

# MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

November 2017

## The 1Million Project

Potential is Everywhere. Opportunity is Not.™

In order to ensure that all MHS students have quality access to high-speed internet at home, Mishawaka Schools has partnered with Sprint in the 1Million Project. The nationwide effort provides free wireless devices to students who may have no or limited access to internet services at home. Students qualify for the free phones or hotspots if they don't have internet service at home, have limited access to a device (for example multiple students in the home with a single computer or tablet), have low speed service, or other situations that result in limited internet access. Phones provide unlimited calling while on the Sprint network (no roaming).

The phones and hotspots provide sufficient capacity (3GB/mth, lower speeds thereafter) to perform a typical month's worth of homework. Having the capability to access the internet anywhere, will help a student study and research in a setting that is familiar to them. There are no costs to SCM families for participation in this program, but additional data may be purchased for a low rate to supplement monthly

usage. All devices contain CIPA compliant filtering software that cannot be disabled.

A parent consent form is required. Please ask your MHS student to pick-up a form from the front office, Mrs. Long (Room 167) or the Student Help Desk (Room 162) and return in order to take advantage of this terrific program.



## It's The Principal of the Thing

Hello parents, friends, and school community. Welcome back to another exciting and rewarding school year here at Mishawaka High School. Our 2017–18 school year is well underway and we are off to an outstanding start. Each new school year brings new people and changes to a school, so I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new faculty and staff to our community and to tell you about some of the exciting changes taking place this year.

We feel fortunate to have some wonderful new people joining our school community this year:

**Tyler Dendy** joins our Social Studies Department and will teach Economics. Mr. Dendy will also assist in our Alternative Education Program and be one of our Assistant Basketball Coaches.

**Sarah DeShone** will be teaching Algebra II within our Math Department. She is also our Head Boy's Tennis Coach and will be an assistant in our Girls' Basketball program. Ms. DeShone spent a year over seas playing professional basketball in Denmark.

**Jamie Gleissner** has lengthy experience working as a public school teacher. She spent seven years in Avon schools and three years at John Young Middle School. Mrs. Gleissner will be teaching in our Family & Consumer Science Department focused on Nutrition & Wellness.

**Jen Grimm** has moved over from Penn High School after 15 years to become the Department Chair for our Exceptional Learners Department. Mrs. Grimm brings years of great success and experience in working with students and teacher. We look forward to her joining our school community.

**Albert Gongwer** is a 2017 graduate of Bethel College. He will be teaching Biology to freshmen and sophomores. Mr. Gongwer will also be one of our freshmen football coaches and hopes to assist in our Track & Field Program.

**Ron Hecklinski** joins the Mishawaka school community and will be a member of our Physical Education/Health Department. Mr. Hecklinski will also be our new Head Boys' Basketball Coach after enjoying a successful 18-year run at Anderson High School.

**Dean Huppert** has been appointed our Director of Athletics for School City of Mishawaka. Dean has been a successful news broadcaster for many years in the local area. His enthusiasm and passion will greatly influence our athletic department.

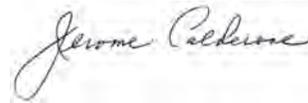
**Jessica Marsh** is one of our new instructors in the Art Department. She has taught the last four years at Crawfordsville High School. Her experience and passion for education is highly visible and she will also be involved in the development of our new "Art National Honor Society" here at MHS.

**Kyle Marsh** has joined our Industrial Technology Department after serving in that same role at Twin Lakes High School and Frontier High School for the past five years. Mr. Marsh will also be leading our "First Tech Challenge Robotics" team this year.

**Alicia VanMaanen** has been an addition to our Family & Consumer Science Department. She has taught in South Bend Schools for two years. She will be teaching Child Development and Nutrition & Wellness during the school year.

As always, it has been an exciting and rewarding start to the school year. We are all very enthusiastic and confident that this will be another banner year for our students, faculty, staff and community here at Mishawaka High School. Thank you for your support and together we will continue to achieve greatness the "Mishawaka Way."

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 254-7333

Bart Curtis 254-7310

Jenifer Fisher 254-7308

John Ross 254-7305

Dave Troyer 254-7319



This month marks the start of the Mishawaka High School Theatre Season with the children's play *Transyl-Mania*. On October 12th & 13th, SCM Elementary students packed the house on both morning performances, filling the auditorium with lots of laughs and giggles. Congratulations to all students involved in this performance.

