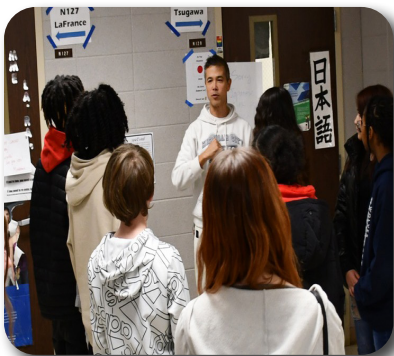


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Principal Post

Welcome Back and Happy New Year 2024!

Dear Students and Families,

I hope this message finds you well-rested and rejuvenated after our two-week Winter Break. As we step into 2024, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all of you. The start of a new year is always a time of excitement and anticipation, and this year is no exception.

I am particularly excited to share some highlights from an event that took place just before our break. On December 13th, we had the honor of hosting Indiana Senator Rodney Pol and State Representative Pat Boy at our school. This meeting was a remarkable opportunity for our students who are keenly interested in the workings of our state's legislative process and those considering joining the District 4 Student Advisory Committee.

Senator Pol and Representative Boy engaged in an insightful dialogue with our students about the upcoming legislative session. The discussion was not only illuminating but also aligned seamlessly with the goals of the MCAS Strategic Plan. This plan, as many of you are aware, is a cornerstone of our commitment to providing students with a voice in their education and beyond.

The session with our distinguished guests allowed students to express their priorities and concerns, which will be invaluable for the next Indiana Senate and House legislative session. It's heartening to see our young minds actively participating in the democratic process and contributing to discussions that shape their future.

As we move forward into 2024, let's carry this spirit of engagement and curiosity with us. Our school is a community where every voice matters, and each one of us plays a vital role in creating a vibrant and dynamic learning environment.

I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things we will accomplish together this year. Here's to a productive, successful, and exciting 2024!

Have a Great 2024
Wolves!
Principal Kyle Dean



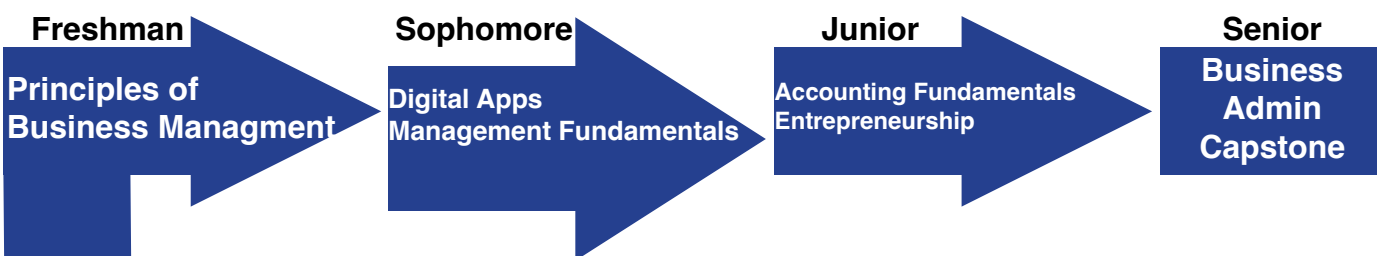
Career & Technical Education

Scheduling:

As we approach the upcoming scheduling period, we want to remind you of the importance of selecting courses that align with the graduation pathways outlined by the state of Indiana. It is crucial for students to be on track with their graduation requirements, and we encourage you to consider this as you plan for the upcoming academic year. Stay tuned for more information on the scheduling process and graduation pathway guidance.

We offer many pathways in our department.

