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MCHS 2023 - 2024 QUICK FACTS

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Principal Post

Hello, Wolves!

It's hard to believe that the first quarter is already coming to an end! We've seen so much progress from our students as they settle back into the rhythm of being in school. We continue to work hard with them on school expectations and planning for their future. We want to emphasize that this is THEIR building, and they need to treat it with respect.

We also have some exciting news to share! We crowned Homecoming queen Meaghan Painter. Congratulations to Meaghan on this well-deserved honor!

As we approach October, there are a few important dates to keep in mind. October 13th is the official last day of the first grading period. If you're wondering how your student is doing, remember that you have access to grades, attendance, and missing work through PowerSchool. If you don't have your username or password, please give us a call, and we'll help you navigate the new system. This is a great way to ensure your student is on track and reach out to teachers if you have any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 12th from 11:30 - 6:15. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our dedicated staff and work

together to support our students this year. Look out for additional information soon.

Fall Break is a little later this year, occurring on October 19th - 20th. It's a great time to enjoy the cooler temperatures with friends and family or catch up on any work that still needs to be turned in.

As we enter flu and cold season, it's important to 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. Remember to contact the school anytime your student is absent. Students who miss school without being called off by a parent or guardian are considered truant. You can contact the attendance secretary at 219-873-2044.

We have many fun activities planned throughout the year, and we don't want any student to miss out due to attendance, grades, and/or behavior. Our goal is to ensure that all 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 stay informed about all the great things happening at Michigan City High School.

One City! One Pack!
Go Wolves!

Kyle Dean
Principal



Career & Technical Education

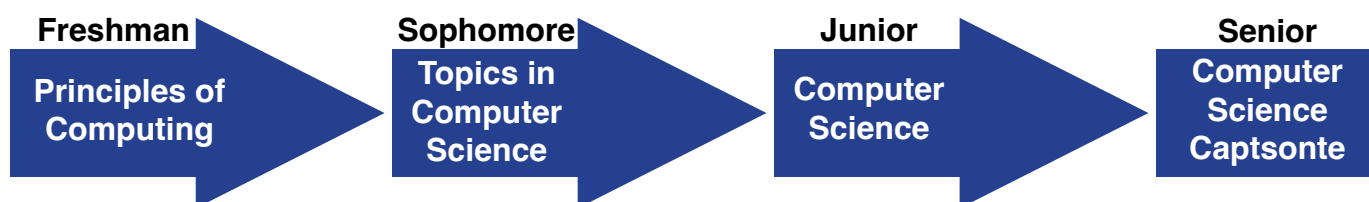
Mr. Melendez

Greetings! My name is Carlos Melendez, and I have the privilege of being the Computer Science and Graphic Design teacher here at Michigan City High School. It's hard to believe, but this marks my 6th year at Michigan City and my 8th year of teaching overall. Time truly flies when you're immersed in what you love.

Now, onto some crucial information that directly affects your student's graduation journey. The state of Indiana has rolled out several avenues for students to graduate, and one significant way is through the completion of a pathway. I'm thrilled to announce that through my courses, we offer not one, but three different pathways. To

meet the pathway requirements, it's essential for your student to successfully complete three courses, securing at least a 'C' grade or better in each.

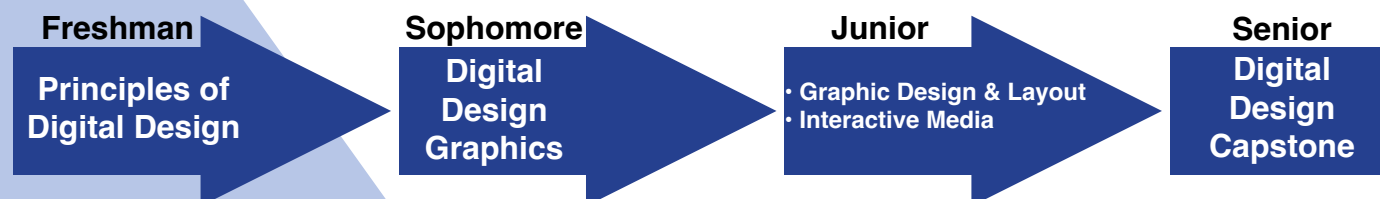
Computer Science Pathway



Cybersecurity Pathway



Graphic Design Pathway



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Principles of Digital Design

