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#### **Principal Post**

This edition of Wolves Wire is packed with many interesting articles. Enjoy this edition and stay up to date on the academic and extracurricular activities that your students can enjoy at Michigan City High School. With the completion of the first grading guarter, we want to thank the many of you who attended our Parent/Teacher conferences held on October 12th. Thank you for supporting your students, their teachers, and visiting our building. You are always welcome to email your student's teacher if you have any specific questions, and as always, counselors are here to help as well and can be reached through email.

With the seasons changing and the weather getting colder, Michigan City High School is a great place for family entertainment. Our winter sports season starts up soon, and our fall musical begins on November 10, 11, and 12. Michigan City High School offers something for everyone. There are many ways you can support our students and have an enjoyable evening out with the family.

The beginning of November brings a reminder for us to practice thankfulness and gratitude. We are thankful for those who have served and to those who are currently serving in our military. On November 9th

at 1:30 we will be honoring our Veterans.

As always, we are here to ensure opportunities for your student to graduate College and Career Ready. Please continue to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and like us on Facebook to remain informed of all the great things taking place at Michigan City High School.

Thank you for all that you do to support our students, our school, and the Michigan City community.

Go Wolves! Kyle Dean - Principal



## Career & Technical Education

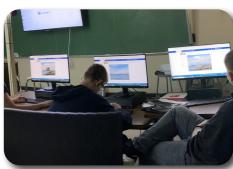
#### Computer Science 2: Cybersecurity

Over the past few weeks, we have been diving into Unit 2 of our curriculum, which focuses on Network & Security Threats in Cybersecurity. As part of this unit, we watched the 1983 movie War Games. The movie follows the story of a high school student named David Lightman who unintentionally hacks into a military supercomputer while searching for new video games. This leads to a simulated threat of global thermonuclear war, and Lightman must find a way to prevent World War III.

After watching the movie, our students were tasked with identifying three or more vulnerabilities depicted in the film and exploring how they could relate to real-world scenarios. They then wrote detailed reports based on their findings, showcasing their understanding of cybersecurity threats.

Moving forward, we will be focusing on vulnerabilities in WiFi, VPNs, and Cellular networks. Our next topic of study will be System Pentesting and Cyberweapons. We will specifically examine the Eternal Blue attack that occurred in 2017 and the havoc it caused on global systems.

#### **Principles of Digital Design**



In our recent lessons, we have been exploring the exciting world of Typography in Photoshop. Our students have been immersed in learning how to use the Puppet Wrap tool and developing basic typography skills. It has been wonderful to see their creativity flourish as they experiment with different fonts, layouts, and designs.

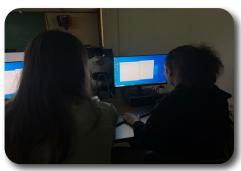
Currently, our students are working on an engaging project - designing a magazine cover. They are putting their newfound skills to work by creating captivating designs that catch the eye and convey a message. It's truly inspiring to witness their growth and see their unique artistic expressions come to life.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting project planned for our students. They will be tasked with taking a picture of themselves and incorporating their favorite song or poem into the contour of their face. This project will allow them to explore the intersection of art, self-expression, and personal interests. We can't wait to see their imaginative creations!

Principles of Computing

At the end of the grading period, we watched the movie "Smart House" from 1999. The film tells the story of a teenager who wins a fully-automated dream house in a competition. However, things quickly spiral out of control when the computer controlling the house begins to take over. This movie provided us with an opportunity to discuss the Internet of Things (IoT) devices and examine what the movie got right and wrong about smart home technology. The students engaged in thoughtful research and shared their insights with the class.

In our current chapter, we have started exploring Repetition Structures - Loops. This topic introduces students to two different types of loops: while loops, which are condition controlled, and for loops, which are count controlled. Through various exercises and examples, students will gain a strong understanding of how these



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structures work and how to implement them in programming.

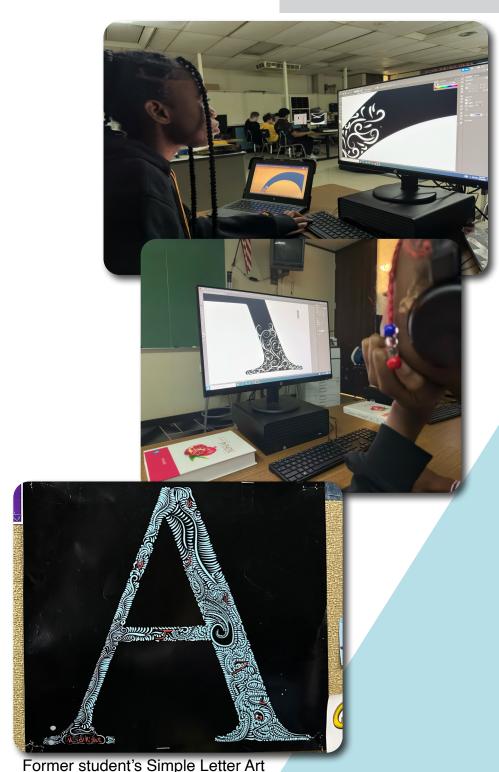
Computer Illustration and

Graphics

We have been diving into the fascinating world of Adobe Illustrator and exploring how to use paintbrushes effectively. The students have been learning about the four different types of brushes in Illustrator: Calligraphic, Art, Pattern, and Bristle. They have been experimenting with these brushes and discovering the unique effects they can create.

