

MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Mishawaka's Early College

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Find out how these students saved thousands of dollars earning college credit while at MHS

Mishawaka High School (MHS) has a significant dual credit program in partnership with Indiana University, Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University. In fact, over 50% of MHS graduates now earn dual credit by the time they graduate.

In the fall of 2015, MHS started an Early College (EC) program. Students in EC work toward their goal of earning a one-year certificate (called the Statewide Transfer General Education Core/STGEC) or an Associate's degree in General Studies. Although college credits may be taken through a number of higher-education institutions and by earning AP scores of 3 or higher, Ivy Tech grants these certificates or degrees. Additionally, Early College students have the option to earn an Associate's degree through Bethel College with the Bethel REACH program.

Nationwide, Early Colleges are specifically aimed at students who will be the first in their family to go to college, or who are otherwise underrepresented on college campuses, but all

SCM 8th graders who meet the application requirements are encouraged to apply.

Requirements include:

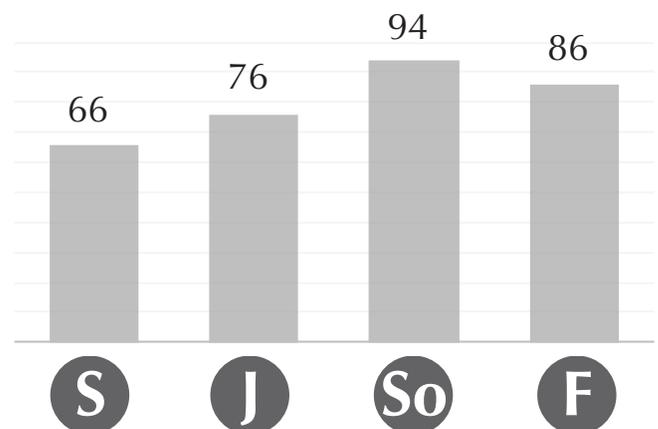
- 2.5 GPA
- 96% Attendance Rate
- No out of school suspensions

IU Bloomington is one of the many public schools in Indiana that accepts the STGEC awarded by Ivy Tech to qualifying Early College/high school students.

What is STGEC?

The STGEC stands for "Statewide Transfer General Education Core" and is a 30-credit-hour certificate from Ivy Tech awarded to eligible students. The STGEC was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 2012, who legislated that it transfer as the freshman year of college to any public college/university in the state of Indiana. Many educational institutions outside of Indiana accept it as well, but students must speak directly to an admissions officer at their chosen institution to ensure the credits will transfer.

MHS Students in Early College by Grade



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It's The Principal of the Thing

The beginning of the 2018–19 school year at Mishawaka High School for our students and staff brings new people and changes to our 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. We are fortunate to have outstanding new people joining our school community this year. Matt Rendall joins our Business Department and will lead our Radio/TV Program. Mrs. Dana Gay and Mrs. Ann Jagla join our FACS Department. Matt Lewinski has returned as a member of our Industrial Technology Department. Clara Bepe has joined the Social Studies Department. Mrs. Melissa Johnson has joined the Math Department. Mr. Matt Brown has returned from the East Coast to lead our Choral Program. We have also added Mrs. Nicole Kaiser and Mrs. Diana Gorman to our Counseling Office. Mr. Franklin Sheneman has joined our English Department and also runs the Mishawaka High School Night School Program. We also have reconfigured our Pupil Services Office and have included Freshmen Dean Mr. Chad Brugh, Sophomore Dean Mr. Sean Steinkellner, Assistant Principal Dave Troyer (Juniors) and Senior Dean Mrs. Jessica Mann.

There have been many positive changes around Mishawaka High School over the past spring, summer and fall that will benefit our entire student body and school community. Our new 8-lane track is finished, and our brand new video scoreboard which is fully operated by our students has added a special touch of our game night traditions. The new Irions Strength and Conditioning Center was completed in early September and will benefit all athletic teams, physical education classes and students interested in strength/conditioning. Lastly, the Alumni Plaza was redesigned and completed at the beginning of October and it will be available to our students, staff, alumni and school community.

We are very enthusiastic that this will be another positive year for our students, teachers, staff and families here at Mishawaka High School. We appreciate your support as we continue to strive for excellence and graduate students who are academically and socially prepared and capable of adapting in a dynamic society.

Remember, together we can do great things.



