

# MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

May 2019

## Congratulations 2019 Valedictorians and Salutatorians



**BR:** Joseph Furfaro, Jacob Roeder, C.J. Fisher,  
Devyn Miller, Madison Hess, Dylan Williams

**FR:** Elizabeth McKesson, Jonathon Groom,  
Quora Neff, Nicholas Bulla

142<sup>nd</sup>  
COMMENCEMENT  
JUNE 9, 2019



# It's The Principal of the Thing

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I feel it is important to say "thank you" to our faculty, administrators, students, parents, and school community for all their hard work in making Mishawaka High School a great place. The 2018–19 school year has been filled with successful academic accomplishments by both students and faculty here at MHS. The final day of school for this school year is scheduled for June 7th for students, and June 10<sup>th</sup> for teachers. Our commencement ceremony for our graduating class will take place on June 9th at 4:00 pm here at the high school in the East Gymnasium.

This year's graduation speaker will be Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Tavitas, a 1980 graduate of Mishawaka High School and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Mishawaka High School values our graduation day ceremony and looks forward to celebrating with Seniors and their families in the East Gym of Mishawaka High School. Those of you with senior students, continue to emphasize the importance of proper behavior and professional dress from our students on graduation day.

Continue to encourage your student(s) to strive for excellence in their academics and extra-curricular activities. Please continue to regularly check Alma or contact a teacher/counselor if you have any concerns regarding your son or daughter academically during this final grading period of the school year. As we build for our continued success, it is imperative that we focus on creating a "Road to Excellence".

Thank you for all your support and assistance during this school year. The Mishawaka High School community is a special place and having the opportunity to serve as the Principal continues to be a rewarding experience. Please understand that our teachers, staff, students, and administrative team appreciate your continued partnership in the educational process.

Thank you for making Mishawaka High School the choice for your son/daughter.

Sincerely,



Principal



All of the MHS Administrators want to see your student succeed. We are here for students and parents and we want to develop a partnership with you. Don't hesitate to ask for our assistance if you have any questions or concerns. Your student's education and welfare is our highest priority and together we can work to make this a great school year for you and your student.

Jerome Calderone, *Principal* 254-7305

John Ross, *Associate Principal* 254-7306

Dave Troyer, *Assistant Principal 11th grade* 254-7307

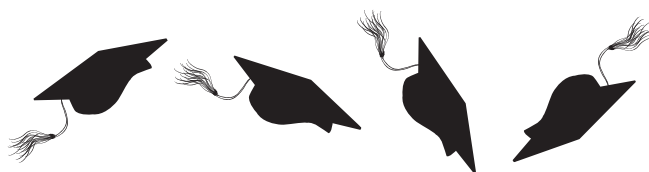
Chad Brugh, *Dean of Students 9th grade* 254-7312

Jessica Mann, *Dean of Students 12th grade* 254-7314

Sean Steinkellner, *Dean of Students 10th grade* 254-7313

Debbie Lewinski, *Administrative Intern* 254-7325

Jenifer Fisher, *Transition Coordinator* 254-7308



## Graduation

Graduation letters full of graduation and Senior information was mailed to all seniors the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not received a letter by mail, please stop by the Main Office to see Ms. Hathaway. Diplomas will be ready for pick-up in the commons Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. With Commencement being inside this year, there is limited seating. Each senior will be receiving eight tickets and you must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. Any questions, please call 254-7300. The 142<sup>nd</sup> Commencement will take place on Sunday, June 9, 2019 in the East Gym of Mishawaka High School at 4:00 p.m. Court Appeals Judge Elizabeth Tavitas, a 1980 Mishawaka High School graduate will be this year's commencement speaker.

## Art

The 2019 Scholastic Art Awards once again saw Mishawaka win more awards than any other year. Over a hundred schools competed this year in the Northwest Indiana and Lower Southwest Michigan Art Region with over three thousand works of art entered. 750 works were awarded. The Cavemen artists took 100 of those awards and received more Gold Keys than any other school.

Senior Hannah Tiller walked away with an unprecedented 12 awards including a Gold Key Portfolio. Other Seniors that led the MHS Art Department this year were Elena Trejo, who is heading to Kendall College of Art and Design at Ferris State on an art scholarship and Kiera Nolen who will be continuing developing her artistic talents in Ball State's art program. Senior Areana Steinke also represented her school well with two Honorable Mentions and a Gold Key. Junior Theresa Salay let the Region know that the class of 2020 will be a something to look out for with her three Honorable Mentions and two Silver Keys. Other highlights included

