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Nick Lemon - "Exchange Club Student of the Year!"

Pictured from left are: Exchange member Jim Fisher, Nick Lemon, Phil Freese and Kirk Rogers.

Message from our Principals

Happy Spring My Fellow Wolves,

We are now half-way into the 4th quarter of the 2021-22 school year and the students and staff are looking forward to AP testing, end of the year activities, and Summer vacation. The students and staff have enjoyed and achieved many wonderful and great things this school year. Soon, our seniors will commence to the world after high school and our underclassman will move up a grade! It's an exciting and very busy time in the building.

More than ever, we need for your students to be here and on time every day. Attendance plays a major factor in your students' academic and social successes 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. Some of our seniors have already started to show signs of senioritis, which can be an issue for those who still have required courses that are necessary to earn their diploma and take part in the graduation ceremony. We recently had an assembly for seniors to discuss finishing the year strong and reaching out for help now, and not procrastinating.

Juniors and Seniors will enjoy the Prom on May 13th. What an exciting evening for them. Graduation is on June 12th at 12:00pm. Senior class letters were emailed home along with the final exam schedule. Timelines and important dates are listed in the letter. Parents should contact your student's counselor with any questions regarding graduation.

As always please continue to follow us on the many social media sites, or call 219-873-2044 for more information concerning the excellent programs at Michigan City High School! One City! One Pack!
Go Wolves!

Sarah Hendricks and Kyle Dean
Co-Principals

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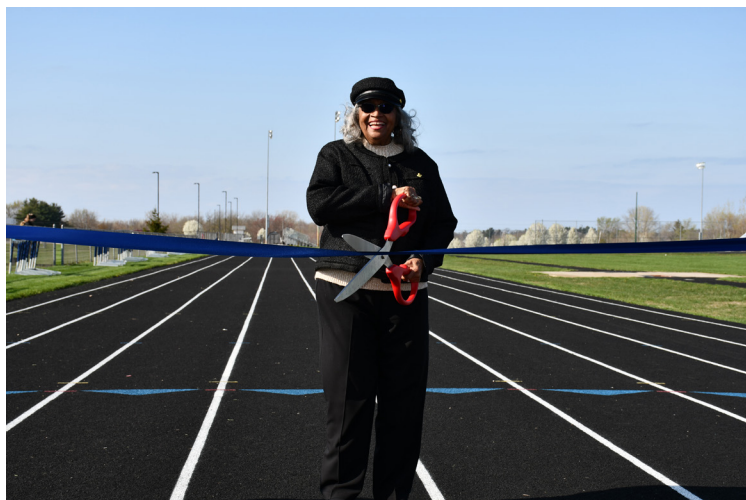
MCCHS Track Dedication

The MCCHS Athletic Department officially dedicated our newly renovated track as the Barbara Jones Slater Track & Field!

Coach Jones Slater, a 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist, is a former MCAS teacher (at Barker Jr. High and Rogers High School) and she founded the Rogers Raiderettes dance team. Thank you, Coach, for all you've done for our city - educating and inspiring an entire generation of young people!

Also, a special THANK YOU to Coach for spending time today meeting with many of our students - the Wolvettes dance team, the MCCHS TV news crew, and the boys and girls Track Teams. You embody our motto: Excellence for Everyone!

The MCCHS TV team was honored to interview Ms Barbara Jones Slater. To see the student led interview please click on the [MCCHS TV YouTube](#) page.



MCHS TV

MCHS has its first TV station! MCHS TV became a class in the fall of 2021 and the first broadcast was on March 7, 2022! Kelly Martin Fargo, the teacher got the go ahead from administration in June, 2021 and immediately ask six of her summer school students to participate. When they agreed, she round the number to 12 by asking 6 more hard working students she had taught to join! Those students agreed and these 12 students would create the high school's first TV station to stream on YouTube.

Kelly Martin Fargo wanted to broadcast a "true to life" newscast. Fargo, Veronica Thomas, the Producer, and Frankie Skonieczny, the Director, helped to brainstorm and guide all the students in hours of discussion for the right set up and delivery of this first time newscast. These two students managed everything from the camera to the final resolution of the video with the help of Carlos Melendez, teacher as Executive Producer of Editing. Quinton Collins, Video Editor with the assistance of Gavin Hall and Audrey Marsh (volunteers) and Kalila Davis-Bey has made sure the resolution of the video comes out as clean as possible. Antwone Smith has been a Tea Time Reporter, and in charge of the camera in studio. Jai Tucker and Tatiana Miller are Anchors, and Austin Decker, Maria Kolasa, Sofia Garcia, and Elona Hachem are reporters. This crew has worked diligently to make this dream a reality and they are excited to have this first year under their belts! Stayed tuned for the best news team in Northwest Indiana! [MCHS TV YouTube Page](#)



Counselor's Corner

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we encourage our students to finish strong! Counselors are working hard to help our Seniors to the finish line, and our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors be ready for the next school year.

