

MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT BEAT

MARCH 2024

CALENDAR:

- March 6: Band Festival, Paw Paw High School
- March 11: Spring Sports Begin
- March 13: Winter Sports Recognition, 6:00
- March 23: The Lion King, Performed by MS/HS Drama Club, 7:30 in the New Gym
- March 24: The Lion King, Performed by MS/HS Drama Club, 2:00 in the New Gym
- March 28: End of Marking Period 3
- March 29: No School
- April 3 - 5: Spring Break

FOOD SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Breakfast provides energy that is necessary to focus and be productive at school and contribute to academic achievement.

Breakfast is offered to Marcellus High School students at the following location:
Marcellus High School, 303 W. Arbor St.
Marcellus, MI 49067



STATE TESTING DATES FOR APRIL

PARENTS/GUARDIANS - IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION!

It is imperative students attend school on the following dates for state testing:

April 9: MSTEP - Grade 11

April 10: SAT - Grade 11

April 11: ACT Workkeys - Grade 11

April 16: PSAT 8/9 - Grade 9

April 17: PSAT 10 - Grade 10

HOMEWORK HOUR IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Homework Hour is held after school Monday - Thursday until 4:00 PM. Students can use this time to get extra help on assignments and finish classwork. There is no Homework Hour on Half Days.

MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS ESTEEMED VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIAN FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Leading the graduating class with outstanding academic achievements and exemplary character are Addison Curtis, Clare Flory, and Meredith McWilliams as valedictorians and Parker Enright as salutatorian. Their unwavering dedication to scholarship and their remarkable contributions to the school community have earned them the highest honors.



ADDISON CURTIS



CLARE FLORY



MEREDITH MCWILLIAMS



PARKER ENRIGHT

Top 10 Students include: Addison Curtis, Clare Flory, Meredith McWilliams, Parker Enright, Mackenzie Schuur, Elizabeth Pachay, Olivia Hicks, Nathan Mihills, Gabriella Allen and Brooke Pettit.

NEW INDUCTEES AT VAN BUREN TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Congratulations MHS students for being inducted to the National Technical Honor Society at Van Buren Technology Center! NTHS is a significant achievement for students, reflecting their hard work and leadership. Inductees include (L to R) Ben Adams, Adam Bates, Madisyn Harrison and Syd Glover (not pictured).



Congratulations to MHS Students Thomas St. Ledger and Camryn Moon (Back Right) for competing and placing in their Business Professional of America Regional Leadership Conference! Camryn and Thomas are both part of the Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology program at the Van Buren Tech Center. Thanks to them both for proudly representing Marcellus High School!



MHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our March Student of the Month, Thomas St. Ledger! Thomas can be described as polite and trustworthy; he is also very passionate about his studies. Way to go, Thomas!



COUNSELOR CONNECTION

- PSAT and SAT testing is coming up in April. It is important for students to utilize Khan Academy and College Board for testing preparation. Teachers are preparing students for testing in the classroom, and students are encouraged to utilize these resources outside of school. If your student is unable to log into College Board or has forgotten their username and password, please call 866-315-6068.

- Thank you to those who attended our Family and Student Information Night. If your sophomore or junior is interested in taking dual enrollment classes or attending Van Buren Tech next school year, they need to speak with Miss Newell. Students must meet the GPA requirements, be on track to graduate, have good attendance, and good behavior to be considered.

Seniors: It is time to submit your college applications and FAFSA! You can complete it anytime, but the sooner it is done, the more likely you are to receive financial aid. Start the FAFSA here (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>). Remember, you should never pay to fill out the FAFSA.

There have been some ongoing issues and glitches occurring with the FAFSA. To stay updated, here is a link to Issue Alert page of ongoing and resolved issues: <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/.../2024-25-fafsa-issue-alerts>

You can also contact the customer contact center at this information: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Financial Aid Office is hosting FAFSA Nights every Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:30, Room 9210 at their Texas Township Campus. Southwestern Michigan College has a FAFSA Completion Workshop on March 27th at 5:30. Students do not need to be planning on attending either of the schools to receive help.

If you want to request your high school transcript to be sent to a college/university, please use your Parchment account. Parchment can be accessed from the Marcellus High School webpage or at the Parchment website.

Scholarships for this year have been updated and will continue to be updated as more scholarships are received. **All seniors have received a google document listing potential scholarships. Please contact Miss Newell with any questions or concerns.**

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Many local scholarships are now available for seniors to apply for. Students have been emailed each scholarship, they are posted on the Marcellus counseling page, posted in the hallway, and Miss Newell will be going into English classrooms to pass out any paper applications and highlight those listed below. Students are welcome to stop by Miss Newell's office to pick up any paper application and receive any assistance with completing the scholarship applications. All scholarships are available on our scholarship page, sorted by the date it is due.

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Scholarships - Due March 15, 2024

With this application, students just have to fill out one application and can apply to the ones they qualify for. On their website: <https://www.mgcf.org/mgcf-scholarships> under FAQs & Resources, it has a chart of the requirements for each scholarships, so they can quickly look at which ones they should select.

