

MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

October 2016

Top Ten Finalist



We are proud to announce that MHS English Teacher **Mrs. Jessica Mann** has been named one of the ten finalists for the 2017 Indiana Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Mann qualified for this honor by receiving School City of Mishawaka's 2015–16 Teacher of the Year Award last spring. Mrs. Mann has a true passion for the teaching profession and assisting students in the learning process in her classroom. She has also been highly involved in our Early College Program. Mrs. Mann currently teaches English 10 and IUACP Cadet Teaching. Congratulations, Mrs. Mann from the entire Mishawaka High School Community!

Selfless Sophomores

When I asked my first students on the first day of school, “what’s the nicest thing you ever did for someone else,” I expected to get simple answers about doing chores or helping siblings. Instead I was overwhelmed with the generosity demonstrated by the class of 2019. We have sophomores who regularly volunteer in the community, at church, at school, and for their family. Some students stand up to bullies, are a voice for the voiceless, or share money and food with those who have very little.

After reading these stories, I knew that our community would want to hear about what MHS students are doing to make Mishawaka better. My classes are in the process of writing a book that is a collection of stories of selflessness. They are collaborating to improve each other’s writing, choose a title, and decide how the book will be organized. All the artwork in the book will be created by students, and the cover art will be voted on by all the students in my classes.

This book will be presented to the SCM school board and Dr. Speicher at the October 25 school board meeting (7:00 at Emmons School). All sophomores are invited to attend the meeting, be a part of the presentation ceremony, and be recognized for their efforts in and out of the classroom. After the book presentation, it will be available for \$5.00 at SMC schools and local businesses.

The class has decided that the profits from the book will be donated to the St. Joseph County United Way so that their good deeds can continue their positive impact on our community.

Jessica Mann
MHS English Teacher

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It's The Principal of the Thing

Welcome back to another exciting and rewarding school year here at Mishawaka High School. We believe that this school year will be filled with student growth, parental partnerships, community partnerships and successful and influential teaching within our school classrooms. Our yearly Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 6, 2016. We truly look forward to your attendance and the opportunity for you to meet our dedicated teaching staff.

We at Mishawaka High School renew our commitment to engage all students in the learning process and assist our students as “leaders of their own learning.” Students will demonstrate mastery of content and skill based standards. They will have the opportunity to seek learning based on their interest and individual choices. They will be challenged, supported, and will benefit from excellent instruction and innovation’s in the classroom. It is our top goal for all students to graduate from Mishawaka High School as lifelong leaders and learners, both college and career ready and prepared to meet the challenges of citizenship in a changing world.

We are also highly committed to a safe and positive school environment. At Mishawaka High School, we are “One School—One Community.” It is our top priority to support a school climate of respect, responsibility and high standards. We are off to a positive start to the 2016-17 School Year. We would like to thank all of our teachers, staff members, secretaries, custodians, students and families for their hard work and dedication to Mishawaka High School. As a school community, we will continue to be successful working together today for a brighter future tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Jerome Calderone
Principal



Administration Here to Serve

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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School Improvement an Ongoing Process

Although MHS was once again accredited last year, the Committee for School Improvement has not stopped working. Since then the Committee has been working with the faculty and staff to implement recommendations from the AdvanceED External Review Team. The committee has also been working to develop a new plan that will guide improvement over the next four years.

Additionally, Committee for School Improvement member **Suzanne Dolebo** was asked to serve on a keynote

discussion panel at the Indiana AdvanceED conference September 13. The panel discussed issues teachers face in education today, as well as ways to make Indiana a national leader in education. A group of five teachers and administrators attended the state conference and gained valuable information that will help as the process restarts.

Special Recognition

Congratulations to **Brandon Lighty** for being named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. 1.6 million students entered the 2017 competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT with only 34,000 students being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Special Recognition

The French Honor Society (SHF) had its induction ceremony on March 30, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. 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. Louis MacKenzie, a French professor from Notre Dame addressed the inductees. The following students are new members of this society.

Elizabeth Buchmann, Claudia Cates, Danae Draugther, Patrick Goulker, Austin Laymon, Charlie McGarry, Alyssa Mibb, Hana Moody, Emily Schools, and Kylee Stapleton.

Orchestra News

Dr. Vicky Warkentien from Bethel College has invited the Mishawaka High School Orchestra to do a concert with them this school year. The MHS orchestra will play alongside Bethel College orchestra students. They will be playing standard orchestra literature. The combined orchestra will be around 100 members. Fifty-eight of which belong to the MHS Orchestra. This concert is on Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 P.M. in the Everest/Rohrer Auditorium on Bethel's Campus.

Photos

Picture Re-takes

If your 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student has not had their school picture taken for the yearbook yet, re-takes will be done October 3rd from 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. & October 4th from 7:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. in the Auditorium Lobby. Students should be dressed school appropriate.