In the past few weeks, we have delved into the captivating world of photography. Our students have been exploring the brief history of photography and learning how to apply digital photography techniques to Graphic Design. They have been introduced to various lighting techniques for capturing images in direct sunlight and have become acquainted with important camera settings such as aperture, ISO, and shutter speed. Through hands-on activities, our students have been actively experimenting with different settings and capturing multiple pictures to see firsthand how these choices impact the final image.

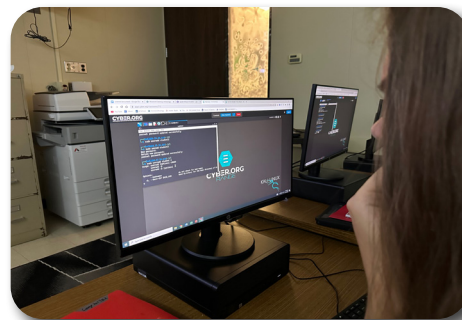
Moving forward, I am thrilled to announce that in a couple of weeks, we will be diving into the world of Photoshop. Our students will be learning the basics of this powerful editing tool and how to enhance and transform their photographs. This will undoubtedly be an exciting chapter for our class, and I am confident that our students will develop invaluable skills in photo editing.

Principles of Computing

We have been immersing ourselves in the fascinating world of computers and their impact on our society. The students

have been engaged in meaningful discussions and activities to deepen their understanding of the history of computers and how they have shaped our current way of life. It has been truly inspiring to witness their curiosity and enthusiasm for this subject.

I am thrilled to announce that our students have embarked on a research project focusing on The Digital Divide in America. They are exploring how this divide has affected our own community here in Michigan City, as well as Michigan City High School. Through their research, they will be offering suggestions on how we can bridge this gap and ensure equal access to technology for all. I am confident that their findings and recommendations will shed light



on this important issue and contribute to positive change.

Computer Science 2: Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is not an easy subject, but our students have



been working diligently to grasp its complexities. We began the school year by exploring the CIA Triad, which focuses on the concepts of Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability. This foundation has allowed us to delve into the importance of strong passwords and how to identify and fix weak passwords. Our discussions have highlighted the potential risks of weak passwords and the ease with which hackers can gain access to personal information. To conclude Unit 1, we also introduced basic Linux Terminal commands, with plans to further explore this topic in the future.

In the next unit, we will be shifting our focus to the Human Factor and its impact on the security of devices and networks. This unit will help our students understand how human behavior can either enhance or compromise cybersecurity measures. It promises to be an engaging and eye-opening exploration for our class.

I am delighted to share some

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feedback from one of our parents: "My son has come home every day, asking me about my passwords and explaining how they can be strengthened. He is truly enjoying the class and finding ways to apply the knowledge he acquires to everyday life." It is heartwarming to see our students actively engaging with the material and recognizing its practical applications.

Computer Illustration and Graphics

First and foremost, I am thrilled to inform you that our students have been learning Adobe Illustrator and how to create vector-based images. They have been mastering the basics and are now able to create simple logos using this powerful software. These skills will prove invaluable as we delve into our future projects.

I am also delighted to share that we have partnered with the city of Trail Creek for a few special projects. Our students will have the opportunity to work on and design projects specifically for the city, which will give them firsthand experience in collaborating with clients and working with tight deadlines. In addition, we will be collaborating with Legacy Sign Group, a reputable company based out of

Westville, to bring these special projects to life.

The enthusiasm and dedication our students have shown in this class have truly impressed me. I am confident that these special projects will provide them with invaluable real-world



skills and experiences that will benefit them both academically and professionally.