Seniors, if you have not completed the FAFSA please do so immediately. Remember, this is a graduation requirement. Although the state deadline has passed, you may still be eligible for federal financial aid. Please contact [Mr. Garrett](mailto:Mr. Garret) (agarrett01@mcas.k12.in.us) with any questions regarding the FAFSA. [FAFSA information](#)

Summer School sign-ups are going on now. Here is the link to sign up: [Summer School](#) is strongly encouraged for any student who may have failed a class or is behind in credits. Please contact your student's counselor with any questions.

AP testing is right around the corner and runs from May 2nd to May 13th.

The Senior Awards night is scheduled for Monday, May 16th at 6:00 P.M. The Underclassmen Awards night is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 P.M. (Honor Roll certificates will be passed out during the Wolfpack period on May 19th.)

Student Success Coaches

Success Coaches have been working with students to complete assignments and stay on track.

Whether you have several unfinished assignments, or just one incomplete project, the time has come to get it done!!! Do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments. Manage your time and pace yourself so that you are not stressed about working on a lot of assignments all at once. Teachers need time to grade papers and tests. Respect your teacher's time so that they are not stuck with a massive amount of work to do and

grades to enter at the end.

What will you do this summer?

As the school year comes to a close, please keep in mind three things that will make you successful:

- Keep your body and mind active this summer. If you are going to summer school, do your best to get good grades. Every grade counts; the better your grade the higher your gpa. Participate in physical activity. Walk, dance, or play sports. All of these activities will keep you in shape and maintain your health.

- If you are working this summer, be punctual and have a good attitude. Developing good work habits now translates into better work habits in the future. Demonstrating employability skills are one part of the Indiana graduation pathways.

- Read, read a lot. This is an expectation, not a request. Even students that don't like to read actually read something every day. Posts on SnapChat, TikTok, or Instagram all involve reading. If reading a novel isn't your thing, there are other ways to encourage good reading habits. Expand your reading by checking out magazines, blogs, and articles of activities that you participate in. The school librarian can help you narrow down your interests and help you discover reading materials that you will enjoy. Hands down, reading is the best way to expand your mind and knowledge of the world around you.

Education Tour- Opportunities for Students

Our school was fortunate to have four educators selected to attend the Education Tour, sponsored by the US Army Chicago Recruiting Battalion. Social Studies teacher Mr. Bruce Stahl, Social Worker Mrs. Elizabeth Stahl, School Counselor Mr. Joe Metanias, and Success Coach Mrs. Denise Ndukwa went to learn about the educational opportunities available at the Joint Base Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The group met several non-commissioned and commissioned officers who shared their stories of career success. There were many educational pathways highlighted that students could take advantage of once they graduated high school. A lot of information was brought back to share

Student Success Coaches

with students who need help figuring out what they want to do after high school.



Mrs. Ndukwu, Mr. Metanias, Mrs. Stahl, and Mr. Stahl on the quadrangle at Joint Base Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

Bring Change 2 Mind Student Summit

On April 24, two members of the MCHS community traveled to Indianapolis for this state wide event. Over 100 students and club advisors from around the state attended this Summit at the Indianapolis Colts field house to share ideas and information for BC2M club activities around mental health and wellness. MCHS student, Heavenly Tompkins, participated in the breakout sessions with students from other high schools, including Ukrainian students who are now living and attending high school in Indiana. MCHS Bring Change 2 Mind club advisor, Denise Ndukwu, exchanged ideas with other club advisors. The Summit included a visit with therapy dogs, and a hands-on music therapy demonstration.

Caught You Being Kind

Caught being kind last month were **Hope Davis-Bey** and **Charlene Pheal**. Hope spreads kindness by holding the doors for

students and greeting everyone with a smile and a 'hello'. Charlene noticed a fellow student having a bad day and brought them to the Success Coach. Hope and Charlene will each receive a gift certificate to the MCHS Student Store.