Look for the next play on January 18, 19, and 20, 2018.

**Committee for School Improvement (CSI)**  
School Improvement Goals for the 2017–2018 school year have changed. We have one over-arching goal to have students be college, career, and citizenship ready upon graduating. This goal is to be achieved by several interventions done within individual courses and advisories. The first intervention states that teachers will incorporate technical reading into their curriculum. This can include

informational texts, tutorials, etc. The second intervention states that teachers will incorporate ratios and graphing activities into their curriculum. Third, teachers will require students to always write in complete sentences and grade students on a constructed response once per grading period. Finally, teachers will instruct students on soft skill and a college, career, and citizenship ready curriculum in both content area classes and advisory.

The structure of advisory has changed slightly for this year. Activities during advisory are as follows:

*Mondays and Thursdays* will be travel days. These will follow the same format as in the past, but the days on which traveling is allowed is now different.

*Tuesdays* are the big change. These are now days that provide specialized grade-level activities. Students will be involved in activities directed more to the specific needs within each individual grade-level. This might mean getting acquainted with what high school has to offer as a freshman or college and job information for seniors.

*Fridays* will still be used as mentoring days for advisory\* students.

\*Advisory is not held on Wednesday due to the late start.

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## Technology Advancement

MHS is experiencing exciting progressive development on the technology front. In companionship with deploying SCM iPads to every Freshman student, we have equipped many classrooms with an Apple t.v. to enhance the learning and teaching environment. Teachers are finding and implementing impressive, innovative ways to connect curriculum with engaging live and digital lessons. Herr Schrieber's class will be remotely interviewing the author of *In The Mouth of The Wolf*, additionally Mrs. Bill demonstrates many of her art lessons with a YouTube channel. The possibilities are endless and many of our teachers are eagerly experimenting with the new tools and concepts that come with our technology advances. With added technology comes added need for tech support. We are proud to announce the pilot of our student tech support class. Led by teacher Mr. Smith, the class is producing a great group of student tech interns that have done an outstanding job of keeping up with supporting the tech needs and repairs on devices in both our building and John Young Middle School.





## Counseling & Student Services

### Mishawaka High School is a Gold Star Recipient

What does this mean? Gold Star schools have a comprehensive and accountable school counseling and guidance program. In spring of 2017, a steering committee of students, parents, teachers, & community members joined together to analyze student survey data to recognize patterns and identify gaps in guidance and counseling services. The committee collaborated to identify and select priority goals that the counseling department will address in the 2017–18 school year. This is an on-going process to provide comprehensive services to our Mishawaka youth. Gold Star Schools are aligned to Indiana School Counselor and Student Standards, as well as national (ASCA) standards.

### Meet the Counseling Team

Welcome to our newest member of the counseling staff, Ms Kelly Meadors!

Students are assigned to counselors based on the first letter of the last name. Please contact us by phone or e-mail at any time.

*Melissa Raffelock*     *Students A–E*  
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*Katy Buda*     *Students S–Z*  
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*Pam Driscoll*     *Administrative Assistant*  
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### New Counseling Website Academic, College, & Social Resources

<https://mishawakacounselin.wixsite.com/website>

Resources Abound. Academic planning links to “P-cubed” course planning & diploma checklist. There are many opportunities waiting for you at MHS – check out the link “Ways to Get Involved at MHS.” College Resources links to a live calendar of college visits to MHS by college and military admissions representatives. When you are ready to apply for college - send your high school transcript directly to college admissions through the “Parchment” link. SAT, ACT, and FAFSA links are also provided.

## Attendance Office News

School Starts at 8:00 A.M., with the first bell ringing at 7:50 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, school begins at 8:30 A.M. because of teacher meetings. If a student arrives late past ten minutes (LPT or after 8:10 A.M.), please have them stop at the front desk for a green LPT pass. One of the goals for the Attendance Office is to reduce the number of morning tardies. Please help us with this and account for the traffic in the morning, especially when weather becomes a factor.

