

# Mitchell Junior High School **Bluejacket Bulletin**



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## Attendance Reminder

Students who are on time and present at school will likely evolve into young adults who are on time and present in college and/or a future career. This is a life skill that could result in keeping or losing a job someday. Remember to call the office if your student will be absent. Up to 10 absences can be excused by a parent. After the 10<sup>th</sup> absence, a doctor's note is required. After 15 total parent excused and/or unexcused absences, the attendance officer for the school MUST submit the student and parent/guardian to the Lawrence County Probation Department's Truancy Intervention Program. The Truancy Intervention Program involves a letter from the probation department, a meeting at school with a probation department representative and Mr. Grissom (assistant principal, MJHS), and/or an intake into the Truancy Intervention Program which requires an appearance in front of the probation judge and officers. If you have questions about attendance, please contact Mr. Grissom, MJHS Assistant Principal at (812)849-3747.

## School Messenger System

MCS will be using the School Messenger Phone system again this year. You will receive a recorded message from the school to announce cancellations, early dismissals, reminders, and emergencies.

Late arrivals, early dismissals, cancellations and emergencies will continue to be reported to local television and radio stations as well.

Please be sure to update your phone number in order to receive the recorded message. For more information, contact the school.

## 21st Century Scholars

If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, he or she is eligible to apply for the 21st Century Scholar pro-

gram. This program is a way to help Indiana students further their education after high school. This is a great way to help offset the costs of education and training.

Income eligible 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship are guaranteed to receive up to four years of undergraduate tuition at any public college or university in Indiana. If your child attends a private or independent institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution.

As a 21st Century Scholar, your child can get help finding free tutoring, a mentor and a part-time job, and once he or she gets to college, students who are 21st Century Scholars receive support to finish their college degree.

But first you have to apply. Students and parents must complete the application by June 30th of the 8th grade year. The first 40 students who are enrolled and accepted as 21st Century Scholars are invited on a field trip to tour Ivy Tech in Bloomington on October 28th, 2015. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

Potential scholars are those who are eligible for free and reduced lunches. Please apply online at <http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/>

## Dress Code

As a reminder if your child wears shorts or a dress/skirt to school the bottom of the shorts or the hem of the dress/skirt must be fingertip length. We are still having many people coming to school in violation of this rule.

Leggings also fall under the same rule. If your child wears leggings your child must have a longer shirt. The length of the shirt needs to be long enough to cover their buttocks.

If your child is caught in violation of the dress code they will be required to change clothing.

## Calendar of Events

### September 2015

- 1 4:30PM Cross Country @ Shawswick  
6:00PM 7/8 VB @ Springs Valley
- 3 6:00PM FB v. Salem H  
6:30PM VB v. Perry Central H
- 7 NO SCHOOL
- 8 4:15PM Cross Country @ BMS  
6:00PM VB @ Medora
- 10 6:00PM VB @ Orleans  
6:00PM FV v. E. Washington H
- 11 INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS
- 14 6:00PM VB v. Salem H  
6:00PM Board Meeting
- 15 6:00PM VB @ West Washington  
6:00PM FB @ Paoli
- 17 4:30PM Cross Country @ Salem
- 18 7:00PM School Dance
- 19 11:30AM FB @ Perry Central
- 22 5:30PM Cross Country @ Paoli  
6:00PM VB @ Shawswick
- 24 4:30PM Cross Country @ Oolitic
- 28 6:00PM VB v. BMS H
- 29 6:00PM VB v. Paoli H  
6:00PM FB @ Springs Valley

### October 2015

- 1 5:00PM Cross Country @ BNL  
6:00PM VB @ Brownstown
- 3 10:00AM Cross Country @ Crawford Co
- 5 4:30PM Cross Country @ Oolitic
- 6 6:00PM 6GBB v. Orleans H  
6:00PM VB v. Oolitic H  
6:00PM FB @ West Washington
- 7 6:00PM VB @ Shawswick
- 8 6:00PM 6GBBB v. Orleans H
- 9 END OF 9 WEEKS
- 12 5:00PM Cross Country @ BNL  
6:00PM Board Meeting
- 13 7:00PM Fall Band Concert
- 14 3:30PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 15 3:30PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19-23 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK
- 26 6:00PM 6GBBB v. Oolitic H
- 27 6:00PM 6GBBB v. Shawswick H
- 28 PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
- 30 Online Newsletter Published



## Jackets Are P.R.O Students

P.R.O. stands for Prepared, Ready To Learn, and On Time. We are asking students to review expected behaviors for the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, school assemblies, outdoor activities, restroom, and dismissal.

