

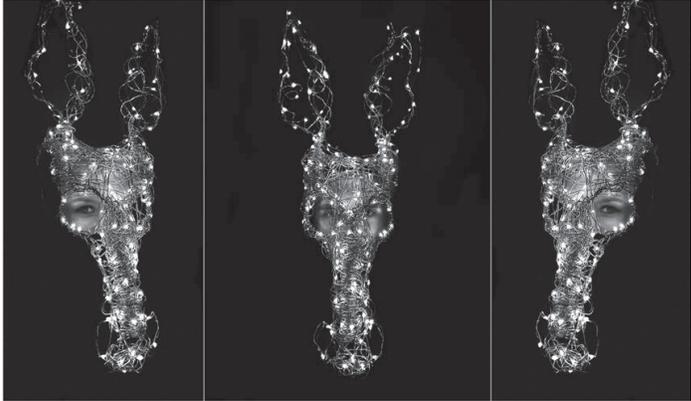
MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

February 2019

MHS Art Students Win Over 100 Awards!

Mishawaka art students earned over a hundred awards at this year's regional Scholastic Art Awards. The award ceremony was on February 3rd at the Century Center and the artwork can be enjoyed in Werner Gallery through the month of February. Among the many outstanding artists receiving honors this year are seniors Hannah Tiller, Elena Trejo and Kiera Nolen with strong work helping make this our best year yet.

See more artwork on pages 3 & 4



Mask Tryptic, Photography by Hannah Tiller, Gold Key



Hands, Drawing and Illustration by Kiera Nolen, Gold Key



Horns and Fur, Drawing and Illustration by Elena Trejo, Silver Key

It's The Principal of the Thing

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is difficult to believe that the first six week grading period of the second semester is over and we continue to get closer to the spring season. The second semester for our students means new classes, new teachers, new challenges and the opportunity to learn and achieve academically. As administrators and staff here at Mishawaka High School, that translates into being prepared to assist our students in reaching their academic goals.

The last newsletter reported several successes and awards our students achieved during the first semester. Here are some to report to you already during this semester. The Indiana Department of Education announced in November that Mishawaka High School received a "B" as our letter grade for the 2017-18 school year. Our 2018 graduation rate was 92%, which we should be proud of as a school community. Mishawaka High School continued to have a record number of students that received honors at this year's Scholastic Art Show and presently our Spell Bowl Team and Quiz Bowl Team (Conference Champions) advanced to the State level this year. We also held our 134th National Honor Society Inductions on February 4th in the school auditorium and our guest speaker was Mr. Keith Kinder, one of our successful English teachers here at Mishawaka High School.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the MHS PTSA, PTA Council and the Mishawaka Education foundation for their continued support of our students, staff, teachers and administration throughout the school year. Your support and partnership is greatly appreciated. Please keep in mind that Beyond the Cave continues to provide services in the Guidance Office after school hours. These services can be scheduled with Mr. Brian Baumer at 254-7300 ext. 7445 or by contacting the Guidance Office at 254-7316. Assistance in the areas of financial aid, careers, colleges and scholarships are available.

We continue to make progress here at Mishawaka High School and will continue to look for ways to improve overall in the near future. However, we need our families to continue to develop partnerships with your son or daughter's teachers and administrators. These partnerships will have a positive impact on our school community, student learning and the ongoing improvement process at Mishawaka High School.

Remember, together we can do great things.

Sincerely,



Jerome Calderone
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

ISTEP Testing Dates

ISTEP+ Spring Re Tests Parts 1 & 2

February 11 thru March 8

ISTEP+ Grade 10 First Administration Part 1

February 25 thru March 22 (We will conduct practice tests the week of Feb. 25, and begin testing Part 1 week of March 4)

ISTEP+ Grade 10 First Administration Part 2

April 8 thru May 3 (April 8 is the first week back from spring break, we will begin testing the week of April 15)

ILEARN Biology

April 22 thru May 24 (We will begin this testing the 2nd or 3rd week of May, after all ISTEP+ has been completed.)

Counselors'

Corner

Scheduling for the upcoming school year is underway. Counselors are visiting students in advisory and meeting with students individually to make preparations for the upcoming school year. Reminder to students and parents that the different diploma requirements are online at the MHS website under the Academics Tab: www.MishawakaSchools.com/mhs. Course descriptions are listed there too.