Ahmad Muhammad - Postcard design project

MCJROTC

Preparing for a Busy Year

The cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) have been preparing for a busy school year while still providing support for MCHS and the community. The MCJROTC provides the Color Guards for all home football games as well as parking support for the games. Among the community service events the cadets were contributors were the Dunebrook boat races for mental health and the Salvation Army Stuff-a-Bus project to obtain donations for the needy in the Michigan City area.

MCHS is starting a JROTC Raider team. The events in a raider competition are based on some of the fundamental skills required of military special operations teams. The Wolves will host their first ever Raider Meet on Oct 28th at the MCHS track. Among the events of the meet are the one rope bridge, stretcher carry, tire flip, raider agility course, and sandbag relay.

MCHS will then travel to Indianapolis Ben Davis on November 18th to compete in their Raider Meet. The goal is to compete in the National Marine Championship in Boswell, PA from April 24-25. If MCHS qualifies to compete, the trip would be completely funded by the Marine Corps.

The cadets are also preparing for the upcoming military drill

season. MCHS will host the first competition in Northwest Indiana on Nov 4th. The goal is to qualify for the MCJROTC National Meet in the Washington, DC area May 4th. The qualifying meet to make it to nationals will be on January 27th at Indianapolis Ben Davis. Similar to the Raider National Championship, if the Wolves qualify to compete in Washington, neither MCHS or the cadets would incur any expense for the trip.

A third extracurricular in which the cadets are preparing is CyberPatriot, the national high school cyber security game where cadets act as security managers for an organization's information management system. The cadets must defend against and counterattack a cyber attack.

"I think our program provides plenty of opportunities for our cadets to excel in different venues," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "We offer activities for those who are physically-inclined, technology-inclined, and those who are looking to bond with students who want to be successful in life and just haven't yet found that activity. I think that we offer that to our cadets."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak noted the versatility and the desire to succeed in MCHS cadets. "We have cadets who are here at 5:45 am for Drill Team practice, and many of those ca-

dets are staying after school for Raider Team practice. They really represent the dedication our students have to making MCHS a great school where students of all abilities can contribute to making our school successful."



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Early College

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 and History of the World. These are also the teachers for the Early College 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. In alignment with our mission that all EC students are on track for academic success, Progress Reports were sent home at the end of September. Those should've been signed and returned.

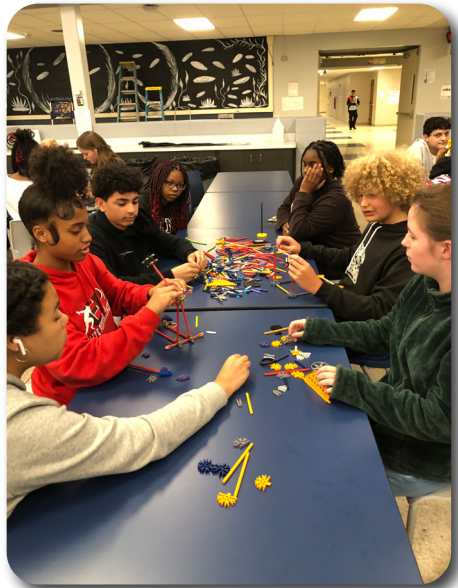
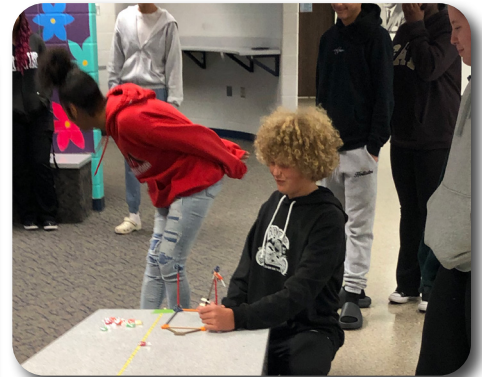
A fun team-building activity they completed was the K'Nex Challenge. Teams built a catapult with K'Nex and competed to see which team could launch a LifeSaver candy the farthest. A great time was had by all and the winning team received brag-

ging rights and candy!

