On Wednesday, December 5th the third graders traveled to the Lansing State Capitol and Michigan Historical Museum. While at the Capitol students had the opportunity to learn about all three branches of government. They met their district lawmakers and got to see the House of Representatives and Senate in action! Additionally, the students laid on the floor of the Capitol and checked out the beautiful paintings and architecture of the ceiling, as well as they looked in the marble and limestone floor for fossils.

Following the Capitol tour the students traveled to the Michigan Historical Museum. At the museum the students began to develop an understanding for Michigan’s past. The students saw mannequins of the first people of Michigan, they heard stories from a French fur trader, and they listened to speeches made by the first territorial governor. Furthermore, students experienced life during the mining and lumbering times. Before the conclusion of the field trip, students were able to sit in a one room schoolhouse, where they were able to ask questions such as, “Is this really what school was like?”

Overall the students had a wonderful adventure at the Capitol and Museum. They filled their brains with lots of knowledge about Michigan, and came back to school excited to learn more.
Message from Superintendent Cook

Winter Weather Warning!
It’s that time of year again…..snow, sleet, slush, icy roads, etc. At Michigan Center Schools we make every effort to get our students to school, but our first priority, now and always, is student safety. In the event that roadways are deemed unsafe for travel we will err on the side of caution and cancel school. We try to make the decision as early as possible so that parents, guardians, and students can make the necessary adjustments. Announcements about school closures can be found in one of many ways:
All Call – Phone call to everyone listed in Power School
Social Media – Facebook and Twitter
Website – mcccardinals.org
Media - Channel 6, Channel 10, Fox 47, all Jackson Radio Works stations

Excellent 2018, but here we come 2019!
At Michigan Center Schools we’ve had an incredible first semester of the 2018-2019 school-year. Some of the highlights include welcoming a new principal (Mr. Desmarais) who is doing an outstanding job at Arnold Elementary, thriving extracurricular opportunities with our bands, athletic teams, robotics teams, and much more, a new and improved math textbook series at all levels, and an opportunity to enhance school security with the support of a grant that provided $65,680 from the Michigan State Police.

As exciting as 2018 was, we think 2019 will be even better. We continue to seek ways to provide an education/opportunity for our students that will translate to success in the “real world”. One thing that Michigan Center Schools are taking the lead on is implementing an “Employability PACT” with our secondary students. Not only will students receive feedback on academic progress (via traditional grading), they will have the opportunity to be credentialed in their workplace skills and employability. We have heard loudly and clearly from employers that they desire future employees that are polite, punctual, engaged, and collaborative. We are committed to teaching those skills so that our Cardinals hit the ground running upon graduation.

Connecting with Community
We are always looking to secure feedback and support from our community. We consider our community members part of the Cardinal Family, and we seek and appreciate your input. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (517) 764-5778 or email brady.cook@mccardinals.org if you would like to have a conversation or input about our schools, our programming, and our direction. We look forward to hearing from you. Go Cardinals!

College Board Parent Resources:
Fall 2018 College Board PSAT/NMSQT (11th grade) and PSAT 8/9 (8th Grade)

Understanding PSAT/NMSQT (video)

Understanding 2018 PSAT/NMSQT Results PDF

Understanding 2018 PSAT 8/9 Results PDF
https://bit.ly/2Gl2kQr

Michigan Center Schools Wrestling News

This year Michigan Center welcomes senior Corey Gamet as a new student athlete. Corey has previously won two state titles at Western HS and will be going for his third this season but now in a red and gray cardinal singlet. He has been an awesome addition to our program fitting in right away with our grapplers and coaching staff. Recently Corey signed what is nearly a full ride scholarship to wrestle NCAA Division I at North Dakota State University next year! Come and check Corey out along with the rest of the Michigan Center wrestling team on February 9th when we host an MHSAA individual district in the Ray Haynes Gymnasium.
The Bands had an excellent showing at Cardinals on Parade in October! All groups participated, and set a high standard for themselves for the rest of the year. During Thanksgiving, the marching band helped ignite the spirit of the season in Michigan Center by marching in the holiday parade and playing at the Christmas tree lighting. This is always a crowd favorite! The jazz band and several high school band members also got to attend a special concert in November - we headed to Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor and watched Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra perform their holiday set. They also sent two local clinicians to work with our jazz band on two separate days before and after the concert. We loved playing for them and they loved working with us!

We have a lot to be grateful for this holiday season!

German Club visits Chicago
On Dec. 7th students from the High School German classes went to Chicago to the Museum of Science and Industry. While there, they got the chance to walk inside a real U-Boat that was captured after the end of WWII. Students also went to the outdoor German Christkindlmarket to do some shopping and to see some real German Culture in an authentic environment. It will be a memory that many students will never forget. Special thanks to Mr. Shelton and Mrs. Kusch, along with the many parent chaperones and others who helped make the trip happen.

Frau Easterly