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One City



One Sound



Student Council



Crushing Boxes
for Recycle

Subject

Wolf Pack Report

Happy New Year, Wolves! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break filled with family, friends, and maybe a few extra hours of sleep. As we kick off 2025, it's great to see everyone back in the halls, ready to tackle the rest of the school year.

This week is a big one—Final Exams are this Thursday and Friday, so now's the time to sharpen those pencils and your minds! Let's finish the first semester strong. Remember, next week we dive right into second semester, so it's a fresh start for all of us to set new goals and build on everything we've accomplished so far.

Also, a friendly reminder to keep an eye on the weather. As we all know, Indiana weather can be as unpredictable as a pop quiz, so be sure to stay tuned for potential delays or closures. Check our usual communication channels for updates, and make sure you have a warm coat handy for those chilly mornings!

Let's make 2025 a year of growth, success, and, of course, school spirit. We are excited to see all the amazing things our Wolves will achieve this semester. As always, thank you for your continued support in making Michigan City High School such a great place to learn and grow.

- The Administration Team

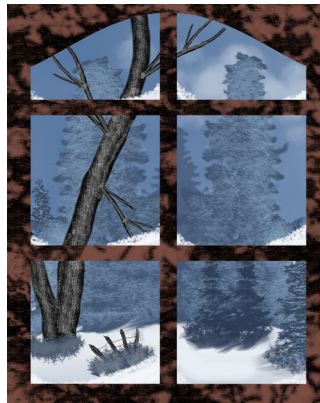
Subject *Career & Technical Ed*

Principles of Digital Design: Happy Trees, Happy Pixels

Students recently completed their digital painting project, appropriately titled Happy Little Pixels, where they recreated Bob Ross-inspired artwork using Photoshop tools. This creative and colorful project was a favorite among the class. Check out some of the amazing student artwork below! Looking ahead, next semester we'll shift our focus to digital photography, learning how to take compelling photos and enhance them through editing techniques.



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Subject *Career & Technical Ed*

Principles of Computing:

Students have been hard at work on their final projects, creating text-based adventure games. They've written their own stories and are programming the games using everything they've learned this semester. It's been incredible to see their creativity come to life through coding! Next semester, we'll spend about 4-6 weeks on Cybersecurity, diving into important topics like online safety and protection, before moving on to advanced Python concepts.

Cybersecurity Fundamentals:

This semester, students explored Risk Management, learning how to protect themselves and others from social engineering attacks, as well as how to locate and remove personal information from public databases. These real-world lessons have equipped students with the tools to stay safe in an increasingly connected world. Next semester, we'll build on this foundation, diving deeper into protection and security measures to safeguard networks and personal data.

Subject *Early College*

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

- Algebra: Yoselin Ambros-Xolio, Tatiana Deal, Loy'El Mayhams, Nathin Jenks, Gianna Van Norman
- Biology: Dai'Len Burnett, Mariah Edwards, Ella Galindo, Matthew Hatch, Coltin Heddens;
- English: Tatiana Deal, Damani Edgington, Elaya Hachem, Patrick Lawrence, Loy'El Mayhams
- Geography: Damani Edgington, Ella Galindo, Kelsi Houston, Mackenzie Hullinger, Loy'El Mayhams.
- Our Early College Shining Stars were Paige Cisar, Avion Coaks, Destiny Elliott, and Amelia Miegl.

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!

The 9th and 10th grade Early College have started the Early College Olympics. Events have included door decorations, Jenga, pumpkin carving, spelling bee, and math facts. It's great team

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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.



Subject *Fine Arts*

Art Department

The Art Department sponsored a field trip to Chicago on December 6th. Students had the opportunity to see public sculptures, like Cloud Gate (The Bean), and to see exhibitions in the Cultural Center, one of Chicago's architectural gems.



The Bean

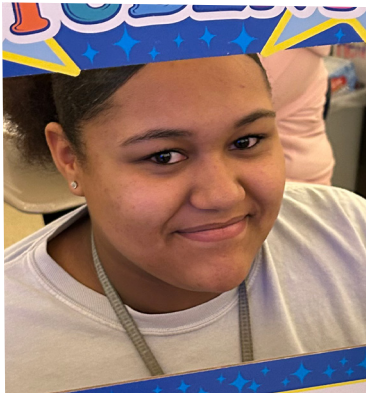
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Algebra I December Star Students

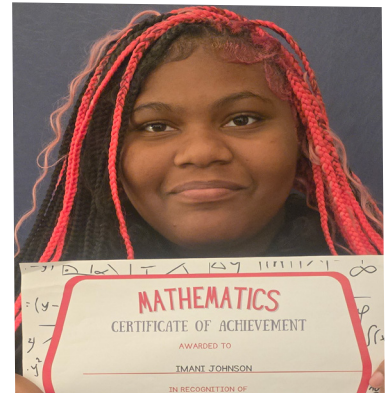
Hard work, motivated to learn and prepared for class are characteristics in our December Star Students



Jada Adrian



Amelia Isbell



Imani Johnson

Subject

MCJROTC

First Place at Portage

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) earned a first place trophy at the Portage military drill meet on Saturday, December 7th in the Color Guard category. The Wolves defeated larger schools, to include perennial powerhouse schools Ben Davis and Warren Central from Indianapolis. Three of the four cadets in the Color Guard plan to enter the military. Cadet Major Marcus has enlisted in the Marine Corps for Reconnaissance, which is the Marine equivalent of Navy SEALs or Army Special Forces. Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Wilson plans to enlist in the Navy for their nuclear submarine program. Cadet Sergeant Jordon Staples plans on enlisting in the Army for infantry. He replaced Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Daniel Kohn, who was wrestling for the MCHS team which had a tournament on the same day. Kohn, a junior, plans on attending the U.S. Naval Academy. An education there is valued at \$350,000. Upon graduation, he wants to become a Navy SEAL.