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

Early College freshmen have an exciting year ahead filled with many educational and exciting experiences!

K'Nex Challenge



Music

Congratulations to the Wolf Pack Marching Band receiving 3rd place Concord Invitational on September, 17; and Gold with a Visual Distinction at the Hobart Invitational on September 17th. At the Penn Invitational the band performed well and went up over 5 points in their overall score. The Marching Band will compete at the ISSMA Scholastic Division Prelims on September 30 at Plymouth High School. This year's marching band show is entitled "From the Outside" and features a medley of various musical styles and genres. The Wolf Pack Marching Band Drum Major is Sophia Barczak. Go Wolf Pack!

Congratulations to senior Ashley Sparks (oboe) on her audition and acceptance into the Junior Laporte County Symphony Orchestra! A second congratulations goes out to Paige Merrill (soprano) on her audition and acceptance into the 2023 All-State Honor Choir! Paige had to prepare a piece of music and sight read in front of a judge. She placed within the top 8 sopranos 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 Monday, October 9, 2023, 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 11, 2023, at 7pm. 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!



Social Studies

Mr. Bruemmer

Welcome back Wolves!! Hopeful you all had a great summer and are ready to have a fantastic school year! My name is Mr. Bruemmer and this is my 9th year teaching at MCHS. As the product of two successful Michigan City teachers and an MCHS alumni, my goal is to give back to the community as much as possible! While this is only my 9th year at MCHS, it is my 16th year of teaching overall, and I have both taught as well as coached tennis at River Forest Jr./Sr. High School and Dale Middle School, located in Anaheim California. I teach 3 classes: United States Government, Current Events and the History of Rock and Roll. The social studies department is very excited about this school year and are hoping to make it a memorable one! There are so many great classes offered down in the N-wing and I know we as a group are thrilled to teach them! We hope you have a great start to your school year and go wolves!!



Mr. Richards

Welcome to my class! This is the start of my 31 st year at MCAS and my 21 st at MCHS. This school year I will be teaching Dual Credit US History, AP US History, US History and Indiana History. The Indiana History class is a one semester course and all of my US History classes is for the full year. I will be using Schoology where all assignments will be located. I am also the coach the Spell Bowl and Quiz Bowl teams. If you have any questions please e-mail brichards@mcas.k12.in.us

Mr. Stahl

Hello, Bruce Stahl here starting my 24th year and what a great start with our classes! The students have started off fast and ready to go! Plenty of Psychology and History of Chicago to go around. Field trips to Chicago, Freud, and his many friends. It's going to be a Fun year!



Ms. Kessler

My name is Heather Kessler, and I'm excited to start my fifth year at MCHS. This semester I am teaching Dual Credit American Politics, U.S. Government, and Geography and History of the World. Our Government courses will begin the year exploring the origins and purposes of government, and why our government is the way it is. Freshman in Geography and History of the Word will spend a few weeks reviewing basic map skills and elements of geography before beginning to explore the geography and cultures of North America. Go Wolves!

Mr. Starcevich

This is Mr. Starcevich. I teach Honors Geography & History of the World. I'm a part of the Michigan City Early College family. I graduated from Purdue University Calumet in 2014. I'm certified in in Historical Perspectives, Psychology, and Government. This will be my fifth year at MCHS. I'm looking forward to having another successful year for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Tice

Hi! My name is Suzann Tice and I teach Geography and History of the World. Geography students have been doing a fantastic job getting acquainted with the world map and I am excited to see where the future takes us!

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Mrs. Freitag

Welcome Back Wolves!. My name is Mrs. Freitag and I teach in the social studies department, this is currently my 20th year here at MCHS. I am currently teaching Economics and AP Economics as well as serving as head of the department and the NHS Sponsor. I am truly looking for this school year both inside and outside the classroom. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email: kfreitag@mcas.k12.in.us. I hope everyone has a great year!

my family. This is going to be a great year!