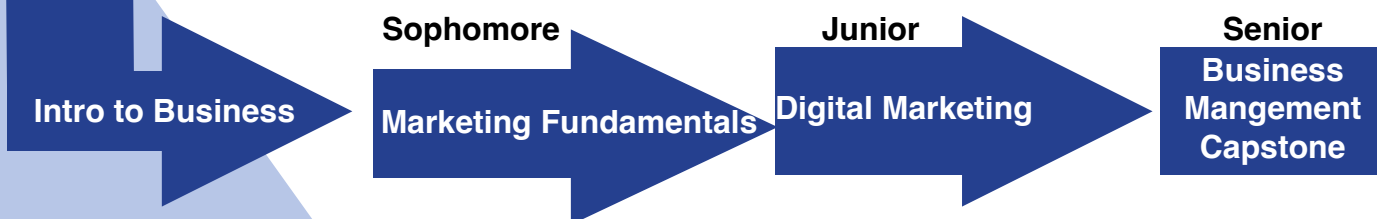
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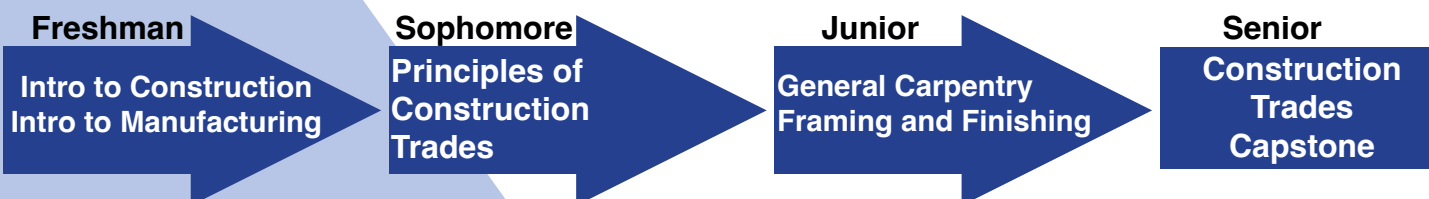
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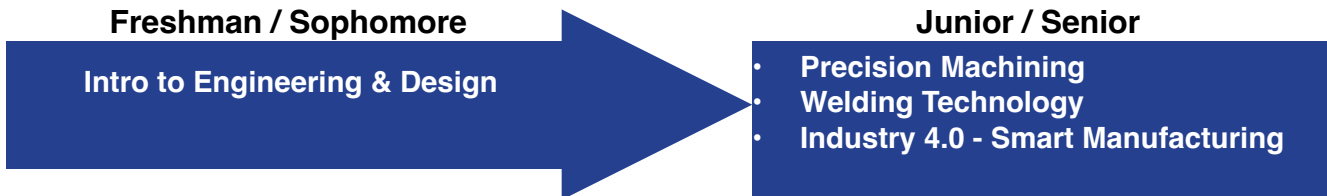


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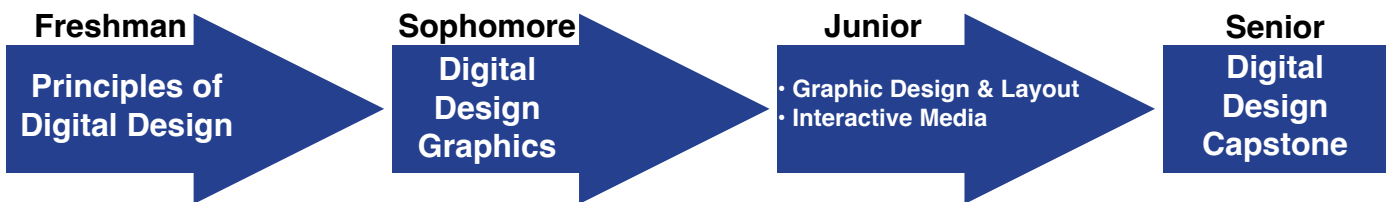