Other random acts of kindness were displayed by teachers **Mrs. Anderson** and **Ms. Slisher**, and **Mrs. Larkin**. Mrs. Anderson is consistently kind, and her students appreciate it. Ms. Slisher was especially kind to a student who was going out of town. Mrs. Larkin helps her students by providing a calm work environment and encouraging quiet meditation before class begins.

Great work to all of these kind, thoughtful members of our community. Each of them will receive a gift certificate to the MCHS Student Store.



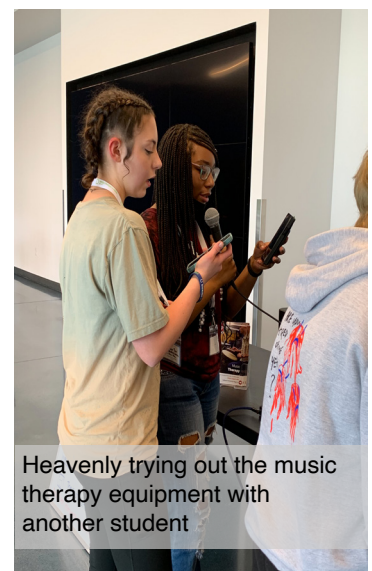
The BC2M Summit was held at the Colts field house. Members from high schools throughout Indiana were in attendance.



Heavenly Tompkins and new friends from Lawrence North HS BC2M club.



Heavenly and a BC2M member from Indianapolis get to visit with one of the therapy dogs from Paws&Think .



Heavenly trying out the music therapy equipment with another student

National Honor Society

On April 23rd, the Michigan City High School National Honor Society students did their annual trash pick-up on the roads near the high school. They did a great job!



Music Department

On Friday, April 22, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble travelled to Elkhart High School to compete in the ISSMA Organizational Contest. Concert Band performed in Group IV and received a Silver Rating. Wind Ensemble performed in Group II and received a Silver Rating. Congratulations to all of our band students!

On Saturday, April 23, Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, and City Singers travelled to Northridge High School to compete in the ISSMA Organizational Contest. Freshman Chorus performed in Group III and received a Silver Rating (narrowly missing a Gold by only $\frac{1}{2}$ of a point!). Concert Choir performed in Group III and received a Gold Rating. City Singers performed in Group I and received a Gold Rating. Congratulations to all of our choir students!

The music department will present two concerts during the month of May. Pops Night will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature the Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. Showcase will be held on Friday, May 27, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature the Treble Chorale and City Singers. There is no admission charge for either of these performances. The choral and band students have worked extremely hard all year, and we are very proud of all of their accomplishments. Come out and celebrate some great music during the last two concerts of the year!

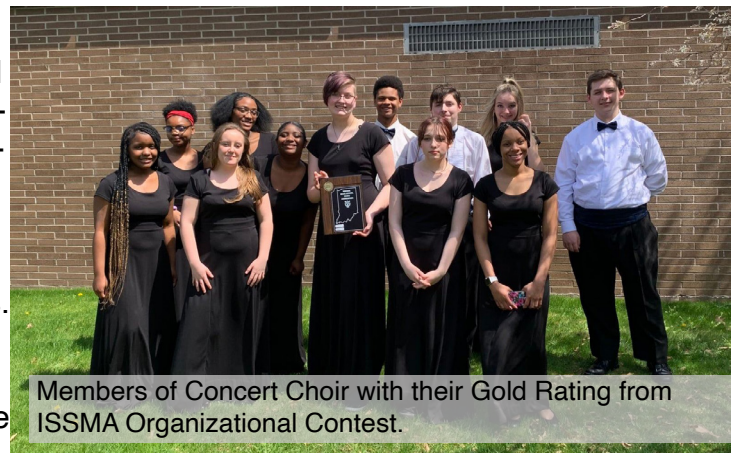
Thank you so much to everyone who supported the band and choir students with their discount card fundraiser. If you are still interested in purchasing a discount card, please contact Michelle Howisen at 219-873-2044 x4401 or mhowisen@mcas.k12.in.us.



Members of City Singers with their Gold Rating from ISSMA Organizational Contest.



Members of Freshman Chorus with their Silver Rating from ISSMA Organizational Contest.



Members of Concert Choir with their Gold Rating from ISSMA Organizational Contest.



Art Department

Drawing 2

Drawing II class has been working on Chuck Close inspired grid oil pastel drawings. This is an example of the process from Photograph>Pixelated Image>Student Oil Pastel Drawing. These images are more than double life size and will soon be on display in the Library. Stop by and see if you can guess: Who-is-Who?



