Falcon Chronicles

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Points of Interest

- Learn about the Christmas jar fundraiser!
- Do you know our new librarian? Go talk to Mrs. Matuszak.
- Check out the fun facts about Michigan.

YAC Christmas Jars

The Christmas jar fundraiser was to raise money for a family in need for the holidays. It was a week long and benefits the students by making them aware not everyone has the money for gifts, dinner, and they don't get spend a lot of time with family due to working. They raised $489.35 for the families in the need. In third place was Mr. Duquette's class raising $56.59, second place was Mr. Sisco's class raising $ 112.57 and in first place was Mrs. Ahearnes's class with a total of $138.49, they will be getting root beer floats as a prize. Mrs. Morris says "the fundraiser went really well, almost every single class participated with many classes having $20-$30."

Links Story

Links class is a peer to peer support program in which the link hooks up with a peer to get help academically and socially. In links class the link helps keep the peer on track and encourage them. It benefits the students because it helps the peers feel welcome and it benefits the link because it looks good on their resume and it usually helps them with their field of work after high school. They would love to have more male links in the program.

Foreign Exchange Students/ Librarian

Laura

Laura is from Austria and really likes it here as well. The school is the biggest difference between Austria and here. She was on the swim team here and in Austria she played volleyball. She wanted to play volleyball here but was too late for tryouts. She is friendly and loves to make new friends.

Joaquin

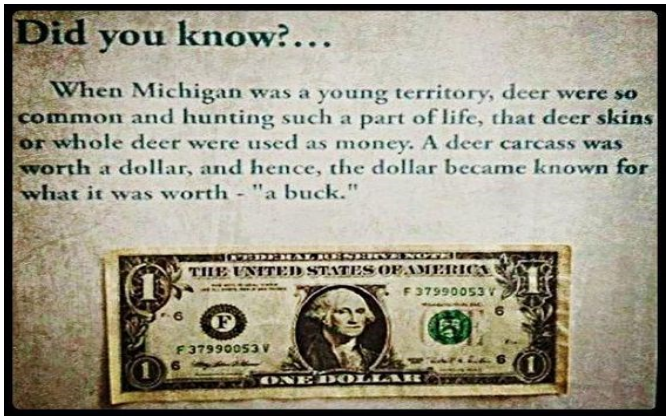
Joaquin is from Chile and he really likes it here. The main differences between the countries are the school and the lifestyle of the people. He plays soccer in his home country and here but he swims here. He loves soccer so if you want to start a conversation with him it's a great topic to start with.

Mrs. Tammie Matuszak

The single most thing she likes about being a librarian is to help students, catalog, book talk advice, troubleshoot, counsel, and shelve all in one day. She loves the way the students think, the enthusiasm and the way they seem to appreciate what she tries to do for all the students by connecting them to information. She has lived in northern Michigan since 2012. She has a 10 and 25 year old son. She is married to the Director of Finance for West Branch Rose City Schools and has three step kids. She loves politics and is super excited to be invited by a friend to attend the inauguration of our 45th president, Donald Trump.

Fun Fact

- The name Michigan is derived from the Ojibwa Indian words **Mishi-gama** (meaning "large lake")
- Michigan has more fresh water coastline than any province of any country in the world (3,126 miles)
- No point in Michigan is farther than six miles from a body of water (lake or river)
- Michigan has the world's only floating post office. It delivers mail to ships as they pass under the Ambassador Bridge.
- Michigan is often called the "Wolverine State". However, there are no longer any wolverines in Michigan.
- We may be the only place in the world where you can find cities named both Paradise and Hell.



Clubs at OHHS

Skills USA

Skills is about leadership and skill trades. They meet on Wednesdays after school until about 3:10. Anybody can join and you don't need any skills trade background. It benefits the students because if you pursue that career it will look good on your resume.

Theater

Theatre is about learning the way of the stage. They learn about body language, facial expressions, memorization, improv, the history of theatre, and how to do stage makeup. Anybody can join but you have to be willing to participate and put yourself out there. It is beneficial because you work together with other people and learning to be more confident.

Automotive Safety

Winter is just around the corner and you don't want to be stuck in the ditch. Here are some helpful tips and necessities for this winter.

What you should have in your car: Blanket, jumper cables, mats for tires, ice scraper, mini shovel, flashlight, warning device, tow strap, gloves, spare tire and tools to change it, first aid kit, seat belt cutter and window breaker, water, non-perishable snacks, and sand or cat liter.

What you should check: tires, windshield wipers, your anti-freeze level, have at least a half tank of gas, and consider buying snow tires.

