

# WOLVES WIRE

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## Message from our Principals

Welcome to Spring, Wolves!

April brings us our much anticipated Spring Break. We hope that all of our Wolves have a rejuvenating and relaxing Spring Break April 4-April 8th! Once we return to school on April 11th, we will be in the final stretch of the 2021-22 school year! More than ever, we need your students to be here and on time every day. Attendance plays a major factor in your student's academic and social success at MCHS and beyond. Teachers are delivering rigorous course content in every class preparing them for their summative assessments and final exams. These assessments and grades have a significant impact on their semester grades and opportunities post-graduation. We are working on the end of the year final exam schedule and will get that information to you as soon as it is available.

While this school year has brought us a sense of our "new normal" we want to give you a heads up on some important upcoming events:

- 2022 Senior Prom: Our prom will be Friday, May 13th at Blue Chip Stardust Event Center. Tickets will go on sale at the end of April. Additional information about this event will be released to Junior and Senior families. Emails have already been sent out to students on social probation.
- Senior Awards Night: We will celebrate the Class of 2022 seniors awards night on May 16th in the auditorium.
- Underclassmen Awards Night: We will celebrate 9th-11th graders on May 19th in the auditorium.
- Class of 2022 Distinguished Grad Banquet: We will celebrate our Class of 2022 Distinguished Graduates at Blue Chip Fremont Ballroom on Wednesday, June 9th. Watch Senior announcements for more information!
- Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises: Our 2022 Commencement Ceremony will be on Sunday, June 12th at noon in the MCHS gym. Graduates will receive 10 tickets for family and friends to attend the event. More information will be released in the coming weeks.

We also would like to remind our graduating seniors that you need to file your FAFSA as part of completing your diploma. Please contact Aaron Garrett with questions about FAFSA. Specific details about additional Senior events will be mailed to Seniors homes shortly after Spring Break.

We hope everyone enjoys the coming weeks of warmer temperatures and increased sunshine. Let's have a strong finish to our school year!  
Go Wolves!

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## Digital Design 2

Mrs. Whitler's Digital Design II students have just completed a Pop Art-style Retro Car project. Students had to learn to use the pen tool to make selections and how to recolor photos in Photoshop. For the project students chose a vintage car, selected it to recolor and cut out, added it to a polka-dot background, and added the car make and model to a curved path. Students did a great job on the project and are becoming more proficient using Photoshop.

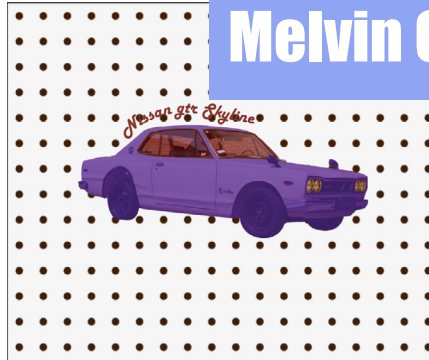
### Racion Anderson



### Ashley McKinney



## Melvin Christensen



## Counselor's Corner

We are now in the last grading period of the 2021-2022 school year. We urge students to stay focused and finish strong! We also encourage parents and students to frequently check their child's grades and attendance in Power School. If you have any questions or concerns about grades, please contact your child's teacher(s). Your counselor is also available to help.

The Counselors would like to Congratulate Simara Jenkins! She was selected to participate in the Innovate WithIN Region 6 Finals in April. Great job, Simara!

Seniors, the FAFSA deadline is April 18th. Remember, this is a graduation requirement. If you and your family need assistance, please consider attending "FAFSA Night". They will be held at the high school on April 7th and April 14th at 5:30 with Aaron Garrett.

Seniors, please check to make sure you are on track for graduation. Contact your counselor if you have questions about your credits. It is important that you have post-secondary plans (i.e. college, trade school, or military). Remember, transcript requests must be submitted on the Naviance website. Mr. Garrett and/or your counselor will be more than happy to help you plan for your future.

Summer School applications are now available online on the MCHS website. Summer school schedule, Semester 1: June 6 - 17, 2022, Semester 2: June 20 - July 1, 2022.

The Counseling Department wishes everyone an enjoyable and safe Spring Break!