Mrs. Shaman

Hello, my name is Rebecca Shaman. I teach US History Dual Credit for the Early College program. This is my ninth year at MCHS, fifteenth year teaching overall. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degrees in Classical Civilizations and Theology from Loyola University Chicago. Afterwards, I attended Calumet College of St. Joseph to earn my Masters degree in Teaching. I am currently working on my Masters in History through the ACP Project at Indiana University. I am certified in Historical Perspectives and Government and Citizenship. I enjoy drinking coffee, reading books, eating nachos, and spending time with

Ms. Ward

Hello, My name is Morgan Ward and this is my first year at Michigan City High School! This year I will be teaching Geography and World History. I am very excited for the 2023-2024 school year. The best way to contact me is via email at m.ward@mcas.k12.in.us. I hope everyone has a fun and safe school year!



Ms. Stolarz

Hello, all! My name is Amanda Stolarz. This is my 7th year here at MCHS. This year I will be teaching AP World History, World History, and Ethnic Studies/African Studies. I look forward to the 2023-2024 school year!

Mr. Megyese

U.S. History is off to a great start Currently working on the 13 colonies and headed to the creation of Government and then...The Civil War. We will be watching Glory...a movie about the 54th Massachusetts Regiment. 1st all Black Regiment until the war. Excited for my 30th year in Education!

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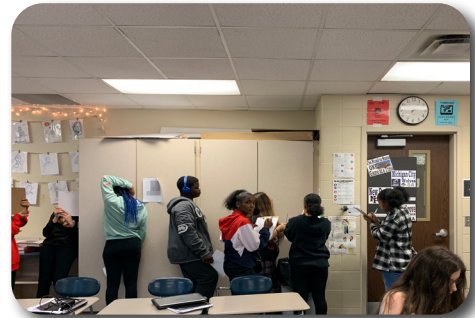
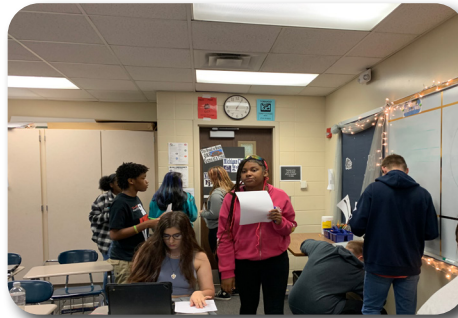
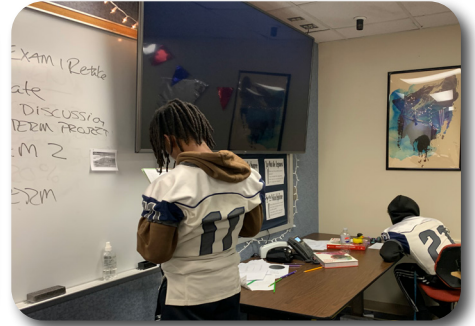
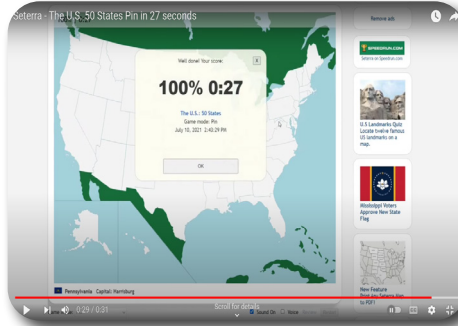
Mrs. Kessler's Classes

We have been studying about the physical features and political geography of the United States and Canada. Students complete map challenges where they have to find all 50 states as well as the major physical features like mountains, rivers, and lakes within a certain time limit. Domminic White is the reigning map challenge champion, correctly identifying all 50 states in 27 seconds. We are moving on to study Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean in the coming weeks.