Students can be nominated by a teacher to be the teacher's P.R.O. student of the week. Chicago's Pizza has donated a large one-topping pizza for two students who are randomly chosen from the P.R.O student of the week students.

Students can be given a P.R.O. student card for being caught with exceptional P.R.O. student behavior. Cards are given out by every staff member at MJHS.

Ask your student to tell you how they have made our school a better place by being a P.R.O. student at MJHS!

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$23.00. The price goes up to \$25 after October 1, 2015, and \$30.00 for any extras that are available after delivery. Books can be purchased at school using an order form available in the library, or online at [www.yearbooksforever.com](http://www.yearbooksforever.com). Package add-ons such as icons, name stamps, stick on itags, and plastic covers are available. The price of add-ons is on top of the base price of the book. See Mrs. Tieken in the library with questions. Order early and save money!

## Homework Help Available

MJHS teachers and staff volunteer to help students with homework on Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:00 PM. Anyone who would like to attend may stay after school for this service.

Students should listen to the announcements for the room number and supervising teacher to know where to report.

Homework help is available in Math and Science for all Indiana students in grades 6-12 through the Rose Hulman Homework Hotline by calling 1-800-Ask-Rose.

Rose Hulman students have been trained to tutor middle and high school students and have access to all state-adopted textbooks.

## Book Fair Coming Soon

MJHS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Friday, September 4-Friday, September 11. All students will visit the Book Fair from their language arts class. Please help support our library and your child's reading goals by purchasing books from our Fair.

## Fundraiser Thank You

Mr. Deckard and Mrs. Caruso would like to thank all the students who participated and those who purchased from our recent Fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the athletic programs at our school.

## 7th Grade Science Text Alerts

Parents of seventh grade students can sign up for TEXT ALERTS for Science class. Upcoming assignments and announcements will be sent through text.

Enter this number: 81010

Text this message: @mjhs7th

You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe@mjhs7th'.

To receive the message via email, send an email to [mjhs7th@mail.remind.com](mailto:mjhs7th@mail.remind.com). To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students and parents. Subscribe by text, email, or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Visit [remind.com](http://remind.com) to learn more.

## The Art Program Want Your Caps

The MJHS art department needs any and all types of plastic lids and bottle caps in order to create a mosaic mural to install in our school. We would love to have around 10,000-15,000 caps of all shapes, sizes and colors!

Also, Coke bottle caps that are donated will be input to receive money for our school. You can create your own account at: [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com) and donate your points (dollars!) to MJHS.

## Asbestos Emergency Response Act

In 1987, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. This law required that students and parents be informed each year of activities related to the management of asbestos containing materials. Since 1989, Mitchell Community Schools has employed Environmental Management Consultants, Inc. of Evansville, Indiana, to direct the management of our asbestos containing materials.

Each school within Mitchell Community Schools has an asbestos management plan book developed by Environmental Management Consultants. These plan books contain the original 1988 inspection materials, the three year re-inspection materials, building material analysis report and copies of the semi-annual reports. These management plan books are available for your review by contacting the appropriate building principal.

During the 2014-15 school year no asbestos abatement activity occurred.

You may contact Dr. Steve Phillips at 849-4481 for additional information.

## Academic Team

This year's theme is *Hoosier Heritage*. Students will have the chance to join Academic Team in January. The categories of study are Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Interdisciplinary. There will be 2 competitions in the Spring. One in Paoli in early April and the other at Seymour in late April.

## Honor Society

Honor Society runs a bookstore every morning in the upstairs hallway. Students can purchase pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, folders, binders, graph paper, and poster board.

Honor Society students also walk around the classrooms and hallways wishing students and staff a Good Morning as part of the Morning Greetings program.

Students are invited to join Honor Society during second semester of the 7th grade or 8th grade year. Invitations are based on students grades, behavior, and leadership.