If a student leaves school for a doctor appointment, please have them return with either the PSO issued pass signed by the doctor, or a doctor note to excuse them. If the student is not returning to school that day, please have them stop in the PSO office and turn in their excuse the next day.

Finally, please do not forget to call the **Attendance line, 254-7306**, if your child is going to be out of school. Please clearly state your name, the student’s name, and the reason for the absence.

Thank you for your assistance with these policies and for great start to the 2017–18 school year!

## Outside Food

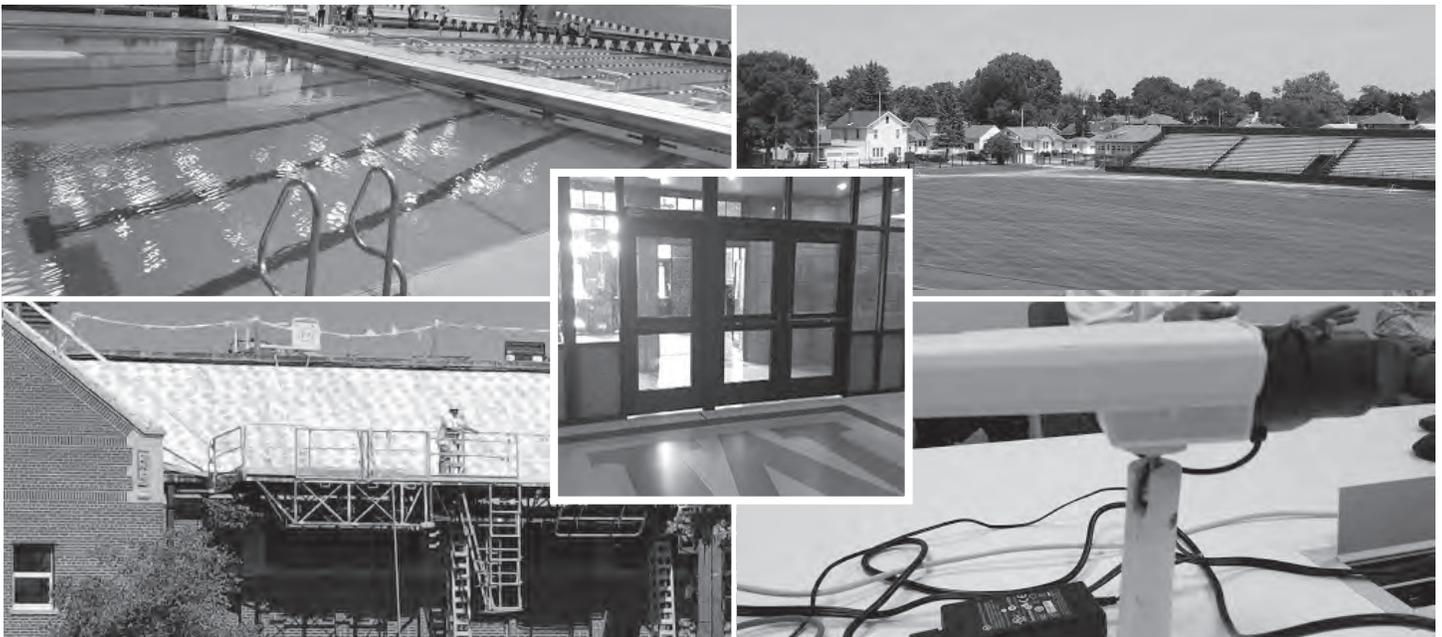
No fast food or drinks are to be brought into the school for lunches. Any questions, you may contact Mr. Ross at 254-7319.

## Senior Cap and Gown

George Kingsley was at MHS on September 28th for an informative meeting with the Senior Class about graduation announcements and their cap and gown. Each student should have received a large packet with all ordering information included in it. If not, the packets are available in the Main Office. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Peebles at 254-7323.

## Get Involved at MHS

Looking for something to do? Mishawaka High School has a variety of clubs that you could join. If you like to read, check out Miss Stillson’s Book Club before school, Mrs. Bill’s Art Club meets once a week where you can learn new forms of art or just perfect you talent. Theatre just finished up their Children’s Play but will be holding auditions for the winter play November 15 & 16 if you would like to try acting. If not acting, consider working on the stage crew. Be a part of Student Council and help plan fun activities throughout the year. Join the Ukulele Club with Mrs. Bill and explore new music with your new found talent.