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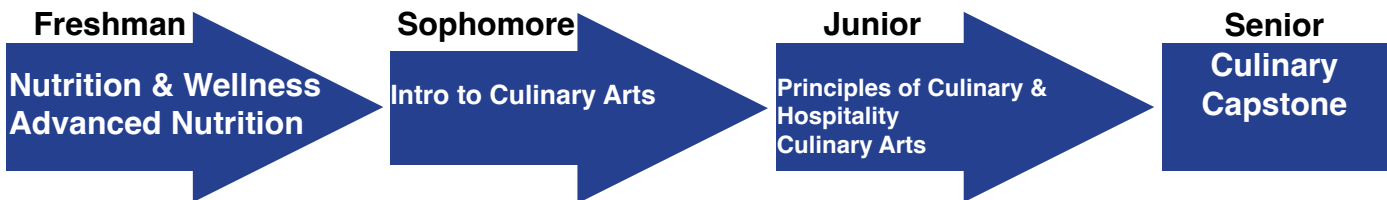
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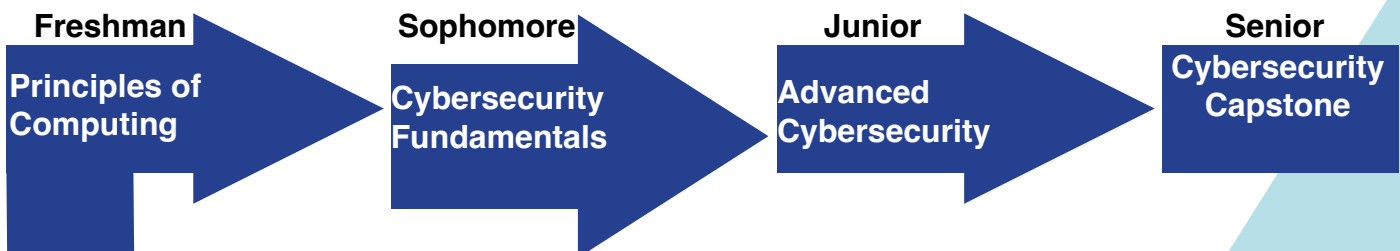
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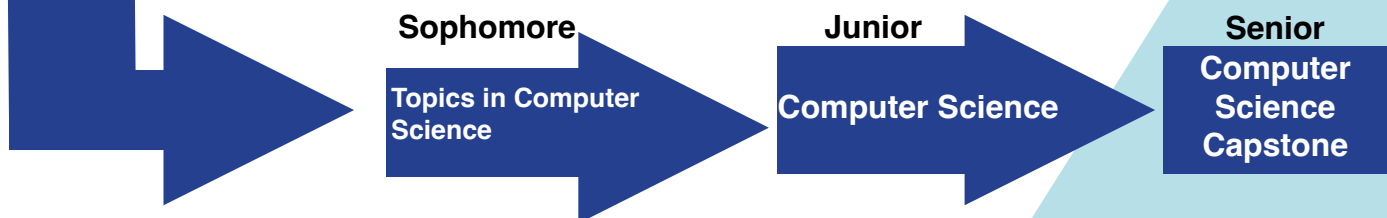
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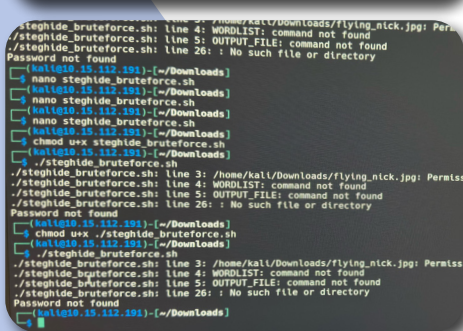
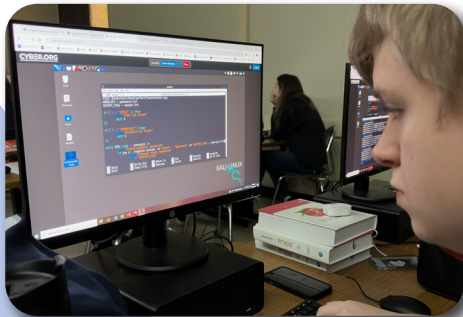
Computer Science Pathway



Career & Technical Education

Computer Science 2: Cybersecurity

In our Cybersecurity class, students have been diving into the world of online safety. We have been emphasizing the importance of being cautious and vigilant when browsing the internet. Over the past few weeks, our focus has been on Phishing Emails and how to recognize if they have come from a legitimate source. Students have been learning about various techniques such as Cookie Manipulation, Command Injection, SQL Injection, Key Exchange, and Steganography.



Their final project culminated in understanding what to do when receiving a phishing email and how to determine if a file

was embedded in an attached document. We believe these skills are crucial in today's digital age, and we encourage you to have conversations at home about online safety and the importance of being attentive to potential cyber threats.

Principles of Digital Design

In Principles of Digital Design, our students have been hard at work on their final projects. They have been following Bob Ross tutorials on YouTube, which have allowed them to learn valuable skills in digital painting. Through this project, students have been exploring the use of the mixer brush tool and simulating painting techniques.

Principles of Computing

These past 3 weeks in Principles of Computing, our students have been hard at work on their final project. The culmination of their semester-long journey, the final project involved creating a text-based game. Students wrote their own captivating stories and then coded them using Python. These text adventures were designed to provide an interactive and immersive experience for the players.

Computer Illustration and Graphics

We are thrilled to announce that our students in the Computer Illustration and Graphics class have completed their final project! This project involved re-designing the Trail Creek signs for the Town of Trail Creek, in celebration of their 100-year anniversary in 2024. Our students have invested a tremendous amount of time and energy into this project, and we are incredibly proud of their creativity and dedication.

