

# MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

December 2016

## MHS Digital Art Lab - From Dream to Reality



*Conceptual drawing*

The Mishawaka Art Department was awarded a grant from the Mishawaka Education Foundation last month. This grant, a project many had been working on for three years, is for the purchase of equipment and student work stations to create a digital studio for the school's art students. Named the Mishawaka Education Foundation Digital Art Studio, it promises to give students a real world work place experience in "art & design".

The highlight of this new studio will be the individual student workstation. It will mimic those found in a preproduction studios or advertising agency workplaces. It will consist of a "drafting" style table for traditional art such as drawing and painting, but also have a new Macintosh computer with stylus tablet for digital drawing and painting. The art student will be able to move back and forth between traditional and

digital media at the same station. In most art classes, the student is either working at a desk with drawing and painting in one class or then working in another class in a computer lab to learn digital media. With this new studio, the artist works with all the tools available to a modern designer as needed. "What is really exciting is the ability to sketch out a concept on paper, scan it, and then digitally draw and paint in a program like Adobe Photoshop, just like a professional," said an eager Mr. Sergeant who can't wait to increase his students' potential. The dual credit college courses, VISC 102 and VISC 115, offered in conjunction with Ivy Tech, will benefit a great deal from the new resource as well as the AP Studio Art classes. The Digital Studio is planned to be in place for the 2017–2018 school year.

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## It's The Principal of the Thing

As we near the end of another successful semester here at Mishawaka High School, the administrative team would like to thank our faculty, staff, students, and families for their continued support, hard work, and loyalty. We strive hard to “graduate students who are academically and socially prepared and capable of adapting in a dynamic society. We are proud of our accomplishments academically and athletically as a school community, but continue to strive to improve in order to continue to benefit all students in the educational process. The administration, teachers, and support staff are committed to providing each student with an opportunity to learn in a supportive and safe learning environment.

Our Mishawaka High School’s 36th annual Food Drive will take place on December 17th from 8:00 am to noon in the cafeteria. This important community service project involves our High School, John Young Middle School and all of our Elementary schools working together to assist sponsored families through the generous collection of money, food and clothing. This is just one of the many ways we provide assistance to our community throughout the school year. A special thanks to all those who continue to be involved and support this school community activity. Through the leadership of Ms. Barendrecht, Ms. Brummett, and Mr. Ferro this year’s Food Drive will be another success as well as a rewarding experience for all involved.

Congratulations also goes out to all of our Fall Athletic Teams for their accomplishments and for representing MHS and our community in a positive way. A special congratulations to our 2016 Spell Bowl Team who competed in the State Finals on November 12th at Purdue University. We look forward to future success as our Academic Teams continue to compete this winter and serve Mishawaka High School in a positive way.

The Mishawaka High School administration, faculty, and staff want to wish you and your family the happiest of holidays this season. We believe strongly in Mishawaka High School and our future in assisting our students to new achievements. TOGETHER we can make a difference.

Sincerely,



Jerome Calderone  
Principal



## Students Hosted from Sister City

Halloween was a cross-cultural celebration, when Mishawaka students played host to a group of 6 visitors from Shiojiri, Japan. The Shiojiri Youth Delegation consisted of 5 students and a representative from the Shiojiri City Office. We are thankful to the Mishawaka families who opened their hearts and homes to host the visitors for one week of autumn fun.

It was a whirlwind week. The Shiojiri guests visited the Mishawaka classrooms, where our students introduced the guests to American holidays, foods, activities, and board games. The atmosphere was vibrant and welcoming as students talked and laughed together, eager to learn about each other’s lives. The Shiojiri guests also visited the School City of Mishawaka Administration Office. Afterwards, Indiana History came to life when they toured the Hannah Lindahl Museum. On Halloween Eve Mishawaka, students hosted a spooktacular welcome party at Castle Manor. The party was attended by over 100 students and families who enjoyed various activities such as corn hole, volleyball, board games, and just dance. There was a best costume contest and deliciously ghoulish treats to savor. Mayor Wood hosted a day of activities including a tour of Mishawaka and eating lunch with the firemen at Station 4. To wrap up the week, students and their hosts enjoyed a day-trip to Amish Country where they feasted on home-style cooking, marveled at the working horses, and shopped a lot.

The people of the communities of Mishawaka and Shiojiri are fortunate to be a part of this enduring friendship that was established in 1972. Through the various shared activities, hundreds of Mishawaka students experienced first-hand the human connection that is the foundation of our Sister-City bond. Mishawaka High School is thankful for this life-changing relationship.