## Referendum/Miscellaneous Funding Improves MHS

With the passing of the referendum on the November 2016 ballot, citizens of Mishawaka approved nearly 13 million dollars' worth of improvements for Mishawaka schools. Although 13 million appears to be a large sum of money, it barely scratches the surface for needed repairs and improvements when reviewing the 2015 School City of Mishawaka needs assessment that was configured by Schmidt and Associates of Indianapolis. After reviewing the assessment, Dr. Speicher and the "High Priority Facility Committee" prioritized the needs and placed safety of our students, faculty/staff and visitors as the number one priority. In addition to the safety enhancements, several mechanical and structural improvements were a high priority in order to maintain an educational environment at all schools.

When dissecting the improvements at Mishawaka High School alone, great strides have already been made with an outlook of projects to continue, well into 2018 and possibly 2019. To begin and to clarify, the MHS football field drainage and improvement project was **not** part of the referendum project. This project was funded through the sale of SCM real-estate land that was owned by the school corporation, to the City of Mishawaka. The field was long overdue and in desperate need of assistance to enhance drainage and remove the native soil. With the maintenance plan moving forward, the field will continue to improve annually.

After finalizing the football field project in the early spring, the stadium electrical and lighting enhancements were installed and completed early August 2017. New improved stadium lighting as well as surrounding areas; i.e. courtyard and gate entry ways, enhanced safety for all visitors. Work on the new secure vestibule to screen visitors coming into the high school was complete in early October. Along with the secure vestibule at the main entrance, electronic control access will be upgraded to existing electronic strike exterior doors. Currently all interior and exterior doors are being

assessed to enhance safety by re-keying and installing lock mechanisms within the classroom. Alongside of the control access MHS will receive state of the art security cameras and enhanced video monitoring that will display all areas of the school inside and out as well as areas that were not covered in the past, including gymnasiums, stadium etc.

Another safety enhancement that will take place in late winter early spring 2018 includes the demolition and addition/replacement of a new state of the art running track. Currently unsafe conditions of the existing track have forced competitions and practices off campus for nearly six track seasons. The new track will extend from 6 lanes to 8 lanes, allowing MHS the opportunity to host major events including state tournament series; i.e. Sectional, Regional and possibly Semi-State if awarded by the IHSAA. Although we will have to wait until the end of July 2018 to enjoy the new track, the swim team can now enjoy the results of a renovated swimming pool. On October 18, 2017 the swim team took the first plunge into the pool that features state of the art mechanical system that will reduce chemical use and provide years of enjoyment without the fear of another mechanical breakdown.

Other major projects currently taking place now and in the future at MHS include new roofs over the east gymnasium and auditorium that is slated to be finished in January 2018, a new stage floor projected to be completed Wednesday October 25th, new windows in classrooms set for spring 2018, Elevator Upgrade-January/February 2018, Masonry/Terracotta work over the auditorium and east gym entries-spring 2018 and west entry pool door reconfiguration-summer 2018. With these exciting improvements MHS will also use donations and sponsors to remodel the stadium courtyard in the summer of 2018 as well as landscape the grounds in the fall 2018.



# MHS ATHLETICS

Dean Huppert,  
Athletics Director

High Expectations! Creating a Culture of Excellence! When Dr. Dean Speicher told me about the Mishawaka Way, it was obvious that I wanted to be a part of it. After leaving a television sports career of 28 years, I set three simple goals. 1. To be at a place I believed in. 2. To go somewhere that believed in me. 3. To have the ability to make a difference. As the new Director of Athletics at Mishawaka Schools, I feel very lucky to be at a place with tremendous pride and tradition. I feel equally blessed to work with amazing teachers and coaches and have a great team in our department with Assistant AD's Sherry Keyser and Ryan Watson along with Athletic Secretary Linda Weber.

We have tried to take our department to the next level by making big strides online. Final Forms is a new system for all high school and middle school athletes that simplifies the registration process. The Go Fan ticket network allows fans to buy general admission and season tickets at their home or on their phone. We're now paying officials with Arbiter that takes paper checks away and helps us pay officials quicker. We'll soon be launching a new athletic website called CavemenSports.com. It's where fans all over the world will be able to find stories about our coaches, teams and athletes. If you haven't signed up for our Twitter page, go to Mishawaka Sports@CavemenSports. We're putting out positive information every day that will make our alumni proud.

