

MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

WildCat Beat

February 2016

CALENDAR

Feb. 1 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Feb. 4 NHS BLOOD DRIVE
Feb. 6 HS SOLO & ENSEMBLE AT SMC
Feb. 5 BASKETBALL HOMECOMING
Feb. 9 EARLEY RELEASE - 2:06
Feb. 23 PRE-FESTIVAL CONCERT BAND 7:30
Feb. 24 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30-7:30



Happy Valentine's Day

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

High School Lion's Club Student of the Month

Congratulations **Amy Steinkraus**, January Lions Club student of the month. Teachers comment that Amy is an extraordinary student who is outgoing and polite. She is timely, thorough and pays attention to detail. She is in the band and enjoys playing piano. She is also a member of the cross country, track and field, and basketball teams.



Middle School Student of the Month



Congratulations **Seth Lansdale**, January middle school student of the month. Seth always has a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He works well with his peers on classroom projects, is prepared for class and is a conscientious worker. Seth plays baseball and basketball and enjoys snowboarding.

BLOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society is hosting the winter annual Red Cross Blood Drive on February 4. It will be held in the middle/high school gym starting at 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Please call the office for more information or visit the website: redcross.org. Click on [donate blood](#).



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to James Gooden, 8th grader, and Myia Riggs, 9th grader, who received first semester perfect attendance awards!



SADD HOMECOMING DINNER

The SADD students will be having a pulled pork dinner in the middle/high school cafeteria starting at 4:00 p.m. through 1st quarter of the boys' basketball homecoming game on February 5, 2016. Take out is also available. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more.

HOMEWORK HOUR

Homework Hour is available for students who need additional time or assistance to complete assignments. Homework Hour is held 3:15 — 4:15 Monday through Thursday, except on the early release days. Students who have missing work may also be **assigned** to Homework Hour. There will be no Homework Hour on Early Dismissal days.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Middle/High School would be very appreciative if you would please send in any Boxtops for Education. When you purchase items that have the redeemable coupons, tear them off, and have your student bring them to the office, and we will do the rest! Thank you for your support!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Marcellus Middle /High School Counseling Department has a new Facebook page designed to provide college and career information for students and parents. School counselor, Mrs. Kim Hayward manages the page; it can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/MHScatsschoolcounseling/>.


Time to start working on FAFSA!

The initial due date for FAFSA is quickly approaching. You do not need to have taxes completed in order to meet the March 1 deadline. FAFSA will allow you to estimate. Get started now by applying for a FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>. It takes a few days for the Social Security Administration to verify your FSA ID, so plan this step a few days before beginning the FAFSA.



Need help completing FAFSA???

MI College Goal Event Coming in February Students and families looking for assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to attend MI College Goal. MI College Goal is a statewide FAFSA completion initiative led by EduGuide which will take place at several host sites throughout Michigan.



Local events include 2/14/16 at WMU, 2-4 pm, 2/27/16 at LMC, 11-1 pm or SMC, 12-2 pm. You do not have to be a student or future student of these schools to attend. It is open to anyone. Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at every site to guide students and families through the application. For other sites:
<http://www.micollegegoal.org/Students/Locations.aspx>.

For information on State of Michigan aid programs, please visit:
www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

A Few Study Tips:

1. Alternate studying locations
2. Participate in study and homework groups
3. Make flash cards
4. Sleep!
5. Go to class/pay attention
6. Manage your time
7. Study in small chunks instead of all at once
8. Study for tests over multiple days, don't wait until the night before.
9. Read out loud

Seniors! Time to start finalizing your post-graduation plans! Juniors, time to start planning yours!

MI CAREER QUEST

MI Career Quest Southwest 2016 will draw upwards of 6,000 eighth and ninth graders to the Kalamazoo County Expo Center over a 2-day period. Students will experience an interactive, hands-on, informational and inspiring career and college readiness event unlike any other career event. During this unique experience, students will be able to explore careers – direct from the professionals who perform these jobs every day. Employers from four industry areas (Arts & Communication - Business, Technology & Human Services - Engineering & Manufacturing - Health & Natural Sciences) will work together to brainstorm and produce exciting exhibits within approximately 50,000 square feet of exhibit space within the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Imagine CNC machines, CPR dummies, robots, farm animals, and ballet dancers – all up close and personal with not a “Don't Touch!” sign in sight. A very cool event for career exploration! Marcellus middle and high school students are welcome to attend this event during the open house hours from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, February 11. Mark your calendars! <http://www.micareerquestsw.org/>

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

Cell phones are permitted in school only if they are OFF and kept in the student's locker or car. Students who violate this policy will face lunch detention for a first offense. Further violations will result in ISS. In all cases, a parent or a parent's adult delegate will have to pick up the confiscated phone from the school office no earlier than the following day.