"Despite having to replace some of our usual starters for a variety of reasons, our younger cadets stepped up and made us competitive in the other categories," said Marine Instructor Master Sergeant Jeff Benak.

Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath noted the

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dedication of the cadets who, on that same day, also volunteered at the Salvation Army and then led the Michigan City Festival of Lights Parade that night. "Our cadets demonstrated that 'can-do,' 'do-what-needs-to-be-done' attitude that typifies MCHS cadets."

The cadets will continue to support MCHS and the community up to the holiday break. This includes providing Color Guards for all home basketball games, helping with the One City One Sound concert, and supporting the Salvation Army with Christmas basket donations.



Drill Team



Eyes Right



Present Colors

Subject

MCJROTC

Supporting School and Community

The hectic pace of the holiday season did not deter the cadets of the Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) from supporting their school, school district and the community. The cadets supported the Salvation Army with off loading and sorting donations. The MCHS Color Guard led the Michigan City Festival of Lights parade. At MCHS, the Color Guard presented the Colors at all home basketball games. The cadets also assisted with the set-up, crowd and traffic control for the One City One Sound holiday concert.

Upon returning from the holiday break, the JROTC will be preparing for their presentations to the 8th graders at Barker and Kreuger Middle Schools. "These presentations are very important for our enrollment," said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. "Since the Covid shutdown of schools, JROTC programs of all services nationwide have struggled with enrollment."

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, said that this is also a good time to break some of the misperceptions about the JROTC. "There is no military commitment with our program. This is a leadership course that will assist any student who desires to be a leader in any career."

The MCHS Military Drill Team will continue with their 5:45

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am practices in preparation for two big meets at Indianapolis Ben Davis on February 1st and Fort Wayne Concordia on February 22nd. The cadets will also continue to support MCHS home athletic events.



Present Colors



One City One Sound Setup



Salvation Army



*Mercedes White
"Self Above Service" award*



City Christmas Parade

Subject *Music*

We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year's. It's hard to believe that it is 2025 already! Let's make this a great year!

On December 14, 2024, City Singers performed at the La Porte Civic Auditorium with the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra. The choir joined forces with one of La Porte high school's choirs to sing 2 songs with the symphony. It was a wonderful experience and the choir received an exceptional amount of praise. They will be invited back to perform with the Symphony in the near future!

The high school band and choir students will be spending the month of January preparing for the District ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. The band students will travel to Kankakee Valley Middle School on February 1 to compete. The choir students will travel to Valparaiso High School on February 8 to compete. Good luck to all of the students preparing for this competition!



Symphony



Symphony

Subject *Social Studies*

Focused and Inspired: Students Tackle Individual Final Projects

In a classroom buzzing with quiet determination, students are hard at work on the first part of their individual final project—a comprehensive slideshow that highlights key concepts from the Geography and History of the World curriculum.

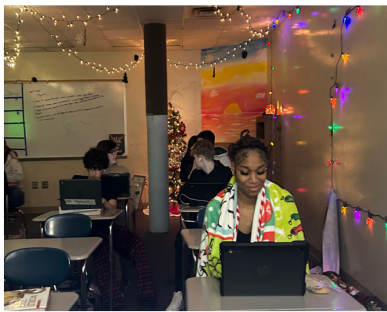
This assignment challenges each student to independently showcase their understanding of the material covered throughout the year. From exploring ancient civilizations to analyzing global cultural changes, students are connecting the dots between geography and history in creative and meaningful ways.

Each slideshow is a personal journey through time and space, featuring maps, timelines, visuals, and in-depth research. The project provides an opportunity for students to reflect on what they've learned while demonstrating their skills in research, organization, and presentation.

The classroom is a hub of productivity as students fine-tune their slides, select impactful visuals, and craft compelling narratives. The independence of the project encourages self-directed learning and critical thinking, giving students the freedom to express their unique perspectives and areas of interest.

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As they put the finishing touches on their work, a sense of pride is evident. These individual projects are not just a review for the final—they are a celebration of the knowledge and skills the students have gained throughout the year. The final presentations promise to be as diverse and inspiring as the students themselves!



Subject *Extra Curriculars*



Swinging for the win



My Team



Wolfpack Squad



Game On

Subject *Esports*

The Wolves Esports program is gearing up for an exciting Spring Split, and we're kicking things off with our first match of the season in Overwatch 2 on Tuesday, January 14th. We're hopeful that all of our teams were hard at work over winter break, practicing their skills and preparing to dominate in their respective games.

Our broadcast schedule for this semester is packed with action, so mark your calendars all matches streamed at 4pm central:

- Tuesdays: Overwatch 2 (live-streamed) and Chess (not streamed)
- Wednesdays: Super Smash Bros (live-streamed) Fortnite (not streamed)
- Thursdays: Rocket League (live-streamed)

Stay connected and never miss a moment:

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- Facebook - [Michigan City Wolves Esports](#)
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Month

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Notes

01/09 - Blue Day Finals

01/10 - Gray Day Finals

01/10 - 2nd Grading Period Ends

01/18 - 2nd Semester Begins

01/20 - Martin Luther King Day - No School