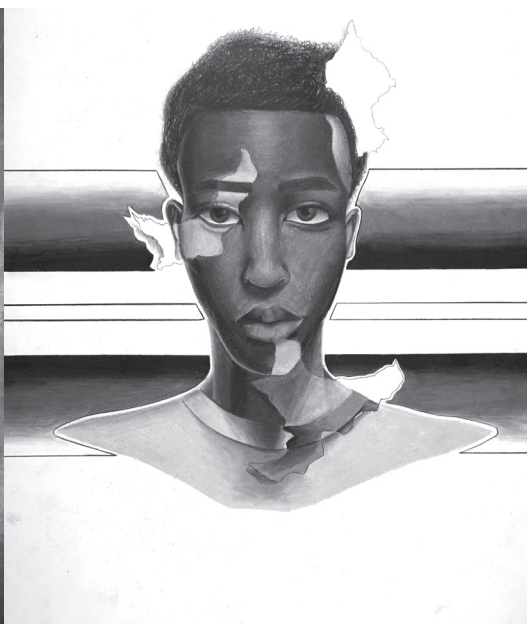
Senior Megan Ping and Junior Ethan Sergeant taking awards with the Region's only winning Comic Book entries. Junior sculptor Kayla Dewulf impressed the judges in the 3-D category with three Gold Keys and two Silver Keys. With so many Mishawaka student's work on display at the Werner Gallery at Century Center in February, the art teachers felt blessed to have such hard working students representing our program.

In March, eight students in our Region were awarded National Medals, two went to MHS. Izzy Barstow won a Silver Medal for her photography and Flynn Scorzelli won a Gold Medal for Drawing and Illustration, one of only two Gold Medals in our Region. "The Mishawaka Renaissance" keeps rolling!

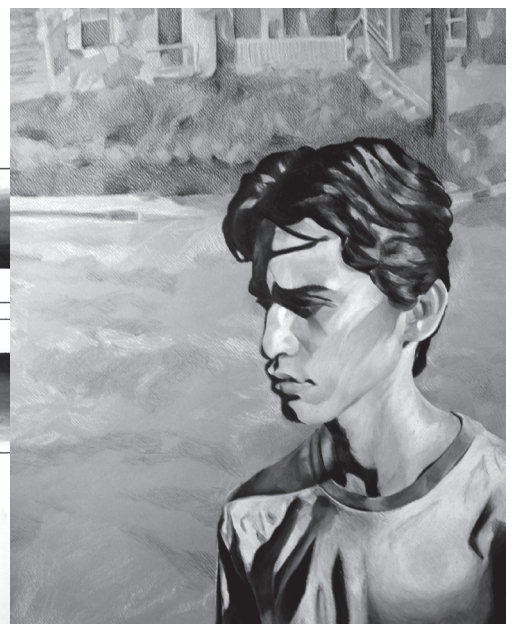
To see a complete list of awards and artwork go to <https://www.mishawakaschools.com/Page/1161>



Izzy Barstow, *Creepy Vintage*  
Photography, National Silver Medal



Hannah Tiller, *Akhenaten*  
Drawing and Illustration, Silver Key



Flynn Scorzelli, *Farewell Lane*  
Drawing and Illustration, National Gold Medal

## Engineering Design & Development

Mr. Modlin's students participated in a miles-per-gallon race on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Raceway Park in Indianapolis. The students who participated were Alex Biesbrouck, Gary Creighton, Troy Crooks, James Cunningham-Gloster, Faith Hardy, Anthony Horvath, Tim Huff, Mia McQuain, Simon Slavinskis, Erik Singleton.

They also were given a news segment on NewsCenter 16 on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Regional Academic Super Bowl

On Tuesday, April 16, 2019 the MHS Science Academic Team of Joy Thompson, Logan DeSchepper, John Jachmiack, and Payton Engdahl competed in the Academic Super Bowl. Together they scored a 19 out of 25 possible points winning first place and beating Penn with a tie breaker. This year's team is coached by MHS Science Teachers Courtney Brummett and Patrick Hahn.



## Band

During Spring Break, students from the MHS band, orchestra, and dance programs traveled to Orlando, Florida. The groups loaded three motor coaches and traveled 21 hours southeast. Students, chaperones, and directors spent four incredible (and warm) days in the sunshine state. The first day was spent in Universal Studios exploring many amazing rides and attractions including The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The next three days were spent in the four Disney World parks. Both the band and orchestra participated in *Disney You're Instrumental* workshops where the students worked with a professional Disney clinician. Each

group worked for over two hours to improve the ensemble's technique and musicianship. They ended the workshop by recording Disney music and setting it to a clip from a movie.

The orchestra had their own performance at an outdoor stage in Disney Springs. The band and dancers performed in the parade in Magic Kingdom. Both groups made Mishawaka proud with their performances and their high levels of professionalism during this unique and memorable travel experience.



