

MCHS 2022 Quick Facts

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Hello, Wolves!

It feels like school just started. It is hard to believe it's October and the first quarter is coming to an end! October 14th is the official last day of the first grading period. Please remember if you are wondering how your student is doing you have access to grades, attendance, and missing work all through PowerSchool. If you don't have your username or password please give us a call and we will help you navigate through the new system. This is a great way to make sure your student is on track, and reach out

to teachers if you have questions. We have already seen so much progress being made as the students are starting to fall back into the rhythm of being in school again. We continue to work hard with students on school expectations and planning for their future. We are emphasizing that this is THEIR building, and they need to treat it with respect.

With the cooler temperatures approaching that means Homecoming is here! This year our homecoming week is the first week in October. Our football team is ready to slice up Laporte at Ames field on October 7th. This year we are excited to bring back our Homecoming Dance which will occur right after the game at the high school from 9-11 pm. Students are VERY excited and we look to have a great turnout. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Also occurring during October is our Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 13th from 2:30-6:30. This is a great time to meet the wonderful and hard working staff and to work together to support our students this year. We have some additional great things coming up in October, PSAT for grades 9-11 and ASVAB for some seniors will take place on October 12th. Be on the lookout for additional information soon. Fall Break occurs a little bit later this year on October 20th and 21st! This is a great time to enjoy the cooler temps with friends and family or maybe catch up on some work that still needs to be turned in.

It is important as we enter into the flu and cold season that we remain vigilant about our individual and family health. Please screen your student for symptoms every day before sending them to school. If your student is feeling ill, please keep them home! Reminder to contact the school anytime your student is absent. Students who miss school are considered truant if they are not called off by a parent or guardian by contacting the attendance secretary, at 219-873-2044. We have fun activities planned throughout the year and do not want any student to miss out due to being placed on social probation due to attendance, grades, and/or behavior.

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MCHS Facebook



MCHS Website



As always, we are here to ensure students graduate college and career ready.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook and check the school website for up-to-date information. These are two great ways to remain informed of all the great things happening





at Michigan City High School. One City! One Pack! Go Wolves! Kyle Dean Principal





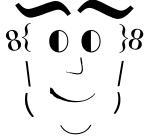
The Digital design students are beginning to create art in Photoshop. One of our first topics was Typography. Students learned about styles of fonts, the emotional connotations of fonts, and how to download new fonts for use in their projects. The first Typography project was a face made from text only. Students learned how to add, resize, and rotate text layers in Photoshop.

The Photography I students are developing their first roll of traditional black and white film. They will soon be learning to print their negatives in the darkroom. These photos are examples of their digital Principles of Design photos.



Jayden Wilson







Luke Cogdill





Kirsten Wilson



Dave Ramsey and Personal Financial Responsibility

Submitted by Mrs. Stark

"I'm learning important things I will actually use in my adult life."

-Nick - Senior

"I recommend students to take this class, it's amazing and the information can be applied to your life." Dillion – Sophomore

I would recommend the Ramsey program & this class to everyone! Especially to people who struggle with saving their money & budgeting. Ladeijanae – Junior

These are just some of the comment's students at Michigan City High School are making about the Personal Financial Responsibility class. Michigan City High School was very fortunate to have the Unity Foundation sponsor the Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy program for our students. Students across multiple curriculum areas are or soon will be learning key financial literacy skills.