Ms. Ward's

Geography and History of the World students are working hard learning about the world! We are currently exploring Canadian culture and will be moving into Latin America shortly!

Ms. Ward's World History classes just completed unit one and reviewed for their unit test by playing a game of spoons! The object of the game was to grab a spoon from the center of the table and the last person to grab a spoon had to answer a review question. Students had a blast playing this game and can't wait to play it again. World History students are now learning about ancient Greek geography, philosophers, poets and heroes, and so much more!



Student Store

The MCHS Student Store is off to a great start this year. The store is expecting the arrival of our NEW spirit wear collection.

This collection will include: Hoodie & Crewneck sweatshirts, and long sleeve tees in your choice of black, navy or gray colors. The store offers a wide variety of popular school supplies and fun trendy item such as: croc charms, water bottles, and iPhone accessible earphones. Chromebook chargers are always available for a low price of \$20. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the MCHS Student Store, we would like to personally invite you to come check out our latest unique selection of things chosen for your convenience.

Our hours of operation are: **8:00 a.m.- 2:15 p.m.** (Monday through Friday).

We are located in **Room# O-108.**

Go Wolves!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Activities at MCHS

Club	Sponsor	More Information
Alpha Yearbook	Mrs. Poulin	
Anime Club	Mr. Melendez	
ASL Club	Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Jones, Ms. Zahrt	
Athletics	Mr. Shaman	
Bring Change 2 Mind	Mrs. Ndukwu	
Bulletin Board Brigade	Mrs. Ndukwu	
Chess Club	Mr. Parker	
Choir	Ms. Howisen	
Computer Science Honor Society	Mr. Melendez	
Drama Club	Mrs. Gresham	
Esports	Mr. Melendez	Esports Site
Early College	Mrs. Lindgrien	
Environthron	Ms. Pauer	
Fishing Club	Mr. Marz	
Foreign Language Honor Society	Mrs. La France	
French Club	Mrs. La France	
German Club	Ms. Forsythe	
German-American Partnership	Ms. Forsythe	
Helping Hands Club	Mrs. Handley and Mrs. Bormet	Helping Hands Site
History Club	Mrs. Shaman	
Improv Club	Mr. Stahl	
I.S.S.M.A	Ms. Howisen	
Japanese Club	Mr. Tsugawa	
Jazz Band & Pep Band	Mr. Gast	
J.R.O.T.C & Military Drill/Rifle Team	Major McGrath	J.R.O.T.C Site
Junior Steering Committee	Mrs. Tice and Mrs. Fredrick	
KPOP	Mrs. Tice	
Marching Band	Mr. Gast	
Mathletes	Mr. Layman	
Mural Club	Mrs. Cleveland	
National Honor Society	Mrs. Freitag	
Ping Pong Club	Mr. Tsugawa and Mr. Marz	
Poetry Club	Mrs. Clinkert	
Prism Club	Ms. Zahrt and Mrs. Gresham	

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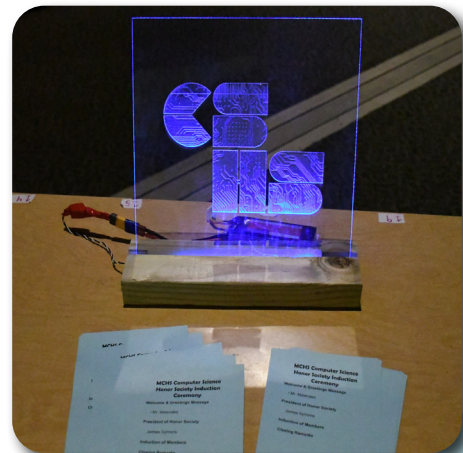
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Quiz Bowl	Mr. Richards	
Rho Kappa Honor Society	Mrs. Freitag	
Robotics	Mr. Gee	Robotics Site
Science Club	Mr. Marz	
Senior Steering Comittee	Mrs. Meyer	
Sophomore Steering Comittee	Mrs. Anderson	
Spanish Club	Mrs. Koza	
Spell Bowl	Mr. Richards	
Tabletop Gaming Club	Mr. McHugh and Ms. Weiss	
Thespian Society	Mrs. Gresham	

Computer Science Honor Society

Michigan City High School inducted 13 students into its inaugural Computer Science Honor Society chapter last night.

