

Hello October! October is also National Cyber-Security Awareness month. Knowing what your students are doing online, is vital to a parent's success in protecting your children from online dangers. Make sure to have open conversations with your students, friend them on all of their social media accounts, and encourage them to come to you with concerns without fear of being punished. Creating a safe dialog with your student will help them to reach out to you and knowing you care will support them in making good online habits.

#### <u>IU Molecular Medicine in Action</u>

We are pleased to announce that the annual Molecular Medicine In Action (MMIA) Symposium will occur on Sunday, March 1st through Monday, March 2nd, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN. The MMIA Symposium is a FREE two-day hands-on program held at the IU School of Medicine campus for 10th - 12th grade high school students. This symposium is sponsored by Riley Children's Foundation, and the Lilly Endowment, and conducted by Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research and IU School of Medicine faculty. Our overarching goal is to increase students' excitement for science, inspire more students to pursue science as a career choice, and provide hands-on learning in a state-of-the-art medical research environment. You can read more about MMIA here <a href="https://mmia.medicine.iu.edu">https://mmia.medicine.iu.edu</a>. Students must apply online. Please use the following link to access the MMIA application: <a href="https://redcap.uits.iu.edu/surveys/?s=EKM39KPXCF3W97XR">https://redcap.uits.iu.edu/surveys/?s=EKM39KPXCF3W97XR</a>. Application and Teacher Recommendation DEADLINE: November 7th, 2025, by 11:59PM. Selected students and their parents will receive program acceptance notification by January 9, 2026.

#### <u>Seniors</u>

FAFSA is open!!! Make sure to log in to <u>studentaid.gov</u> and start your FAFSA application. Remember you and 1 parent each need a separate account. If you are not going to college/university, or trade school, you will need to see Mrs. Urban for the opt out form. This is a requirement for graduation to either complete the FAFSA or opt out. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA or opt out form is April 15th!

## College Go Week!

We had a huge success with our college go week! There was lots of spirit, competition, and fun to be had. We would like to give a big shout out to all students and staff that participated and made the week a special one!



## College Representatives Visit High School Lunch!

In the month of October we will have 3 college/service representatives visiting high school lunches. This gives students the opportunity to speak with colleges on their admission processes and requirements needed to enroll. See the important dates section below for more information.

## Sophomores!

The LaPorte County Career & Technical Education Center application is open!!!! Students who are interested in any of the programs are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible as programs fill up fast!!! See Mrs. Urban for a confirmation form that needs to be filled out and signed by parents. Programs include: Automotive, Construction, Welding, Health Careers, Culinary, Criminal Justice, and more. Visit <a href="https://cte.educatemc.net/welcome-to-lpcte/about-us">https://cte.educatemc.net/welcome-to-lpcte/about-us</a> to learn more about the center!

### **Important Dates:**

October 1st: FAFSA Portal Opens

October 1st: Applications for the LaPorte County Career & Technical Education Center

26'-27' Open

October 2nd: Chesterton Career Fair

October 2nd: PNW Lunch Visit
October 9th: Air Force Lunch Visit
October 10th: End of 1st 9 weeks!

October 15th: Report Cards Sent Home

October 16th: Valparaiso University Lunch Visit October 20th: PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT Testing

October 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 30th: Ivy Tech Lunch Visit October 31st: Progress Reports



### Homework Assistance

**Ask Rose**: If you or your student needs help with math or science homework, he or she can use Ask Rose for free help from a Rose-Hulman tutor. Students can chat, call, or email. For more information, please visit <a href="https://askrose.org/">https://askrose.org/</a>.

Food Assistance Links:

Food Pantry Locator



Offering FREE fruits, vegetables, protein, and other nutritious items to help meet your family's needs.

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

For alerts, text "MARKET" to 219-500-6464.

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#### **OCTOBER 2025 -**

WED, OCT 1	Whiting Lakefront Park 1500 Park Rd, Whiting	THU, OCT 16 4 pm	Portage High School Door G 6270 US Hwy 6, Portage
THU, OCT 2	Faith Bible Church 15327 Cline Ave, Lowell	FRI, OCT 17 4 pm	Food Bank of Northwest Indiana 6490 Broadway, Merrillville
FRI, OCT 3	Kouts Christian Church	TUE, OCT 21	Jubilee Worship Center
10 am	208 S Poland Ave, Kouts	12 pm	415 N Hobart Rd, Hobart
<b>SAT, OCT 4</b> 9 am	Food Bank of Northwest Indiana	WED, OCT 22	St. Helen's Church
	6490 Broadway, Merrillville	11 am	302 N Madison St, Hebron
TUE, OCT 7	East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School *	<b>THU, OCT 23</b> 4 pm	Pines Elementary School
12 pm	3916 Pulaski St, East Chicago		1660 N County Line Rd, Michigan City
WED, OCT 8	Carter Memorial CME Church	FRI, OCT 24	Roosevelt High School
11 am	635 W 49th Ave, Gary	11 am	730 W 25th Ave, Gary
THU, OCT 9	Boys and Girls Club	<b>SAT, OCT 25</b> 9 am	Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
3 pm	723 Long Run Rd, South Haven		6490 Broadway, Merrillville
FRI, OCT 10	Our Lady of Grace	TUE, OCT 28	Anthem Church
10 am	3025 Highway Ave, Highland	2 pm	6947 Hohman Ave, Hammond
<b>SAT, OCT 11</b> 9 am	Food Bank of Northwest Indiana 6490 Broadway, Merrillville	WED, OCT 29 2 pm	The Cross Church * 3616 Elm St, East Chicago
TUE, OCT 14	Valparaiso Family YMCA	<b>THU, OCT 30</b> 12 pm	St. Teresa of Avila
1 pm	1201 Cumberland Dr, Valparaiso		1604 E Lincolnway, Valparaiso
WED, OCT 15	Living Hope Church	FRI, OCT 31	Family Bible Church
3 pm	9000 W Taft St, Merrillville	10 am	5200 Central Ave, Portage
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The following percentages and dollar amounts of the total costs which will be financed with federal money: TEFAP (28%, \$5,154,776) and CSFP (7%, \$1,313,104). The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources is 65%, (\$12,144,804).

(\*) Denotes Sponsorship by Foundations of East Chicago

### Scholarship Search Engines:

- https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/scholarshipuniverse/
- https://scholarsapp.com/
- https://www.fastweb.com/
- https://www.scholarships.com/
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search#
- https://www.cappex.com/
- https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/
- https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/
- https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships
- https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx
- https://ilvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/
- https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/registration/
- https://studentscholarships.org

### Have a great month!

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