

Summer 2023

FROM THE CAVE

Newsletter of Mishawaka High School



MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL I.D. & PICTURE DAYS

STUDENT LAST NAME A-L

AUGUST 7, 2023
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- School picture for the 23-24 yearbook
- Temporary student ID
- School devices available for new enrollments
- Have their device fixed or replaced (only if needed)
- **No building tours on this day**

STUDENT LAST NAME M-Z

AUGUST 8, 2023
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- School picture for the 23-24 yearbook
- Temporary student ID
- School devices available for new enrollments
- Have their device fixed or replaced (only if needed)
- **No building tours on this day**

ID MAKE UP DAY FOR ANY STUDENTS A-Z

AUGUST 9, 2023
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- School picture for the 23-24 yearbook
- Temporary student ID
- School devices available for new enrollments
- Have their device fixed or replaced (only if needed)
- **No building tours on this day**

**Students must have a temporary MHS photo ID
to enter the building on August 16, 2023.**

Books will be given to students during the first week of school.

Lockers will not be issued during this time, they will be issued on an as-needed basis.



2022-23 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be delivered in the Fall after school is already back in session. Students will receive an announcement once they have arrived. 2023 Graduates will be contacted.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 7, 2023

ID/Photo Day 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Students Names: A-L

August 8, 2023

ID/Photo Day 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Students Names: M-Z

August 9, 2023

ID Make-Up 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Any Students

Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen Only 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Freshmen Parents 5:30 – 6:00 PM

August 16, 2023

First Student Day



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Welcome from Mr. Brugh

Dear MHS Students and Families,

As we gear up for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, it is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal of Mishawaka High School. My name is Chad Brugh, and I am honored to be serving the students and families of Mishawaka High School, which holds a special place in my heart as a 1994 graduate.

My wife Amber has taught kindergarten at Beiger Elementary school for the past 22 years. I have three girls, Presley who just graduated from MHS and is attending Ball State next year, Addison who will be a Senior and Reese who will be a Sophomore. I love to spend my summer weekends at the lake and enjoy spending time with my family and friends on the water.

Throughout my 18 years of teaching at Beiger Elementary and my subsequent roles as the Freshman Dean and Associate Principal at MHS, I have developed a deep understanding and passion for our students. I firmly believe in the power of learning and the transformative impact it can have on our students' lives. It is my sincere commitment to ensure that each and every student at Mishawaka High School receives a high-quality education, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in life after high school. Whether that be college, a career, or enlistment in the military, we want our students to be citizenship ready when they graduate from MHS.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you, as parents and guardians, to actively engage in your child's educational experience. By forging a strong partnership between home and school, we can create a collaborative environment that fosters student success. I invite you to attend our parent-teacher conferences, join our Mishawaka Parent Group, and participate in various school events throughout the year.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and embarking on this educational journey together. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our dedicated staff. Remember, we are Cavemen, and together, we will do great things.

Go Cavemen,

Chad Brugh
Principal

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Chad Brugh, Principal
Jessica Mann, Associate Principal
Sam Ells, Assistant Principal
Laura Sigler, Assistant Principal
Kristin Wells, Assistant Principal

Counselors

Melissa Raffelock, Department Chair
Kristin Gaines, Counselor
Kelly Krider, Counselor
Aleece Weade-Jeong, Counselor

Athletics

Mark Polsgrove, Athletic Director
Sherry Keyser, Assistant Athletic Director



Coming soon to your mailbox!

Keep an eye out for the SCM
Welcome Back magazine for back
to school information
for all schools!

Welcome from Mrs. Mann

Dear MHS students and families,

I am proud to be able to introduce myself as MHS's new Associate Principal. My name is Jessica Mann, and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2023–2024 school year.

My introduction to MHS came in 2013 when I was hired as an English teacher. I had the pleasure of teaching MHS sophomores and Cadet Teaching students for several years before moving into administration. I was first a dean and then an assistant principal. I have worked with seniors, the class of 2022, and students with the last name E–L. I am so grateful for all of the opportunities I've had to work with your children, and I'm eager to get to work with more of them.

My husband Tim and I have been married for nine years. We love to spend time exploring southwestern Michigan, traveling, and visiting with friends and family. Live music is something we both love, and we spend as much time as we can going to concerts. We have a daughter, Brandy, who graduated from Mishawaka (2019), is a college student, and works as a secretary at MHS.

Students are at the center of what I do on a daily basis. Their education—as students and as people—is my personal charter. I will work hard every day to ensure that they are safe, receive an excellent education, and have the opportunity to develop their characters and skills. While it may be cliché to say that our students are our future, it is also true. It is my goal that MHS continue to be a place of learning, growth, optimism and opportunity so our community will continue to thrive.

Together with Mr. Brugh, I am excited to lead this school into its next century.

Go Cavemen!

Jessica Mann
Associate Principal

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

Valedictorians

Emma Loftus
Sarah Burns
William Schalliol
Jacob Ackerley
Abrielle Flick

Salutatorians

Linkin DeNeve
Davin Cockey
David Troyer
Ella Addison
Jacob Stanton

Commencement Speaker

Jen Vining-Smith,
University of Notre Dame
Sr. Associate Athletics Director



SPRING SPORTS 2023

Mishawaka student athletes and sports teams gave us one of the greatest seasons in decades as records were broken, history erased and incredible memories were made.

The softball team won their first conference championship since 2010 by going undefeated in the Northern Lakes Conference. The Cavemen had 5 players make All NLC with Leah Dawson, Machaela Banks, Taylor Kinkade, Lily St. Clair and Gianna Camacho. Olivia Bultinck and Jadyn Handley were also Honorable Mention. Brian Miller was named "NLC Coach of the Year". Mishawaka finished their best record since 2016 with a 22 -7 record.

The baseball team went into Sectional 22-5 and ended with a 13-1 record in the NLC. The Cavemen won a conference championship for the first time since 1997. (The Cavemen won divisional titles in 1928 and 1959, but '97 and 2023 are the only true conference championships in school history.) Making all conference were Maddux Yohe, Kaden Rose, Tommy Harringer, Matt Pelletier, and Trey DeBroka. On the Honorable Mention list were Lucas Nowack and Shawn Nowacki. Just like softball, Baseball Head Coach John Huemmer was named the "NLC Coach of the Year."

In girls track, a major highlight came when Ana DeVries broke the school record in the pole vault at 10'7". DeVries then broke it two more times at 10'9" and 11 feet while winning the sectional championship. The senior will represent Mishawaka in Bloomington at the IHSAA State Finals.

Boys Track had a number of success stories led by sophomore Liam Bauschke. The distance runner won the Northern Lakes Conference in the 3200 and was the Sectional Champ in the 1600 at Penn and he also was the Regional Champ in the 3200.. Sophomore Skyler VanSkyhawk was the 110 Hurdles NLC Champ, while the boys team finished as the conference runner-up. VanSkyhawk, Bauschke and Aldan Zolman all qualified for state this year.

Mishawaka has a number of other accolades to be proud of. Steve Anderson was named an assistant coach for the North/South All Star Game, while MHS Assistant Football Coach Mike Buchmann was named to the North/South Football staff for the game in July. Cavemen Wrestling Coach Steve Sandefer was named the 3A IHSWCA Coach of the Year. Mishawaka Senior Jacob Bush was named as a national finalist for the Spirit of Sport Award by the National Federation of High School Sports. Bush was honored on Senior Day at Steele Stadium and given a plaque by IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig. And Mishawaka Junior Quarterback Brady Fisher was on the cover of Indiana Football Digest as one of the top 25 players going into the 2023 season.