Senior Pictures

Seniors, who have not had their yearbook picture taken yet, can have them taken on October 3rd from 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., October 4th from 7:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., or October 5th from 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Photos will be taken in the Auditorium Lobby. If you need to contact Roots to set/change a time, call 851-433-1766 or go to the website @ RootsSeniors.com.

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 & Gown

George Kingsley was at MHS on September 27th 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. George Kingsley will be back on October 13, 11:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M., October 14, 11:30 A.M. – 1:45 P.M. and October 15, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Peebles at 254-7323.



Infinite Campus Portal Information

Parent/Guardians who want to setup an Infinite Campus Portal account to see their children's grades, assignments, and much more, may pick up their Activation code in the schools now!

- Go to the office of the school where your youngest child attends.
- Tell the office staff you are there to pick up your activation code.
- Be prepared to show a photo ID.
- Use the information on the sheet to setup your own account.

Benefits to having your own account:

- Once you setup the account, it is active until your last child graduates; no need to re-establish every year.
- You can make changes to e-mail, phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. through the portal. You will continue to make address changes by contacting the school directly.
- You can view multiple students with one easy login.
- A convenient mobile app lets you keep up with student information.

If you have already created and are using your own portal account, there is no need for further action.



Are You Ready to Compete to get into College?

The average student in this year's freshman class had SAT scores in the following ranges:

Indiana University Bloomington Critical Reading and Math only	1100-1290
Purdue West Lafayette All three scores CR/Math/Writing	1540-1910
Ball State University All three scores CR/Math/Writing	1590

Standardized tests are the one measure schools have to compare students from different high schools. Good scores are essential to being accepted in this competitive environment.

Beyond the Cave is offering a five-week class for Mishawaka High School students to help you maximize your scores.

SAT Prep Course: English

Review the fundamentals of vocabulary, critical reading, and sentence completion. Be prepared for the essay portion by reviewing how to effectively develop and express ideas, how to present those ideas logically, and how to use precise language to do so.

Note: Homework is essential and expected. Bring a dictionary to class. We will provide the textbook.

Monday 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Location: Mishawaka High School (LGIA)

SAT Prep Course: Math

Review SAT math concepts which now include exponential growth, absolute values, functional notation, and negative and fractional exponents. Practice these concepts along with arithmetic, algebraic, and geometric concepts included on the test.

Note: Homework is essential and expected. Bring a calculator to class. (calculators permitted

during testing include graphing and scientific calculators). We will provide the textbook.

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.– 8:30 P.M.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, / November 2

Location: Mishawaka High School (LGIA)

Cost: \$20 for one course (Math or English), \$25 for both (compare to \$159 per course elsewhere)

Fee waived if the student has already received a fee waiver from the SAT.

P MHS Pupil Services Office [PSO] Personnel
Mr. Troyer: Discipline 10th & 11th grades
S *Mr. Curtis:* Discipline 9th & 12th grades
Mrs. Fisher: attendance, tardies
O *Mrs. Escher:* secretary
Call 254-7309 to report absences

Attendance

School Starts at 8:00 A.M., with the first bell ringing at 7:50 A.M. 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 this year 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 a great start to the 2016–17 school year!

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"ROCK"

Counselors'

Contacts

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Susan Piper	F-La	254-7314
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Tom Moore - STAR Coord.		254-7318

Welcome Back!

Seniors:

College application season is in full swing. Please refer to the senior "to do" list distributed in your advisory class to get started on your next steps beyond MHS. A copy of this document was mailed to senior households and outlines important information for seniors to help them with the application process.

What Is Parchment?

This is the secure electronic way that your high school transcript is delivered to a university or college. **You must** make a parchment account and request that your transcript be delivered to a specific school using this format. We cannot send your transcript via verbal request, e-mail request, or parent request; it must come through your parchment account. Universities expect to receive electronic transcripts not paper ones.

St. Joseph County College Fair

October 5th, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; Century Center, South Bend, IN.

Future Testing Dates at MHS

All sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT during the school day on Wednesday, October 19. This is an important test as it measures career and college readiness and exposes students to the SAT format. For juniors, this test is part of the National Merit Scholarship program. There is no test make-up day for this exam. Please make sure your student is in school and ready to test on this date. Practice booklets will be distributed in late September. Freshmen will have a regular school day. Seniors may use the morning for a legitimate pre-arranged job shadow or college visit. MHS study hall will be open for seniors who need to attend. Seniors received information on their options in advisory on 9/12/16.