Currently, our students are working on a project where they design a Simple Letter using their own custom brush. They will be filling in either their first or last name with a personalized design. It's been incredible to see their creativity shine through in this project, and they have shown great enthusiasm for it.

In addition to our Illustrator project, we are also in the process of refining the Trail Creek signs. These signs will be submitted to the Town of Trail Creek for final approval. We are proud to share that one lucky student's design will be chosen to be created for the town! This is an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their talent and make a lasting impact on our community.



#### **Fine Arts**

#### Photography I

Students are working on printing their first photo in the darkroom. Students already created Photograms to learn about photo paper processing. A photogram is a cameraless photo in which students made a negative by cutting out pictures from magazines, gluing them on a clear piece of acetate, and contact printing it. The results look like an X Ray.

#### Fiber I

Students just completed two Macrame projects: a bracelet and a set of 3 leaves that hang from a stick. Both projects turned out great! The next project is creating a coil basket, where yarn is woven around a 1/4" rope.

#### **Visual Communication**

Students have been studying Typography and how to use the type tool in Photoshop. They also created pixel art in Google Sheets using conditional formatting. Next we are doing 2 Pop Art projects: A digital transfer and a Pop Art 4 square. Keep an eye out for more student work!

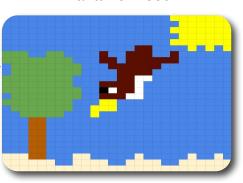
#### Haley Barnes



Emma Hollingshead



Alana Eckwood



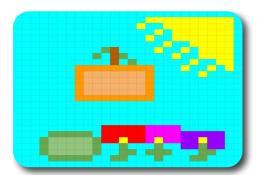
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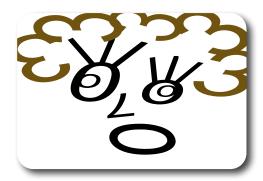


Fiber 1 Leaves



Tyanah James





#### **Fine Arts**

#### **Advanced Art**

I am thrilled to share that three of our talented advanced art students have submitted their artwork to the High School Student Biennial Exhibition. This prestigious event showcases the exceptional artistic abilities of high school students and provides them with a platform to display their creativity and talent.

The exhibition's opening is scheduled for November 2, 2023, from 5-7 pm at the IUN Savannah Gallery. This event promises to be a celebration of artistic expression and a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their hard work and dedication.

Our three students have poured their hearts and souls into their art submissions, and their pieces truly exemplify their unique artistic voices. Each artwork is a testament to their creativity, skill, and passion for the arts.



Aiden Kelly Ceramic Sculpture "8675309"

#### **Choir and Band**

The Wolfpack Marching Band completed their final competition of the season on September 30.

They competed in ISSMA Scholastic Prelims held at Plymouth High School. While they did not qualify for the State Competition, they had their best performance of the year. The ensemble continues to grow and improve and we are very much looking forward to next season!

The choir and band students performed their first live concerts on October 9 and October 11.

The Premier Choral and Band Concerts were held in the high school auditorium and featured the, Beginning Boys and Girls Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Chorale and City Singers, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students. We are very excited for the multitude of performance opportunities that will be offered to our students this year.

The band and choir students are currently preparing for the annual One City One Sound Christmas concert. The concert will take place on Thursday, December 7 at 7 pm in the MCHS gym and will feature our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Krueger and Barker choir and band students,

and our high school choir and band students. Approximately 800 students will be performing in all. We are excited to start the holiday season with this great Michigan City Area Schools tradition.

#### **MCJROTC**

#### MCHS MCJROTC HOSTS RAIDER COMPETITION

Two of the objectives of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MC-JROTC) are to motivate cadets to incorporate physical fitness into their daily routine and realize the importance of the acronym TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More. Both were accomplished when Michigan City High School hosted a Raider Meet on Saturday, October 28th. Indianapolis high schools Ben Davis and Warren Central. along with Peoria, IL Richwoods, Minneapolis Como Park, and MCHS competed. The idea of Raider competitions is to use skills that would be required of Marines working as a team in combat. Six events were used: a 1000-meter stretcher run with 100 pounds on the stretcher; flipping 3 truck tires of varying sizes for 100 meters; a sandbag relay, with each cadet running 8 sandbags of 10 pounds each for 20 meters; an agility course, where each cadet ran 100 meters, carrying different items (i.e., a 50-pound duffel bag) for four 25-meter legs; constructing a one-rope bridge for 60 feet and transporting a team of 8 cadets across it; and a tug of war. Ben Davis won the meet. MCHS earned a second-place trophy in the Tug of War.