A big coup for Mishawaka Schools was signing a multi-year contract with WSBT 96.1 FM. Not only is the Michiana Sports Leader committed to carrying all of our football games home and away, but they will also be the voice of the Cavemen for home basketball games. If that's not enough, every Thursday from 7-7:30 P.M. there is a special show called Cavemen Corner that is dedicated to Mishawaka Sports. It's in a great time slot sandwiched between the Sports Beat talk show and the Notre Dame Brian Kelly Radio Show.

You will hopefully see a difference in our TV technology in the future. We now have three cameras and some big time equipment that was purchased by the Mishawaka Education Foundation. The Mishawaka Sports Network already broadcasts many of our football and volleyball games on YouTube. It's a big improvement from what we've had in the past. The expectation going forward is to find interested students to make this the best program in Northern Indiana.

We hope our students appreciated the discounted season tickets this year. Our sale increased our sales in a big way. And an anonymous donor gave us funds to give each high school student purchasing an all-sports pass a Maroon Platoon T-shirt. If you haven't gotten one, they are still available in the athletic office.

Mr. Calderone and our administration has put us in charge of making 19 varsity sports better. We're in negotiations with one of the area's top swim clubs and we also got a grant from the USTA that will help 72 third through 8th graders learn the fundamentals of tennis. The Mishawaka Parks Department has also been a big help starting a junior soccer program that we hope can get momentum heading toward the JYMS. While we have a great foundation in many sports, helping some of the teams get feeder programs started earlier should give us a big boost.

If you haven't gotten a Fall sports program yet, check out the articles on Volleyball Coach Steve Anderson and Football Coach Bart Curtis. I've been around some of the all-time greats and these are Hall of Famers you should get to know. While former Mishawaka State Champ Steven Sandefer comes home to lead our wrestling program, our boys basketball staff has a veteran coach who's well respected in the state of Indiana. Ron Hecklinski spent 18 years at Anderson High School. He also coached the Indiana All Stars and McDonald's All American team. Ask him sometime about coaching LeBron James.

Success on the fields and courts isn't our only priority. We're hoping all Mishawaka students will realize how proud this community is and how they can make a difference. There have already been meetings with Mrs. Walton about Cavemen Care. You'll be hearing about this organization and how you can contribute. We can all find ways to help our friends and neighbors and together make an impact around our city.

This is your school, our school I'm proud to be a part of the excitement moving forward. Mishawaka

is a school on the move. Our department will respect the traditions of the past. But we won't be satisfied with mediocre results. "High Expectations"! "A Culture of Excellence"! It's the Mishawaka Way.

## Band

This year the Marching Cavemen are adding to their fall schedule. The band will attend the ISSMA Marching Contest at Crown Point High School on September 30th. The two additional events were the Concord Marching Invitational on September 16th and the Purdue Band Day on October 7th. The event at Purdue University is a gathering of hundreds of Indiana high school students performing on the field at Ross Ade Stadium with the Purdue All-American Marching Band. Another new performance for the band program was on September 23rd at the South Bend Jazz Festival. The Jazz Ensemble performed at the Century Center with many other local students and professional musicians. The band and directors are very excited for these new performance opportunities and experiences.