Fall SAT Dates

October 1st, November 5th (MHS test center date)
December 3rd

Fall ACT Dates

October 22 and February 11th (MHS test center both dates)



21st Century Scholars

To better prepare Scholars for college and career success, Indiana established the Scholar Success Program, a set of 12 college-readiness activities (three per year in high school) that Scholars must complete before graduating high school.

Completing the Scholar Success Program

1. Register for an online ScholarTrack Account at www.Scholars.IN.gov/ScholarTrack
2. Complete the required Scholar Success Program activities to remain eligible to receive the scholarship.
3. Confirm completion of all 12 Scholar Success Program activities via student's ScholarTrack account before graduating from high school.

Grade Required Activities

- 9 Create a graduation plan
 - Participate in an Extracurricular or service activity
 - Watch "Paying for College 101"
- 10 Take a Career Interests Assessment
 - Get Workplace Experience
 - Estimate Cost of College
- 11 Visit a College Campus
 - Take a College Entrance Exam (SAT/ACT)
 - Search For Scholarships
- 12 Submit College Application
 - Watch "College 101"
 - File Your FAFSA

In addition to completing the above activities, scholars must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and graduate with a CORE 40 diploma.

The 21st Century website (www.Scholars.IN.gov) is a comprehensive resource for families to assist in managing the requirements for this scholarship. Scholar's help line is 1-888-4719.



MHS ATHLETICS

Going into sectionals with a losing record (10–16), the Cavemen Baseball team had the confidence that they had a good chance of winning the 2016 South Bend Sectionals. Their first matchup was against South Bend Clay who defeated the Cavemen earlier in the season by the score of 9–5. After seven innings, the game was tied 1–1. It wasn't until the ninth inning when the Colonials managed to break the tie when **Luke Campbell** walked the go ahead run in. Then in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the ninth with runners on first and second and one out, Luke Campbell hit a missile to the right center fence for a walk-off triple scoring **Dylan Hall** all the way from first. Not only did Luke drive in the winning run, he was the winning pitcher.

For the semi-final game of sectionals, the Cavemen took on LaPorte who defeated Riley in the first round. The Cavemen took advantage of some key hits and many base on balls to take a manageable lead of 10–3 before things started to get a little hairy going into the last inning. With the tying and go ahead runs in scoring position, senior **Sam Fry** managed to get his team out of trouble by getting the last out with a pop-up to first baseman **Bryson Stutesman**.

Next up was the sectional championship against Plymouth who ended the Cavemen's season last year. The team was looking for redemption and their first sectional title since 1997. **Sam Fry** who started on the mound pitched brilliantly by keeping the Pilgrims to one run. Then, the deciding blow to the Pilgrims was when **Ryan Wroblewski** hit a base clearing triple with two runners on base and scored on an error during the same play. The Cavemen were up 5–1 at that point and **Luke Campbell** came in to pitch the final three innings to close the door and to win the sectional title!

Next up was the Penn Kingsmen in the regionals that was played at LaPorte High School. The Cavemen managed to take a 3–1 lead but let it get away from them on some big hits by Penn. The Cavemen had a couple of opportunities to tie and win the game, but was unable to score. **Luke Campbell** pitched another great game before falling to the Kingsmen who went on to win the regional championship and then lose to a powerful Zionsville team in the semi-state.

The Cavemen finished the season with a 13–17 record that was lead by a great group of seniors of **Sammy Eggleston**,

Sam Fry, Hunter Martsof, Zack Raes, Cameron Rice, Brandon Riffle, and Ashten Williams. Next year's team is already looking forward to play for another sectional title in 2017.

MHS Touchdown Club News

Our 2016 football season is off to a great start. Steele Stadium has been full each week and we are thankful to all our Cavemen families for their constant support. We have been excited 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!

We are excited about the unveiling of our 2016 White Out shirt. Stop at the Spirit Wear table to pick up your shirt prior to the big game against Penn on October 14, 2016!

Touchdown Club will be selling Spirit Wear at the Fall Harvest Festival on October 8, 2016 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Beutter Park. Plan to attend and show your community support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Night will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016. Plan to attend and honor our senior players and managers as they enjoy this special evening.

Freshman Football dinner and awards will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2016. All freshman football players and parents plan to attend the banquet in the MHS cafeteria at 6:30 P.M. The Touchdown Club will provide food and drinks.

Fall Awards Night

The 2016 MHS Fall Awards Night will take place on Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the East Gymnasium. All parents, family members, and fall sports teams will meet briefly in the east gymnasium to honor the scholar athletes, Frank M. Steele recipients, all conference recipients, and present any trophy won to Principal Jerome Calderone so it can be displayed in the trophy cases. Immediately after this presentation, teams will be dismissed so coaches can present individual awards to their team. Punch and cookies will be offered to everyone attending.



