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MCHS 2022 - 2023 Quick Facts

- January 9 - WIDA Testing Starts
- January 11 - Semester 1 Grades Viewable
- January 17 - Spirit Week Starts
- January 28 - Winter Formal

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P R I N C I P A L S



Happy New Year Wolves,
I hope you had a warm and relaxing Winter Break. Reminder that any student who missed a final before break has until January 10th to schedule with their teacher to take the final. Quarter 2 and Semester 1 grades will be viewable through PowerSchool starting on January 11th.

In reflecting on 2022 there is much to celebrate! We recently received our unofficial graduation rate for the 2022 school year and I am glad to say that it improved from the previous year. I am not able to announce the actual rate, but when announced, you will see the work that has been done by our students, staff, and the community over the last several years to improve the educational opportunities for all students.

Students will be meeting with their counselors selecting courses for the 2023-24 school year during the month of January and early February. We encourage all parents and guardians to discuss course selections with your student. This is a great time to discuss your student's future after high school and how the selections made impact College and Career opportunities once they graduate. MCHS staff are here to partner with you and your student to ensure post secondary success.

9th-11th grade students will be taking the Horizon middle of the year assessment the week of January 9th through the 20th. This assessment allows students and staff to monitor/identify strengths and areas of improvement for students on the SAT. The SAT is the state accountability test and will be taken by all 11th graders in early March. We encourage all students to take the Horizon Assessment seriously.

I encourage you and your student to be engaged in the learning process. I hope you will continue to check PowerSchool, communicate with guidance counselors and teachers, and do what is needed to ensure your student graduates College and Career Ready! Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram, like us on Facebook, and subscribe to the Wolves Wire.

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Kyle Dean
Principal

Four MCHS juniors were recognized as “Rising Stars” by the Indiana Association of School Principals: (from left) Ashley Sparks, Madison Gresham, Levi Scoville, and Andrew Vicari (with Principal Kyle Dean) -- all with a GPA between 4.3 and 4.45.



ART

On November 11th students in the Art Department went on a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. Many students had never been to the Art Institute before, so this was a great opportunity for them to see original artwork in person. Students viewed exhibitions from David Hockney, Bridget Riley, a historical fiber arts exhibit, and other well-known works of art. Students also completed an artwork “scavenger hunt” in groups to help them explore the entire museum and see a variety of media.



Photography 1 students are working on their final 2 photographs in the darkroom. They are simultaneously working on a digital shooting assignment: Abstract/Macro Photos. Abstract means the subject is broken down to the basic elements, such as shape, form, color, and texture. Macro means very close up so the entire frame is filled with the object and the entire object can't be seen, only a small part of it. The resulting photos are always very interesting!



