

MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
WildCat Beat
December 2016

CALENDAR

December 2 – Sophomores visit SMC for Career Day
December 3 - Solo and Ensemble in Edwardsburg
December 7 – Sophomores visit Technology Center
December 10 - High School Winter Formal 8 - 11:30
December 13 - ½ day of school
December 13 - Winter Band Concert 7:30 pm
December 16 - Choir Concert 10:00 am and 2:20 pm

School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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

HALF-DAYS

In order to provide time for curriculum and professional development, students will be dismissed half days (11:06) on the following dates: **December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14, and May 9.**

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The winter weather season is approaching and that means parents, school personnel and students face the potential for school delays and closings. When Marcellus Community Schools must delay or close school, notifications will be made on the school Facebook page and on WWMT Channel 3, WSJV Fox 28, WNDU Channel 16, WSBT Channel 22, WOOD Channel 8, WOTV Channel 41 and on WLKM radio. In addition, an automated phone call alert is made to all parents who have provided accurate contact numbers. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their child’s school office to ensure that their contact information is up to date.



HIGH SCHOOL LIONS CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to senior **Stephanie Bigelow**, November Lions Club student of the month. Stephanie is very pleasant, has a positive attitude, cares about others, and is an honest person to be around. She is always prepared for class, has creative responses, is respectful and kind. Stephanie enjoys choir, drawing, photography, and writing.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to 7th grader **Brooklyn Brandt**, November Middle School Student of the Month. Brooklyn has a compassionate personality and actively participates in class discussions helping her classmates when they struggle with certain topics. She is energetic, a hard worker and shines academically. She enjoys swimming, cooking and baking.



MHSAA Division 4 Cross Country State Championships

Marcellus cross country girls and Carter Surach competed at Michigan International Speedway. Carter ran the best race of his high school career covering the 3.1 mile course in 17:32.4 to finish in 50th place out of 250 statewide runners. Nice work Carter!

The Wildcat Girls' Cross Country Team had an extraordinary 2016 season. The team qualified for state competition for the first time in school history by finishing third out of 19 competing teams at the MHSAA Division 4 Regional Meet, and they ran very well in the competition. The team finished 27th in the State. Emma Pachay led the Ladycats as she finished in 47th Place (20:57.3). She was followed by Johanna Jaeger (155), Melissa Steinkraus (201), Lexi Bainbridge (214), Morgan Hartline (216), BryAnne Haas (226), and Amy Steinkraus (229). You all have made Marcellus proud!

The State Meet was an appropriate finish for an outstanding season by the boys' and girls' varsity cross country teams. **CONGRATULATIONS** on your hard work and dedication.



Carter Surach



Emma Pachay



L-R: Morgan Hartline, Melissa Steinkraus, Lexi Bainbridge, Coach DeCou
Amy Steinkraus, Johanna Jaeger, Emma Pachay, Lotta Hiltunen

The Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) recently announced the top sixteen recipients of the prestigious Division 4 Academic All-State academic award. The award recognizes the top grade point averages for teams competing in the State Finals. Boasting a spectacular average grade point of 3.94, the Ladycat team consisting of BryAnne Haas, Johanna Jaeger, Emma Pachay, Lexi Bainbridge, Amy Steinkraus, Melissa Steinkraus, and Morgan Hartline, took second place. In addition to the team honors, athletes Morgan Hartline, Melissa Steinkraus and Amy Steinkraus earned Individual Academic All-State honors.



Congratulations to Coach DeCou and the Marcellus Wildcat Girls' Cross Country Team for representing our school and community so well. We are proud of their dedication to Marcellus athletics and to academics. Go Cats!



HOMEWORK HOUR

Homework Hour is available for students who need additional time or assistance to complete assignments. It is held 3:15-4:15 in Ms. Moe's room (102) Monday through Thursday, except on half days. Students who have missing work may also be **assigned** to Homework Hour.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD WINNERS



The high school award winners for the annual VFW Voice of Democracy SPEECH Contest for 2016-17 are: (left to right)

- 1st Place- Eli Robinson
- 2nd Place- Morgan Hartline
- 3rd Place- Nolan Surach

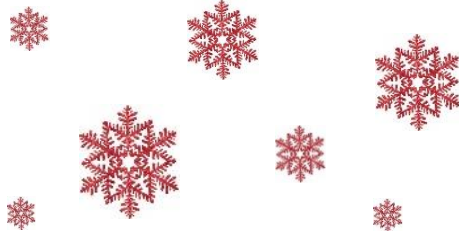
This year's topic was "My Responsibility to America". Eli's Speech will now be sent to the VFW district level where he will be eligible for further awards.



The middle school topic was "The America I Believe In". Award recipients are: (left to right)

- 1st place - Nellie Rodriguez
- 2nd place - Bryce High
- 3rd place - Olivia Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS to all six of these students!



