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### MCHS 2022 - 2023 Quick Facts

- May 1st 12th AP Testing
- May 9<sup>th</sup> E-Learning
- · May 12th Prom
- · May 17th 19th Senior Final Exams
- May 19th 23rd Final Exams
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of School

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Happy Spring My Fellow Wolves,

It is hard to believe that we have just over 3 weeks remaining for the 2022-23 school year. 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 final exams.

Final exam schedule for the 2nd semester is:

- Wednesday, 05/17 Seniors Blue 1 & 3
- Thursday, 05/18 Seniors Gray 1, 3, & 4
- Friday, 05/19 Everyone Blue 2 & 4 (makeup for Seniors)
- Monday, 05/22 9-11 Gray 1, 3, & 4 (makeup for Seniors)
- Tuesday, 05/23 9-11 Blue 1 & 3

These assessments 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. With your support, we can easily improve our graduation rate of 83.7% from the class of 2022 to our goal of over 90% for this year's graduating class.

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Juniors and Seniors will enjoy Prom held at Blue Chip on May 12th. What an exciting evening for them. Graduation is on June 4th 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!





The 49th annual Tri-County Junior Senior High School Exhibition hosted work by 40 of Michigan City High School's students. The yearly contest is open to middle and high school students in Lake, Porter, Laporte and Cook Counties. The show will be on display through May 14th at the South Shore Arts center in Munster, Indiana.

"Bears' Brunch", a group project, by Nancy Cobaxin-Antemate, Aidan Kelly, Sophia Piazzisi, Krystani Quinn, Frankie Skonieczny, Sarah Sutor, Emily Twardus, Aivah Whitlow, Mel Ramirez, Jennifer Mezo, To'Ney Jones, Ashley McKinney won an award.

A weaving entitled, "Aztec" by Gabriel Hiechel also won an award.

Other participants included: Erin Piazzisi, Mackenzie Rojas, Aubrey Temple-Labis, Pete Hill-Rios, Valerie Oakes, Ashley Sparks, Nex Smith, Stephanie Ramirez, Destiny Jimenez, Kalila Davis-Bey, Kyla Mashburn, Nyjayah Pereira, Anthony Ausemus, Erianna Orzech, Isabella Moore, Kaden Nunn, Luke Cogdill, Luke Kiser, Zahra Abed, Tassiana Spencer, Jayden Wilson





















Mr. Melendez's **Digital Applications** class has been focusing on typing skills. It is extremely important for students to learn the fundamentals of typing and hand placement on the keyboard. Mr. Melendez brought out keyboard covers to help the students learn what fingers go to which keys.





Mr. Melendez's **Introduction to Computer Science** class has started their final project. Their final project is a text based game that the students will create. The premise of the game is their character wakes up in a dark room. The students have to create the story, a flowchart (visual outline), and then program the game. They will include everything that we have learned throughout the semester.

Mr. Melendez's **Computer Science 1** classes are starting their final projects. Every student has the freedom to determine the purpose of their final program, which may span a broad range of topics, including but not limited to a character quiz for Super Smash Bros or a train/bus schedule. It is the students' responsibility to design and ensure the functionality of their program, utilizing all the concepts and skills covered throughout the school year, such as methods, variables, arrays, inheritance, classes, and abstraction, among others.



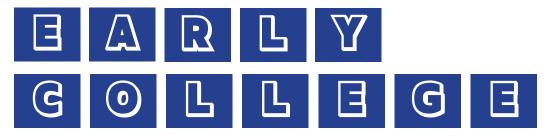




Mr. Melendez's **Computer Illustration & Graphics** class have wrapped up their Shades of Me projects, which required a significant amount of class time and attention to detail. Below are some examples of the completed works. The objective of this assignment was to provide students with a valuable learning experience on how to proficiently employ Illustrator's layering functions and utilize the pen tool in the process. For their upcoming project, students will be tasked with designing their own avatar and having it printed on a sticker, which will feature their name underneath.







### Early College - 9th Grade

As we finish up the year, we encourage all of our students to continue to work hard and do their best in class and on their final exams; sophomore year is right around the corner!