Sincerely,



Mishawaka High School new teachers:

Back Row: Melissa Johnson, Franklin Sheneman,
Chad Brugh, Matt Brown, Diane Gorman,
Clara Bepe

Front Row: Ann Jagla, Dana Gay, Nicole Kaiser



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

Jenifer Fisher, *Transition Coordinator* 254-7308

Counselors'

Corner
The MHS counseling office has some new faces this year. We welcome Nicole Kaiser who comes to us from the St. Louis area. She brings several years of school counseling experience and is concentrating on work with our freshman class and the transition between 8th and 9th grade. Diane Gorman came on board in September, she too has several years of experience in South Bend schools and is working with both our freshman and seniors, specifically students with last names beginning with A–E.

This year MHS has designed teams of counselors and administrative staff by grade level.

Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Gorman and Mr. Brugh, 9th grade

Ms. Meadors and Mr. Steinkellner, 10th grade

Mrs. Raffelock and Mr. Troyer, 11th grade

Mrs. Piper, Mrs. Gorman and Mrs. Mann, 12th grade

Grade level counselors and administrators will loop with their case load from year to year.

As always, we look to advocate for and support our students to the best of our abilities. We welcome parent input and involvement in nurturing the success of our shared students.

Seniors

This is the FAFSA season! The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on **October 1, 2018**. Any student going on to college should complete their application to determine eligibility for merit and need based awards. MHS held a financial aid night in September. The starting point for students and parents is to create a FAFSA ID in order to complete the application. This can be done at fsaid.ed.gov. The FAFSA website is FAFSA.gov. If you would like personal assistance with the process IUSB is hosting **College Goal Sunday on February 24th** from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. You will need both your parent and student FAFSA ID created to participate.

Sophomores and Juniors completed PSAT testing on October 10th. Results should be returned this winter. This is a practice for the SAT taken in the junior year. Students can gauge their college readiness and identify gaps that need more time attention using this test. Juniors should be preparing to take the SAT sometime during this school year. Registration, locations, and dates can be found at collegeboard.com. Students with free and reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver to offset the cost of this test.

Schedules

Current student schedules are set. There should be not be continued movement in the 2018-19 schedules with the exception of minor adjustments. Students are only allowed

to add/drop course work in the first two weeks of a semester. The scheduling process for 2019-20 school year will begin soon. Students will be bringing information home and meet with the grade level counselor to finalize. We expect to begin the process sometime in November and will work through it until March.

21st Century Scholars

IMPORTANT seniors must have a 2.5 GPA at time of graduation to maintain eligibility for this scholarship. ALL online scholar activities (including the FAFSA) must be completed to maintain eligibility. There are online activities that the student should complete at each grade level in high school. There are several seniors who have not taken this part of the scholarship seriously and need to log in and update their accounts. This is the student/parent responsibility.

Attendance Office

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.), they must go to the Welcome Center 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, 254-7309, 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.

Health News

Parents of Junior Students:

For senior year 2019–2020, your student will be required to have:

- A booster of the meningococcal vaccine(MCV4).
- 2 Hepatitis A Vaccines (a series of two vaccines separated by 6 months)

These are requirements by the Indiana State Department of Health for your student to remain in school. Records can be e-mailed to the nurse vanhimbergena@mishawaka.k12.in.us or faxed 254-7481.

Department News

Industrial Technology

The Mishawaka Engineering Technology program strives to offer ample opportunities to get involved in Engineering and STEM. During school, we offer PLTW engineering classes, a super-mileage car class, FIRST Robotics, computer science principles, Advanced Manufacturing, and construction courses, as well as Building Trades. For extracurricular, Mishawaka offers after-school robotics, Technology Student Association (TSA), and Women in Science and Engineering (WISE).

The MHS Robotics teams had great success this past season, and are hoping to continue learning, growing, and improving. Last season, all of our teams received Honorable Mentions for awards, and one of our teams won the Design Award, which earned them an invitation to the Indiana FIRST Technology Challenge State Finals in Crawfordsville, Indiana, an honor only granted to 32 Indiana teams each year. This year, Mishawaka hopes to take at least two of its four teams to the state championship, in addition to bolstering enrollment and promoting STEM amongst more female students in our school. This year, we are happy to report that more than 30% of our Robotics organization are female students. Furthermore, we have added a FIRST Robotics Competition team to our organization, a first for Mishawaka Robotics, as well as an all-female FTC team.

TSA and WISE are both student founded, funded and led. TSA is starting an adopt an Engineer program in which we will visit our Elementary and Middle Schools to get the next generation of students interested and excited about the robotics and engineering classes our High School offers. We plan engaging and fun activities to demonstrate that engineering is not as boring as it sounds. Springing from that is our WISE program that empowers young women to mentor the next generation of girls at our elementary and middle schools and guide them on their journey with STEM education. It's no secret that jobs in the STEM field are the fastest growing careers, and especially being a woman, there is no better career opportunity for females than STEM. STEM-focused fields are traditionally male-dominated, leaving women to question their ability to get involved. WISE aims to encourage young women to realize their true potential and we can empower them with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful and have fun doing it.