## SCM Food Drive

The School City of Mishawaka Food Drive is off to a fast start. This is our 36th year of helping School City of Mishawaka families. Many students have participated in the door decorating competition here at the high school and is well on its way. If your family is interested in helping out this school year please contact Ms. Barendrecht, Ms. Brummett, or Mr. Ferro for more information. The food drive is taking place on Saturday December 17th from 9:00 A.M. to noon and volunteers are needed all morning to assist with this wonderful event.



*P.T.S.A.*  
**Winter Dance**

*December 17, 2016  
8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.  
Century Center  
Tickets \$15*

*Must have MHS student ID when  
purchasing ticket & for entrance into the dance*

*Tickets are non-refundable*

## Gold Brought Home from ISSMA!

Congratulations to the MHS Cavemen Band and Dance Squad who received a gold rating at 2016 ISSMA Festival Class Contest at Crown Point on Saturday, October 1. The band can't wait to travel to Indianapolis with our team. Go Cavemen!



## We're Off to Italy!

Mr. Sergeant is returning to Italy with another group of Mishawaka students in 2018. Sign-ups have begun. This will be the fifth trip to Europe for the art teacher and his students and parents. Highlights for this trip will be a tour of the Roman Coliseum, gazing upon Michelangelo's David, climbing the Citadel of Assisi, and walking the ruins of Pompeii. Everything from the Sistine Chapel to the Tuscan countryside will be part of this once in a lifetime trip. With a tour director and several local guides to take the group through the birthplace of the Roman Empire and the Italian Renaissance, this adventurous and educational tour provides an opportunity students will never forget. Rome, Florence, Assisi, Capri, Sorrento and Pompeii await. It's not just for the art students either. Mr. Sergeant also provides some historical insights on tour as well as sharing his passion for some of the world's greatest works of art. Interested students should contact Mr. Sergeant in room 350 for information or attend the parent meeting on November 30th, 6:30 P.M. in room 350.

## Good Teens, Good Deeds

On November 9, sophomores from Mrs. Mann's classes presented their newly published book, *Good Teens, Good Deeds*, to the SCM School Board. The book is a compilation of the answers Mrs. Mann got to the question, "What's the nicest thing you ever did for someone else?" The writings are heartwarming, inspiring, and show that MHS students are a wonderful part of the Mishawaka community. You can get your own copy for only \$5 at the Administration Building, the high school, and online through [lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) (where it is \$5.24). Follow the QR code on this page, or type in <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/goodteensgooddeeds>.



Many students and their families attended the board meeting to support the project. Four students read their book entries: Faith Lindsley, Emily Swartz, Kevyn Manson, and Micah Washington. Two other students were honored for their contributions to the book: Monica Burrows who wrote the title, and Donald Effrain who took the cover photograph. Faythe Martin illustrated the back cover. The story was picked up by local news, and you can find out what our MHS sophomores had to say about it and their deeds by going to the websites of ABC57 and WNDU.

All profits from *Good Teens, Good Deeds* will be donated to the United Way of St. Joseph County. Buy a copy now and support your local MHS sophomores and the United Way.

It's the perfect way to spread cheer in our community, and it makes a great holiday gift!

An excerpt from *Good Teens, Good Deeds*

"About two or three years ago, I saw a homeless man at McDonald's. He ordered his meal, but he was short four dollars. I gave him twenty dollars so that he could pay for his meal and have money to spend. He thanked me and told me that he was very thankful and gave me a hug. I told him that he deserved it.

I usually saw that man under the bridge a couple of times a week, but those times I never had money on me, so this time I was very happy I could help a man that I didn't know. I encourage others to do the same. Many people have had downfalls in their life and they need help getting back up on their feet. It is always nice to help others out."

By Demarko Robinson, MHS Class of 2019



*Spell Bowl Team*

## Academic Teams

Congratulations to the Spell Bowl team for qualifying for the state tournament. They finished 10th in the state among all teams in their division. Also Academic Super Bowl, Mock Trial, and Science Olympiad are off to a good start in preparation for their seasons to being. If any students are interested in joining the teams, they can contact the coaches for more information. Academic Super Bowl coaches are Mr. Ferro, Ms. Stillson, Mrs. Yoder and Ms. Brummett, the Mock Trail coach is Mr. Blair, and the Science Olympiad coaches are Ms. Barendrecht and Ms. Wisler. Good luck to all the teams as they continue this school year.