### **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: Abigail Grupe
- BIOLOGY: Amaya Harmon
- ENGLISH: Mariana Ramos
- GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Desiree Jimenez

### **WOLF AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

- Elijah Conley
- Brikiera Franklin
- Lenise Richardson
- Nick Stewart

Congratulations to these students and all of our stellar EC students!







The cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) continued to support MCHS and the community in April. Cadets assisted in MCHS track meets, helped clean-up Routes 421 and 6 in Westville, and provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony for the Indiana Letter Carriers convention at the Blue Chip Casino.



May will be a busy month for the cadets, as they will be supporting a number of community service projects, to include cleaning veterans' headstones at Greenwood Cemetary, assisting the Humane Society at Friendship Gardens, and marching in the Michigan City Memorial Day parade.



The MCHS MCJROTC is also busy planning their week-long Leadership Camp which they conduct at the St. John's Military Academy in Delafield. WI. Portage, Romeoville, IL, and Indianapolis Ben Davis high schools will also participate in the camp. "Preparing for the administration and logistics of the camp is very time-consuming," said Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor. "But the benefits that our cadets obtain from this camp makes it worthwhile. It is great to see how these young men and women mature after a week of challenging physical activity."



Also this summer, Cadet Staff Sergeant Matthew Wilson will attend the National JROTC Military Drill Camp in San Antonio, Texas, and the MCJROTC Senior Leadership Camp near Pittsburgh, PA. Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor, commented on Wilson's accomplishments and leadership potential. "Cadet Staff Sergeant Wilson has been a stellar performer for us for two years. He is interested in serving in the military, and I think he has a great shot at earning an ROTC scholarship." That scholarship is worth \$180,000 in educational benefits.



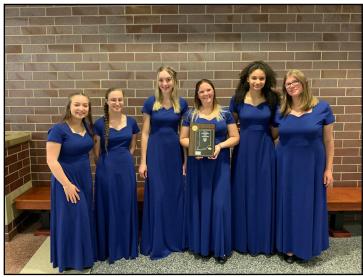
The above mentioned camps are done at no cost to the student or MCHS. They are completely funded by the Marine Corps.





On Friday, April 21, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble travelled to Penn High School to compete in the ISSMA Organizational Contest. Concert Band performed in Group III and received a Silver Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading. Wind Ensemble performed in Group II and received a Gold Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading. Congratulations to all of our band students!

On Saturday, April 22, Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Treble Chorale and City Singers travelled to Northridge High School to compete in the ISSMA Organizational Contest. Freshman Chorus performed in Group III and received a Gold Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading. Concert Choir performed in Group III and received a Silver Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading (narrowly missing a Gold by only ½ of a point!). Treble Chorale performed in Group II and received a Silver Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading (narrowly missing a Gold by only ½ of a point!). City Singers performed in Group I and received a Gold Rating with a Gold Rating in Sight Reading. Congratulations to all of our choir students!











The music department will present three concerts during the month of May. Pops Night will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert will feature the Freshman Chorus, Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble. The Jazz Band will present their Jazz Night on Thursday, May 4, at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. Showcase will be held on Friday, May 19, 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 three 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.



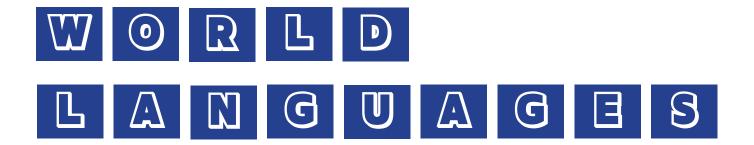
In the experiment, the students sought to modify the concentration of a given solution. To achieve this, they introduced crystals of Sodium Thiosulfate Pentahydrate into the solution, which prompted a change in its concentration. Additionally, the students altered the temperature of the solution, which played a role in adjusting the concentration as well.

After the solution had been cooled, it became supersaturated, meaning that it contained more dissolved Sodium Thiosulfate Pentahydrate than it could naturally hold at its current temperature. This prompted the Sodium Thiosulfate Pentahydrate to come out of solution and begin to form crystals. This process is known as recrystallization and allowed the students to collect the Sodium Thiosulfate Pentahydrate crystals that they had introduced earlier in the experiment.