Here are the ones students may qualify for being in Cass County:

Dick Conrad Memorial Scholarship:

- Graduating from Brandywine High School, Buchanan High School, Dowagiac Union High School, Edwardsburg High School, Marcellus High School, Niles High School or Ross Beatty High School
- Applicant must have participated in baseball or softball
- 2.5 or higher GPA
- Applicant must intend to continue their participation in baseball/softball at post-secondary level

Helen and Dale Cropsey Educational Scholarship:

- Must attend Volinia Baptist Church in Volinia, MI
- Have volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or higher

Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship:

- Graduating senior from Marcellus, Ross Beatty, Dowagaic, and Edwardsburg
- Plan to enroll full time at a two or four year institution
- Applicant must have volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience
- Participates in baseball or softball
- Minimum 3.25 or higher GPA

Honor Credit Union Community Commitment Scholarship - Due March 15, 2024 -

https://www.honorcu.com/scholarship/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=button

- Be an Honor Credit Union member and be the primary account holder
- Have been accepted to an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution or an accredited U.S. trade or vocational school
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate academic achievement and community involvement

Midwest Energy and Communications Scholarship - Due March 18, 2024 -

<https://www.teammidwest.com/about-us/community/scholarships/>

- Your family receives electric, fiber or propane service from MEC at your primary residence
- Minimum GPA 3.0

"Giving Tuesday" Community Engagement Scholarship - Due March 31, 2024 -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfS7sqcCi0j3JsdkwAa1vrcCidclfJaNOZzzx_FvofuxtjhHw/viewform

- Graduating high school senior or student enrolled for classes in Fall '24
- Cass County resident
- Plan on continuing education past high school (college, training program, apprenticeship, etc.)
- Volunteer 10 hours at Helping Hands and/or Marcellus Food Bank

Cass County Farm Bureau Scholarship - Due April 1, 2024 -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEbRrkEC8q3j-j5bJZ8KcbrEulO61ENg/edit?](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEbRrkEC8q3j-j5bJZ8KcbrEulO61ENg/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100103017059079631098&rtpof=true&sd=true)

[usp=sharing&oid=100103017059079631098&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEbRrkEC8q3j-j5bJZ8KcbrEulO61ENg/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100103017059079631098&rtpof=true&sd=true) (Paper application)

- High school senior or any college student
- Preferred applicants will be pursuing a degree in agriculture-related field of study

2024 G. W. Jones Exchange Bank Scholarship - Due April 1, 2024 -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XkpcizETInuqQrdctaCx6MWNuY9gTuyL/view?usp=sharing> (Paper application)

- Be a G. W. Jones Exchange Bank customer or open an account before the time of the application
- Graduating high school senior or home-schooled senior
- Plan on attending a college, university, trade school

Cass County Sheriff's Community Scholarship - Due April 10, 2024 -

<https://casscountymi.org/FormCenter/Online-Forms-7/Cass-County-Sheriffs-Community-Scholarsh-79> or pick up a paper application

- Resident of Cass County for a min. 6 months prior to application deadline
- Current high school seniors or enrolled in college programs, where they have attained freshman status
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5

Class of 2017 Pay It Forward Scholarship - Due April 12, 2024 -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ogoi2kyu3TZW1PfEcsO8_2AX_QD-GHZe/view?usp=drive_link (Paper application)

- Marcellus High School seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college/university for Fall 2024

Brightwood Farms Scholarship 2024 - Due April 19, 2024 -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IfnqKkC5-luwy6B5gafGMpcnzx_6vGoU/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100103017059079631098&rtpof=true&sd=true (Paper application)

- Graduating senior of Marcellus High School who intends to pursue a career in agriculture or the trades. This may be used for tuition, fees, books, and or equipment.
- The scholarship committee is looking for an individual who demonstrates a strong work ethic, has the potential to become a future leader and contribute to society.

The Leon & Audrey Hovarter Scholarship - Due April 25, 2024 -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bJ52Q2ngg40MrnHK9LJMhcZfmAKAMBKI/view?usp=drive_link (Paper application)

- No minimum GPA required
- Marcellus graduate
- Must have plans to enroll full-time at a post-secondary institution.

Cass County Conservation Club Scholarship - Due May 1, 2024 -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zJ6cc0nSaDzLrkfpomWzV7u1HvNO1n-k/view?usp=drive_link

- Pursing an area of study related to conservation or agriculture
- High school graduate or a graduating senior of 2024
- Registered with a college or university to attend this year

Marcellus Lions Club - Due May 1, 2024 -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yZPe4mi2yEo8xjihT3HeVIm-ri053Fv5/view?usp=sharing> (Paper application)

- Outstanding academic achievement and school service
- Financial need and career goals -Additional credit given to students entering medical field

Marie Miller Citizenship Scholarship - Due May 9, 2024 -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15HFVrU_FKFmeMF42vz8U9ZiifUAJ9XLW/view?usp=sharing (Paper application)

- Available to Marcellus High School students only

Oliver Jensen Scholarship - Due May 9, 2024 -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O08hu9au2Q2ajwElq10LNNQuPcZHIBk1/view?usp=sharing> (Paper application)

- Marcellus High School Senior
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- At least 1 parent must be a graduate of Marcellus High School
- Pursuing a degree in education or a science related field
- Participant in Marcellus High School athletics

Big Fish Lake Property Owners Association Scholarship - Due May 9, 2024 -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hsVw46yFithAPef_IIPaunLFH8w42T9Q/edit?](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hsVw46yFithAPef_IIPaunLFH8w42T9Q/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=100103017059079631098&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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- Plan on continuing your education after high school
- Turn in a letter of acceptance from a university, college, junior college, or trade school AND the scholarship application to Miss Newell
- On Senior Night, 2 random applications will be drawn

Barnes/Brigman Scholarship - Three Rivers Elks #1248 - Due May 31, 2024

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13zfJP7qyP6lpDBb8c2w7G7gcGQP0i_VF/view?usp=sharing (Paper application)

- Attach a 500 word essay answering 2 questions and a high school transcript to the application.