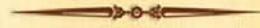




# The Voice

## A Mt. Carmel High School Publication



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### Parent/Teacher Conferences

In order to accommodate the parents of our students the **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:30 a.m. The sign up procedures:

1. Parents may call the school office at 262-5104 or may stop by during school hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) to make appointments. Students may also set these appointments up for their parents in the Main Office at the school.
2. An appointment schedule for each teacher will be kept in the school office. Appointments will be 15 minutes in length with a short break in between each one.
3. There is no deadline for sign-up; however, the sign-up procedure will be on a first come-first serve basis.
4. Parents are encouraged to sign-up for appointments prior to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. This way an appointment schedule can be furnished to each teacher in order to properly prepare for their upcoming conferences.
5. Parents who cannot attend a conference on these scheduled dates are encouraged to contact individual teachers for appointments on other dates.

### Assessments-SAT and Science

On April 5<sup>th</sup> all juniors will be completing the SAT. The SAT is a free college entrance exam paid for by the State of Illinois. The assessment tests a students' knowledge in math, grammar, their reading comprehension, and their writing skills. The assessment is 3 hours and 50 minutes and students will be placed in classroom groups of twenty. Parents and students can visit [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org) for free, personalized SAT practice. MCHS math and English departments have been incorporating these practice tests since Christmas.

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Also on April 5<sup>th</sup> all students who are in Biology with Mrs. Newkirk will take a Biology assessment designed by the State. This is a computer based assessment and takes between 35-45 minutes, so it will be completed during a regular class time on that day.

## Summer School

As you know high school graduation requires completion of many State of Illinois and Mount Carmel High School mandated courses. During the past school year a few students have failed one of the following classes either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester or both: **English I, English II or English III; Algebra 1, Geometry.**

In order for students to stay on track, Mount Carmel High School offers these courses on the following dates and time:

Session 1 Beginning on May 30<sup>th</sup> ending on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-10 & 10-12

English I	Algebra 2
English II	Algebra 1
English III	Geometry

Session 2 Beginning on June 26<sup>th</sup> ending on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 & 10-12

English I (spring course)	
English II (spring course)	Algebra 1 (spring course)
English III (spring course)	Geometry (spring course)

A student may need to take only the one session. They will only be able to participate in one course per session. Please phone M.C.H.S. Guidance office for your son/daughter's enrollment into these courses. The courses will be taught using an on-line program, Gradpoint, this is the same program used for credit recovery during the school year. There is a maximum of 25 students that can be on the program at any one time. So please phone the main office to sign your child up for these classes.

Successful completion of these courses will allow your son/daughter to be placed in appropriate classes in the fall of 2017. If you have any questions or problems, feel free to call Mrs. Paddick or Mr. Cheesman at 262-5104.

Mount Carmel High School will also offer **Driver's Education** classroom for students who are incoming freshmen in the fall of 2017 or other MCHS students who have not taken the classroom portion of driver's education. Parents, the State of Illinois requires that a student has to have their white slip for nine (9) months before a student can get their driver's license. We suggest that any student who has already turned 15 or who will turn 15 before November or any marching band student take this summer school course. More information will be provided in April. Mr. Tyler Buss will offer the classes two or three days each week for eleven (11) days from 8-11 in the morning.

We will also offer **American Government and Consumer Economics** to students who will be entering their senior or junior year during the summer. If your son or daughter is interested in taking any of these courses, please contact the guidance department and place their name on the class list.

### Career Pathways

Mount Carmel High School (MCHS) will be attempting to create career clusters or pathways of study in preparation for careers. Students will be given opportunities to research jobs within their desired fields, then expand their knowledge and narrow their focus upon a career cluster. Following this, their High School coursework would provide hands-on education with application of knowledge within that coursework. Finally, this coursework would cumulate in either a job related work experience during the school day or a partial day of higher education at Wabash Valley College (WVC).

At present, we have began coursework in the medical field with the Principles to Bio-Medical Sciences for freshmen and sophomores followed by the Human Body Systems for sophomores and juniors, plans are underway for the Medical Interventions course in the Fall of 2017 for juniors and seniors. Seniors who have a desire to further their education in health care have the option to apply for the Health Care Occupations course that starts the day out at Wabash General Hospital in the classroom and during clinical. Students will earn a Certified Nursing Assistant certification and have an opportunity to continue into Wabash Valley College nursing program or be better prepared for University course work in the medical field.

MCHS has also developed the engineering/drafting field of study. Students begin with Introduction to Engineering and Design to develop their ability to design on the computer and understand basic engineering knowledge. Following this course students decide to either proceed into the traditional metal and wood manufacturing courses or continue into the engineering field. Traditional courses for sophomores include the Introduction of Woods for a semester and Introduction of Metal Manufacturing. Juniors would take a one hour course in either woods or metals to further their knowledge and skills. As seniors, woods students would proceed into a two hour course that is designed for completion of individual or school related projects. Metals students would have the option of a two hour course taught at WVC that includes Robotics, Welding, Computer Aided Drafting, Industrial Electricity and Manufacturing Material & Process. Those students who are interested in engineering will take the Principles of Engineering as sophomores or juniors, as juniors and seniors they will they the opportunity to continue course work in Computer Integrated Manufacturing.

MCHS also offers a computer Project Lead the Way course that builds apps. It is a semester course that is offered to juniors and seniors.