# Counselors' Corner

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**Scheduling for the 2017-18 school year** is about to begin. Counselors will work with the current junior class first. Scheduling materials will be due after Thanksgiving break. We will meet with the 10th and 9th grade classes to distribute materials in December and January. All students should return materials and each student will meet individually with his or her counselor to discuss programming and plans for the upcoming school year.

**The Elkhart Area Career Center** open house for students and parents is scheduled for January 22, Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30. \*Snow make-up date is January 29th.

**8th Grade parent night** for the incoming class of 2021 will be held in the MHS auditorium on November 30th, Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30.

**Kindness Matters:** As we head toward the holiday season, the counseling office reminds students that kindness matters. Students and staff have been asked to make an individual conscious effort to promote kindness and good will toward their fellow classmates and staff. One spark of unsolicited kindness can be the light someone else needs on any given day.

**SAT** - Juniors should take the SAT at least once before the end of the year. MHS is a SAT test center in May. (May 6th) Students will have the option to sign up at [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com) to register to take the test with or without the essay portion. Students who are enrolled in a free or reduced cost meal plan may see their counselor for a fee waiver for this test. Two fee waivers are allowed during high school. If a student is absent for a registered test they forfeit the second waiver.

**ACT** – College entrance test. The ACT is accepted and carries the same weight as a college entrance exam and may be taken as well. Many students take both the SAT and ACT. However, one or the other will suffice for college entrance testing. MHS is a test center for the ACT on February 11th. Please visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for registration additional information.



**21st Century Scholars** – Please be aware that you must sign in to your scholar track account to complete activities every year you are in high school to keep your scholarship potential on track. Scholars Help Line: 1-888.528.4719

**Follow the MHS counselors on twitter** for news and announcements! @MHS\_Counseling1

## Vespers

Dec. 11, 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. Free admission – in lieu of, please bring items and/or donations for the food drive.

## Blood Drive

The annual blood drive has been re-scheduled to December 12. Sponsored by MHS Student Council.

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**O**n Time  
**C**are for Others  
**K**eep Engaged



# MHS ATHLETICS



The Mishawaka High School 2016 Fall Athletic Season has come to an end. There were many ups and downs as the Cavemen competed and represented Mishawaka High School with pride.

Coach Curtis and his Cavemen football staff had the team ready to take on the Northern Indiana Conference as well as many powerhouse teams from around the state. Led by senior quarterback **Ryan Wroblewski**, senior fullback **Austin Faulkner**, Northern Indiana Conference MVP **Brian Campbell** and an overall solid defense, the Cavemen shut out Elkhart Central 55-0 and held Penn to 21 while scoring 14 in a thrilling defeat. The Cavemen finished the season with a 10-3 record, claiming the Sectional Championship by beating Michigan City, 18-7. In the Regional Championship, the Cavemen lost to #1 ranked Fort Wayne Snider, 31-7.



season 7-10-2. The boys' lead by seniors **Tyler Smith** and **Donovan McMillen** finished the season 6-9-1. Girls' head coach, Tim Barwick, and boys' head coach, Jim Brugh, hope to continue to build their programs and see continued hard work and success.



On the Girls' Golf team, **Deborah Janowski** earned her four-year letter and the team's MVP award. **Erin Czyz** has been golfing with the Lady Cavemen and Coach Vandenburg for three years and earned the team's Best Putter Award along with the Frank M. Steele award.



The 2016 Boys' Cross Country team continued their tradition of running excellence by finishing second in the Northern Indiana Conference. While both the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams advanced runners to the Semi-State for Coach Chris Kowalewski. **Faith Quintana**, **Damaris Wyant**, **Joe Streeter** and **Joey McIntire** represented MHS at Semi-State. **Faith Quintana** and **Damaris Wyant** were also named to 1st team NIC.

The Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams kicked off the season by battling through a tough Northern Indiana Conference. Led by senior Trista Roller, the girls' team finished their



The tennis team, coached by Mary Beth Rosheck, struggled with low numbers this year but worked hard to improve their skills. Senior **Kyler Garrett** earned his fourth varsity letter and the team's MVP award, and senior **Kyle Bolinger** earned his third varsity letter and the Franke M. Steele Award to lead the Boys' Tennis Team.