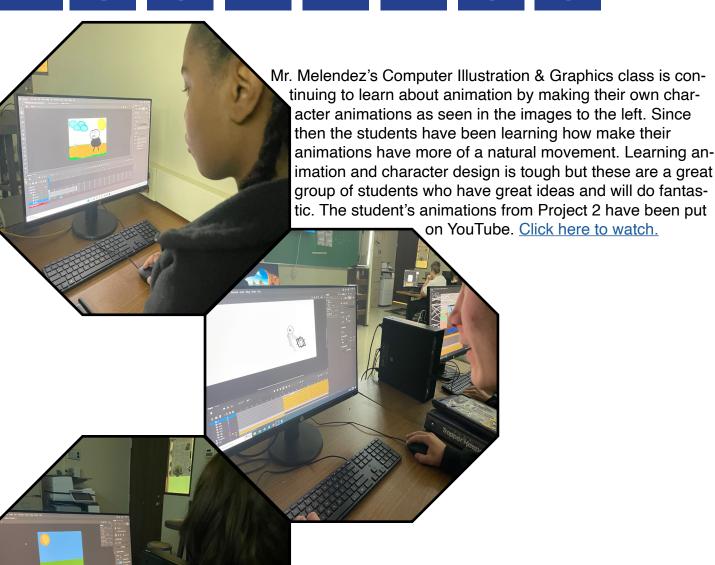
High school is a critical time for students to develop the personal finance skills they will need to live independently as adults. Mastering the foundations of financial literacy is the best way to set them up for a life full of healthy financial habits, ensuring their future success. It's time to dig deeper and teach about real-world applications of financial choices.

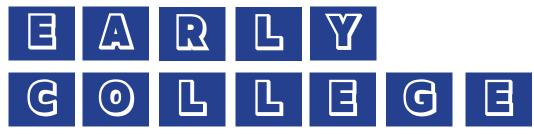
Here are some of the most important financial literacy topics we will be covering: Making decisions regarding money, minimizing college costs, maximizing income, spending and budgeting, saving and investing, banking, using credit and credit cards wisely, and applying for loans and acquiring assets.

Again, THANK YOU to the Unity Foundation for their continued support of our students.

Mr. Melendez's Computer Science classes are continuing to learn the basics of the Java programming language. They recently learned how to let the program make decisions. The way these decisions are programmed are with If Statements. If statements verify if something is true or false, once it has verified that then the program will execute the correct code.







The 9th Grade Early College team consists of four core subject teachers. Dr. Boone - Algebra I; Mrs. Frederick - English 9; Miss Pauer - Biology I; and Mr. Starcevich - Geography. These are also the teachers for the Skills class. The 9th Grade team strives to ensure that all students in Early College have the support and knowledge they need to be successful throughout their high school career.

The Early College 9th graders are off to a great start this school year! They are working hard and it's paying off. As the first quarter comes to an end, students should be monitoring their grades and getting ready for any end of the unit tests or projects.

A fun team-building activity they completed was the K'Nex Challenge. Twelve teams competed to build a tall, sturdy, and aesthetically pleasing structure. A great time was had by all and the winning team received bragging rights and candy!

The 9th graders will also be going on their first college visit in October to PNW - Westville. This will be the first of many colleges they will tour to experience college life first-hand.



The winning team

















English 10 Classes are reading Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe, this grading period. The novel is set in pre-colonial Nigeria, Africa. This year, classes welcomed Mrs. Denise Ndukwu, an MCHS Success Coach, as a guest speaker. Mrs. Ndukwu has extensive knowledge of both our book, and the setting, Nigeria. She has visited Nigeria 3 times, including a month-long trip this past summer.

Mrs. Ndukwu shared videos from her trip to show the ceremonies and traditions we have read about in our novel that still take place today. She also brought food items to show the students, which helped them visualize the farming and feasts in the book.

This experience gave our students a very personal look at a culture that has survived for decades, despite colonization and modernization. Mrs. Ndukwu's wealth of knowledge led to interesting and engaging discussions about traditions, themes, and symbolism in the book.





The 2022-23 school year kicks off Season 2 of the MCHS TV broadcast with Executive Producer Kelly Martin Fargo, Producer Francheska Skonieczny and Director Audrey Marsh leading the MCHS TV crew!

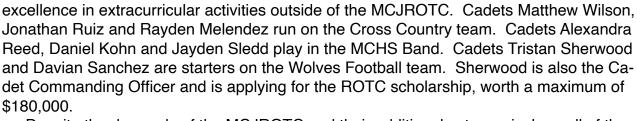
The MCHS Anchor News, Unpacking the Pack, Wolves Den Sports, Senior Shout Out, and Tea Time Talk are the five segments within the program, led by Jai Tucker and Kayla Campbell, Naja Smith, Kalila Davis-Bey, Austin Decker, Maria Kolasa, Giovanni Farmer and Antwone Smith. Behind the scenes, we have Gavin Hall as the Technology Director assisted by Quinton Collins.