Jordan Bradford



Anthony Ausemus

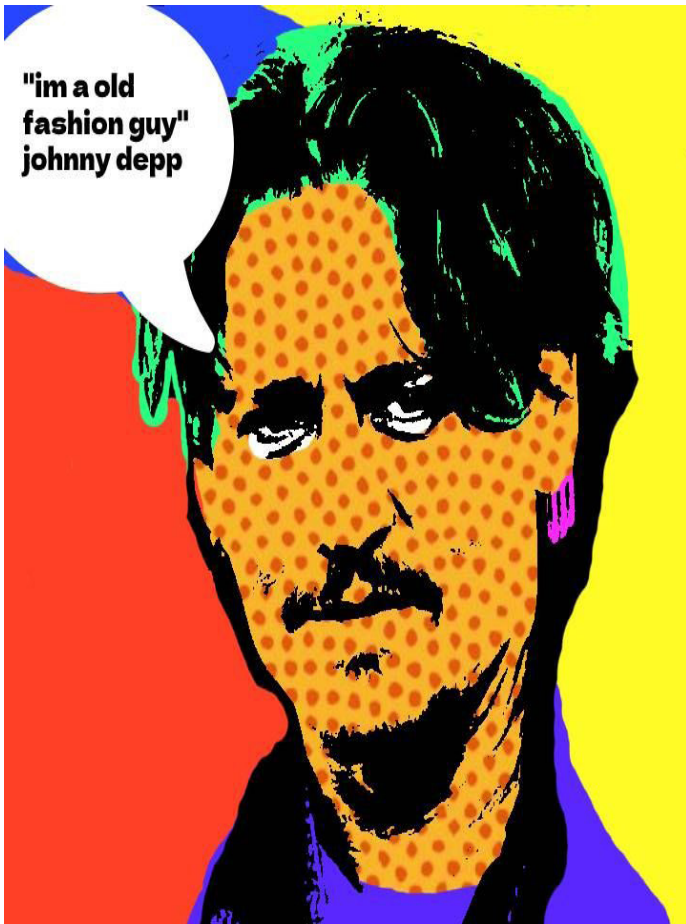


Nathaniel Kutch

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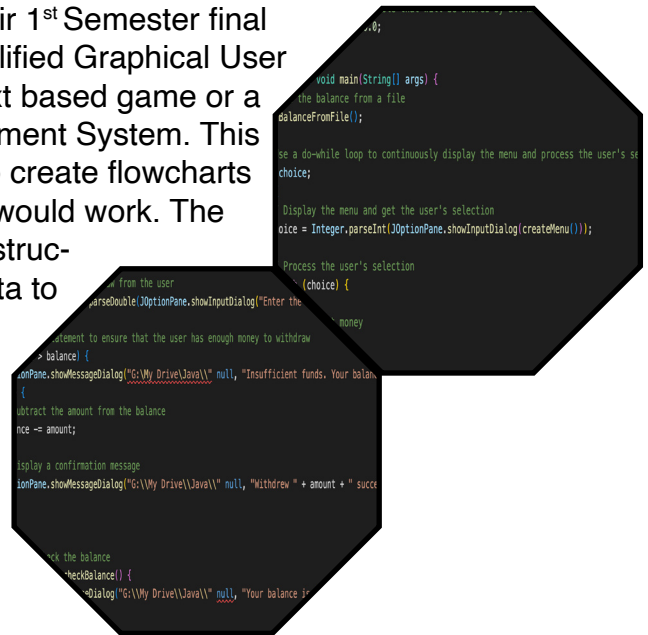
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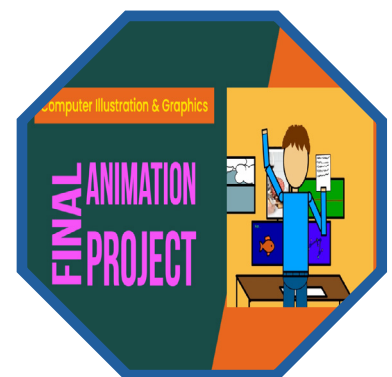
Mr. Melendez's **Computer Science 1** finished their 1st Semester final project. They had to create a Java program using a simplified Graphical User Interface (GUI). Students had the option of creating a text based game or a basic program such as a Bank System or School Management System. This project gave the students to think logically as they had to create flowcharts (visual outlines) and map out exactly how their program would work. The programs the students created included loops, decision structures, functions, variables, reading and writing/saving data to a file.



Mr. Melendez's **Introduction to Computer Science** finished their 1st Semester final project. They had to create a Python program of a text based game. This project gave the students to think logically as they had to create flowcharts (visual outlines) and map out exactly how their program would work. The games the students created included loops, decision structures, functions, variables and more. This project was a culmination of everything the students learned throughout the semester. Clickin on the image to the right will take you [Mr. Melendez's YouTube page](#) where you can see two example of the text based games.



Mr. Melendez's **Computer Illustration & Graphics** class finished their 1st Semester animation project. Students created an animation based off of one or two emotions/feelings. Clicking on the image on the right will take you to [Mr. Melendez's YouTube page](#), where you can see a video of a few animation projects.





MCHS MCJROTC COMPETE IN CYBERPATRIOT

The recent hacking of the Crown Point School District that shut down all of their schools for a day highlights the critical need for cyber security. Cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) are practicing that highly technical skill by participating in CyberPatriot, the national cyber security competition for high school students. The cadets act as technology security managers for an organization that is defending against, and counter attacking after, a cyber attack.

“The Crown Point incident is just one more piece of evidence that cyber security will continue to be a very lucrative and sought-after career field,” said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. “This competition is whetting the appetite for these cadets to pursue a very rewarding career.”

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the expertise of the team’s Faculty Advisor, Engineering and Technology teacher Ralph Gee. “Ralph’s technical and tactical proficiency sets a great example for our cadets to follow.”