MCHS is looking at developing other pathways for students. They are in the planning stages and must include WVC and other business partners. Areas that are being researched include: Agriculture and Communication to Radio Broadcasting Technology.

***At the present time if a student is interested in Radio Broadcasting Technology they need to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> period Radio Broadcasting class at WVC.***



Mrs. Regina Paddick  
Director of Guidance

## LIFE ISN'T FAIR?

While speaking to students at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California, Bill Gates spoke of eleven rules of life that kids will not learn in school. His number one rule stated "Life isn't fair, get over it". He went on to add if you accept that life isn't fair and isn't ever going to be then you have the making of an entrepreneur. Successful entrepreneurs accept there

will be pain, obstacles and diversions; take their lumps and move on. Successful entrepreneurs laugh at the notion that "life isn't fair".

Most successful people have encountered numerous obstacles, problems, and roadblocks before reaching their goals. They made their own breaks in life and had more appreciation because of it. It was a necessary process of growth in order to reach the pinnacle of their success.

Some believe that "fair" means "equal"; and students are all equal. The truth is that kids are not equal. One may be better in math, while another excels in reading. You build character by realizing "fair" means becoming the best person you can be; not by being equal to those around you. There are raw deals dealt all the time...and bad things happen to good people. Be thankful for the trials and tribulations of life; they are a true gift---the gift of growth. Take the setbacks and learn from them.

While discussing my views on fairness with a colleague recently, she eloquently put meaning to "fair".

- Fair is where you go to eat corndogs and cotton candy.
- Fair is a pale, virtuous young woman.
- Fare is what you pay to a cab.
- We should not use the word "fair" in terms of impartial handling. Fair is a self-centered construct that is concerned about "me" and where I fit in---it is NOT concerned about anyone else. "Justice" is a universal construct that is focused on the equitable treatment of all involved.

One may learn very rewarding life lessons from sports. Yet, winning does not come easy; you've got to work for it. Still, sometimes you give it your all and you still end up on the losing side; and when you lose, pick yourself up and try again.

Recently, I viewed a video that has stuck in my mind. During a press conference, Jeff Walz, University of Louisville women's basketball coach stated, "Right now the kids coming through everybody gets a trophy. You finish last you came home with a trophy" He went on to express his feelings about what society is teaching the next generation by providing trophies to everybody. He states, "We are teaching it's OK to lose---not just in basketball but in life. Everybody thinks they should get a job---a good job. It's not the way it works. But unfortunately that is what we are preparing them for. When you go get a job, there's competition. What are you going to do to stand out?"

We need to prepare our youth to make their own breaks, their own victories, and yes, even their own defeats. Stop claiming and believing life is fair. It's not. They will stand out and be stronger for it.



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Science Instructor

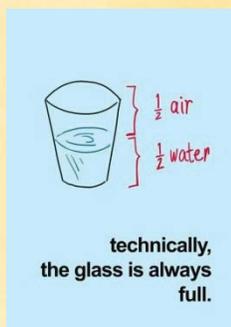


## American Chemical Society Science Coaches Program at MCHS

For the last three years the science department at MCHS has been honored to be part of the American Chemical Society Science Coaches Program. Through this program, the American Chemical Society (ACS) brings together a high school chemistry teacher and a chemist to inspire students to learn and enjoy science. The ACS also provides free educational resources and donates \$500 per year to each participating high school to help improve its chemistry program.

This program has allowed chemistry teacher Gail Schlegel and volunteer chemist Dr. Laura Bruck from Wabash Valley College to work together for the benefit of student at MCHS. By incorporating Dr. Bruck's expertise into our chemistry science program, it has given the science department the ability to provide additional science educational opportunities for its students. Dr. Bruck has enhanced our chemistry program in many ways. She has provided class demos at the high school, conducted chemistry labs with our high school students at Wabash Valley College, advised on safety issues, provided materials not available for labs, and helped in curriculum development with articulation for college readiness.

With the generous donation of \$1,500.00 from ACS over the last three years, the MCHS chemistry program has been able to buy new lab manuals and lab equipment. With the support of ACS and Dr. Bruck, the MCHS chemistry program and staff will continue to provide quality educational opportunities and inspire our students to learn and enjoy science.



Ms. Kimberly Owens  
Family & Consumer Instructor

### Family and Consumer Changes

Big changes are occurring in the Family and Consumer Department. When school begins in the fall Driver's Ed. and Health will be located in the Child Development Lab and Seventh and Eighth grade FACS will be in the Clothing Lab. While MCHS Family and Consumer Science students are not happy about losing access to workspace for important projects they are doing their best to insure that the move goes as smoothly as possible.

Students in all classes have been helping sort through unused and broken equipment to make space for the new occupants of the area. The Foods and Nutrition students have been very helpful moving furniture around and taking items to storage. Living Environment class members have painted the Child Development Lab to get ready for Mr. Buss's classes. They have also turned a former storage area into an office and a place where I can prep for Clothing Labs.

Thanks to all my very helpful students! You've been so helpful and this has been a great learning experience for all of us. You really have been my heroes this year.

With our new skills we are getting ready for the Needs Fair in April. The Living Environments Class is planning some Flea Market Flip items to sell and the Clothing Class has another quilt it hopes to raffel. Many other classes are planning projects to sell for the Needs Fair.