Early College

Early College - 9th Grade

The Second Grading Period was jam-packed with activities!

We had our First Grading Period Awards. It was a combined program with the 10th graders. The following students were recognized as Alpha Award recipients. These are the top academic performing students in each of the four Early College classes.

Algebra:

- Kyron Hart

Biology:

- Kaeli Lagrand (Alpha Gresham)
- Jameelah Taylor (Alpha Pauer)

English:

- Kaeli Lagrand

Geography:

- Daunte Jones.

Shining Stars were

- Amoni Toney
- Kaylee Robinson
- Kristina Sydoruk
- Haley Barnes.

These students exhibit all of the characteristics of a stellar Early College student. They not only have shown academic success but also **integrity, grit, kindness, helpfulness**, and are all-around exemplary Early College students. Congratulations to all on a fantastic job!

We went on our first college visit to Purdue University North-

west in Westville. It was great to take a tour and see college life firsthand! We even saw some MCHS alumni!

The 9th and 10th grade Early College have started the Early College Olympics. Events have included door decorations, Uno, pumpkin carving, and gingerbread house decorating. It's great team building and showing their competitive spirit!

Of course, freshmen just finished their first semester of high school! We saw some amazing effort and hard work and it has paid off! Awesome job to all and we are excited to see what the second semester brings!

Looking forward, we will be visiting Notre Dame in the spring! It's an amazing experience and we can't wait for our students to tour the campus!

We also continue the EC Olympics and some other special events and activities.

We encourage all students to keep pushing themselves and use the Early College supports, like Skills class, to be successful next semester.



MCJROTC

MCHS MCJROTC EARNs AWARDS AT MILITARY DRILL COMPETITION

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) earned awards at the Portage High School military drill meet on Saturday, December 2nd. The Wolves earned a 2nd place in the Personnel Inspection and 3rd places in Color Guard (Armed Division) and Armed Regulation. Cadet First Lieutenant Marcus Mantel, who commanded those three units plus the Armed Exhibition Platoon, earned special recognition from the Commanding Officer of the Purdue University Navy ROTC. Captain Chris Nelson, an active duty Navy officer, noted Mantel's exceptional individual performance in leading MCHS. Purdue NROTC midshipmen judged the event.

"Our cadets performed well against stiff competition," said Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor. "Now we know what we need to focus on to be prepared for the sectional meet." The Sectional meet will be held at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis on January 27th. The winner of that meet will compete in the National Championship meet in the Washington, DC area in April.

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, agreed with McGrath, and is optimistic that the cadets can improve on their Portage performance and be competitive in the sectional meet. "We have some inexperienced cadets who have made great strides this year. We just have to continue to work hard during this month and next month."

In addition to the Drill Team, the MCHS cadets will be competing in CyberPatriot, the national cyber security game for high school students. They will also be supporting MCHS and the community, by helping with the One City One Sound holiday concert, the Salvation Army's drive to help the underprivileged, and leading the Michigan City Festival of Lights parade.



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MCJROTC

CYBERPATRIOT

Cybersecurity is one of the fastest growing occupational fields, a career that pays well and has high job satisfaction. The cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) are obtaining a head start on the requirements of being a security manager of an information systems network by participating in Cyber Patriot, the national high school cybersecurity competition. They competed on December 7th, defending against a mock cyber attack. Besides the technical skills of manipulating the virtual imagery, cadets are also exercising decisiveness and judgment regarding making choices in a stressful situation. This was the state qualifying round. Results will be released next week.

“CyberPatriot provides great experience for a growing career field,” said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. “We are very fortunate here at MCHS to have Mr. Ralph Gee, the Engineering and Robotics Instructor, to advise us on the best way to prepare for the competition.”

Gee was impressed with the improvement made by the cadets this year. “It is great that all three will return, as they have

established a solid foundation for us to compete at the next level.” MCHS’s goal is to make it to the National Finals which are held in the Washington, DC area every Spring.

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, cited the effort demonstrated by the cadets on the team. “These cadets really show our “whole cadet” concept. We run a well-rounded program, exposing cadets to all JROTC extracurriculars.” In addition to CyberPatriot, MCHS has Military Drill, Shooting and Raider teams.

Besides the CyberPatriot competition, the cadets also participated in the Portage High School JROTC Military Drill Meet, provided Color Guards for the LaPorte County Veterans Court graduation and the MCHS Boys home basketball games, and supported the Salvation Army and the Michigan City Area Schools One City One Sound holiday concert.