Mrs. McGuire's Spanish 1 class visited the Don Quijote Restaurant for their annual outing, where they enjoyed traditional Spanish cuisine and an enthralling Flamenco show. The students were immersed in the lively atmosphere, practiced their language skills with the friendly staff, and gained a greater appreciation for Spanish culture.















Summer School Registration is NOW open. Registration deadline is May 12th 2023. Parents can sign up <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor.

May 2023

AP Exams during the week of May 1 and May 8th

- May 4th- 1st Grad practice 9am
- May 9th E-Learning Day
- May 11th- 2nd Grad Practice, Senior march in Cap and Gown
- May 12th PROM
- May 12th- Freshman awards will be given to students during the school day.
- May 15th 2023 Senior Awards Night 6pm in the MCHS Auditorium, invitations will be mailed home.
  - May 18th Junior and Sophomore awards will be given during the school day.
  - May 23rd 2023- Last Student Day and Last Grad practice!
  - June 4th 2023 Graduation Ceremony- Click <u>HERE</u> for details!

SENIORS- Please be on the lookout for important emails

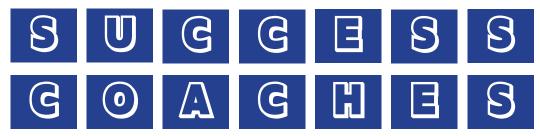
from Mr. Garrett with scholarship opportunities!

The mandatory graduation practices are just around the corner. Emails will be sent out with the dates. Attendance is taken. Students must be present at all three practices to walk in the ceremony.



From left to right:

**Paloma Valdes** (Marquette Student of the Monthy for March), **Thalia Karallas** - Outstanding GPA award, **Tristan Sherwood** - Student of the Year, **Adrian Huizar** - ACE award winner (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence), **Mia Zemrowski** - Outstanding GPA award



**Good Thoughts** 

The end of another school year is approaching! The year has gone by fast! As you think back to all that has happened, what are your final reflections?

The Success Coaches hit the ground running this year- determining students' needs via a needs assessment, sharing data with faculty and staff, meeting every 9th grade student during Wolf Pack, speaking with parents, helping students plan their future college and career paths, conducting small group lessons, all while supporting every student, every day. Our goal is to help every student find a path where they can be successful.

As students complete assignments and final projects, keep in mind that what we do and say to students molds and shapes their perceptions of themselves, their school, the community, and the world around them. Practice empathy all the time so that we can improve how students respond to each other in society.

### **Bring Change 2 Mind**

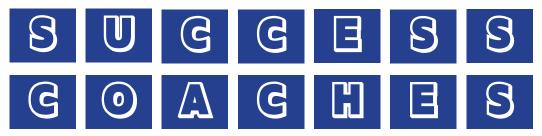
The mental health club has doubled in size this past year. Students are more aware of mental health issues and the impact that mental health has on overall health. This year the group has met and formed bonds with students at La Porte HS and Plymouth HS. Our plan is to increase awareness of teen mental health issues by reaching out to the community next year with additional activities and initiatives. Many, many thanks to Ms. Arnett who presented a lesson on aromatherapy during a meeting recently. The club will share what they learned during lunch periods in May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness month.



Ms. Arnett led a discussion on aromatherapy and emotions to BC2M club members.



Several BC2M club members pose for a photo during a recent meeting.



### **Visit from NFL Player Adam Neal**

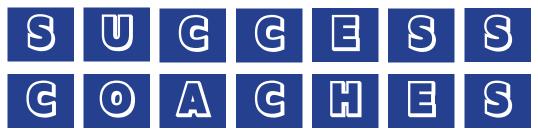
We were fortunate to have a visit from current Seattle Seahawks player Adam Neal. Adam is a native of Northwest Indiana and stopped by to speak to students on his journey to the NFL. He stressed the importance of showing up and doing your best, inside and out of school.



