



# MICHIGAN CITY Early College HIGH SCHOOL

## Introduction Newsletter

### MEET YOUR 10TH GRADE EC TEACHERS

#### **Ms. Weiss - Geometry Honors - [dweiss01@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:dweiss01@mcas.k12.in.us)**

Hello, my name is Diana Weiss. I am the Honors Geometry teacher for Early College. I graduated from IUSB with a Bachelors degree in Music Education. I have been here at MCHS since 2019 as a paraprofessional and decided I wanted to teach math. I took classes through IVY Tech and received my license for math in May of 2023. I started teaching math in February of 2023, and this is my second year teaching here at MCHS. I am a co-sponsor of the Class of 2027 and co-sponsor of the Tabletop Gaming Club.



#### **Ms. Laux - English Honors - [b.laux@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:b.laux@mcas.k12.in.us)**

Hello, my name is Bailee Laux. I am the Honors English teacher for Early College. I graduated from Marian University with a Bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education. I am an alumni of MCHS and this will be my first year teaching here. I'm looking forward to being part of the Early College team!



#### **Mr. Ewald - Chemistry Honors - [jewald@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:jewald@mcas.k12.in.us)**

My name is Jordan Ewald, and I am the Chemistry 1 Honors teacher for Early College. I graduated from Indiana University South Bend with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and have teaching licenses in Chemistry, Biology, and Earth and Space Science. I have been teaching at Michigan City High School since 2005 and am excited to join the Early College team this year.



#### **Mrs. Shaman - US History Dual Credit- [rshaman@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:rshaman@mcas.k12.in.us)**

Hello, my name is Rebecca Shaman. This is my 10th year at MCHS, 16th year teaching overall. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degrees in Classical Civilizations and Theology from Loyola University Chicago, with minors in both Political Science and Women's Studies. Afterwards, I attended Calumet College of St. Joseph to earn my Masters degree in Teaching. I am certified in Historical Perspectives and Government and Citizenship. I am currently working on my Masters degree in History at Indiana University Bloomington. Go Hoosiers! At MCHS, I am a sponsor for the History Club and Early College Club.



## Early College Skills - Gray Block 4

One of the perks of being part of the Early College program is our Gray Block 4 - Early College Skills class. Skills and Resource is designed to develop, strengthen, and improve skills for positive academic performance and achievement. This class provides students a valuable opportunity to complete assignments during the school day in a quiet learning environment. All Early College teachers are available during this time to provide additional support for our students.

### Looking Ahead: First Quarter



We have a lot of exciting material that we will be covering during the first quarter. In US History DC, students will be learning about early colonialism and the American Revolution. In English 10 Honors we will be reading *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe, a story of Africa's colonization through the eyes of fictional tragic hero Okonkwo. Students have already been introduced to the characters and we begin reading Monday! This novel is rich in content, language, and themes. In Geometry Honors we are working on constructions and rigid transformations. Not only will students learn how to draw on paper with a compass, ruler, and protractor, but will also learn how to do the same things using a digital application called GeoGebra. We will also learn about transforming shapes by translation, reflection, and rotation. In Chemistry Honors, we will be classifying matter, exploring the discovery and structure of the atom, and learning how to use the periodic table.



## US History Dual Credit - Indiana University

Early College is a unique opportunity for students to jump-start their college education. For our Early College sophomores that have a cumulative GPA of a 2.7 or higher, that started this year with their US History Dual Credit course through Indiana University. Time for the enrollment process will be provided in class with our Dual Credit coordinator Mr. Aaron Garrett. The enrollment deadline is September 6, 2024. There is no cost associated with this class! By the end of the semester, if your student has earned a C or better in the course, they will earn (3) college credits from Indiana University.

\*Students whose GPA is below a 2.7 will enroll in this course their Junior year of high school.

### Interested in supporting our classrooms?

We are always accepting donations of pencils, tissue & Lysol wipes. Just have your student bring it to their Skills teacher. Thank you!!!