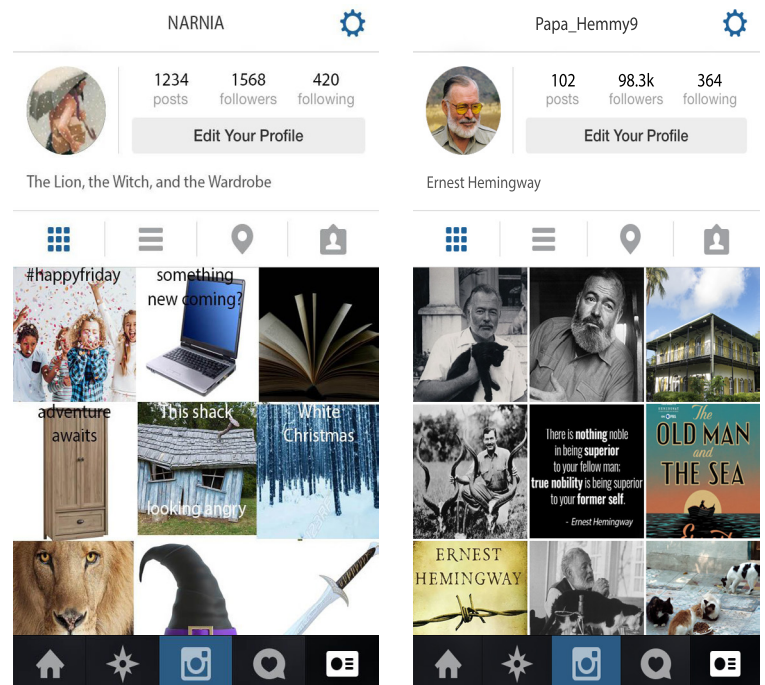
Digital Design 1

Digital Design I students are continuing to learn to use Photoshop to create art. They just completed a Distorted Text Poster for a concert. The posters show a lot of creativity.



Digital Design 2

Digital Design II students created a "fake Instagram" based on a famous author or book. As part of the project, students had to gather 9 images that related to the author or plot of the book they chose.



Art Department

Photography 2

Photo II students created a digital triptych. A triptych is a set of three photos that have a relationship, whether by subject, theme, or composition. Students had to shoot three different triptychs in three different styles.



Science Department

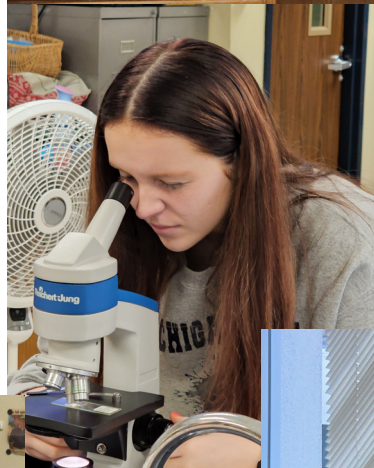
Chemistry

Megan Glaze's Chemistry class explores stoichiometry in the Chemistry Lab.



Biology

Angie Gresham's students examine cells in their Cell Cycle Lab.

