

# MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

# WildCat Beat

## January 2016

### CALENDAR

Jan. 12 EARLY RELEASE 2:06 DISMISSAL  
Jan. 20,21,22 EXAMS  
Jan. 22 END OF SEMESTER - HALF DAY  
11:06 DISMISSAL  
Jan. 29 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Feb. 1 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Feb. 4 NHS BLOOD DRIVE  
Feb. 5 BASKETBALL HOMECOMING  
Feb. 24 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES  
4:30 – 7:30

### 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



### SNOW KING & QUEEN

Congratulations to **Brenden Ludlow** and **Tara Feldkamp**.  
The two were voted Snow King and Queen at the holiday  
dance in December.

### High School Lion's Club Student of the Month

Congratulations **Madison Fisher**, December Lions Club student of the month. Teachers comment that Madison is very diligent and continues to strive for success and bettering herself in every way possible, both academically and personally. She is a great example to her classmates. Madison participates in volleyball, basketball and track.



### Middle School Student of the Month

Congratulations **Angel Knipp** December middle school student of the month. Angel is always prepared for class, puts forth optimal effort and is willing to help anyone around her. She is always cheerful and has great attendance. Angel participates in band, dance class and enjoys horseback riding.



### 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](http://redcross.org). Click on [donate blood](#).



## **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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 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.

## **VFW TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Cropsey was named the VFW Teacher of the Year and was presented a medal by Wilber Breseman. Congratulations Mrs. Cropsey for your dedication, leadership and commitment to our students.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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.

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

*REMINDER* - All male US Citizens ages 18-25, are required by law to register with the Selective Service. It's quick and easy. Have your social security number ready and go online to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

*JUNIOR PARENTS* - It's time to start considering post-graduation plans. Your students can begin applying to colleges and programs beginning in June. After the start of the next semester, students will be meeting with me individually. They will be encouraged to open up discussion at home and begin thinking about paying for college.

*SENIORS* – As you are offered scholarships, PLEASE bring in a copy of the scholarship offer. We'd like to recognize your accomplishments at Senior Honor's Night in May.



### 10 Parenting Tips for Raising Teenagers

1. Give kids some leeway.
2. Choose your battles wisely.
3. Invite their friends for dinner.
4. Decide rules and discipline in advance.
5. Discuss 'checking in.'
6. Talk to teens about risks.
7. Give teens a game plan.
8. Keep the door open.
9. Let kids feel guilty.
10. Be a role model.

<http://www.webmd.com/parenting/features/10-parenting-tips-for-raising-teenagers>

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT....

Check out the new SAT app.



### **STUDENT AID**

The Michigan Department of Treasury-Student Financial Services Bureau is proud to be a sponsor of **MI College Goal**, coming February 2016. We encourage students and families to attend a MI College Goal event where an expert can help in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Assistance is available for free at over 30 locations throughout the State.

Michigan's deadline for priority consideration of State aid is **March 1**. As a reminder, our office does not know which college a student plans to attend; therefore, State aid awards are based on the first college listed on the FAFSA. Students must file a renewal FAFSA every year to be considered for continued program eligibility. Students are also responsible for notifying our office if their college choice changes-this can be done online using the MiSSG Student Portal at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg) or by phone at 1-888-4-GRANTS ([888-447-2687](tel:888-447-2687)).

For information on MI College Goal and locations/dates, please visit [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org). For information on State of Michigan aid programs, please visit [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid).

### **END OF THE YEAR FIELDTRIPS**

7th and 8th Grade end of the year fieldtrips have been scheduled for June 2nd. 7th grade will go to Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids and the 8th grade will go to Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon. Please remind your students that these fieldtrips are behavior based.