2022

MCHS Students that are registered with the Open Door Adolescent Health Center may stop by Room #O-111 during lunch or passing periods to schedule your appointment.

If not registered, parents/legal guardians can enroll their student through their PowerSchool Parent account – go to Forms and complete the **OPTIONAL FORM** for Open Door Adolescent Health Center

PARENTS: Please complete the IHSAA – Pre-participation Physical on the MCHS Athletics Webpage under **FINAL FORMS**. Once this is completed, we can schedule your exam. Don't delay - Come schedule your appointment today!



Anime Club

On Saturday February 12, the Anime Club went to North West Indiana Comic Con (NWI). This our annual tradition is to take the students to a local comic con where they can cosplay and visit local artists and vendors.

Upcoming events

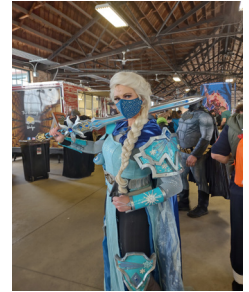
3/17 - **Super Smash Bros Tournament**

4/19 - **Cosplay Contest in MCHS Auditorium**

All current students at MCHS can participate in the cosplay contest. Look at the flyers around the school for more information or email [Mr. Melendez](#)



Diana Lyon & Devyn Folino won the Judges Pick



Allie Moss, Nikoali Razo, Michelle Ramirez, Cheyenne Stepanovich won 1st Place in the Teen Group Cosplay Contest

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. 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.

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.

Counselor's Corner

Thank you to those students that put their course requests into Powerschool! We are now working on checking them to make sure they are right and putting in courses for students that did not submit any. If you need the parent permission slip to attend AK Smith next year, we have the forms in the guidance office.

Summer School and Back On Track

The Back on Track program is happening now for students that need to make up any lost credits. Contact your counselor if you want to sign up. Summer school sign ups will be happening soon and we will be sending a message out to parents and students when it is time.

CLASS OF 2022

Don't forget to get your FAFSA submitted and check to make sure all your information is in Naviance if you are applying to college. Caps and gowns need to be ordered. You can do that by calling Kingsley, Inc. at: 574-583-3420

Counselors will be available every Wednesday during lunch outside of the Nutrition classroom during all lunches.



'22 YEARBOOK

This year, every moment together is worth celebrating and the Michigan City High School yearbook captures them all. Don't miss out - reserve your copy today!

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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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

April 2022 Upcoming Events

- 4/4 - 4/8 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/15 Good Friday (no school)
- 4/21 Foreign Language Society Induction (2:15-3:30)

April 2022

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