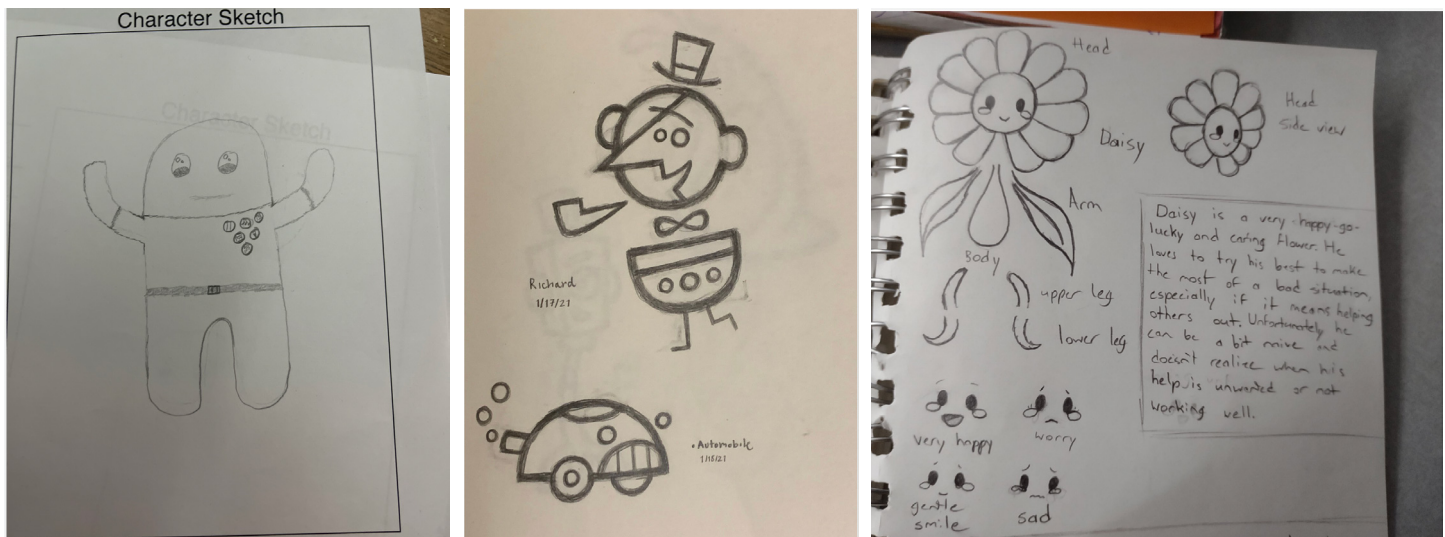


Computer Illustration and Graphics

Students have been working hard on their final Animation project. We have been working in steps of character creation, background creation and story creation. This week they finished at least 1 second of animation. Their whole project will be between 1-5 minutes.

Their Animation project is based off of 1-2 emotions that their character portrays throughout the entirety of their animation.

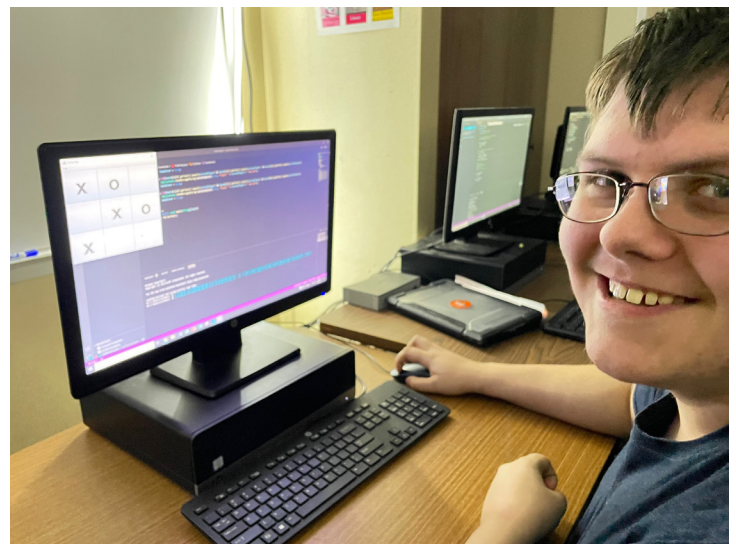
Below are a few sketches of the students' characters.



Computer Science 1

Students in Computer Science 1 have been working on their final GUI (goo-ey) project. They are bringing in graphical user interface to their projects and learning how to work with graphics and implement them into projects they have already completed.

The pictured to the right is of a student reaching his ah-ha moment when he finally got Tic-Tac-Toe working correctly.



MJROTC

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Corps (MCJROTC) continues to support the community and MCHS as the school year progresses to final exams. The cadets supported the Michigan City Easter Egg Hunt at the Friendship Gardens, the MCHS track meets, and the dedication of the MCHS track to former Rogers High School teacher and Olympic gold medalist Barbara Jones Slater.

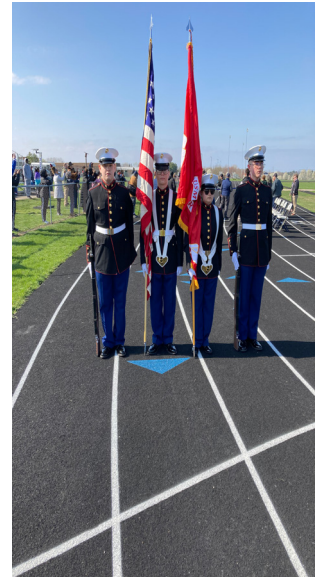
Besides providing support, the MCJROTC is preparing for numerous summer activities. After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, the cadets will return to their Leadership Camp at the St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, WI. "This camp provides our cadets with the opportunity to engage in leadership skills in a field and physical environment," said Marine Instructor Master Sergeant Jeff Benak.