Tune in on our YouTube channel MCHS TV broadcast times vary week to week, please subscribe!









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Despite the demands of the MCJROTC and their additional extracurriculars, all of these cadets donate time to support MCHS and the community by performing many hours of community service. Additionally, Cadets Wilson, Ruiz, Reed and Kohn are on the military drill team. This means that they are at the school by 5:45 am daily for drill team practice, go through their academic day (all are in college preparatory classes), then go to their respective athletic or band practices. They have little time to relax at home, as they must complete homework assignments and prepare for the next day's lessons.

Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor, noted the cadets time management skills.

Cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) have demonstrated their commitment to MCHS by striving for

"These high school students really pack much into a day. They are determined to be the best cadet and student-athlete or student- bandsman they can be. They really represent our school well."

The Marine Instructor, Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, also commented on the cadets dedication to the Michigan City Community. "Despite their time commitments to extracurriculars and their studies, they still find time to support community agencies like the Salvation Army local Food Pantries."

The cadets will be participating in a number of school and community events in October. These include the MCHS Homecoming Parade and Game on October 7th, the Walk for Alztimers on October 8th, and the middle school dance at Barker Middle School on October 14th.

The Drill Team is preparing to host and compete in the MCHS Drill Meet on November 12th, which will draw MCJROTC schools from Indiana and Illinois. The previous day, November 11th, they, along with the MCHS Band and Choir, will conduct a ceremony to honor veterans. The ceremony is open to the public. Veterans from all services are encouraged to attend, as they will be honored during the ceremony. It starts at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. Indiana State Senator Mike Bohacek will be the guest speaker.



Cadets sort food donations at the Salvation Army

The MCHS Color Guard presents the Colors at a home MCHS football game. Cadet Sergeant Matthew Wilson (far right), is also a runner on the cross county team. Cadets (I-r) Gunnery Sergeant Tyler Klimczyk, Sergeant Marcus Mantel and Corporal Emily Roberts, along with Wilson, are members of the MCHS Military Drill Team.

Cadet Private First Class Daniel Kohn performs as part of the MCHS Band

Cadets Private First Class (PFC)
Rayden Melendez (r), Sergeant
Matthew Wilson (l) and PFC Jhonthan Ruiz (back) run in the Culver
Academy cross country meet.
Wilson and Ruiz are also members
of the MCHS Military Drill Team.



Congratulations to the Wolf Pack Marching Band receiving silver at the Highland Invitational on September, 17; and 3 rd place at the Concord Invitational on September 17 th . At the Highland Invitational the Color Guard also received an award of distiction. The Marching Band will compete at the Penn Invitational on September 24, the Plymouth Invitational on October 1, and finish their season at the ISSMA Scholastic Division Prelims on October 8 at Chesterton. This year's marching band show is entitled "Frost" and features a medley of various musical styles and genres.

The Wolf Pack Marching Band Drum Major is Emray David. Go Wolf Pack!

Congratulations to senior Kyra Krachinski (flute) on her audition and acceptance into the Junior Laporte County Symphony Orchestra! A second congratulations goes out to Brooklynn Wade (soprano) and Makalinn Jenks (alto) on their audition and acceptance into the 2023 All-State Honor Choir! These girls had to prepare a piece of music and sight read in front of a judge. They placed within the top 5 sopranos and altos from schools in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties and will be performing with the top 200 choir students from the state in January!

The choir and band students have been very busy this quarter preparing for our first concerts of the year! The Choral Premier Concert will be held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7 pm. The concert will feature

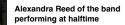
the Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Treble Chorale and City Singers. The Band Premier Concert will be held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, October 12, 2022,

at 7 pm. The concert will feature the Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble. There is no admission charge for these concerts. It is going to be two great nights of music, and we

hope to see everyone there!



















