

# Calendar

- December 5 Christmas in the Village
- December 5 Shop with a Cop 8:00 am
- December 8 Early Release
- December 9 Sophomores visit Van Buren Tech Center
- December 10 Winter Band Concert 7:30
- December 12 Winter Formal 8-11:30 (no jeans)
- December 14 D.A.R. Tea (Jazz Band) 2:00
- December 18 Holiday Choir Concert 2:20
- December 21-January 1 Holiday Break
- January 4 School Resumes
- January 12 Early Release

## PATRIOT'S PEN

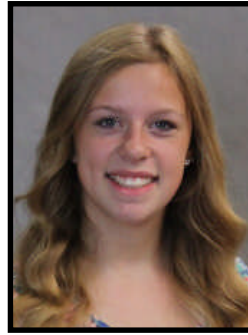


Three of Mr. Fountain's eighth grade students have won the "Patriot's Pen" essay contest sponsored by Post 4054 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Given the topic, "What Freedom Means to Me", the third place winner is Gunnar Holston and the second place winner is Natalie Drauch. The first place winner is James T. Gooden, (pictured on the right) and he will be advancing to the statewide contest in Lansing, Michigan. CONGRATULATIONS!

## Boxtops for Education

Marcellus Middle/High School collects boxtops for education. Please send them to the office with your student to help the school earn cash to purchase items for the classrooms.

## LIONS CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations **Lauren Ri-denour**, High School November Student of the Month. Lauren is a well-mannered, attentive young lady who is always willing to help others in and out of the classroom. Lauren participates in band, dance, and enjoys 4-H. She donated money from her market rabbit to the Marcellus Food Pantry. Lauren is president of the Junior Class and Kids-n-Kids 4-H club. She is also Vice-President of the Spanish Honor Society.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations **Rachel Mihills**, Middle School November Student of the Month. Teachers say Rachel always does what is right, is congenial, and is very diligent with a great work ethic. She is organized, friendly, attentive and punctual. She participates in band, basketball, volleyball, softball and competitive cheer.



## WINTER FORMAL

High school students are invited to attend the annual holiday formal on December 12 from 8:00 - 11:30 in the high school cafeteria. The theme is "White Christmas".

## SKI CLUB!

Ski & Snowboard applications are available in the office and website. Season passes may

## GIVING BACK

Mrs. Carlson's classes are sponsoring a pajama drive. Donations of new pajamas (infant through adult sizes) until December 18th. Information is available at [pajamaprogram.org](http://pajamaprogram.org).

## NHS FOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society will be sponsoring a food drive for the Marcellus Food Pantry December 2 through December 17. Items such as ravioli, Spaghettios, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, would be greatly appreciated.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

How much could your senior get for college and career education? Most get thousands of dollars in aid. Find out when you file the FAFSA. Get FREE help filing the FAFSA at a College Goal event near you. Details at <http://www.MICollegeGoal.org>. Seniors can start applying for Financial Aid as of January 1st, so the sooner your taxes are done, the sooner you can apply and have more opportunities for college financial aid.

Sophomores will be visiting the Van Buren Technology Center on December 9. This is a great opportunity for students to further explore career options while determining their interesting in attending the Tech Center for junior and/or senior years.

Are you familiar with Ghost Apps? These are innocent looking apps designed to hide things, such as pictures, on phones. Check it out: <http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Ghost-Apps-Let-Kids-Hide-Photos-on-Phones-346363102.html>

December is all about **compassion**. Please continue to help by reinforcing and modeling this character trait at home.

Ten Christmas gifts ideas for teens:

10. Yearbook/School apparel
9. Favorite Comics
8. Chocolate
7. Friends Hangout Dinner
6. Trendy Clothes
5. Movie Reservations/Gift Card
4. Video Games

### Save the Date

The SADD students will be having a pulled pork dinner fundraiser before basketball homecoming on February 5, 2016.



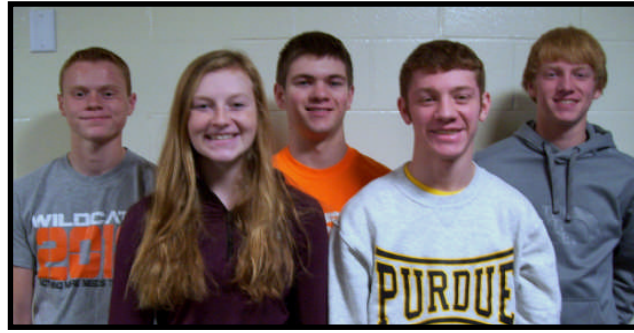
### Marcellus Food Pantry

Marcellus Middle School Student Council presented the Marcellus Food Pantry with a check for \$200 on Nov. 19, 2015. Pictured Pastor John Messner, Student Council Vice President Drake Surach and Student Council President Megan Schuur.

### Daily Schedule

7:35–7:50 Breakfast  
7:50–8:46 1st period  
8:50–9:46 2nd period  
9:50–10:45 3rd period  
10:49–11:19 HS Lunch  
10:49–11:41 MS 4th period  
11:23–12:15 HS 4th period  
11:45–12:15 MS Lunch  
12:19–1:11 5th period  
1:15–2:08 6th period  
2:12–3:06 7th period

Half Day Dismissal is 11:06  
Early Release Dismissal is 2:06



### STEM PARTICIPANTS

On Friday, November 13, Mr. McCloskey and five of his top Physics students - (L-R) Jason Morgan, Grace Mihills, Derek Flory, Trent Henry, Trevor Henry, attended the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Conference held at Southwestern Michigan College. The students could choose from 3 sessions The day was designed to be a day of learning about STEM and the sharing of teaching strategies that encourage and inspire STEM students. The day started with a couple of presentations about 3D printer programs at two high schools in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. The day finished with a hands-on-science exhibition, choosing from 3 sessions on physics, to en-

### *HOLIDAY BREAK*

*DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1*

*School Resumes January 4*

### *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

**MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH  
SCHOOL**

# **WILDCAT BEAT**



## **DECEMBER 2015**

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