Selected cadets will also be attending the National JROTC military drill camp at Schriener University in Kerrville, TX, and the Senior Leadership Camp in Boswell, PA. "These camps provide additional instruction for the senior cadets who will be the leaders in our program for the next two years," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. All MCJROTC activities are done at no cost to MCHS or the cadets. They are completely funded by the Marine Corps.



Water survival is one of the many skills cadets develop at our Cadet Leadership Camp.

MCHS Track Dedication



Cadets support the Michigan City Easter Egg Hunt at Friendship Gardens.

Anime Club

On Tuesday April 19, the MCHS Anime Club put on their 2nd Annual Cosplay Contest in the MCHS Auditorium. We had a great turn out of students and a teacher participating in the contest.



Anime Club



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.

English Language Learners Field Trip

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, Ms. McLaughlin's ELL classes explored Chellberg Farm and Bailey Homestead to learn about the people who first settled in this area. The students hiked the trails, explored the working farm and played some football. We ended the day with a delicious lunch at Michigan City's Sugar Bowl Restaurant.



Nutritional Recipes

Fruit Pizza

The BEST Fruit Pizza recipe ever! A super soft cookie dough with a pineapple cream cheese frosting topped with your favorite fruit!

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 20 minutes

Servings 1 Fruit Pizza

Calories 2090 kcal

Author Lil' Luna

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 3/8 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt

FROSTING INGREDIENTS BELOW

1. Cream together butter, sugar and egg.
2. Mix flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.
3. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture.
4. Dip hands in flour and spread dough onto a sprayed pizza pan.
5. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. cool.
6. Cream together 1 cube cream cheese (8 oz.), 1/2 cup sugar, and 2 TB of Pineapple Juice from Pineapple Chunk Can to make the frosting. Spread over cookie crust.
7. Right before serving, add desired fruit. We used bananas, pineapple, kiwis, strawberries. (Dip bananas in pineapple juice to keep from getting dark.) Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.



Taco Dip

Ingredients

- 1.25 lbs ground beef 90/10 meat to fat ratio
- 1 Vidalia onion
- 2 Roma tomatoes
- 1 jalapeno
- 1 red chili pepper
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 oz packet Taco seasoning
- 1 cup Mexican cheese mix to mix
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup Mexican cheese mix to top
- 1/2 tsp chipotle chili powder
- 1/4 tsp paprika

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 and make sure the baking dish (or cast iron skillet) is lightly greased.
2. Heat up a cooking pan over medium heat and add a couple of tablespoons of oil for cooking.
3. Dice onions, tomatoes, jalapeno, and chili pepper. (You can choose to discard the seeds or keep the seeds for extra spice.)
4. Start to cook onions until transparent. Add jalapeno and chili pepper and saute until softened.
5. Add garlic and cook until fragrant. Add tomatoes and cook until all veggies are softened.
6. Add ground beef and break it up as much as possible. Cover with a lid and cook until the meat is done. Mix and break apart the clumps occasionally, as meat cooks.
7. Sprinkle taco seasoning over the beef and stir everything together well.
8. Once meat is cooked, transfer the meat and veggies mixture into a mixing bowl.
9. Stir in cream cheese until completely combined and smooth.
10. Stir in 1 cup of Mexican cheese mix and transfer into a baking dish or skillet.
11. Top off with remaining cup of Mexican cheese mix and sprinkle chipotle chili powder and paprika over the cheese.
12. Bake for about 10 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbles.





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Upcoming Events

5/03 E-Learning Day
 5/12 1st Graduation Practice
 9:30am - 10:25am
 5/12 JROTC Awards 6:00pm
 5/12 Band/Choir Pops Night 7:00pm
 5/13 Prom/Post Prom
 5/16 Senior Awards Night 6:00pm
 5/17 Thespian Society Induction
 5/19 Underclassman Awards
 6:00pm
 5/26 2nd Graduation Practice
 7:25am - 2:15pm
 5/27 Final Exams Blocks 1,5
 5/27 Showcase 2022 7:00pm
 5/30 Memorial Day(no school)
 5/31 Final Exams Blocks 2,6,8
 5/31 Sports Awards 6:30pm

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June 2022

Upcoming Events

6/1 Final Exams in Blocks 3,7
 6/2 Make-up Final exams under-
 classman 2,6,8
 6/2 End Semester 2
 6/2 3rd Graduation Practice 7:25am
 6/2 Senior Picnic
 6/9 Distinguished Banquest -
 6:00pm
 6/12 Graduation Ceremony
 12:00pm

June 2022

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