

# MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

May 2018

## 2017–2018 Valedictorians and Salutatorians



BR: Pat Gouker, Todd Conn, Kane Sanders, John Zylstra, Madison Kreil

Middle: Angelina Marchi, Quincy Streffling, Tabitha Walters

FR: Moira Ferrer, Katlynn Austin

## It's The Principal of the Thing

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 2017-18 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 4th for students, and June 5th for teachers. Our commencement ceremony for our graduating class will take place on June 10th at 4:00 PM here at the high school in the East Gymnasium.

This year's graduation speaker will be Mr. Larry Stillson, a 1961 graduate of Mishawaka High School and a Ball State University graduate. Mishawaka High School values our graduation day ceremony and looks forward to celebrating with 335 seniors and their families in the East Gym of Mishawaka High School. Those of you with senior students, please emphasize the importance of proper behavior and professional dress from our students on graduation day.

Continue to encourage your student(s) to continue to strive for excellence in their academics, extra-curricular activities and athletics. 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 continue to build for future success, it is imperative that we continue to focus on creating a "Path of 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,



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.

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Bart Curtis 254-7310

Jenifer Fisher 254-7308

John Ross 254-7305

Dave Troyer 254-7319

141<sup>st</sup>  
COMMENCEMENT  
JUNE 10, 2018

Graduation letters were mailed to all seniors the 1st week of April with all the information needed for the upcoming events. If you have not received one, please stop by the Main Office and pick one. Diplomas will be handed out in the commons immediately following the ceremony. With Commencement being inside this year, there is limited seating. Each senior will be receiving 8 tickets and you must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. Any questions, please call 254-7300. The 141st Commencement will take place on Sunday June 10, 2018 in the East Gym of Mishawaka High School at 4:00 p.m. Larry Stillson, a 1961 Mishawaka High School graduate will be this year's commencement speaker.

## New Phone System

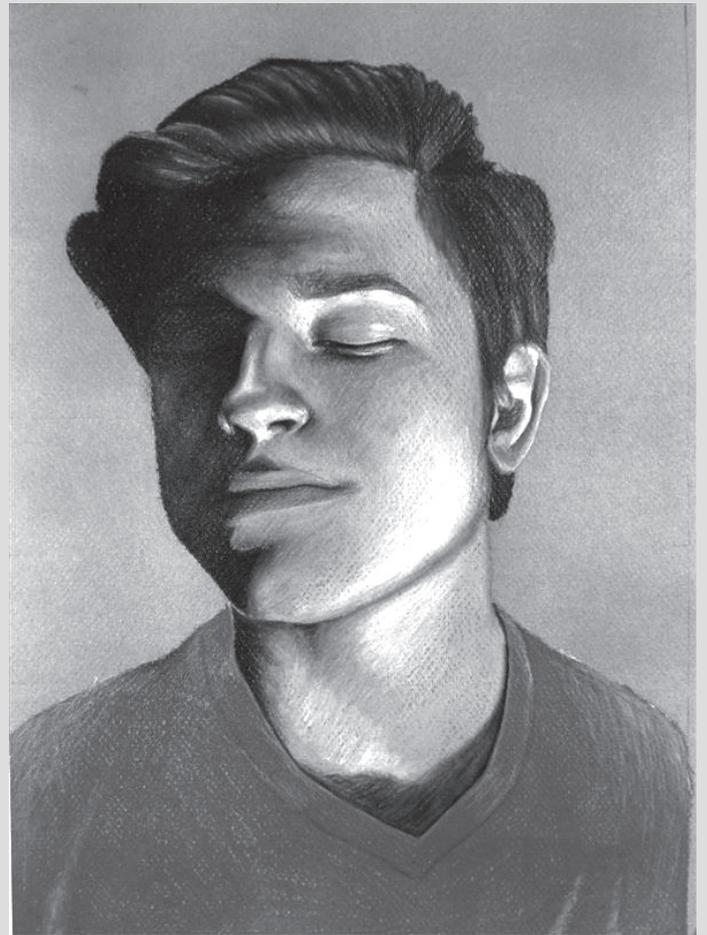
Beginning 02/20/2018 School City of Mishawaka implemented a new phone system throughout the district. All telephone calls to teachers need to go through the main line now, 574-254-7300. You may dial the Attendance Line directly at 574-254-7309.