To qualify for induction, students must have been enrolled at MCHS for at least one semester, receiving a B or better in a Computer Science Course. MCHS now offers eight courses in Computer Science, with pathways in both Computer Science and Cybersecurity

Congratulations to Trevor Ackerman, Gavin Baldwin, Jess Buetow, Ethan David, Isaac La-France, Meshank Lunchsford, Aeden Phillips, O'mar Reyes, Levi Scoville, Carlos Serrano, Kournie Stockley, James Symons, and Jayden Wilson!



Esports

Esports has been gaining popularity among our students, and this year we have been working hard on building teams for various games. I am pleased to announce that we have teams for Overwatch 2, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Chess, and Rocket League. The students are extremely excited to participate in these games and showcase their skills. Even more exciting, we will be broadcasting the matches live on [Twitch](#)! We are in the process of building a team of Casters (Esports Commentary) who will provide live commentary during the competitions. Make sure to tune in on Twitch 5-10 minutes before each match starts. Our broadcasting schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 4pm.

Please follow us on Twitter, YouTube both of [@MCWolvesEsports](#) and our website <https://sites.google.com/mcas.k12.in.us/wolveslearning-den/esports> We post our match results and who we are facing on the website.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Athletics

WOLVES CROCS!!



TO ORDER: All you need to do is get your name, shoe size (men's or women's sizes 2-15), and **\$75 cash or check made out to MCHS Athletics** to the MCHS Athletic Department by **Tuesday, October 24!!**

Band Fundraiser

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Healthy Culture

On September 13 the Michigan City, High School staff join together for an appetizer and dessert carriage before going on to professional development. The staff did an amazing job with an overwhelming amount of goodies. Healthy Culture is creating a cohesive team at MCHS.



VACCINATIONS

The deadline to have vaccinations up to date is October 2, 2023. We have sent home reminders with students and/or thru the mail. If you have an appointment scheduled or proof of vaccination your student will be able to attend class. If you are unsure if your student needs any vaccines you can check with your doctor.

ILLNESS

We are starting the flu/virus season. The best way to prevent the spread of these viruses is frequent hand washing. If your child is running a fever, vomiting or has diarrhea keep them home for 24 hours after the symptoms stop with no medication. This will also help prevent the spread of illness. The nurse's office does not provide any medications including cough drops or fever reducer/pain relievers. All medications must be supplied from home with medication authorization forms filled out.

Open Door Adolescent Health Center

PLAN AHEAD FOR WINTER SPORTS SEASON FREE SPORTS PHYSICAL

FOR 2023-2024

MCHS Students that are registered with the Open Door Adolescent Health Center may stop by Room #O-111 during lunch or passing periods to schedule your appointment.

If not registered, parents/legal guardians can enroll their student through their PowerSchool Parent account – go to Forms and complete the OPTIONAL FORM for Open Door Adolescent Health Center

PARENTS: Please complete the IHSA – Pre-participation Physical on the MCHS Athletics Webpage under FINAL FORMS. Once this is completed, we can schedule your exam.

Don't delay - Come schedule your appointment today!

Michigan City High School – CARE CLOSET WISH LIST!!

- Male/Female/Neutral Products NEEDED
 - Shampoo and Conditioner
 - Body Wash / Body Spray
 - Deodorant
 - Lotion
 - Lip Balm/Chapstick
- Donations collected in the Open Door Adolescent Health Center

Room O-111 or call 873-2044 ext: 4545

October

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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October Events

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- **10/11** Band Premier Concert 7pm
- **10/12** Early Release Day
- **10/12** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **10/19 - 10/20** Fall Break
- **10/25** National Honor Society Induction 6pm



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