MCJROTC

MCJROTC SUPPORTS MCAS, COMMUNITY

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) participated in many civic events in support of Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) and the LaPorte County community. Among those activities were supporting the Salvation Army with food donations, helping the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour, and assisting with the set-up and clean-up of the One City One Sound MCAS Holiday Concert. Cadets also led the Michigan City Festival of Lights Parade, along with providing Color Guards for the LaPorte County Veterans Court graduation and the MCHS home boys basketball games.

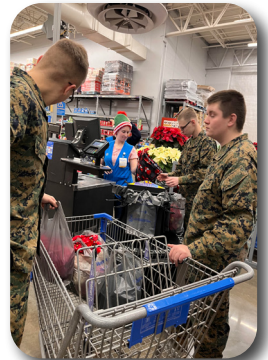
"Our cadets are exceptionally unselfish with their time and talents," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "Many of these cadets are on our drill team, which means their day starts at 0545 (5:45 am), and then they are doing community service at night and on the weekends."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, also noted that the cadets have their priorities straight. "These cadets know that, despite all of the time they put into our

extracurriculars and community service, academics is still the priority. Many of them have 3.0 cumcs (B average) or higher, and a few are straight A students."

The JROTC will continue to support the community, with the MCAS food drive on December 16th and the Salvation Army food distribution on December 21st. The MCHS military drill team will be practicing over the Christmas break in preparation for the Sectional Championship meet at Indianapolis Ben Davis High School on January 27th. If the Wolves win that meet, they will travel to the Washington, DC area to compete in the National Championship in April. The cadets will continue to support MCHS athletics, providing Color Guards for the basketball games and set-up help for the gymnastic meets. They will also do presentations at Barker and Krueger Middle Schools to familiarize 8th Graders with the

JROTC prior to the 8th graders scheduling for their courses for their freshmen year.



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Music

We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year's. It's hard to believe that it is 2024 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 choir students will travel to Valparaiso High School on January 27 to compete. The band students will travel to Kankakee Valley Middle School on February 3 to compete. Good luck to all of the students preparing for this competition!



Social Studies

Economics

The 2023 Fall semester is coming to a close and the Economics students have not disappointed. We have spent the last few weeks discussing **proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, franchises**, and more! Most recently we worked on a stock project and students presented some cool information about corporations.

As always one of my favorite projects to grade. As the semester closes I wish these seniors the best of luck as they will move on to Government in the spring and a new group will head to Economics!

American Politics

Our American Politics class is finishing a very challenging semester learning about our government and the people who make it work. All government classes teach about the institutions that govern our country and their functions. This course works to go one step further—the students look to understand why we are the way we are. Taught in conjunction with Professor Christine Barbour and Professor Gerald Wright of IU Bloomington, students are able to receive college level lectures and materials with the support of Mrs. Kessler at MCHS. Government and politics are all about deciding who gets what

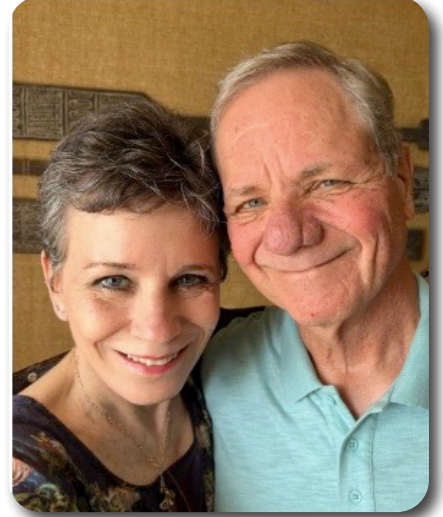
and how do they get it.

Students learn to understand the processes and people that answer those questions, where the system is getting it right, and where we need to work to improve.

This semester we anticipate approximately 35 MCHS Seniors earning credit for their Introduction to American Politics course. Great job students!

Spirit Week

The Social Studies Department enjoyed participating in the Holiday Spirit week! We want to wish everyone happy season!!



Professor Christine Barbour and Professor Gerald Wright of Indiana University Bloomington



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Esports

We are thrilled to announce that our school's Spring Season is just around the corner! We have a variety of exciting games for students to participate in and showcase their skills. However, we are still in need of players for the following games:

- Overwatch 2
- Super Smash Bros
- Chess
- Rocket League

If your child is interested in joining any of these teams, please contact [Mr. Melendez](#). Let's come together as a community and support our students in their passion for gaming!