With the return of legendary coach Steve Anderson, the girls' volleyball team is learning about tradition, hard work, and the culture of Mishawaka Volleyball. Although the team struggled this year, improvement was evident and the team is headed in the right direction. Although the team defeated Adams in the first round of Sectional play, they could not handle the hard-hitting LaPorte Slicers in round two and fell in three games. The team was led by senior and 1st Team NIC, **Lindsey Pelletier**, senior and 2nd Team NIC, **Paige Engdahl**, junior and Honorable Mention NIC, **Liz Ashburn**, and sophomore and Honorable Mention NIC, **Megan Fry**.



### **Mishawaka Football Touchdown Club News:**

Our 2016 football season has been exciting. The Cavemen have continued to battle week after week during this beautiful fall season. On October 28, 2016, the Hook and Ladder was back! USA Today gave The Cavemen offense props for their creative play and performance of the Hook and Ladder for a Touchdown during their win against South Bend Adams! The Cavemen received the honor of having the fifth best play of the week in the Country! Congratulations to team #115 for beating Michigan City to become Back to Back Sectional 9 Champions and enjoy their third 5A Sectional title in four years! The Cavemen continued the battle at Regional's for a repeat match against the Fort Wayne Snider Panthers. The Cavemen came up short against the Panthers, but we are

proud that our Cavemen football team has continued to play hard week after week. The Junior Varsity team also had a successful season with a record of 6-3. The Freshman team added to the success with a record of 7-2. We have greatly enjoyed this season and are proud of these great young men that made up team #115. Awesome job Coaches and Players!

The Football Banquet for all 10th through 12th grade players will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Celebrations. Invitations have been sent out. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Save the date and plan to support our annual Port-A-Pit Chicken and Pit-Tatoes sale. The event will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. We hope to see you all there!

The touchdown club will be securing a date soon to hold the annual Trivia Night! Start forming your teams soon! This is always a fun event. Please make sure to watch our facebook page for upcoming events and information!

As this 2016 season comes to an end, we want to give a huge shout out and thank you to this wonderful Mishawaka Community and parents who have continued to support The Cavemen Football Team and the Mishawaka Football Touchdown Club! We could not do what we do for this team without all of the donations and support from the local businesses, community members and parents. We are truly blessed to be a part of this great community! We wish all The Cavemen Football families and supporters a wonderful and joyous holiday season!

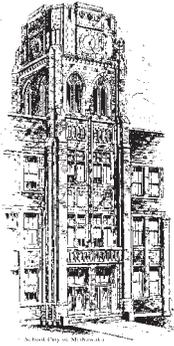
### **Spring Training Baseball Camp**

The Mishawaka Baseball Program is holding its Spring Training Baseball Camp for players in grades K – 8 in the west gym at Mishawaka High School. The camp starts February 4th and will be held on the next three consecutive Saturdays. Each camp will conduct two sessions. The first session will cover hitting from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and will be followed with the second session covering pitching and defense from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. Each session is \$10 or \$20 for the day. If a player is able to attend all the sessions, the cost is \$65. Registration forms can be found on the Mishawaka Athletic web site or at the registration table at the camp. Players are welcome to attend any of the camps even if they miss the first day.

### **Mishawaka Bowling Club**

Mishawaka Bowling Club is led by Coach Ed Griesinger. The team is made up of 7 boys and 1 girl. They practice in town at Parkway Lanes on Mondays and Wednesdays but play out of town in Plymouth, South Bend, and Osceola. The season runs from October till the end of February. If you get the chance, stop by and check out the team.

- December 7th - Bowler's Country Club 4:30 P.M.
- December 17th - O.C. Lanes 1:00 P.M.
- December 22nd - Chippewa Lanes 4:30 P.M.



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## Dates to Remember

### December

- 11 Vespers Program 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- 17 Food Drive, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- 17 PTSA Winter Dance, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 P.M.  
Century Center
- 23 End of Third Grading Period /  
End of First Semester
- 26 Winter Break Begins

### January

- 9 School Resumes /1st Day of Second  
Semester – White Day
- 16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / No School
- 17 No School / Possible snow make up day
- 20 Presidents' Day - No School
- 24 End of Fourth Grading Period

### February

- 17 No School / Possible snow make up day
- 20 Presidents' Day - No School
- 24 End of Fourth Grading Period March

### March

- Senior Academic Recognition Banquet
- 16,17,18 Play – 6:30 P.M. – Auditorium
- 20 No School / Possible snow make up day
- 21 Evening at the Pops – Auditorium - 7:00 P.M.  
\$3 admission
- 23 Elementary All-City Choir Concert  
East Gym 7:00 P.M.
- 30 Festival of Strings – 7:00 P.M. - Auditorium