ON SALE NOW

2016-2017 Yearbook

Now through December 16 - \$45
Prices jump to \$50 starting January 3

SENIORS

* **Pictures** for the yearbook are due on March 30, 2017.

STEM PARTICIPANTS

On Friday, November 18, Mr. McCloskey and five of his top Physics students - (L-R) Melissa Steinkraus, Erin Ridenour, Rebecca Swartz, Tiffany Marriott and Andrew Pachay, 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 sharing of teaching strategies that encourage and inspire STEM students. The day started with a couple of presentations about the fine arts intersection with mathematics. The arts curriculum enhances a well-rounded STEM education both at the high school level and at the college and university levels. The day finished with students choosing from 3 sessions on physics, mathematics and engineering to better appreciate the opportunities available to students in the 21st century STEM field.



WINTER FORMAL

High School students are invited to attend the annual holiday formal on December 10 from 8:00 to 11:30 in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$5.00 before the formal, or \$7 at the door. Jeans are not permitted.

ACADEMIC LITERACY PROJECT

On November 1, Marcellus Community Schools hosted teams of educators from area schools for a special professional development event. More than fifty educators from Dowagiac, Cassopolis, Three Rivers, Lewis Cass, and St. Joseph Intermediate School District came to Marcellus in order to learn from Dr. Kevin Feldman, Director of Reading and Intervention at Sonoma County Office of Education and is a nationally known presenter, consultant and co-author of Scholastic's READ 180.



Dr. Feldman will conduct three additional training sessions this school year. The next training will take place in January at Cassopolis Public Schools and will focus on comprehension strategies and practicing learning walks.

Several Marcellus teachers and administrators are participating in this project. Participants include Mindy Bohan, Karen Carlson, Tracy Cropsy, Kathy Demott, Will Draper, Karen Ferguson, Katie Markovich-Bush, Nanette Pauley, Don Price, Ann Smith and Lynn Wagner. The project will allow Marcellus Community Schools to build and develop the capacity to utilize this innovative model within our own district once this project concludes.



ANTI- BULLYING PEP ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, November 9, MSU basketball player and grad, Anthony Ianni, came to Marcellus to share the message with elementary, middle and high school students that bullying can affect everybody today, including people like himself with Autism. His dad once told him that "the harder you work, the more you earn" and you can still live your dreams (LYD). This has been his motivation to encourage others who may be struggling and have an impact on their lives. Our students were respectful and enjoyed his positive message.

PAJAMA DRIVE

Mrs. Carlson's classes are sponsoring a pajama drive for infants through adult sizes. Since 2001, Scholastic Reading Club has more than matched classroom pajama



donations with nearly one million books and pajamas being distributed to children in need throughout the country, many of whom are waiting to be adopted. The locations and timing of the book donations are determined based on the specific needs of their receiving organizations. The Pajama Program is a nonprofit organization. For more information, please visit the website: www.Scholastic.com/pajamadrive/



MI HEART SAFE SCHOOL

Marcellus Community Schools has been awarded a MI HEART Safe School designation. A representative from the Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) will present the award at the December 12 Marcellus Board of Education meeting. The designation illustrates Marcellus Community School's commitment to student safety and indicates that the school has met specified safety requirements. Among those requirements are the establishment of a written cardiac emergency response plan, an emergency response team, a minimum number of CPR certified personnel and a sufficient number of accessible AEDs.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Sophomores will visit Southwestern Michigan College on December 2 for LCISD's annual Career Awareness Day.

Sophomores will also be visiting the Van Buren Technology Center on Wednesday, December 7. 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.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, if your senior has not yet completed the FAFSA, please complete it ASAP! The later it gets in, the less money available.

Looking for a different career option? West Michigan Construction Alliance recently visited. As many of the current workers begin to retire, skilled trade jobs are in high need of workers. Receive on the job training while receiving a pay check. Insurance, benefits, college credits are all possible, as well as the opportunity to travel and move with various jobs. Contact Mrs. Hayward or <http://www.wmca.info/> for more information.

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
3. Musical Instrument
2. Favorite Gadget
1. A Weekend Family Trip

<http://allzinfo.com/10-best-christmas-gifts-for-teens/>

POWER SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians: Those who are interested in having access to Power School to check your student's grades, or if you have questions regarding your current login information, please call (269-646-5081) or see Mrs. Smeltzer in the office.

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SAVE THE DATE

The S.A.D.D. 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 basketball homecoming game on February 17, 2017. Take out is also available. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more.

FALL FLING



The semi-formal Fall Fling, sponsored by S.A.D.D. for the 7/8 graders was a success. Students enjoyed refreshments, music and taking pictures.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Middle/High School would be very appreciative if you would please send in any Box tops 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!