# CAVEMEN "ROCK"

## MFTC News

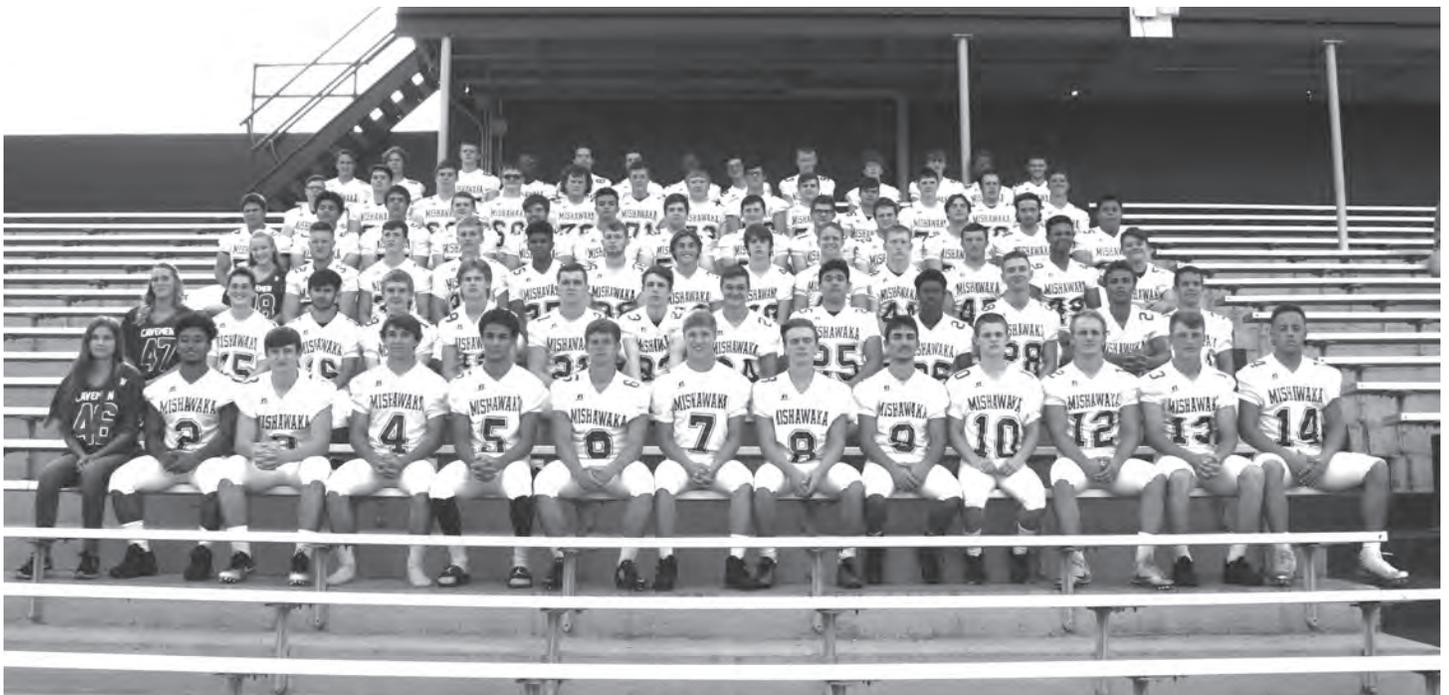
Our 2017 football season is upon us. Steele Stadium has been full each week and we are thankful to all of the students, family, and fans that continue to come out each week and support the Cavemen! MHS received the WNDU 16 Spirit Award again this year! Thank you to all the Mishawaka High School Students and Fans that came out to support the Cavemen at the first home game! You all deserved this awesome and fun award!

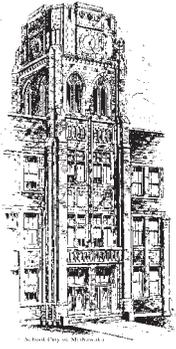
We have been excited each week to see all the Future Cavemen come out to support the team from each elementary school. It has been fun to watch our players interact with the elementary students! This is a great way to kick off each home game!

Senior Night was held on Friday, October 13, 2017. On this night we honor our Senior Players and Managers as they enjoy this special evening and compete in the Backyard Brawl against Penn!

Our team looks forward to each game day and appreciates the support from this fine community at home games and especially on the road. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help take care of this team through donating their time and other items to support this team. We would not be able to do this on our own! We look forward to watching this young team grow and improve each week! Good Luck team #116!

Follow us on Facebook at Mishawaka Football Touch-down Club!





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## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Recess Day
- 22–24 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 29 8th Grade Parent Night, 6:00 P.M.  
Cafeteria/Auditorium

### DECEMBER

- 10 Vespers Program 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- 12 Winter Orchestra Concert, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium
- 14 Winter Band Concert, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium
- 16 Food Drive, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- 22 End of Third Grading Period /  
End of First Semester
- 25 Winter Break Begins

### JANUARY

- 8 School Resumes /1st Day of Second Semester  
White Day
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / No School