Band

The Marching Cavemen performed their halftime marching show at Hobart High School and Crown Point High School. The band received gold ratings at both events. The band and orchestra members are working on their last fundraiser to raise money for the Spring Break trip to Disney World.



This and That

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 Ukulele Club meets on Tuesdays where you can learn how to play the Ukulele and explore new music with your new found talent. Mrs. Bill also runs the GSA Club that meets every Thursday in room 352. We now have a Chess Club that's run by Mrs. Johnson on Monday afternoons until 4:15 in room 246. Ms. Haslett has started a Sign Language Club that meets on Mondays until 4:15 in Room 125. Be a part of Student Council and help plan fun activities throughout the year.

Senior Cap and Gown

Doug Kingsley was at MHS on September 20th 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. You may contact Kingley-Inc at 574-583-3420 with any questions, or contact Mrs. Peebles at 254-7323.

Youth Leadership Program

Congratulations to our representatives to the South Bend/Mishawaka Youth Leadership Program. Shaylyn Frascetti, Savannah Handley, Nathan Spencer, Kayleigh Steward have all been nominated and selected to participate in this program with other area schools. The program has 10 scheduled days to work on leadership development, problem solving, and community development and support. We are proud to have these students represent Mishawaka High School in this program and wish them the best of luck.

JAG

We are currently working on a Project. Wedding Planning. The Students have created floral arrangements, table runners, center pieces, the bride's bouquet and more, The students will also help set up for the event on October 25th, 2018.

Young Adult Program

MHS visited Young Adult Services and danced the morning away as they prepared for their Exceptional Learners Fall Ball. A huge thank you goes to Battell Center and Nicole, the dance instructor, for teaching the students how to do the Foxtrot, Salsa and the Waltz.

MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL
Early College

66 Seniors Have Saved Over
1/4 Million Dollars in College Tuition
Through the Early College Program

All STGEC
Credits Earned by 6/2018

884

2018 Ivy Tech
Dollar Equivalent

\$126,600

Projected STGEC
Credits Earned by 6/2019

670

Projected 2019 Ivy Tech
Dollar Equivalent

\$100,050

Total Credits Earned
& Savings (projected)
Though 2019

1514 Credits Earned

\$227,100 Saved by 66 Seniors

www.MishawakaSchools.com/EarlyCollege



Early College Student Spotlight

Logan DeSchepper, '19

How has Early College helped you as a person?

I wanted to save money and take harder classes. My goal freshman year was just to pass, but once I got towards the end of sophomore year, I realized I could use education to better my situation instead of letting school make my life worse. Once I started doing better in classes, I felt better about myself. Now that I'm doing so well in school, and in classes that are difficult—it's like a confidence booster.

How has Early College helped you achieve your academic goals?

My academic goal is to get as many dual-credits as I can, make myself more well-rounded, and enter my field with the knowledge I got in high school. I'm applying to IU Bloomington, Colgate, and Emory.

What have you learned about yourself through taking dual-credit courses?

I like a challenge and being busy 24-7.

What was your favorite dual-credit experience?

I found out that I really like Math through Honors Alg 2 and Honors Pre-Calc, even though I think I'm really bad at it.

How many dual-credits do you expect to graduate with?

fifty-six

What extra-curriculars have you done at MHS?

I've been in GSA freshman to senior year. I was president Junior year. I joined Science Olympiad junior year and loved it—I'm so excited for this season. I was also in Academic Super Bowl last year; we came in second place in Science regionals and this year we're going to state! I know it!



Exciting Fall as Mishawaka Athletics Rise! by Dean Huppert, Director of Athletics

Sectional Champs, NIC North Champs and Mishawaka 49 Penn 42 Final in Overtime! The Cavemen Varsity Football team certainly has been fun to watch this Fall. Under the guidance of new head coach Keith Kinder, Mishawaka finished the regular season with an 8-1 record. The only blemish was a 27–24 loss against Chicago area Catholic power Marist. One of the biggest highlight was going across the river to beat Penn in OT for the first time since 2010. The victory gave the Cavemen the outright NIC North Conference Championship. “I’m so proud. We have great senior leadership. They never back down,” said Coach Kinder after beating Penn. He then told his kids in an excited locker room, “The grit that you showed tonight will go down in the history of Mishawaka Football. And here’s the great part about it. We’re just getting started.”