## National Honor Society

In the 2018-2019 school year, the National Honor Society here at Mishawaka High School has accomplished numerous tasks that were put in front of us. While completing these tasks we were still able to make this a year full of fun moments and rewarding outcomes, which is how it should be. There can be no greater joy found than that found in the act of helping others and giving to the community and school.

Throughout the year we contributed to events such as our annual food drive through immense hours worked by our members and took on the largest family for the adopt-a-family program that is put on by the school. Inside the school, we acted as a central location for students to find tutors in subjects they struggle with and possibly learn more about what the National Honors Society does. The annual Blood Drive brought many of our members out to participate. Our large group service project was directed towards Mishawaka High School itself as we developed a plan to beautify the grounds of Mishawaka in efforts to restore a clean image to the school after winter.

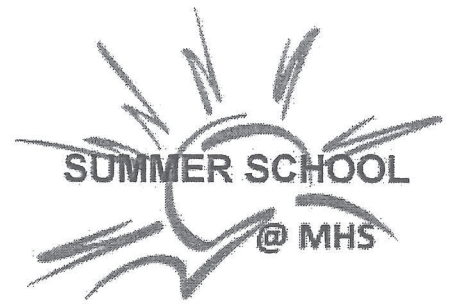
An extremely exciting time of the year for everyone in our society was the induction of students from the Junior class and some from the Senior Class. This is especially exciting

when looking to the future of the National Honor Society and what new ambitious members bring to the table. It was exceptional to see such a large chapter induction as we see these numbers grow every year. With this brings the election of new executive officers for the following chapter; these people act as the conductor and determine the true success of NHS. This is not to discredit the diligent work every member brings to the table, as many of the best thoughts come from the members, not the executive board. The constant effort is shown as we see all members step over our hour requirements for the semester with ease, even doubling the required hours. It is always preached to never settle for the minimum bar.

To recap the National Honors Society 2018–2019 Chapter and our work, we accomplished tasks such as the cleanup of our High School grounds, the feeding of our amazing community, a system of tutor assistance for struggling students, and an investment into the future of the National Honors Society. As we accomplished many tasks, many ideas and desires were left undone, which is expected as we always set the bar high. These uncompleted tasks may be left up to the future chapters in their pursuit of the betterment of Leadership, Character, Service, and Scholarship. –Eric Vargo

# Mishawaka High School

## Summer School Offerings 2019



**DATES:** Session 1: June 11 (Tu) – July 2 (Tu)

Session 2: July 3 (W) – July 25 (Th)

**TIMES:** 7:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. / Monday - Friday

**COST:** FREE

**Select up to two courses** in which you wish to enroll.

- Due to the accelerated schedule, daily (Mon-Fri) you are required to attend classes every day. Any absence may result in lost credit.

**3 Week Sessions** Time: 7:35 - 11:35 a.m. 4 hours daily

| <u>COURSE</u>            | <u>SESSION 1</u> | <u>SESSION 2</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Algebra I - 1 or 2       | _____            | _____            |
| Algebra II - 1 or 2      | _____            | _____            |
| Health                   | _____            | _____            |
| Government               | _____            | _____            |
| Economics                | _____            | _____            |
| English 9/10/11/12 SEM I | _____            | SEM II _____     |
| Physical Ed              | SEM I _____      | SEM II _____     |
| US History               | SEM I _____      | SEM II _____     |

P.E. Dress Code: White (plain)  
T-shirt, dark shorts, tennis  
shoes, one-piece swimsuit

**Early College - Choose 1 Session**

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| Early College - 9  | _____ | _____ |
| Early College - 10 | _____ | _____ |
| Early College - 11 | _____ | _____ |

**Basic Skills - Select One**

**Basic Skills** (In-coming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students/0.5 credits)

|                       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| *Basic Skills Math    | _____ | _____ |
| *Basic Skills English | _____ | _____ |

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| <b>Block 1</b><br><b>7:35 – 9:35 AM</b><br>Math _____<br>English _____ | <b>Block 2</b><br><b>9:35 – 11:35 AM</b><br>Math _____<br>English _____ |
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\* Basic Skills is recommended for students who did not pass the Math and/or English ISTEP/ECA exams.

**ALTERNATIVE DAY** Purpose: Recovery of lost credits per Counselor recommendation.

Select Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Course 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Course 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return completed form to MHS Registrar, Mrs Houser, in the Counseling Office.*





# MHS ATHLETICS

by Dean Huppert, Director of Athletics

The Cavemen are having a great Spring with baseball continuing their momentum from last year's Regional run. Mishawaka was put in the top 10 for the first time in recent memory. The boys and girls track teams both beat Penn and are hoping for big things in the sectional and conference meets. Our brand new track will be the home of both the NIC Boys and Girls Track Championships this year.