# Student Store

## Student Store Memory Service and Dedication to Shirley Sydow

Since March is National Disability Awareness Month it seemed only appropriate to remember Shirley Sydow. Shirley Sydow was a paraprofessional for MCAS for many years. She worked with many teachers and students throughout her years. Shirley impacted many lives by her dedication and always going the extra mile. Shirley worked with Amy Wojasinski-Labis for many years at Elston Middle School. Ms. Wojo remembers her as kind, hard working, generous, and always willing to make a difference in the day with children with disabilities. Although she passed away in 2021, her spirits will always be remembered in the student store at MCHS. A memorial plaque was placed in the student store. Her family joined the MCHS Student Store to honor her and share fond memories. Tarra Jones who runs the Student Store explained all the skills the students learn daily for post secondary life/jobs. Thank you for Shirley Sydow's Family. Her life work will always be remembered





# MCJROTC

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps was very busy during March, supporting school and community activities as well as competing in the MCJROTC Regional Drill Championship at Purdue University in West Lafayette on March 5th..

MCHS hosted the Boys Regional Basketball tournament on March 14th. The cadets provided parking support for the semi-final games in the morning and the championship game at night. They also provided the Color Guard for the morning and evening games. Of note, with a crowd of nearly 7000 for the championship game between Chesterton and Penn, the crowd spontaneously sang the National Anthem. That motivated the public address announcer Stan Hargraves to exclaim "That was awesome!"

"I think that our Color Guard, impeccable in their Dress Blue uniforms, and executing all of the drill movements precisely and crisply, had a lot to do with that reaction from the crowd," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath.

In between the games, the cadets marched in the Michigan City St. Patrick's parade. The wind chill factor was in the teens the entire day and night. Besides the weather and enthusiastic fans from the four schools who participated in the games, the Scholastic Aptitude Test was given in the morning and there was a play being held at night at MCHS, necessitating the cadets to react quickly and decisively to find and direct cars into parking spaces. "Our cadets showed their physical and mental endurance throughout the day and night supporting our school and community," said Marine Instructor Master Sergeant Jeff Benak.

Other events that the cadets supported were the dance at Barker Middle School on March 11th, the set-up and tear-down of the LaPorte County Garden Club Show on March 18 and 19th, the International Lions Club convention in LaPorte on March 19th, and the first home track meet on March 30th. The MCHS MCJROTC will continue to support the track season and other events to the end of the school year. They will also conduct a leadership camp in Wisconsin in June and send cadets to national MCJROTC drill and leadership camps in the summer. All of those camps are done at no cost to the cadet. They are completely funded by the Marine Corps.



Cadets present the Colors before the Regional Boys Basketball championship game between Chesterton and Penn. The Color Guard's precision and appearance help motivate the crowd of nearly 7000 to spontaneously sing the National Anthem.



Cadets help set-up the LaPorte County Garden Show



Cadets present the Colors for the International Lions Club convention in LaPorte.

# MCJROTC



Cadets step off as part of the Michigan City St. Patrick's parade.

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) competed in their Sectional Military Drill Championship held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, earning a third place in the Armed Exhibition category. Nine schools participated, with the 13 other schools in the Section choosing not to compete. The other categories in which MCHS competed were the Personnel Inspection, Armed Regulation, Unarmed Regulation, and Color Guard. All of those units were commanded by Cadet Major Declan Rice.

"Cadet Rice has been a superlative performer during his four years at MCHS," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "As most schools have the depth to have a separate commander for each category, our drill team doesn't have that luxury, so Declan really stepped up to take on much increased responsibility." Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the improvement of the team over the season. "We raised our scores at Purdue in every category. It shows how hard our kids are willing to work, even though we are lacking in numbers." The team started with 20 cadets, but finished with 11.

"We say, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, that, if it was easy, anybody could be a MCHS cadet," said McGrath. "But in a way, it is certainly true of the drill team. These kids are here at 5:45 every morning to practice, because it is the only time that the gym is available, as our one gym supports all MCHS sports. Maybe we can get some of that Covid money and MCHS could build a field house,

like most of our competitors have" he said, also half-jokingly.

The cadets will be busy right up to Spring Break, supporting MCHS and the community. They will be working parking and providing the Color Guards for the Boys Regional Basketball Tournament on March 12th. They will also be marching in the Michigan City St. Patrick's Day parade on the same day. Additional events that they will be supporting are the LaPorte County Garden Show and the MCHS Boys and Girls Track Meets.



The MCHS Military Drill Team.

1st Row (L-R) Cadets Lance Corporal Marcus Mantel, Lance Corporal Matthew Wilson, Sergeant Dontrel Maitland, Sergeant Tyler Klimczyk, Major Delan Rice, and Sergeant Jonathon Vickery.