The SAT will be administered in May at MHS on May 4th. Registration is required through collegeboard.com by April 5th. It is recommended that juniors take this test in the spring. A student may receive a waiver for the test cost if they are part of the national reduced lunch program. A fee waiver is good for two tests. The eligible student should see their counselor to obtain this.

Seniors are preparing for graduation and counselors/administrators are in process of reviewing ISTEP scores, credits and finalizing notices to parents for where their individual students stand as we move toward this monumental occasion. Please be looking for this letter in the next few weeks. Any senior still needing to pass the ISTEP will begin the re-test process in February.

Notice for 21st century scholars! It is the student scholar responsibility to keep on his/her scholar track account up to date. Remember there are tasks in the scholar account that need to be completed each year to stay on track for this scholarship. Also, senior scholar GPAs will be reported to the state in June and the 21st century scholar must have a 2.5 GPA to be a recipient. Further, all senior 21st century scholars must complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov as one of their senior tasks.

Attendance Office

We wish to explain our procedures related to student absences for the 2018–19 school year. Unexcused absences are considered truancy and are in violation of the Indiana Compulsory Attendance Law.

Absences without written notification from the parent/guardian or for reasons other than those listed below are considered unexcused absences. We excuse absences with a phone call from the parent/guardian for the reasons listed here:

- Illness, supported by a doctor's statement or supported by notification from the parent
- Death in the family, supported by notification from the parent
- Religious observance, supported by notification from the parent

- Quarantine of the home, supported by notification from the parent
- Professional appointments during the school day, supported by notification from the doctor's office, etc.

When student absences are unexcused or the number of absences is significant, the student and parent will be contacted via phone initially, then with a written notification. Once the unexcused days reach 6 or more, a meeting with the parent will be requested by their Dean or Assistant Principal. If attendance problems continue, the school will forward a form with the attendance information to failure to comply with the interventions or accrual of continued unexcused absences may result in a referral to the DCS or Prosecutor's Office.

The parent/guardian needs to call the attendance line (254-7309) the day of the absence or submit a written notice stating one of the reasons listed above within two days upon return to school. Otherwise, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Regular school attendance is necessary for a successful school experience. The goal of this procedure is to improve the attendance of those children with unexcused absences, high absentee rates, or serious tardiness.



*Seated Figure, Drawing and Illustration
by Shaylyn Frascchetti, Gold Key*

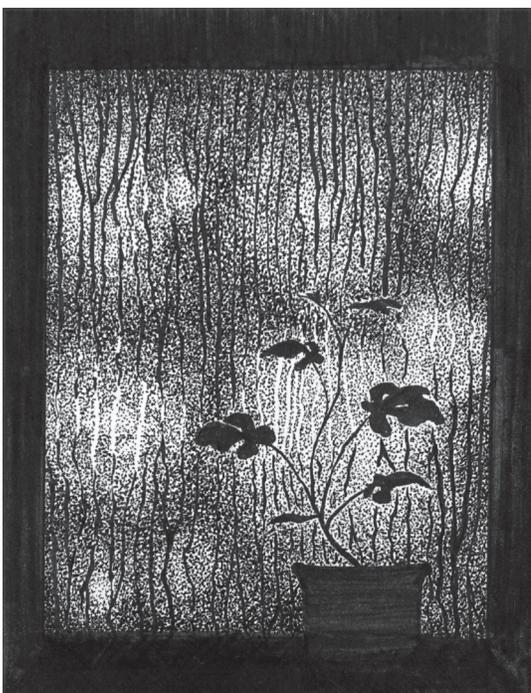


Mock Trial Regional Team

Mishawaka High School's Mock Trial team is having a great year. We are hard at work preparing for our roles as lawyers and witnesses, and we are excited about our chances at competition. Our first "trial" is this month when we will have two teams compete at Regionals in South Bend (at Adams High School). Practices and competitions involve presenting a legal case: students work hard to understand the case, then become the witnesses and lawyers. They act

and develop strategies for a successful trial. We are excited to see how things play out this year at competition!

You can help support MHS Mock Trial by either volunteering to judge a round of competition or by coming out to watch our teams compete. To find out more information about either of these options, please email Mrs. Jessica Monroe: monroej@mishawaka.k12.in.us and specify whether you are interested in judging or watching the competition (or both).



Tiny Rainy Window, Drawing and Illustration by Areana Steinke, Gold Key



Total Eclipse of the Heart, Photography by Kelson Burns, Gold Key

Band Brings Home the Gold!

