

MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

WildCat Beat

May 2016

CALENDAR ★ IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION

May 1	Band Spring Concert
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9, 10, 11	7 th Grade – ★ MSTEP Testing
May 10,	Early release 2:06
May 14	Prom
May 18	Blood Drive (high school gym)
May 20	Middle School Dance 6-8:30 Senior Trip
May 26	Last Day for seniors
May 26	Senior Honors Night 7:00
May 30	No School - Memorial Day
June 1	Awards - 9-11 grades 9:00 Awards - Middle School 2:15
June 2	Athletic Physicals 3:00 – 4:15 \$20
June 3	7 th grade field trip to Craig's Cruisers (behavior based)
June 3	8 th grade field trip to Mich. Adventure (behavior based)
June 5	Graduation
June 6,7,8	Exams
June 8	Last day of school - 1/2 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

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It is **IMPERATIVE** that your 7th grade students are in school on May 9, 10, 11 for MSTEP testing.



High School Lion's Club Student of the Month

Congratulations to junior, **Jade Sibley**, April Lions Club student of the month. Teachers comment that she is responsible, disciplined, focused and always consistent with follow through. Jade has participated in basketball, volleyball, softball. Jade is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D). Hobbies include snowboarding, photography and reading. She plans to attend School of the Art Institute of Chicago to study visual arts.

Middle School Student of the Month

Congratulations to 8th grader, Logan Reigle-High, April Middle School Student of the Month. Logan always has a positive attitude and puts forth 100% effort 100% of the time. She works well in groups and is willing to help other students that may be struggling with a concept. She is a great role model at Marcellus Middle/High School. Logan is in student council, enjoys basketball, volleyball, track and field and 4-H.



Sports Physicals

Physicals will be June 2nd from 3:00 to 4:15. We are going to try and get athletes who are bus riders from 2:15 to 3:00 and everyone else from 3:00 to 4:15. The cost is \$20.

CHICAGO ART TRIP



Ms. Semark's art class and a few guests visited the Art Institute of Chicago on March 15. The students participated in a docent-led discussion on Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art. Shown is the most famous painting by Georges Seurat - "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte". They also saw works by Monet, Renoir, VanGogh, and several other artists of this period. After touring the rest of the museum, the students were also able to visit Millennium Park and view its large scale public sculptures, such as The Bean and others.



Back Row – Paula Hirschberg, Helis Sala, Ben Carpenter, Daniel Pearce, Calista Smith, Izabelle Boyer, Lea Sittig, Maren Rischer, Vilde Johnsrud
Front Row: Jade Sibley, Madison Fisher, Anna Emborg, Carter Surach, Andrew Romig, Gwen Wagner

7th and 8th GRADE DANCE

The Farewell Dance, **SPRING FESTIVAL**, is May 20 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the high school cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshments, music, and dancing are provided. No jeans or jean shorts allowed. Parent volunteers are needed for set up from 1:45 - 4:00 pm and tear down after the dance. We also need chaperones. Please call Mrs. Farmer at 646-5081 to make arrangements.



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.

GRACE VOEGE – Exchange Student Experience



Marcellus High School junior Grace Voege spent nearly a year as a foreign exchange student in Osaka, Japan. Grace's interest in becoming a foreign exchange student was first sparked when she was a freshman, after hearing a Youth for Understanding presentation in her Spanish class. She subsequently enrolled in a Michigan Virtual University Japanese class at Marcellus High School, sought additional tutoring, and began preparations to become an exchange student. In March 2015, Grace departed for Osaka, Japan as a sophomore.

Upon arrival in Japan, she felt a bit overwhelmed and said, "When I first got there, I felt like I knew nothing." Her host parents knew some English and Grace soon became acclimated to her new surroundings. She attended an all-girl Christian middle/ high school with over 1,000 students, learned the public transportation system and adapted to attending school each week day and a half day on Saturdays.

Throughout her stay, Grace visited many attractions and sites, including Tokyo Disney Land and Hiroshima. One of her favorite attractions is located in Nara where she learned about several Buddhist temples and shrines and where tame deer freely roamed. She said the best part of the nearly year-long experience was that she was able to grow as a person. Grace explained that the requirement for her to give presentations in Japanese and the immersion into a different country and culture pushed her to overcome some shyness and a fear of failure.



Marcellus Middle/High School is very proud of Grace Voege and happy to have her back in Marcellus!



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!



STUDENT EXCHANGE

As part of the SAC Leadership Summit, our students were guests at Lawrence High School and in turn, we hosted six Lawrence students at our school for the day. It is always interesting and educational to visit and experience another school's atmosphere.

Lawrence High School Students

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Another great year is almost in the books! It's hard to believe the year is almost over and our seniors will soon graduate. As students prepare for graduation, remember to complete FAFSA, search scholarships and sign up for orientation through your student's college of choice.

SENIORS!!! Please bring in copies of any scholarships you have been awarded. We'd like to recognize all scholarship offers on Honor's Night.

Scheduling will take place in the next few weeks. Students will have the opportunity to select desired classes, however keep in mind that classes are not guaranteed. All attempts are made to schedule students into the classes they want, but it doesn't always work out.

JUNIORS!!! Summer is great time to go visit colleges. While colleges do prefer you visit during the school year while students are on campus, summer gives you the flexibility to make preliminary visits to as many schools as you want without interfering with your school year schedule. Walk the campus and talk to an admissions counselor. You can always go back and visit your top choices again in the fall.

FRESHMAN and **SOPHOMORE** years are the most important years for setting a solid GPA base. The grades you get in these years will have more of an impact on your GPA than those you get later in high school. Are you happy with your grades? The end of the school year will be here before we know it. Make sure to keep working hard and get help as needed. Study hard for your Final Exams – remember, they count for 20% of your semester grade.

As we head into summer, I will not have scheduled summer hours. If you need to reach me, please use my email: khayward@marcelluscs.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.