"Our cadets really worked hard in preparing for the meet, and they saw how physically demanding the events are, as well as the importance of every cadet on the team working together," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "We go down to Ben Davis on November 18th, so we will continue to work hard for what I am sure will be another very competitive meet."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, commented on the endurance and versatility of the cadets. "Most of the cadets on the Raider team are also on our Drill team. So they are here at 5:45 in the morning for Drill team practice and stay after school for Raider team practice. This is a demanding schedule for anybody, but especially high school students."

November will be a busy month for the MCHS cadets. In addition to the Ben Davis Raider Meet, they host a Military Drill meet on November 4th, conduct a ceremony honoring veterans on November 9th, and hold their Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 10th. The ceremony honoring veterans, which is conducted with the MCHS band and choir, starts at 1:30 pm in the school gym and is open to the public. The guest speaker is State Representative Pat Boy.









#### **Science**

Michigan High School **Human** Anatomy and Physiology student attended "A Day In the Life of Surgical Services" at Northwest Health in LaPorte. This exciting opportunity introduced several careers related to surgical services and showcased some of the equipment used by their program. Students were then given the chance to try out some of these tools, including the endoscopy equipment, the bone saw, a surgical microscope, and some students even attempted placing an endotracheal tube.













#### Social Studies

On October 10th, the History of Chicago and Psychology classes embarked on an exciting field trip to the vibrant city of Chicago. The day was filled with wonderful experiences as the students explored the city's rich history and fascinating psychology.

The weather was perfect, adding to the overall enjoyment of the trip. The students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day, making it a truly memorable experience.

The adventure began with a 5-mile walk through the loop, allowing the students to witness the iconic landmarks of Chicago. They had the opportunity to see famous sculptures such as the Picasso, Four Seasons, and the Flamingo, which added an artistic touch to the journey.

One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the Money Museum, where each student received 364 dollars. This unique experience provided them with a hands-on understanding of the value and significance of money.

The exploration continued as the group visited Union Station, River Point, and took a delightful trek along the Riverwalk. These locations offered breathtaking views and allowed the students to immerse themselves in the city's architecture and natural beauty.

The Theater District and Couch Alley were also on the itinerary, providing the students with a glimpse into the vibrant arts and entertainment scene of Chicago. The day concluded at the Cultural Center, where Chief Keef, a renowned figure, joined the group for a few minutes, adding an unexpected and exciting element to the trip.

Overall, the students did an outstanding job throughout the day, demonstrating their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. This field trip not only provided them with valuable knowledge about the history of Chicago and psychology but also allowed them to create lasting memories. Well done to everyone involved!



Mr. Starcevich's Geography and History of the World students are working hard learning about the world! We are getting ready to take a map quiz over North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Students are currently exploring Caribbean culture and will be moving into South America very soon.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES









#### **Esports**

We have some exciting updates and achievements to share with you. Our students at MCWolvesEsports have been putting their hearts into their gameplay, focusing on popular titles such as Overwatch 2, Chess, Smash, and Rocket League. Their dedication and perseverance have made us incredibly proud as they compete against schools from all around Indiana, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

But that's not all! We have a special announcement to make. We invite you to follow us on YouTube at MCWolvesEsports. where we have just released our latest video about Why Esports. This video not only answers the question of why esports is important but also highlights the positive impact it has had on our students. We created this video for a competition between IEN schools, where school videos will be judged, and there are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. So, don't forget to check out our YouTube channel and watch our latest video!

In addition to our **YouTube** channel, we have another exciting event coming up. On November 4th, starting at 10 am and running until 10 pm, we will be hosting a special 12-hour live stream event on Twitch. We will

be broadcasting our gameplay live, giving you a chance to see our students in action. But this event is not just about showcasing their talents; it's also an opportunity for us to give back to the community. We are participating in this live stream to raise money for Extra Life, an amazing organization that works closely with the Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 during this event, and we would greatly appreciate your support. Join us on Twitch at

twitch.tv/mcwolvesesports and help us make a difference.

So, mark your calendars for November 4th and join us on Twitch for our 12-hour live stream event. And don't forget to follow MCWolvesEsports on YouTube to watch our latest video about Why Esports. Together, let's celebrate the achievements of our students and support a great cause.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our live stream event!"