MHS Athletic Hall of Fame

The Mishawaka High School Athletic Hall of Fame is preparing for the selection of its 16th class of inductees. Since the induction of the inaugural class in the fall of 1986, the Hall of Fame Committee meets biannually to select members for induction.

The Committee is currently seeking nominations for the class of 2017. There are two categories for nomination to the Hall of Fame. The first category is for Mishawaka High School students who have passed the ninth anniversary of their graduating class' commencement ceremonies and who made significant contributions to high school, college, amateur, or professional athletics. The second is a general category and can be any individual who was not a Mishawaka High School student, but made significant contributions to the success of the Mishawaka High School athletic program.

Nominations must be submitted by December 28, 2016. Forms are available at the Mishawaka High School Athletic Office or visit the Mishawaka Athletic page at www.mishawaka.k12.in.us. The office is open each weekday from 7:45 A.M. till 4:30 P.M. Though there are currently many individuals in nomination, everyone is encouraged to submit the names of anyone they feel meet the criteria.

Voting to select the inductee class of 2017 will begin in January. The plans are for a March induction date to be determined later. For further information you may call the Mishawaka High School Athletic Office at [574] 254-7331.

Family Swims - Lap Swims

Family Swims began at Mishawaka High School on Monday, September 12, 2016.

The format of our Family Swim Program will be the same as last year. The diving boards will be closed during Family Swims. Recreational Family Swims, will be Mondays only from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on the following dates:

October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November: 7, 14, 21, 28
December: 5, 12, 19 [no swim 26]
January: 9, 23, 30 [no swim Jan. 16]
February: 6, 13, 27 [no swim Feb. 20]
March: 6, 13, 20, 27

As in the past, Wednesdays will be used for Lap Swims. During Lap Swims there will be no recreational use of the pool. The Lap Swims will be from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on the following dates:

September: 14, 21, 28
October: 5, 12, 19, 26
November: 2, 9, 16, 30 [no swim 23]
December: 7, 14, 21 [no swim 28]
January: 11, 18, 25 [no swim 4]

February: 1, 8, 15, 22
March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Family and Lap Swims at Mishawaka High School are restricted to residents of School City of Mishawaka Corporation. The swims will be from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. on the dates above. The cost is \$ 1.00 for adults and \$ 0.50 for students, children, and senior citizens.

Important Note

A parent or guardian must accompany children who are not students at Mishawaka High School. Family Swims are not intended to be used for Group Outings. Groups should contact the school to make arrangements for pool time.

For further information contact the Mishawaka High School Athletic Department. The phone number is 254-7331

MHS Athletic Season Passes

All sports passes and season sports passes are currently on sale in the Athletic Office. Don't delay; get your sports passes today! Don't miss out on the special deal for any current MHS athlete who has earned their varsity letter in a specific sport for only \$10.00!

Family All-Sports Passes, \$150 each (Limit 2 cards per family)

Adult All Sports Passes, \$70 each

Senior Citizen All-Sports Passes, \$45 each

Student All-Sports Passes, \$35 each

Letterman Passes, \$10 each

Adult Season Passes, \$35 each sport
[B. Basketball, G. Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball]

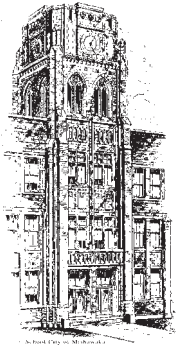
Student Season Passes, \$15 each sport
[Football, B. Basketball, G. Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball]

Adult Season Passes, \$25 each sport
[Soccer, Swimming, Wrestling]

Student Season Passes, \$10 each sport
[Soccer, Swimming, Wrestling, Track, Tennis]

Adult Season Passes, \$15 each sport
[Tennis, Track]





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Dates to Remember

October

- 3 Senior Pictures/ Underclass Re-Takes
9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- 4 Senior Pictures/ Underclass Re-Takes
7:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- 5 Senior Pictures/ Underclass Re-Takes
7:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- 6 Parent – Teacher Conferences/ No School
12 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
- 13 Herff Jones/George Kingsley Graduation orders
Lunch – 6 P.M.
- 14 Herff Jones/George Kingsley Graduation orders
Lunch only
- 15 Herff Jones/George Kingsley Graduation orders
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- 19 PSAT – Sophomores/ Juniors
- 21 Fall Recess, No School
- 22 ACT Testing
- 26 Fall Festival, Choir, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium, \$3

November

- 4 End of Second Grading Period
- 5 SAT Testing
- 8 Recess/Election Day
- 10, 11, 12 Fall Play, 6:30 P.M., Auditorium
- 17 Orchestra side by side w/Bethel Concert
Bethel College, 7:00 P.M.
- 24, 25 Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- 28, 29 Student Council Blood Drive 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

December

- 1 Winter Orchestra Concert, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium
- 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