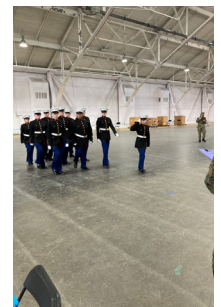
2nd row (L-R) Corporal David Willis, Lance Corporal Tanner Klimcyk, 1st Sergeant Rosa Rojas, Lance Corporal Keith Hawley and Sergeant Caleb Austin.



The Armed Regulation Platoon reports to the Head Judge



The Color Guard executes "Present Colors"



The Unarmed Regulation Platoon executes "Eyes Right"



Cadets undergo the personnel inspection from the Purdue University ROTC midshipmen.



## Success Coaches

By the time you read this, there will be less than **38 days** of school left!! The year has gone by quickly, and it is time to buckle down and get busy making sure that all assignments are completed on time. Are you prepared? There is nothing worse than rushing through school work because you allowed assignments to pile up and are now faced with too many assignments and very little time.

What should you do if you find yourself crunched for time? The first thing you should do is contact your teacher. Remember, your teachers invest a lot of time preparing your coursework and want you to do well. Your teacher is your primary go-to when you are having problems in your classes. Send your teacher an email, speak with them after class, make an appointment to speak with them privately, and know that they are there to help. Your Success is Important!!

### Avoiding Anxiety and Stress

This year, many students met with Success Coaches due to personal stress and anxiety. This is a serious mental health issue in our society and, according to the Center for Disease Control, (CDC), the number of teens affected by anxiety and stress is rising.\*

Anxiety can be described as the inability to process fears and worries in a healthy way, which prevents a person from normal daily function. Stress is defined as the mental or physical strain on the body. Physical symptoms of anxiety and stress can include headaches, stomach aches, rapid heartbeat and chills. Mental symptoms of anxiety and stress present as lack of focus, confusion, verbal and/or physical outbursts, depression, and defiance.

## Exchange Club



**Student of the Month**  
Phil Freese with  
Jocelyn Romero-Gonzalez

## Student Council

The Michigan City High School Student Council would like to thank everyone that attended and helped with our Winter Dance held on February 26th. For a dance that we normally host in the fall, we had a pretty successful turnout.

Everyone that attended seemed to have a good time and we also collected a number of canned good items to be donated once again to either the Salvation Army or Soup Kitchen.

We are busy getting ready to try and plan for a Spring spirit week celebration and get ready for the class officer voting for the next school year which will take place in May. Thank you again to everyone for always supporting every activity/event that Student Council hosts.

# Early College

## 9th Grade

As we enter the Fourth Grading Period, our Freshmen Early College students are looking forward to a strong finish to their first year at MCHS! Early College students are encouraged to take advantage of summer school opportunities such as Speech, P.E., Health, and other classes. If interested, summer school applications are located on the Michigan City High School website.

### ALPHA & WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS

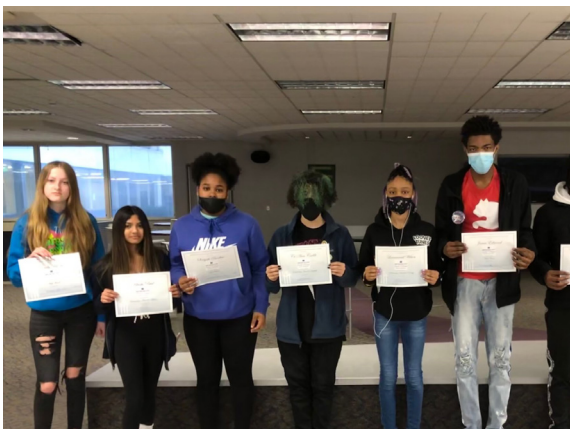
Each Grading Period, the Michigan City Early College 9th Grade team selects outstanding students for the ALPHA and WOLF Awards. The ALPHA Award goes to the student who had the highest grade out of all of the freshmen in the four core Early College classes. The WOLF Award goes to the student who not only 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 Third Grading Period.

#### ALPHA AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- ALGEBRA: Khushi Patel
- BIOLOGY: Lamarreail Wilson
- ENGLISH: Ce'Arra Caddo
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: John Zaknoun

#### WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- Emily Blank
- Siniyah Burdine
- Michael Crawford
- James Edmond



# Music Department

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, Emray David, Alaina Kotaska, Sophia Barczak, Ashley Sparks, and Kyra Krachinski travelled to North Central HS in Indianapolis to compete in the State Solo and Ensemble Competition. Emray David, Alaina Kotaska, and Sophia Barczak each received a Silver, while Ashley Sparks and Kyra Krachinski each received a Gold. The ensemble comprised of Sophia Barczak, Ashley Sparks, and Kyra Krachinski received a Gold with Distinction! Congratulations to all of these band students!