This was the third round of the competition. It was also the qualifying round to move on to the Midwest Regional playoff. Although this might be the end of the CyberPatriot season, the cadets will remain busy with their next military drill meets at Portage on January 14th and Indianapolis Ben Davis on January 28th. They also continue to support the school and community, through events such as the One City One Sound concert and the MCHS food drive.



The MCHS CyberPatriot team: (l-r) Cadets Sergeant David Willis, Lance Corporals Jonathan Ruiz and Dante Rojas, and Sergeant Alexandra Reed.



Cadet Sergeants David Willis (back) and Alexandra Reed try to problem-solve a cyber issue in CyberPatriot, the national Cyber Security competition for high school students, under the guidance of faculty advisor Mr. Ralph Gee.

MCHS MCJROTC SUPPORTS MCAS AND COMMUNITY

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) continued to support Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) and community events. The cadets led the Michigan City Festival of Lights parade on December 3rd, culminating by the lighting of the city Christmas tree in front of the Michigan City Library. One of the largest MCAS events of the year, the One City One Sound Christmas concert on December 8th, was supported by the cadets by helping to transform the MCHS gym into a concert hall, helping park cars of parents, friends and relatives of students from all MCAS schools performing the concert, and then helping to clean-up after the concert to enable normal operations to resume in the school gym the following day. In keeping with

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the MCJROTC tradition of helping the less fortunate, the cadets worked the MCAS food drive at Ames Field on December 10th. The cadets also provided the Color Guards for the MCHS home basketball games. In recognition for her work in the community, and specifically supporting the Salvation Army, Cadet Sergeant Emily Roberts was awarded the Self Above Service award by the Salvation Army at a ceremony at their hall in Michigan City. "Unselfishness is a key leadership trait that we seek to develop in all of our cadets," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "Whether it was marching in the cold for the Festival of Lights parade, or doing parking duty for the One City One Sound concert, our cadets give willingly of themselves to support our school and community."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, noted the flexibility displayed by the cadets, "The same cadets who are here at 5:45 am every day for Drill Team practice are also the ones staying to clean-up the gym at 8:30 pm after One City One Sound."

The MCHS military drill team is preparing for their next meets at Portage on Jan 14th and Indianapolis Ben Davis on Jan 28th. The Ben Davis meet is the qualifying meet for the MCJROTC National Championship being held in Washington, DC. If the Wolves qualify, the DC trip would be done at no cost to the cadets or MCHS. It, like all JROTC functions, is funded by the Marine Corps.



CONGRATULATIONS to Cadet Sgt. Emily Roberts, who was recognized today with the Service Above Self Award from the Rotary Club of Michigan City, as MCHS JROTC Cadet of the Year. She is pictured with Marty Corley of the Rotary Club and Master Sgt. Jeff Benak, JROTC instructor. Way to go, Emily!

MUSIC

We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year's. It's hard to believe that it is 2023 already! Let's make this a great year!

The high school band and choir students will be spending the month of January preparing for the District ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. The band students will travel to Kankakee Valley Middle School on January 28 to compete. The choir students will travel to Valparaiso High School on February 4 to compete. Good luck to all of the students preparing for this competition!

Congratulations to junior Brooklynn Wade (soprano) and senior Makalinn Jenks (alto) who auditioned and were selected to sing in the Indiana All-State Honor Choir! Both girls had to prepare a piece of music to sing in front of a judge as well as perform various musical excerpts by sight to be selected for this prestigious choir. They will be performing in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Indiana Music Educator's Conference January 13-14, 2023. Brooklynn and Makalinn will join 150 other high school choral students from across the state for this amazing experience. Congratulations, Brooklynn and Makalinn!

SOCIAL

TUESDAY

The Rho Kappa Honor Society (Social Studies) inducted new students this month. We would like to congratulate:

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| • Brianna Weston | • Joseph Zook | • Isabella Garcia |
| • Esther Barnes | • Erin Piazzisi | • Nathan Painter |
| • Krystani Quinn | • Summer McGee | • Ashley Sparks |
| • Tatiana Miller | • Bryanna Chambers | • Colton Strobe |
| • Abby Bartlett | • Nancy Cobaxin | • Habriah McFerson |
| • Sophie Devens | • Sophia Barczak | |
| • Keona Briggs | • Lorenzo Panozzo Reid | |
| • Gavin Baldwin | • Meaghan M. Painter | |
| • Juliana Williams | • Angelina Duenas | |
| • Paige Burton | • Madison Gresham | |



C O U N S E L O R

O Scheduling for next year will begin at the end of January and it will be here before you know it! We will be doing course presentations in your Wolfpack classes, and will be scheduling in powerschool in February in your English classes. Get in touch with your counselor for more information! Please check the school website for more important information as well as upcoming standardized testing dates that will be happening this winter and spring!