On Saturday, February 2nd, over 100 Mishawaka High School Band students performed at Northwood High School for the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest. The students perform alone or with a small group in front of a judge who will critique them on all aspects of their performance. Based on their performance and score, the students receive a gold, silver, or bronze rating. MHS had great success with many

gold ratings. Six students performed at the highest level (group I) and earned a gold rating. They also earned the opportunity to perform again at the state level in Indianapolis on February 23rd. The band is now working on preparations for their spring break trip to Florida. Another exciting event is the band concert on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. The band will perform musical selections from the movies.



Unified Champions

Mishawaka High School was awarded a banner last year for being a Special Olympics Unified Champions School. According to the website, a UC School promotes social inclusion by bringing together young people with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams (Special Olympics Unified Sports) through inclusive student clubs, together in school or community-wide initiatives, and by fostering youth leadership. At its core, this Unified strategy is about unifying all students—with and without disabilities—using sports as a catalyst for social inclusion and attitude and behavioral change.

Mishawaka High school has a group of students who come together twice a month and participate in activities such as basketball, games, craft activities, fundraisers, and special

events. The program has grown since last year and just keeps on growing!

Upcoming events include the unified basketball game in the Cave Gym on March 8th at 4:00 p.m. along with the Polar Plunge in South Bend on February 23rd.

Trip to Europe

MHS art students will be once again heading to Europe. This time to Germany and the Swiss Alps in June of 2020. We will be touring historic sights in the beautiful south of Germany as well as the Alps. From the famous castles to the concentration camp memorial, from Munich to the Rhineland, we will be experiencing some of the most important and beautiful sights in Europe on this once in a life time tour. Students and parents interested in the Germany trip should contact Mr. Sergeant at sergeantr@mishawaka.k12.in.us.”



MHS ATHLETICS

by Dean Huppert, Director of Athletics

Mishawaka Athletics continue to improve in 2018–19. The wrestling team placed 2nd in the NIC Championships with Brodie Fogarty, Drew Mason, Jacob LaPlace and Joe Walker all winning the Northern Indiana Conference in their weight classes. LaPlace was also an Al Smith Invitational Champ while the team placed 11th out of 32 teams. At the Indiana Girls Wrestling Championships, Senior Salome Walker became the State Runner-up while Ashley JoJo finished 3rd.

The Mishawaka swimming and dive teams saw Sophomore Vivian Miller break two school records. She swam a time of 25.57, breaking the old mark set by Kim Schmanski in 2010. Miller also broke Schmanski's 100 Freestyle record with a time of 56.78 and was named the Indianapolis Star Athlete of the Week. Meanwhile, Brant Zickefoose was the first NIC Boys Diving Champ in Mishawaka school history.

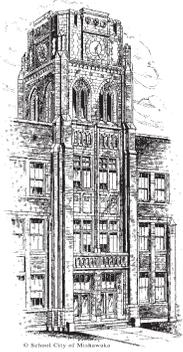
The boys basketball team had a string of 4 wins in-a-row this year. Coach Ron Hecklinski hosted the Mishawaka Donation Classic February 16th with part of the proceeds went to the Indiana Donor Network.

The girls basketball team had a big early season win against John Glenn and came up one point short against state power South Bend Saint Joe. Head Coach Sarah DeShone is in her first year as the varsity head coach and ended the regular season with a 7–16 record.

Cavemen Athletics had National Signing Day on Wednesday February 6th with student athletes from all sports coming together to celebrate going to the next level.







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Dates to Remember

February

23 State Solo & Ensemble Contest

March

1 End of the 4th grading period

2 Vocal Jazz/Maroon Jazz/
Jazz Band Contest

14–16 Spring Musical “Music Man”
Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

15 Snow Make-Up Day

27 Evening at the Pops, Auditorium
7:00 p.m. \$2 admission

April

1–5 Spring Break

16 Regional Academic Super Bowl

18 Spring Band Festival Symphonic
& Concert Band, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

18 End of 5th grading period

19 Recess Day – No School

22

Snow Make-Up Day

23

Jazz Band Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

25

Festival of Strings, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

26

Student Council Talent Show, Auditorium
6:00 p.m.

May

6–10

Teacher Appreciation Week

10

May Festival of Fine Arts, East Gym,
7:00 p.m.

11

Prom

15

Senior Awards Night

27

Memorial Day Recess – No School

June

7

End of Second Semester/
Last Day for students*

9

142nd Commencement Ceremony

* Days may be added to the end of the school year if necessary