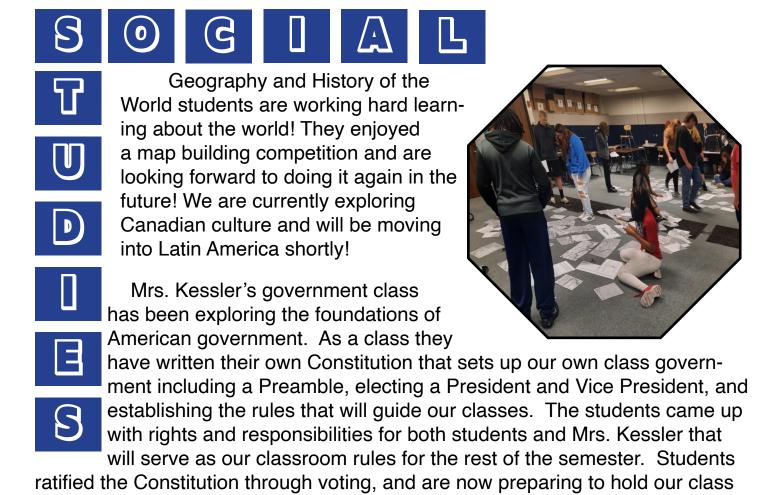


The Michigan City High School Environmental Team competed in the annual Creekness canoe race on September 24th as a Thank You to the Michigan City Parks Department for donation of a covered trailer which will be used in the future with the future greenhouse project that will be here at the High School. The team finished second in their heat and in the overall spirit competition somehow behind the Michigan City Parks Department, who were also the vote counters.

The team put forth a strong effort, but for one member of the crew who spent a majority of the time on the boat sightseeing instead of paddling. The Creekness is an annual race that happens at Trail Creek to highlight the preservation in the watershed.



Competing in the race for the Wolves were front row Left to Right Jillian Ewy, Paige Burton, Ms. Pauer, Back row Left to Right Mr. Goebel, Gavin Baldwin, Eden Jasicki, Garrett Baldwin, and Mr. Jasicki



Preamble

We the students of Mrs. Kessler's class should have a set of rules so that everyone's experiences are at the very least bearable and look forward to returning the next day. We need rules to keep the peace and to set foundations for the type of class we want to be remembered as. They are going to be responsible for being the guidelines in which we shall follow so that we shall all feel like we got the most out of our time here. They shall be our safeguard for when we face tragedy and hardships by making sure that we are all treated fairly and all shall not suffer for the wrongdoings of the few.

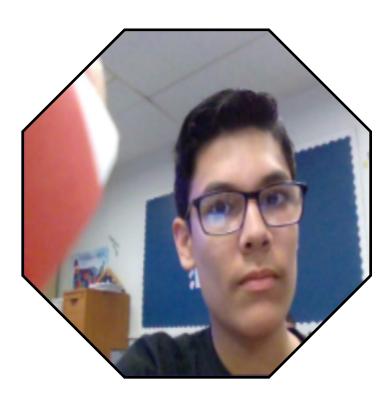
elections which will include primaries, campaigning, and voting through ballots.

Article 1: Structure of Government

Want to read more then click the Preamble above or click on the following link Mrs. Kessler's Class Constitution



We have learned a lot in theater! We've taken on many different challenges and had a lot of fun! First, we did "Who are You?" Google Slide presentation. This is where we described our favorite things such as movies, tv shows, artists, poets, authors and actors just to name a few. It was so interesting to find out about other students and what they liked! Next, we did the book notes on Theater history which took forever. It was 74 different types of theater time periods summarized through notes. We will work in a group with these notes-so I guess it will be worth it! Finally, we did a play with all the theater class. I can't wait to find out what we are doing next! - Carlos Serrano





Michigan City Bienvenidos!

Michigan City High School Spanish students got a chance to think about how language, culture, and heritage can help them attend college. On Thursday, September 1, Mrs. McGuire and Ms. Ashley took a group of eight students to the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana, to attend the Indiana Latino Education Summit and College and Career fair. The expo was held to identify scholarship and financial aid opportunities, help students explore universities and businesses, and get information about financial aid. The free event was geared toward Latino high school students, but all students were welcome to attend. Afterwards, the chaperons and students stopped at a Mexican bakery and enjoyed some sweet bread.