## National Medal Winners 2018

Mishawaka High School once again made a big showing at the Regional Scholastic Art Awards this year. The competition involved over 100 schools submitting work for the February 2018 exhibit at Century Center in South Bend. MHS artists took a tenth of the total awards and did especially well in the Drawing and Illustration category, claiming a fifth of the total awards in that category. 40 Cavemen artists received 84 awards for their work, making this year the best on record for MHS. Big winners were Seniors Brianna Squadroni, Kassandra Myers and Madison Kreil. In March two Mishawaka students, who's Gold Key winning artwork went on to compete in New York were awarded national medals from the Scholastic Art Awards: Geneva Denney Moore and Olivia Krieg.



*Self Portrait after Rockwell* by Geneva Denney-Moore

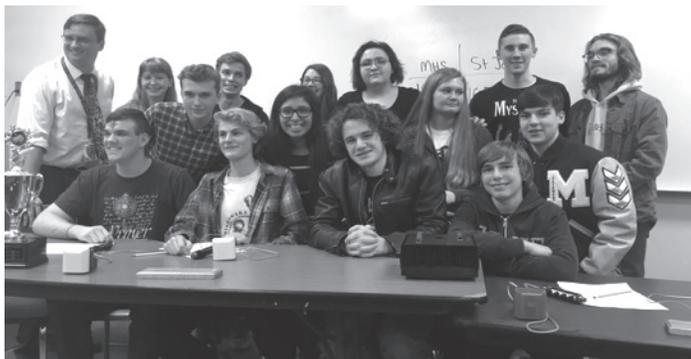


*Evan* by Olivia Krieg

## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) of Mishawaka High School led by Advisory, Mr. Smith, is hard at work for this year's big community service project. In addition to the many hours of community service that each member of NHS completes individually, this year the members of NHS are joining forces to serve the community as a group. This year, the members of NHS are raising money so that they can purchase a scoreboard for East End Little League. Many NHS members grew up playing at East End, which makes this project all the more import. The members of NHS

recognize the great lessons that they learned at East End, and want to provide that same opportunity to children of the community for many years to come. Currently, students are raising money through fundraising, asking people that they know to contribute to this great cause. NHS also held a very successful bake sale last month to help raise money. As the school year comes closer to its end NHS will likely hold another bake sale or similar fundraiser at Mishawaka High School.



## Quiz Bowl

The 2017–2018 Mishawaka High School Quiz Bowl team ended a remarkable season by placing fourth in the Rotary State Tournament at Ancilla College. This season marked the fourth consecutive time the Cavemen have qualified for the state tournament. Previously the Cavemen had only qualified for State one time back in 1996. The highlight of the 2017–2018 season was the Cavemen’s strong performance in the St. Joseph Valley League Post-Season Tournament. In that tournament the Cavemen first bested the Penn Kingsmen for the second time in the season. They then earned an historic win over the defending League Champions, St. Joseph High School, gaining Mishawaka’s first championship title in school history and marking St. Joe’s first tournament loss since 2010. Members of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team are John Zylstra, Tyler Eskridge, Tyler Colborn, Kaylee Kern, Joseph Furfaro, Paola Amexsqita, Casey Quintana, Patrick Gouker, Jonathon Groom, Solomon Muturi, Joaquin DeVries, Madison Hess. The team would like to thank their parents, School City of Mishawaka, and the Mishawaka community for their support. They look forward to building on this year’s success.



## French Honor Society

The French Honor Society (SHF) had its induction ceremony on March 27 at 6 :30 in the MHS library. Ten students who have achieved a high academic record and shown great interest in the study of French were honored with this ceremony. Reverend Gregory Hake, an assistant professor from Notre Dame addressed the inductees.

## Exceptional Learners

Mishawaka High School’s Exceptional Learners worked hard on their dancing skills by taking professional dance lessons in order to prepare of the 10th Annual Luck of the Irish Dance that took place on Friday, March 16th. Elkhart Memorial hosted this year’s event for area high school students and students in the young adult programs. The event included dinner and dancing and even some shamrock cookies!



## The 2018 Michiana Polar Plunge

The 2018 Michiana Polar Plunge for Indiana Special Olympics was a huge success. Our Champions Together Team had a blast while “freezin’ for a reason” on Saturday. The team dressed up like Cavemen and won the award for best costumes. They also won the award for most representatives on a team with eighteen plungers jumping into the freezing cold water to help raise money for Special Olympics Indiana. Most importantly, The Champions Together raised over \$3000 and were awarded the trophy for most money raised by a single team. It was a great day to be a Caveman! We are proud of this group of students for the outstanding work they did to represent Mishawaka High School. The Team would like to thank the community for supporting them and this special event!