Additionally, we are also seeking individuals who would like to commentate the games. These commentaries will be streamed live on Twitch and later uploaded on YouTube for everyone to enjoy. If you have a knack for providing insightful and engaging commentary, we would love to have you join our broadcasting team. Please contact [Mr. Melendez](#)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Counselors

FYI- Scheduling for the 24/25 school year is coming quickly! Please check your student email daily for more important information! Check out the [24/25 MCHS Course Guidebook here!](#)

School Counselors will be meeting with students in wolfpack periods during the month of January, so be on the lookout for info coming home!

Please follow the Michigan City High School Facebook Page to see what's happening at MCHS!

New program at AK Smith next year! **SMART MANUFACTURING!** See the [FLYER](#) for more info!

12/31- FAFSA Application **OPENS! FAFSA REQUIRED FOR ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!**

Healthy Culture

MCHS had an awesome spirit week before final exams. Thanks to Healthy Culture for getting the backdrops and photos of some fun!



Open Door

Michigan City High School - Care Closet Wishlist

- Male / Female / Neutral Products **NEEDED**
 - Shampoo and Conditioner
 - Body Wash / Body Spray
 - Deodorant
 - Lotion
 - Lip Balm / Chapstick
 - Hairbrushes / Combs

**Donations collected in the Open Door Adolescent Health Center
Room #O111 or call x4545**

Nurse

Over the counter medications can be given to students while at school. A parent or guardian needs to fill out the nonprescription form and send the form with the medication to the nurses office. We can then give their student the medication throughout the school year. At the end of the year we can send back whatever medications are left over.



Form # 239
Rev. 7/09

PARENTS AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

I do hereby authorize the school principal, teacher or other school employee designated by the principal to administer the non-prescription medication described below to my child, _____, in the dosage and at the frequency indicated below.

Name of Medication: _____

Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____

I further understand that I will be responsible for supplying this medication to the school in the original labeled container as purchased over the counter to properly identify same.

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Telephone

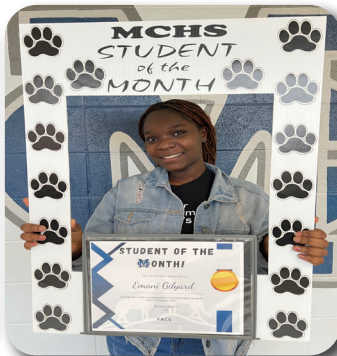
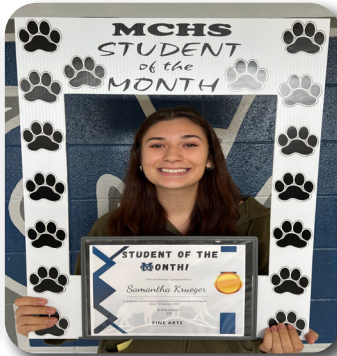
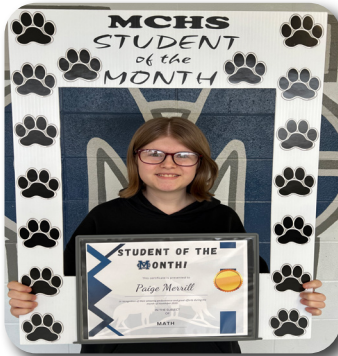
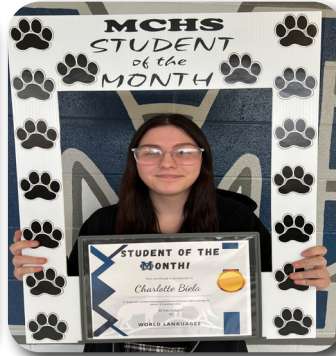
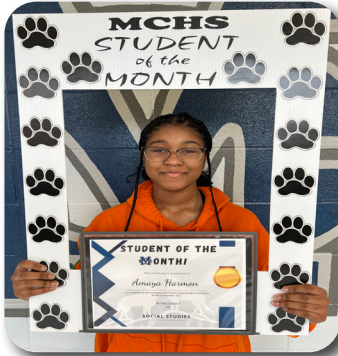
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Unless the authorization and statement are renewed, the medication cannot be given to the student.

**TO BE PLACED IN LOCKED STORAGE AREA TOGETHER
WITH THE NONPRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**

Student of the Month



JANUARY

CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	21	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

January Events

- **01/04** School Resumes
- **01/15** Martin Luther King Jr Day. **No School**
- **01/24** Early Release Day

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