The teams have been hard at work competing against other schools in their respective games. Our Rocket League team has been playing against others schools around Indiana. We are currently at 2 W 2 L.

Our Super Smash Bros team played against Snider High School and won both sets. The team is starting off our season doing well.

Carlos Serrano is our only chess player and is currently ranked 23rd out of 64. This is for all the sudents are are competing in Chess in the IHSEN network.

Our Rocket League and Super Smash Bros team will be competing in a tournament at Bethel University on October 15 against other schools around Indiana. They will be competing for scholar-ships upwards of \$5,000 from Bethel for each student.

We have students that are learning Shoutcasting. Shoutcasting is broadcasting and commentating on Esports. To follow our Wins and Losses or other information check out our <u>Esports website</u>





Happy October! We hope that every student is finally getting settled and working hard. The 1st grading period will end on Friday, October 14th, so please stay on top of things. Class of 2023! Graduation is right around the corner! Counselors have been meeting with seniors to discuss high school credits and post-secondary plans. Here is some important information:

• The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens on October 1st. FAFSA is a graduation requirement. FAFSA application is located on studentaid.ed.gov. We will also be holding a FAFSA night October 13th at 5:30 at MCHS to help parents and students set up an FSA ID and/or fill out the FAFSA if you need help. Please see your counselor or Mr. Garrett, College, Career, and Military Coordinator, if you have any questions.

• Mr. Garrett also provides useful information regarding scholarships to students via email. Please make sure you frequently check your emails so that you will not miss out.

• If you are applying to a college, remember to submit transcript requests on Naviance. Naviance also provides useful college information, career interest inventory, and much more.

The SAT will be held on Saturday, October 1st at MCHS. The ACT will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at MCHS. The next SAT offered at MCHS will be on Saturday, December 3rd and the next ACT will be held on Saturday, April 15th. Students can register for the SAT on collegeboard.org and ACT, act.org. SAT and ACT provide free practice tests on their website.

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

Just a reminder, October 12th is the PSAT for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The ASVAB will also be October 12th for seniors who are needing to take it. Please look at your emails frequently to stay updated.

If students need help, guidance, or support, the wonderful Counselors are available to assist you with your needs. Please don't hesitate to contact your counselor.

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Groups have begun!! The Success Coaches have been diligently working to create group sessions that benefit all students. We have found that working with small groups of stu-

dents helps to reinforce core SEL and improves academic outcomes. In September, we led groups with students on school engagement, relationships, and plagiarism, all designed with student success in mind. Student groups will continue this month with a focus on behavior, academics, grades, and social emotional needs. Each day we work with students individually to help them organize and complete assignments as well as develop good study habits.

Bring Change 2 Mind club- Our student club is focusing on increasing a positive atmosphere within the school building. In September students passed out stickers with encouraging messages to students during lunch periods. Look out for a student-led initiative on anti-bullying this month.

Caught You Being Kind- Congratulations to Jay'veon Mitchell who was seen encouraging a student to sign up for an enrichment activity. He will receive a gift certificate to the MCHS Student Store. Keep spreading kindness, Jay'veon!



The Open Door Adolescent Health Center at MCHS is accepting registrations for the 2022-23 School Year!

The Open Door Adolescent Health Center is located at MCHS (Room O-111), and it provides comprehensive health and mental health services for students during the school day. Open Door works closely with the MCHS school nurse in providing supplemental services by a Family Nurse Practitioner, MSW Social Workers/Mental Health Counselors, and a Medical Director/Pediatrician. There is no cost to families for Open Door Adolescent Health Center services.

Among the many services provided by Open Door are:

- Evaluation and treatment of minor illness or injury
- Wellness and Physical/Sports Examinations
- Preventative and Health Education
- Individual and Group Mental Health Counseling

For much more information, visit the Open Door Adolescent Health Center website.

Two ways to apply:

CLICK HERE to apply online using the PowerSchool parent portal (the link is under "forms")
CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM (Printed forms should be brought to Open Door @ MCHS, Room #O-111.)