Mishawaka High School  
**Summer School Offerings 2018**

DATES: Session 1: June 11 (M) – July 2 (M)

Session 2: July 3 (T) – July 21 (W)

TIMES: 7:35 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. / Monday – Friday

COST: \$30.00 per course.

*Note: Early College and Basic Skills courses are free*



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

Enrollment is contingent upon payment. Note: No fee waivers are available.

Due to the accelerated schedule, daily (Mon–Fri) attendance in the summer school class is mandatory.

3 Week Sessions – Time: 7:35 – 11:35 A.M. 4 hours daily

**COURSE SESSION I, SESSION 2**

Algebra I - 1 or 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Algebra II - 1 or 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Health \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish III/IV Enrichment \_\_\_\_\_

Government \_\_\_\_\_ SEM I

Economics \_\_\_\_\_ SEM II

English 9/10/11/12 SEM I \_\_\_\_\_ SEM II \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Ed SEM I \_\_\_\_\_ SEM II \_\_\_\_\_

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

US History SEM I \_\_\_\_\_ SEM II \_\_\_\_\_

**Early College - Choose 1 Session (Free)**

Early College – 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Early College – 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Early College - 11 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Basic Skills Math \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

\*Basic Skills English \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_

*\* 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.

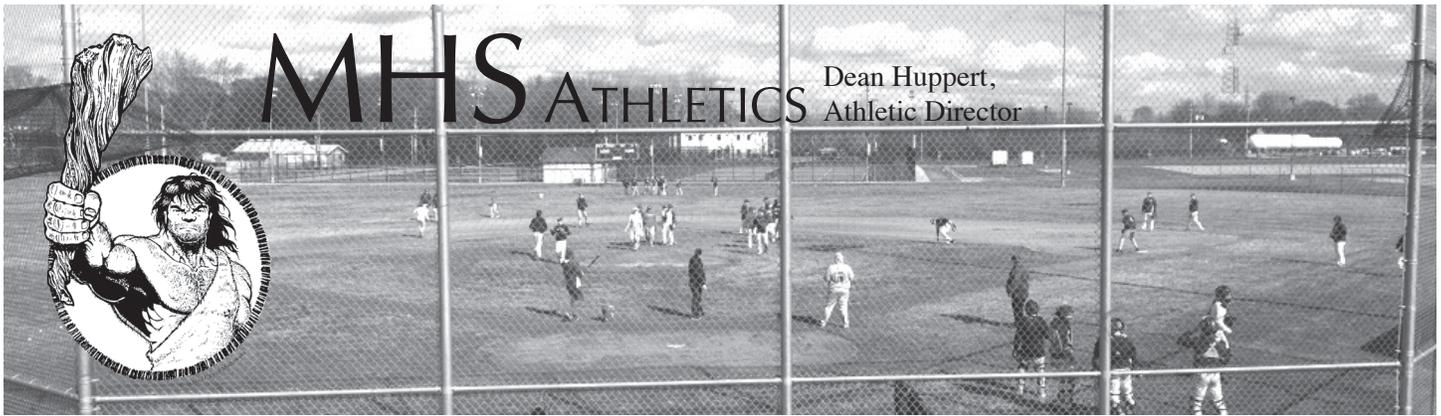
Select Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:35 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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

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

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

**Please return completed form with payment to MHS Registrar, Mrs. Driscoll, in the Counseling Office.**



The Athletic Department had one of its most challenging Springs in decades. The end of March and first two weeks of April had a lethal combination of rain, snow and record cold temperatures. Postponements were the norm and practice in the gym made things challenging for all of the coaches and student athletes. Once the games began, it was a chess game to get NIC contests in and find time to improve amongst the barrage of games that needed to be played.

The girls track program has not only risen above the falling temps, but they have thrived in multiple events. On April 10th, the girls beat Penn at TCU Freed Field 79–73. The Cavemen had 7 first place finishes from Rylin Bagarus, Paishence Johnson, Faith Quintana, Devyn Miller and Asia Salazar.

For her efforts, Paishence Johnson was named the WSBT Burger King Outstanding Student Athlete of the Week.

The team recently placed 2nd in the Northern Indiana Conference Championships, Sophomore Johnson led the charge with titles in the 100 and 200 meters. Bagarus and Miller made 2nd team all-conference in the 100 hurdles and disc while Madison Kreil and Salazar were 3rd team All-NIC in the 300 hurdles and high jump. The ladies have some serious contenders to make it to state this season.