### Johnson Symposium

On April 13 MCHS was visited by #HushedNoMore podcast founder and former WNBA player Leslie Johnson and Larry Johnson, motivational speaker and brother of NBA legend Magic Johnson. Each shared their personal stories of struggles and triumphs, and encouraged students to stay strong and take care of their mental health in the face of adversity. Several students remarked on how they learned a lot from this presentation. Many thanks to Assistant Principal Fred Greene for bringing these speakers to the high school.





### Summer and Success both start with 'S'

If you are attending summer school please make every effort to do your best. Each credit you earn in summer school is one less credit that you will have to do next school year.

If you have a job this summer, great! Get to work and be on time every day. Employability skills become more important as you get older and begin to plan your career.

If travel is part of your summer plans, enjoy seeing new places and experiencing new things.

If your summer plans keep you close to home in Michigan City, think about using your time to make the community a better place. There are several organizations and events that need volunteers to help with programs and events

Read a lot! This cannot be stressed enough. Read about things that interest you.



On April 28, 2023, the A.K. Smith Career Skills and Facility Maintenance classes had Mr. Jeff Forrester, from J & L Fasteners of Hammond, Indiana visit. He worked with both our a.m. and p.m. classes teaching the students how to properly use a flat-head screwdriver, Phillips screwdriver, open and box-end wrench, and Allen wrench. Although some of the students were hesitant, they quickly relaxed and had a great time practicing and perfecting their skills.







The MCHS Esports Team participated in the IEN State Championship at Ball State on April 29th. Although not qualifying for the finals, the students attended workshops on various Esports topics, including Shoutcasting, Team Dynamics, and Competitive Overwatch and Rocket League. They enjoyed watching the state finals and witnessed Emray David (Senior at MCHS) win the grand prize of the raffle which was a brand new Alienware Gaming Computer.

Looking forward to next season, the teams aspire to compete and bring home trophies. On May 11th, the school year's final practice will include a dinner for the Esport players and their parents, followed by an awards ceremony recognizing their achievements.







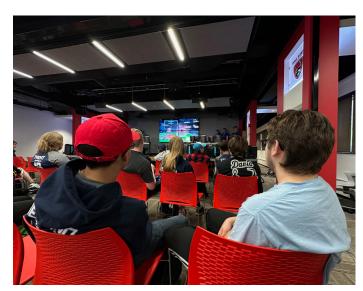


Trevor Ackerman and Katelyn Ast assisted the Ball State players in the Production of live streaming the IEN State Finals. They learned valuable skills in producing a live event.



Mr. Melendez, Katelyn Ast, and Ethan David attending a workshop on Shoutcasting (Esports Commentary)





MCHS Esports watching the Super Smash Bros AAA State Finals. Elkhart vs Carmel.



Emray David collecting his winning prize of an Alienware Gaming Computer.



The MCHS Esports team congratulated Elkhart for their impressive performance in Super Smash Bros, acknowledging their hard-fought battle and congratulating them on securing second place.



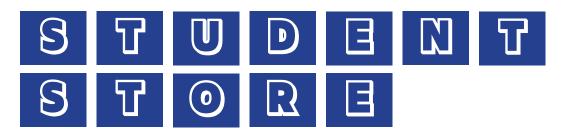
After Emray won the gaming computer, his brother Ethan was overjoyed and ran up to him to share his excitement, embracing him in a hug.



MC Wolves Esports YouTube Page



MC Wolves Esports Twitter Page



MCHS Student Store, located near the cafeteria, is managed by our students and Ms. Tarra Jones. The store offers various items including spiritwear, classroom supplies, and chargers for phones and Chromebooks. Visit the store today to explore their wide range of products and discover what surprises await you!

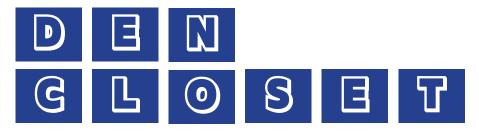




We are looking for gently used or new: T-Shirts · Sweatpants · Shorts · Hoodies · Socks · MC Spirit Wear

> Drop off MCHS Main Door A Attn: Amy Wojo





A big thank you to the AK Smith Construction Class for creating a much needed clothing rack for the Den Closet. A special thank you to Dick Bucher for allowing Dawson Cole, Jackob Gonzalez and Jordan Houston. The Den Closet helps MCHS students each day by providing clothes, shoes and personal items. We appreciate the support of the AK Smith program as well as students in the class to provide such a great much needed rack.