Mishawaka is also the host of the NIC Spring Executive Meeting. Conference Coaches of the Year, Keith Kinder (Football 2018) and Blair Vandenburg (Boys Golf 2018) will be honored along with 2018 Football NIC Player of the Year Chris Harness.

The 2019 Class of Mishawaka Athletic Hall of Famers was inducted on April 27th. Going into this years' class are: Nicholas Banke (2009), John Carlson (2006), Freddie Fitzsimmons (Early 1900's), Susie "Hambling" Peterson (1996), Katie "Malkewicz" Weiss (1996), Amber "McClure" Fayerweather (1998), Lowell Nichols (1948), and Craig Padgett (2008).

A pair of multi-sport athletes were honored as Grant Jablonski was the Penn Station Athlete of the Month for March and CJ Fisher was recently honored by the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation as their scholar athlete. He was the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship that he will use next year when he attends Mississippi State.

Cavemen Tennis earned a \$500 grant from the South Bend Tennis Association for growing the program. Also, all of our schools participated in a USTA Net Generation training that will help each school with racquets, balls and other tennis equipment.

Mishawaka has had 18 student athletes sign to continue their athletic careers at colleges across the midwest. Most recently, AJ Rosebush (Adrian University, Basketball), Deijana Smith (St. Mary's of the Woods, Track), Anna Carpenter (Bethel University, Softball), Hailey Unger (Kentucky State, Softball), and Gabriel Weeks (Luther College, Wrestling).

On April 11th, all of the Northern Lakes Conference schools had representatives come to MHS to tour our facilities. We took them to The Irions Strength and Conditioning Center, the MHS Pool, The Cave, Steele Stadium, Baker Park, and Eberhart Course. Mishawaka will enter the NLC in the Fall of 2020 with Concord, Goshen, Plymouth, Northridge, NorthWood, Wawasee and Warsaw.

Future Cavemen are invited to attend Cavemen Sports Camps this summer for more information go to:  
[www.mishawakaschools.com/camps](http://www.mishawakaschools.com/camps)

You can also pick up a camp brochure at any of our schools or administration building that lists all of our camps with prices.



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## 2020 M VISION



Northern Lakes  
Conference



## Champions Together

The Champions Together Team once again participated in this year's Polar Plunge at Four Winds Field. The Polar Plunge is Special Olympics Indiana's biggest fundraiser. Ten Champions took the plunge on a frigid February afternoon and many others came out to support them and cheer them on. The students raised almost \$1200 for Special Olympics Indiana.

In March, the Champions Together held their first ever Staff vs Students basketball game. Students did a fantastic job of selling tickets, running the concessions, keeping score, announcing and making the game a success for all involved. The cheerleaders were there cheering on both teams, and a great crowd turned out to cheer on both the students and staff. In the end, the students were victorious over the staff. Everyone had a great time and over \$500 was raised for Special Olympics Indiana.



## French Honor Society

The French Honor Society (SHF) had its induction ceremony on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ten students who have achieved a high academic record and shown great interest in the study of French were honored with this ceremony.

## Committee for School Improvement

This year in advisory, students have been participating in activities each Tuesday. These "Tuesday Activities" are grade-level specific and are intended to address college, career, and citizenship curriculum. The freshmen activities have focused on transitioning into high school and skills needed to be successful in high school. The sophomore activities build on those skills, in addition to engaging in initial discussions and research for jobs and college information. The junior activities focus on setting goals, meeting deadlines, and college and job research. Finally, the senior

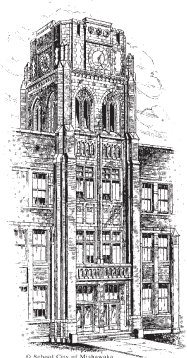
activities not only focus on college and job information, but also activities designed to help students adapt to living on their own after high school (about insurance, taxes, setting budgets, renting, etc).

Sophomores, juniors and seniors also had the opportunity to hear from local community members who gave presentations on a variety of topics. Seniors attended a presentation by an IUSB financial aid officer, Emily Hoover, about different types of financial aid available to pay for

college. Sophomores and juniors had visiting members of the military about the different branches and career opportunities available within. Our own Mishawaka High School resource officer, Officer Faltynski, shared information with students about how to interact appropriately with law enforcement. Finally, juniors and seniors were encouraged and reminded to celebrate safely, especially at the end-of-year events, in a presentation by Lieutenant Williams of the Mishawaka police department. We would like to thank these community members for their support and assistance in our Tuesday activities!

# CAVEMEN "ROCK"





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## Dates to Remember

### May

- 27 No School, Holiday
- 31 Senior Finals begin

### June

- 3-7 Finals Week
- 7 Last Student Day
- 9 Graduation, E. Gym, 4pm

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