The boys track team keeps building. Deric Bailey was the NIC Conference champ in the 800. He said after the meet, “There as a lot of time and hard work put into it. Our conference is so strong in the 800. You have to grind. I just went out and proved it and ran hard.” Shane Glasco also brought home and NIC title in the high jump. “He said, “Best feeling ever. I’ve been training so hard for it. I finally made it.” Meanwhile Junior Joe Walker was the NIC Runner-up with a personal best jump of 20’ 6 ½”.

The Mishawaka softball team keeps grinding away. As the season was winding down, the Cavemen were 14–10 and 7–4 in the NIC. Senior Sydney Kempf has been a shining light in the leadoff spot. The Butler bound center fielder has filled in at 3rd base when needed and has continued her incredible career at the leadoff spot.

The golf team has had a shining light with Senior Jacob Roeder. The Mishawaka Medalist helped the boys finish 5th out of 8 teams at the Kaeppler Invitational at Morris Park Country Club. He made us all proud by winning the prestigious Clara Kaeppler Sportsmanship Award.

The tennis team got their first victory of the year at South Bend Clay. #1 doubles saw a win from Emma Watford and Quora Neff, #2 doubles won with Brianna McDonald and Kacie Shambaugh. And the Highlight of the Night came from freshman Lydia Muturi. She didn’t find out that she was playing her first varsity match until minutes before introductions. The rookie came through with the deciding point to help the Cavemen secure the 3–2 victory. She said, “Mishawaka Power! I’m so proud. I’m so proud of my team and I feel really, really good.”

A big hire this Spring came with Keith Kinder taking over as the Mishawaka Football Coach. Only the 4th coach in the past 32 years, Kinder replaces Bart Curtis who is leaving to coach a school in the Northern Lakes Conference. Kinder is a 1999 Jimtown graduate who won back to back state championships. As the quarterback, he led his team to a 30–0 mark in his final two years and also helped his baseball team make it to the state finals. He said, “It’s an opportunity I’ve looked forward to my entire career. Now I’m ready to serve and lead this football program for hopefully many years to come.”

The Cavemen baseball team has had an up and down season. As of this writing the team was 10–10 and finished tied for 3rd in the NIC with a 7–5 record. Mishawaka lost to LaPorte by 2 runs and four other games by 1 run, including a 6–5 setback against their rivals across the river. Junior Sam Shively had 10 strikeouts in that game.

Excitement on campus continues to grow as Mishawaka’s new 8-lane track is scheduled to be finished in July. The School Board also approved a new scoreboard that will have video capabilities for all events in Steele Stadium. Director of Athletics Dean Huppert will be seeking community support this summer from sponsors looking for a chance to get their company logo on what will no doubt be a huge communication tool for the school.

When school starts next year, Mishawaka will not only have a bigger training room, but the Strength and Conditioning Center will be remodeled with all new state of the art equipment including fitness tools for all student athletes. The center is designed to be welcoming for girls and boys with an open concept and a conditioning expert in the room at all times. To accomplish this, the corporation has added a Strength and Conditioning Coordinator and an Assistant Strength Coach to help kids improve health, endurance, speed, agility and strength.

And finally we can't forget the kids. Congratulations to John Young Middle School 8th grader Sarah Beshara. She broke

the school record of 5:35 in the 1600 meter this season with a time of 5:30. And thank you to Liberty Elementary runner Issy McNeil. Born without calf muscles, the little warrior has inspired many with her courage and effort during meets. Running the 400 may take a little more time, but kids and adults see the dedication and determination as she crosses the finish line. This little girl embodies #MishawakaWay and reminds us what is important. We are all One Mishawaka and we want to do our best to make our school, family and community proud.

The future is bright for all Cavemen!

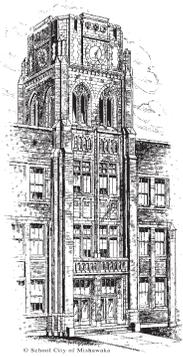


## Committee for School Improvement

This year in advisory, students have been participating in activities each Tuesday. These “Tuesday Activities” are grade-level specific and are intended to address a 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 in paying for college. Sophomores and juniors each attended a presentation by Doc Partlo and other visiting members of the military about the different branches of the military 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!



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## Dates to Remember

### MAY

28 Memorial Day Holiday, No school

### JUNE

7 Last day of school

10 141st Commencement, 4:00 p.m.

11-7/2 Summer School Session I

### JULY

3-21 Summer School Session II

### AUGUST

14 First Student Day