Healthy Culture Committee Amy Wojasinski, Sara Long, Adam Goebel, Amanada Stolarz, Judy Kovalick, Elizabeth Stahl





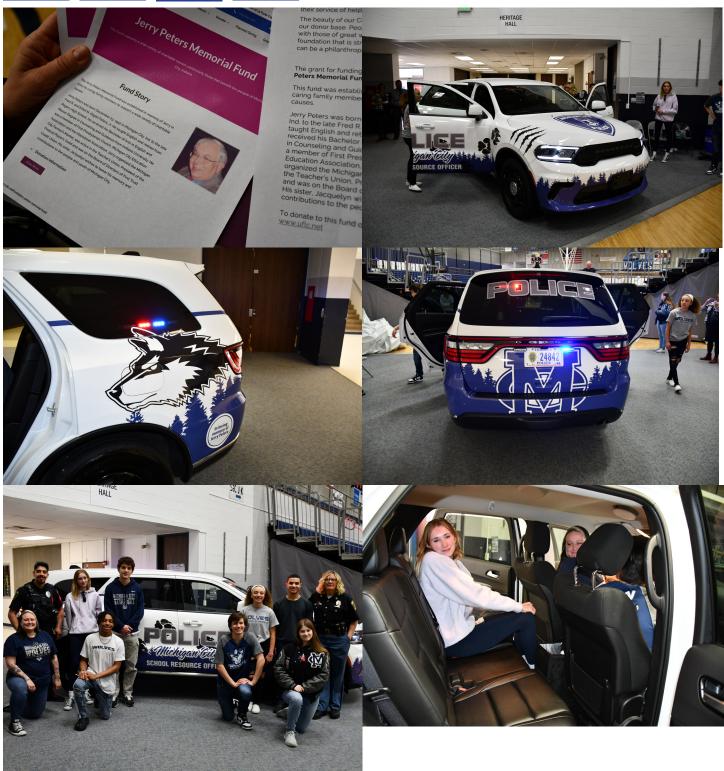








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Michigan City High School

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Indiana State Department of Health – Together We Will
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### HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Please keep your children home when they are sick. They should stay home for 24 hours after a fever breaks and/or vomiting stops. This will help prevent the spread of illness. Frequent hand washing will also help prevent the spread of illness.



Warmer temperatures bring more outdoor activities. Make sure you are staying hydrated especially when participating in outdoor activities. Water is the best source of hydration. Also make sure you are protecting your skin when participating in outdoor activities. Use a sunscreen with at least SPF of 30 even on cloudy days.



**Immunizations:** Seniors are required to have two doses of MCV4. Please check your students records or check with your doctor to make sure your child has their vaccinations up to date.

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### May 2023

### May 2023 Upcoming Events

5/1- 5/12 - AP Testing

5/02 - Cap & Gown Delivery

5/02 - Pop Night 7pm Choir

5/04 - Graduation Practice

5/04 - Jazz Band 7pm

5/09 - E-Learning

5/11 - Graduation Practice

5/11 - JROTC Awards 5-8pm

5/12 - Prom

5/15 - Senior Awards 6pm

5/16 - Graduation Practice

5/17 - Senior Final Exam Blue 1&3

5/18 - Senior Final Exam Gray 1,3 & 4

5/19 - Final Exams Blue 2 & 4

5/19 - Showcase 2023 7pm

5/22 - Final Exams 9-11 Gray 1,3 & 4

5/23 - Final Exams 9-11 Blue 1 & 3

5/23 - Final Graduation Practice and

Senior Picnic

5/30 - Sports Awards 6:30pm

### June 2023 Upcoming Events

6/1- 6/29 - Summer School

6/01 - Distinguished Banquet 6pm

6/04 - Gradution 12:00 noon

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### **June 2023**

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