The Cavemen have continued their roll including a 27–23 victory over South Bend St. Joseph in the Sectional Final. The Cavemen overcame 3 turnovers to secure the victory as Sam Shively and Chris Harness both had 2 touchdowns. Harness has had a record breaking year as he became the school’s all-time rushing leader and broke the single season rushing mark as well. Mishawaka plays Lowell in the Regional Championship at Steele Stadium Friday November 9th.

If you haven’t been to the school in 2018, you’ve missed a lot. Alumni Plaza has made the entrance to Steele Stadium one of the classiest in Northern Indiana. Thanks to the generosity of former MHS cheerleader Rosemary Klaer, the area is bigger, and gives fans and alum something to be proud of.

In addition to the plaza, there is a brand new 8-lane track that was dedicated on October 5th. It has been 6 years since Mishawaka has had a home track meet, but now a beautiful red BSS 300 surface makes Mishawaka a place that others will envy.

To go along with the track and the tradition of Steele Stadium is a brand new scoreboard with a 24' x 13' video board. The Daktronic board with 720p resolution is not only used as an education tool for more than 10 students learning with the Mishawaka Network, but it’s also a great fundraiser to bring in recurring revenue for Academic Competitions, Fine Arts and Athletics. So far more than \$60,000 has been raised with permanent ads, as well as digital advertising that plays whenever there is an event at the field.

And if that’s not enough, it’s out with the old and in with the new at the Irions Strength and Conditioning Center. The weight room has transformed into a workout facility for boys





If you're looking for a good story to follow. Watch out for our girls X-Country team. They've recently posted their best ever scores in Sectional and Regional. The team had two qualifiers for state as Junior Casey Quintana finished 73rd and his sister Senior Faith Quintana finished 103rd at the IHSAA Finals in Terre Haute.

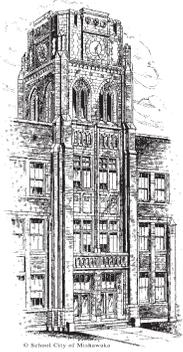
Be sure to follow Mishawaka Athletics on Twitter @CavemenSports. To stay up-to-date, K-12 Director of Athletics Dean Huppert helped add a new website, CavemenSports.com. You'll be able to see stories, scores and interviews from all of our teams, and even watch games live on the Mishawaka Sports Network. Combined with WSBT 96.1 FM, under the guidance of teacher Matt Rendall, Mishawaka has become a high school communications leader in a very short time. Communications Director Meg Sauer and Dean Huppert have provided expertise for the students as well, in and out of the classroom.

And finally, nominations are being accepted until December 15th for the Mishawaka Athletic Hall of Fame. Criteria includes, for a "Former Mishawaka Student Athlete": 1. Who made a significant contribution to high school, college, amateur, or professional athletics. 2. Who passed the ninth anniversary of the commencement exercise of his/her graduating class. And in the "General" category: 1. Any individual who was not a Mishawaka High School student, but who made significant contributions to the success of Mishawaka High School athletic program.

and girls in all 19 sports. 1969 graduate Tom Irions of ASA Electronics in Elkhart put up all the funds to bring in Pro Industries workout equipment, as well as Jensen TV's that will help our student athletes learn the value of training and making healthy choices. We also doubled our strength and conditioning staff, by adding former University of Tennessee Football Strength and Conditioning Coordinator Michael Szerszen as the leader of that room.

If you step in The Cave this winter for Mishawaka basketball games, check out the new floor design. A huge block "M" is in the middle of the floor. And a Cavemen logo along with the words, "The Cave, EST. 1924," are painted on each side. People are surprised to find out that Mishawaka's gym is the oldest active high school gym in the state of Indiana.





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Dates to Remember

November

- 15, 16, 17 Mid-Season Play – Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.
- 17, 18 Stuff The Bus / Food Drive – Krogers on Merrifield
- 21, 22, 23 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 28 8th Grade Parent Night – 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria/Auditorium

December

- 9 Vespers Program 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Winter Orchestra Concert - 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- 13 Winter Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- 15 Food Drive – 8:00 a.m. – noon
- 21 End of Third Grading Period / End of First Semester
- 24 Winter Break Begins

January

- 7 School Resumes /1st Day of Second Semester – White Day
- 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School

February

- 2 Band/Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Contest
- 7 City Wide Spelling Bee Auditorium- 5:00 p.m.
- 16 ISSMA State Solo Ensemble
- 18 Presidents' Day - No School
- 22 End of Fourth Grading Period
- 23 State Solo & Ensemble Contest