R It is important that students are working hard and staying on track to meet graduation requirements. Parent Access is a great tool for parents/guardians to keep track of their students' progress. To our seniors, don't slow down. You're almost there!!!

N CLASS OF 2023 -- 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.

E Juniors & Seniors – If you did not pass the ASVAB this past fall then you will be on the list to take it again here at MCHS in the spring. Please remember to give it your best effort as passing the ASVAB is one way to fulfill Bucket 3 for Graduation.

R Thank you to Barker and Krueger for coming over for the 8th Grade Visit! It was a great success and our future Freshman Wolves got a sneak peak into high school life for the day!

Please get in touch with your counselor if you are wanting to apply for an AK Smith program for next school year. Remember, you have to complete the online and signed paper form for your application to be considered complete!

Be on the lookout for the School Counselor Newsletter for highlights on our Michigan City High School Counselors.



8th Grade Visit to MCHS



Exchange Club Student of the Month from left to right:

- Thomas Beck - LaPorte High School
- Kourtney Pratt - MCHS
- Katherine Chen - Marquette Catholic High School
- Phil Freese - Rotary Club

S U C C E S S C O A C H E S

This month, Success Coaches visited the 9th grade Wolf Pack classrooms and discussed important skills that students need to develop, such as asking for help and dealing with stress. Students were given suggestions on how to ask their teachers for help and examples of coping strategies to use when dealing with bad stress.

Bring Change 2 Mind - On December 1, BC2M club members went to the MIND your Health fair at Knapp elementary school. Club members handed out positivity stickers, and created a poster with 5th and 6th grade students of encouraging messages for the high school students. It was a fun event.



S C H O L A R S H I P

Congratulations to senior Kayla Campbell, who was selected as a recipient of the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for La Porte County! Unity Foundation of La Porte County said in a recent announcement, “Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership.”

Kayla has demonstrated outstanding leadership through participation in a variety of extracurricular and volunteer activities including Hoosier Girls State, the MCHS Helping Hands Club, Student Council, the Lubeznik Center’s Teen Arts Council, Trio, and more. She wants to ignite and inspire youth and use her future career platform as a broadcast journalist to make a lasting and positive impact in the world. Kayla has excelled academically, taking numerous AP and dual-credit courses.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects scholars with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities.

Congratulations ALSO to Lilly Endowment 2022 finalist Adrian Huizar, who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from Unity. Unity received over 70 applications this year, so being one of six finalists is an awesome achievement!



ESPORTS

Michigan City High School Esports was invited to Purdue NorthWest Westville campus for the unveiling of their Esports Arena. We want to extend a thank you to PNW for inviting us. We are also in talks with PNW's Esports Coach to have their teams compete against Michigan City High School Esports in Rocket League, Super Smash Brothers, and Valorant.

Our Spring Season starts on January 16th. We have transitioned many of our teams from club status to Varsity and Junior Varsity. We still have club teams for Super Smash Brothers. Our teams are excited to compete against other schools throughout Indiana in our Spring Season.



January 2023

January 2023 Upcoming Events

1/04 - School Resumes
 1/09 - 1/24 - WIDA Testing
 1/16 - MLK Day (no school)
 1/17 - 1/20 - Spirit Week
 1/28 - Winter Formal

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February 2023

February 2023 Upcoming Events

2/20 - Presidents Day (no school)
 2/22 - ASVAB Testing

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March 2023

March 2023 Upcoming Events 3/1- 3/3 - SAT Testing 3/2 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3/6 - E-Learning Day 3/14 - Classics Night (Choir) 7pm 3/15 - Classics Night (Band) 7pm 3/17 - End Grading Period 3 3/23 - Marching Band 3/28 - Sports Awards 6:30pm	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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