#### **National Honor Society**

We are thrilled to announce and congratulate the 44 new members of the MCHS National Honor Society! Last night's induction ceremony was truly inspirational, and we would like to extend our gratitude to the NHS officers and student speakers who led the program. Your dedication to scholarship, service, character, and leadership is commendable, and we salute each and every one of you!

The 2023 MCHS National Honor Society inductees are as follows:

- 1. Abbas Al-Saedi
- 2. Katelyn Ast
- 3. Gavin Baldwin
- 4. Emily Blank
- 5. Zoe Brooks
- 6. Siniyah Burdine
- 7. Bailey Chavis
- 8. Ella Frever
- 9. Jada Gee
- 10. Logan Grantham
- 11. Nathan Groszek
- 12. Jaden Hart
- 13. Brianna Harvey
- 14. Kyra Haywood
- 15. Brooke Lakin
- 16. Katelyn Lane
- 17. Ayana Malone
- 18. Caitlin Mason
- 19. Chase McMillon
- 20. Jennifer Mezo
- 21. Kaitlyn Milligan
- 22. Emilio Munoz
- 23. Hazel Murphy
- 24. Kayden Nowatzke
- 25. Nolan Painter
- 26. Hannah Parker
- 27. Khushi Patel
- 28. Stephanie Ramirez
- 29. Jhoselyn Ramos

- 30. Kaylee Richardson
- 31. Jhonatan Ruiz
- 32. Kailla Sanchez
- 33. Levi Scoville
- 34. David Serrano
- 35. Christian Shanks
- 36. Madelyn Shinn
- 37. Dakota Smith
- 38. Sarah Sutor
- 39. Ava Taylor
- 40. Natalie White
- 41. Naomi Williams
- 42. Aaverie Wingard
- 43. Alyssa Workman
- 44. John Zaknoun







#### **National Honor Society**

These outstanding individuals have joined the following seniors who were inducted in 2022:

- 1. Jeremiah Allen
- 2. Sophia Barczak
- 3. Esther Barnes
- 4. Davida Barney
- 5. Abigail Bartlett
- 6. Keona Briggs
- 7. Sophie Devens
- 8. Angelina Duenas
- 9. Sofia Garcia
- 10. Madison Gresham
- 11. Gerzey Hibner
- 12. Tatiana Miller
- 13. Meaghan Painter
- 14. Lorenzo Panozzo
- 15. Erin Piazzisi
- 16. Krystani Quinn
- 17. Ashley Sparks
- 18. Andrew Vicari
- 19. Juliana Williams

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all the families for their continuous support and partnership. Without your encouragement and guidance, our students' achievements would not be possible. Thank you for being part of our MCHS community and for fostering an environment that promotes excellence.







## IMPORTANT INFORMATION









#### **Healthy Culture**

On October 12, our dedicated staff came together for a fun-filled potluck event that featured delicious tailgate foods. We want to give a huge shout out to all those who participated and brought some truly yummy dishes. It was a fantastic opportunity for our staff to connect. bond, and enjoy each other's company outside of the classroom. The potluck was a great success, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed to making it such a memorable event.

But that's not all! We have another exciting event on the horizon. Get ready for our upcoming chili cook-off! We are thrilled to announce that our talented staff will be showcasing their culinary skills in a friendly cook-off to determine who makes the best chili. The chili cook-off promises to be a mouthwatering event filled with delicious aromas. Stay tuned for more information on the date. time, and location of the cookoff.

As we continue to foster a positive and supportive community within our school, events like the potluck and the upcoming chili cook-off play a vital role in bringing our staff together. These gatherings not only allow us to enjoy good food but also

provide an opportunity for us to strengthen our relationships and create lasting memories. We are grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm of our staff, and we look forward to more exciting events in the future.







## Open Door Adolescent Health Center

First Trust Credit Union donated \$2,500 to school-based health center at Michigan City High School on October 16, 2023. First Trust Credit Union has partnered with Open Door Adolescent Health Center for almost 10 years and has donated a total of \$15,000 to the clinic for health and mental health services for the students of Michigan City High School.

This local partnership is supported by the First Trust Credit Union Employees who donate and fundraise, so that those students who need health and/or mental health have access to those services at no-cost.



#### Student of the Month













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### November

## Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 5      | 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        |
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| 26     | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       |



**Saturday** 

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**Friday** 

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#### **November Events**

- 11/01 Fall Sports Awards 6pm
- 11/04 Esports Takes on the ExtraLife 12-Hour Marathon 10am 10pm
- 11/09 Veterans Day Ceremony 1:30pm
- 11/10 Fall Play 7pm
- 11/11 Craft and Vendor Fair 9am 2pm
- 11/11 Fall Play 7pm
- 11/12 Fall Play 2pm
- 11/20 11/24 Thanksgiving Break