If you happen to get stuck never leave your vehicle unless someone is there to pick you up.

Sports

Ice Hockey-Owen Prusinski— The season isn't going as they would like it to but they still have time to turn it around. He is excited to see the team come together and play as a team. His goal is to win a game. Owen isn't worried about playing against anyone but is excited to play against Kearsley and Bay City Thunder.

Girls BB-Payton Izworski---The season is going really well and have won against Houghton Lake and Roscommon. She is excited because the team gets along better this year. Her personal goal is to focus on her shot and free throws and her team goal is to work on boxing out and keeping intensity throughout the whole game. She is most worried about playing against is John Glenn because she got to watch them play last year and they were really good.

Boys Swim-Justin Alley---The season is going well. He is excited to see improvement in times. A team goal he has is to beat John Glenn this year and a personal goal is to go to states this year. He is worried about swimming against John Glenn and Midland High.

Girls Bowling-Rachel Frechette--- Practices have been going well and they are improving. Rachel's team goal is to have a team and her personal goal is to bring up her average. She is excited to compete against people and meeting them. They need at least two more people to complete their team.

Wrestling-Garett Morris--- The season is going pretty well. He is excited to see how the team does at districts and regionals and maybe even states. His personal goal is to be top 2 in the state.

Boys BB-Jace Courtemanche--- The season isn't going as well as it could but it will get better. He is excited for the team because he thinks they have a lot of potential. His team goal is to win districts and his personal goal is to lead the team to victory in every game. He isn't really worried about playing against anyone this year.

Boys Bowling-Blake Zumer--- The season is going well and he thinks they'll do well. He is excited for their first meet because he thinks they will be ready because they've had a lot of practice and have returning bowlers. His team goal is to have teamwork and cooperation. He is worried about bowling against both Bay City teams because they have been the top competitors the past few years.

Edith M's
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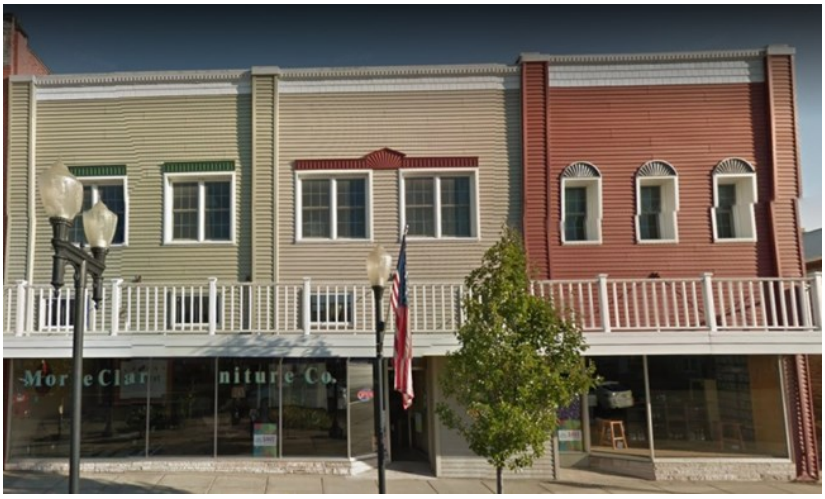
Question of the Month



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Question Of The Month

"What is your favorite thing about winter?"

9th grade: Teddy Weiers—"Snow"
Roseale Guzman—"Playing in the snow'
10th grade: Jonathan Urban—"Ice fishing"
Bailey Garma—"Christmas decorations"
11th grade: Cody Ferns—"late fall bow hunting"
Zildjain Badami—"No leaves on the trees"
12th grade: Damien Maxey—"Snow"
Tessa Frank—"Not as busy at work and I get free popcorn"
Teachers: Mrs. Russell—"Silence and beauty of the snow"
Mr. Barna—"Snow days"

Christmas Hallway Collage

Colton Eberlin liked the hallways and his favorite one was the English hall.

Taylor Nault thought it was cool and different from past years and her favorite was the gym hall.

Mrs. Ahearne thinks it brought spirit to the school and the kids enjoyed it.

Mr. Orlando says it boosted morale and was very seasonal.

Studying Tips

1) Create your own study guide
2) Ask questions
3) Attend the review session
4) Start early
5) Organize a group study session
6) Take Breaks
7) Stay well-rested
8) Create and follow a study schedule
9) Prioritize your study time
10) Study for the style of the exam
11) Quiz yourself
12) Reorganize your notes
13) Pace yourself
14) Color code it
15) Switch the topics up
16) Make it fun!!

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