Questions? Contact Open Door at (219) 873-2082 Ext. 4545 or email dbriggs@mcas.k12.in.us



IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!

Students should stay home for 24 hours fever free with no medication to lower the fever. The same requirement applies if your student is vomiting. It is cold/sinus/allergy season, coughing and sneezing is to be expected however it is also symptoms of other illnesses. Please monitor your student closely if experiencing any of these symptoms. Also keep in mind the school nurse's office cannot diagnose or write prescriptions. Open Door has a nurse practitioner that is able to diagnose and prescribe medications. Your child must be registered with Open Door to be seen. Registration for Open Door can be done online thru MCAS website or in PowerSchool in the student registration section.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Students may not carry medications on them at school unless it is ordered by a doctor and the documentation is on file in the nurse's office. If students are found with medication at school the medication will be confiscated and destroyed. Over the counter medications can be administered in the nurse's office when a medication authorization form is filled out by a parent/guardian and supplied in the original bottle by the parent/guardian. Prescription medications can be administered in the nurse's office with a prescription medication authorization form and provided in the prescription bottle.



Greetings from the Treasurer's office! You can visit me regarding any textbook rental, chromebook insurance, chromebook repair, park- 219) 873-200 ext. 8327. ing permit and payment questions that might arise at the treasures window near the front entrance. You can also reach me at (219) 873-2044 ext. 4305 or email me at ycoffman@mcas.k12.in.us. Below is information to help guide you through this year.

Textbook Rental Fee

2022-2023 Textbook Rental Fees will be loaded soon and can be viewed in your Power-School account or the parent portal. All MCAS students will receive meals at no charge because of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). Parents will still need to apply for the textbook assistance program in order to receive textbook assistance. This application can be completed at the time of registration and anytime during the school year. The application can be found at the Titan Family Portal, family.titank12.com.

Parents must apply for Textbook assistance EACH school year and ALL NEW STUDENTS must complete an application even if approved at the previous school.

All cafeterias are cashless and funds can be deposited to student cafeteria accounts for extra milk or la carte purchases. Please refer to the MCAS page to create your account or login.

Chromebook Insurance & Repairs

Chromebook insurance is an optional program but is highly recommended. The cost of Chromebook insurance is \$30.00 for each device and is good for ONE SCHOOL YEAR. Covers 2 accidental repairs. 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 and repairs will be charged to student/ parent/guardian. INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER LOST OR STOLEN DEVICES. Parent/Guardian/ Student will be responsible for the full cost of any repairs for devices that are not covered by insurance. See below for cost and repairs for Chromebook and

Tablets. Any questions regarding this program, please contact MCAS Technology department at (

Entire Chrombook/Tablet- \$180.00 LCD screen repair- \$80.00 Keyboard repair- \$45.00



Parking Permits and Expectation for Student Drivers

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 considerations 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 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 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. Please contact the treasurer with any questions at (219) 873-2044 ext. 4305

*This information can also be found in the Parent/Student Handbook that is under the parent tab on our district website (mcas.k12.in.us).

FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOPS



FAFSA completion is a requirement for all MCHS seniors!

OCTOBER 13 @ 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 8 @ 6:00 PM

WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE AT MCHS

FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Please bring:

- Your Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Chromebook or computer, if possible

Student and a parent/guardian must be present.

If you have questions, or cannot attend one of these sessions contact Aaron Garrett

(MCAS K-12 College/Career/Military Coordinator)

agarrettemcas.k12.in.us

Prepare for your future!



RSVP AT WWW.EDUCATEMC.NET/FAFSA

WALK-INS ALSO WELCOME

October 2022

October 2022 Upcoming Events

10/01 - SAT testing

10/07 - Homecoming

10/11 - Concert Choral - 7pm

10/12 - PSAT Grades 9 - 11

10/12 - Concert Band - 7pm

10/13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/14 - End of Grading Period 1

10/20 - Fall Break (no school)

10/21 - Fall Break (no school)

10/22 - ACT testing

10/27 - Honor Society Induction

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