April 2 through April 4 members of the choir program's Treble Chorale and City Singers will travel to Nashville. The students will see performances at the Grand Ol' Opry, view the Nashville Symphony Orchestra in Concert, and tour the Country Music Hall of Fame. The highlight of the trip will be 2 special performances. The students will perform at the Country Music Hall of Fame and work with a collegiate choral director at Trevecca Nazarene University. We are very proud of our choral students and wish them the best of luck on this trip!

On April 22 and 23, the band and choir students will travel to different sites to compete in the ISSMA Organizational Contests. We wish all of our music students luck as they prepare for this prestigious competition.

We are still selling the Music Department Discount cards. For \$10 the purchaser receives unlimited discounts at the establishments listed on the card in Michigan City or LaPorte for a full year. To purchase your card, please contact Michelle Howisen at [mhowisen@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:mhowisen@mcas.k12.in.us) or by phone at 219-873-2044 x4401.

Thank you so much for all of your support!

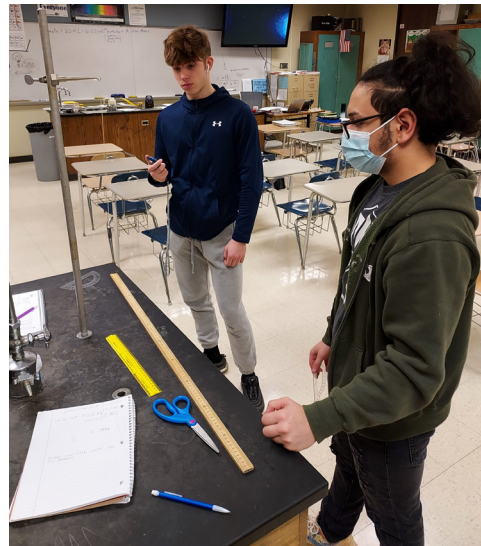
# Science Department



Two of Mr. Marz's students ready a pendulum as they experimentally determine the gravitational acceleration constant



Students experimentally determine the spring constant,  $k$ , of a spring using simple harmonic motion



A pair of students in Mr. Marz's AP Physics class time period of a pendulum while determining the gravitational acceleration constant

## Spanish Field Trip

On Friday, March 25, 2022 Mrs. McGuire took a group of students from her Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 classes on a field trip to Don Quijote Restaurant in Valparaiso, IN.

The main dish was a seafood paella, (pictured). This has been an annual tradition for two decades for Mrs. McGuire's Spanish classes. This year was very special because we had the restaurant to ourselves. Looking forward to our next visit!





## Spanish Field Trip



## 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



# Treasurer Tidings

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.
- 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.



# Anime Club

On Thursday March 17th, the MCHS Anime Club held their annual Super Smash Bros Tournament fundraiser. This was our best fundraiser yet. We were able to raise \$213.25! We held the tournament in the LGI room and was able to have two tv screens and games going at once. Thank you to Ms Woods for donating a box of candy bars to help us fundraise!

## Upcoming event

**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](#)



## Open Door Adolescent Health Center

MCHS Parents and Students – PLEASE READ

### ***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 IHSA – 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!**





# MCHS Care Closet

Students –  
online!



Place your order

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 through 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.



## **WISH LIST – Needed Items**

**Mouthwash**

**Hair Brushes / Hair Combs**

**Female and Gender Neutral Deodorant**

**ALL ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED TO FRONT OFFICE  
FOR OPEN DOOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER**



# '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!

## WAYS TO ORDER:



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**SCAN**



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1.877.767.5217  
8AM - 5PM CST  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

### OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

Questions?  
Call the MCHS Yearbook office:  
219-873-2044 x.4544

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## April 2022 Upcoming Events

- 4/4 - 4/8 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/7 FASFA Meeting 5:30 pm
- 4/14 FASFA Meeting 5:30 pm
- 4/15 Good Friday (no school)
- 4/21 Foreign Language Society Induction (2:15-3:30)

# April 2022

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## May 2022 Upcoming Events

- 5/3 E-Learning Day
- 5/12 JROTC Awards 6:00pm
- 5/12 Band/Choir Pops Night 7:00pm
- 5/27 Showcase 2022 7:00pm
- 5/30 Memorial Day (no school)
- 5/31 Sports Awards 6:30pm

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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