

MARCELLUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

WildCat Beat

September 2016

CALENDAR

September 13	Early Release	11:06
September 14	Picture Day (7-12)	8:00 am
September 14	Open House	5:00 - 6:30
*September 14	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	6:00
October 5	Parent Teacher Conferences	5:00 – 8:00
October 14	Football Homecoming	

WELCOME BACK

Please look for important information and events on the Marcellus Facebook page as well!

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

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Parents, students and community - please join the Marcellus School Board in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the completion of the 2014 bond proposal. It will be held at 6:00 in front of the new entrance. Tours will be available to see the new facility, school improvements and new technology. Please note it is scheduled during the Middle/High School Open House.

OPEN HOUSE

Please plan to attend Marcellus Middle/High School Open House on September 14th from 5:00 until 6:30 pm. Teachers will present the course outline, classroom procedures, course texts and other resources. Please mark your calendars to participate in this important event. Also note that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, as noted above, will be at 6:00.

EARLY RELEASE

In order to provide time for curriculum and professional development, students will be dismissed half days (11:06) on the following dates: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14, and May 9.

ON SALE NOW

2016-2017 Marcellus High School Yearbooks

September 12-16 Early Bird Special	\$35
September 19 – December 16	\$45
January 3 – End of Year	\$50



HOMWORK HOUR

Homework Hour will begin September 12th and 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.

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



I am pleased to announce five seniors have already applied to colleges! The goal is to have ALL seniors apply to at least one college/university/program by September 30th. I will be meeting with seniors to help with post-graduation planning. Students can take an active role in this process by making contacts and visiting facilities.

SENIOR PARENTS: *Time to start working on FAFSA!*



As of October 1, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available three months earlier than in past years. Financial Aid awards will be based on 2015 taxes. The following link is a great resource: <http://www.nextavenue.org/new-rules-college-financial-aid-fafsa-form/>.

As we have in the past, plans are underway to bring in financial aid experts from SMC to help students began to familiarize themselves with the process. Tentative date for the event is Tuesday, October 18, in the morning.

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

Currently scheduled college visits:

Monday, September 19, 9:50 - Southwestern Michigan College

Friday, September 23, 9:50 - Grand Valley State University

WELCOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Once again, Marcellus Middle/High School is excited to welcome fourteen exchange students from the countries of China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland. These students help in the education of intercultural understanding, mutual respect, and social responsibility.



PARKING REGISTRATION

All students who drive to school will need to register their vehicle with the school office. Students are expected to drive and park responsibly in order to retain their parking privileges.



VISITORS

For the safety of our students and staff, all parents and/or visitors must ring a doorbell at the front door and check in at the school office. Parents who wish to speak with a teacher should contact the teacher via the office phone (269-646-5081) or email to arrange a conference time. Email links for all teachers can be found at the district website (www.marcelluscs.org/)

HANDBOOK REMINDERS

Please review the handbook for important school protocol.

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 be required to pick up the confiscated phone from the school office no earlier than the following day.

FYI

There is an error in the student calendar that was handed out during the 7th and 9th grade orientations. Please note that February 24, 2017, is a Teacher Comp day and school will not be in session that day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

POWER SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians: Those who are interested in having access to Power School, please call or see Mrs. Smeltzer in the office to obtain a login. If you already have a login, you do not need a new one.

Parent – Teacher Conferences
October 5
5:00 – 8:00 pm