

MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT BEAT

APRIL 2024



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

TIPS FOR UPCOMING TESTING SUCCESS:

- Have a positive attitude!
- Prepare ahead of time by paying attention in class and completing homework.
- Go to bed early for a good night's rest.
- Eat breakfast.
- Be prepared - sharp pencils, calculator if needed, bags and extra materials left in locker.
- Stay calm, reread tricky questions & go back to it later or eliminate incorrect answers and make your best guess.
- Recheck your work.

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.

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

CALENDAR:

March 28: End of Marking Period

March 29 - April 5: Spring Break

April 8: School Resumes,
Solar Eclipse

April 20: Junior/Senior Prom @ Gable Hill,
7:00 PM

May 3: Freshmen Eye Screen



APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations MHS April Student of the Month, Braden Wilson! Braden has a positive attitude and a contagious smile. He has a great work ethic and is very helpful in class. Congratulations, Braden!



MHS PREPARES FOR SOLAR ECLIPSE ON APRIL 8

On Monday, April 8th, 2024, a solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States and Canada; this event will be visible to millions of people, including 32 million in the United States alone. A complete solar eclipse will not happen again until 2044.

For our region, the solar eclipse will be about 90-95% complete at 3:09 p.m., as we are slightly off the route of the moon's shadow, called the path of totality. The total duration of this event will be from approximately 1:53 p.m. to 4:23 p.m.

We are purchasing eclipse glasses for each high school student to briefly and safely watch the solar eclipse with their teachers.

We are looking forward to this experience with our students!

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Students who acquire 10 or more unexcused absences in a class, per semester, must earn a c+ or better on their final exams to be eligible for credit. semester two exams will be held June 5 - 7.

it is imperative that students be in attendance each school day in order not to miss a significant portion of their education.

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.

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.

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.

CASS COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP - DUE APRIL 1, 2024 -

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- 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/1XKPCIZETLNUQQRDCTACX6MWNUY9GTUYL/VIEW?USP=SHARING](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XKPCIZETLNUQQRDCTACX6MWNUY9GTUYL/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](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/10GOI2KYU3TZW1PFEC508_2AX_QD-GHZE/VIEW?USP=DRIVE_LINK](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10GOI2KYU3TZW1PFEC508_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 -

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- 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/1BJ52Q2NGG40MRNHK9LJMHCFMAKAMBKI/VIEW?USP=DRIVE_LINK](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BJ52Q2NGG40MRNHK9LJMHCFMAKAMBKI/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 -

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-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/1YZPE4MI2YEO8XJIHT3HEVLM-RL053FV5/VIEW?USP=SHARING](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YZPE4MI2YEO8XJIHT3HEVLM-RL053FV5/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 -

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- AVAILABLE TO MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

OLIVER JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MAY 9, 2024 -

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- 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 -

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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](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.