

Marion's Techau Appreciates Family, Friends, Teachers and Coaches

In February, U.S. Attorney Kevin W. Techau was sworn in as the top prosecutor of the Northern District of Iowa. He was nominated by President Barack Obama last November, after a recommendation by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. After the public investiture in May, the Marion Foundation and Alumni Association asked The Honorable Kevin Techau about his experience and memories from Marion. Here are his poignant reflections:

I have great memories growing up in Marion and attending Marion High School and Vernon Junior High. My sister and I were blessed with loving and supportive parents, Ken and Bev Techau. They stressed to us the value of hard work, caring for others and service. To this day, my dad is a great example of a person who lives his life with integrity while giving back to the community through his daily volunteer work at St. Luke's Hospital and very active participation in the Marion Lion's Club.

We were fortunate to have great administrators, teachers and coaches at Marion High and Vernon Junior High who challenged us to do our best and inspired us to seek our maximum potential. I would like to thank all of them for being in the business of pointing young people towards the things in life that endure. Lowell Morgan and John Fowler were great principals who led with wisdom. I can still hear Mr. Fowler telling us, "Word to the wise should be sufficient."

Connie Bennett and Shirley Pantini were exceptional teachers who really helped me prepare to go on to college and beyond with their skills at teaching language arts and social sciences. Jim Risk was one of the most skilled storytellers I have ever met and he used that skill to really bring to life the natural science classes he taught.

I loved participating in sports while at Marion and have great memories of competing in the WaMac Conference. We were fortunate to have many skilled coaches. Coach Dick Sloan and Coach Bob Thurness were great coaches who I had the pleasure of playing for over several years. They were compassionate, charismatic, and bursting with enthusiasm. They taught us to be humble when we had a good game and encouraged us to keep working hard when we did terribly. They made me feel valued when I was a starter but also when I was on the bench.



"It was a real honor to have these long-time friends from MHS Class of 1977 attend my United States Attorney investiture ceremony this past May." Pictured l. to r., Greg Van Gorp, Coach Bob Thurness, Kevin Techau, Jeff Donald, Scott Larsen and Jim Anderson.



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9th Annual Fundraiser for Education

Friday, March 13, 2015

6-9 p.m.

Vernon Middle School

\$10/adult, \$6/student

RSVP by March 6

- Wear red & gold or vintage Marion gear
- Enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres & desserts by LJ's Catering
- Marvel at student artwork on display & "Being Marion" winning essays
- Recognize District staff recipients of the Foundation's "Leader Award"
- MC Kevin Hahn, VMS 5th grade teacher
- Bid on silent & live auctions
- Play games & Win prizes!

Several sponsorship opportunities are available including "Spear-It" of Influence event sponsors and Red & Gold Table Hosts! Contact the Foundation office for more information – (319) 377-4691 x1110.

See back page for details

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The Mission of the Foundation is to maintain, develop, increase, and extend the facilities of the Marion Independent School District, and to provide broader educational service opportunities to its students, staff, faculty, and the residents of the geographical area which it serves.



FROM THE QUILL ARCHIVE – Quill Benefit Show, MHS Class of 1954: Elaine McGee, Shirley Larson, Lillie Fuller, Joan Justice, Jane Blessing, and Molly Keith (photo by Gary Eschman '54)

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March 13, 2015 ~ Vernon Middle School

Annual Foundation Golf Classic
July 16, 2015 ~ Hunters Ridge Golf Course

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corporate gift to help with the Foundation's mission to provide enhanced educational opportunities to its students and faculty. FSB is proud to be a locally-owned, community-focused, full-service bank, and we plan to remain just that. Our total focus is right here at home. The money we lend helps strengthen the economic viability of our community. The donations we make help support important social services in our community, and helping our customers enjoy the financial freedom they deserve is our reason for existing.

Correction

In our spring issue, the article featuring the late John Fowler misquoted Bill Huntoon. Mr. Huntoon actually said, "He was not only my principal, but my **basketball** coach in junior high...an excellent experience."

Best Wishes Brian

After nine years as Business Manager for the MISD, Brian Bartz left his position to pursue other professional endeavors. He is now a CPA with the Independence, IA firm Gosling & Company. He still resides in Marion with his wife, Christy and their children Jessica (MHS 2014) and Brady, a 9th grader at MHS. Brian recalls his experience with the District wonderful; having made "some very good friendships..." We wish Brian all the best.

Watch for a highlight in our next issue about the District's new Business Manager, John Donner.

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June 13-14, 2015

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Class Reunions



Marion High School Class of 1953
60th year reunion was held summer 2013



Marion High School Class of 1959
55th year reunion was held in September 2014



Marion High School Class of 1964
50th year reunion was held in September 2014



Marion High School Class of 1984
30th year reunion was held in August 2014

MARION[†] Cares

This faith-based non-profit agency serves students and families in the Marion Independent and Linn-Mar Community School Districts. Marion Cares provides after school and summer programs for students in three Marion neighborhoods: Azure Apartments, Marion Village Mobile Home Complex, and Squaw Creek Village Mobile Home Complex. For more information, contact Joe Polzin at 319-377-5344 or visit www.MarionCares.org.

Marion Alum Has Passion for All Things Western



Daniel Hutchins (MHS 1973) started researching and collecting documents and artifacts pertaining to our unique American history in the mid 1980s. His focus at that time was primarily on western art, horse tack, early cowboy gear, and memorabilia. By 1991 he had amassed one of the largest collections of original bit, spur, saddle & harness manufacturer's catalogs in the country along with a substantial collection of rare old cowboy trappings, including saddles, bits, spurs, chaps, hats and cuffs.

Over the next several years, Hutchins authored a six-volume set of books entitled "Old Cowboy Saddles & Spurs, Identifying the Craftsmen Who Made Them." He is also proud of the association he has had over the past 25 years with several of the finest museums and organizations dedicated to American history. Daniel has donated several of his publications to the Marion Foundation and will be donating another new set to auction at the Foundation's annual "For the Love of Marion" in March 2015.

Why the fascination with Western American history? Daniel answers, "I developed an interest in all things 'western' and 'cowboy' as many other young boys of my generation did growing up watching all of our heroes in the movies and on TV in 1950s & 1960s. This era had a tremendous variety of cowboy heroes. I first started seriously collecting after I got out of the service in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1980. I spent several more years in Colorado painting and restoring old Victorian homes before my collecting hobby grew and I found myself traveling to New Mexico where in 1990 I bought a very small ranch 36 miles from the nearest town (Las Vegas, NM) and also where I met my wife Diana who as a young girl found herself regularly helping out on her fathers ranch."

Visit www.temppointernationalpublishing.com for more about Daniel and his publications.



Donations Support Foundation

Through generous donations from MISD teachers and staff, as well CEO Don Kaas and the employees of Iowa Fluid Power, the Marion Foundation received more than \$400 toward its mission to provide educational enhancement opportunities for MISD students.



Bricks, Flags, Ornaments Still Available

A brick from the old MHS/VMS building, with a certificate of authenticity, can be yours with your gift of \$50 or more. The bricks have a gold plate engraved with the image of the original building. Shipping is just \$12 per brick (may include a brief note upon request). If your gift exceeds \$200, we will ship your brick at no additional cost. They make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays.



High quality Marion car flags are also available for only \$15 each. Let everyone know who you're rooting for!



The last batch of Vernon Middle School holiday ornaments can be purchased from Deb Menken at dmenken@marion-isd.org.



MISD Former Staff and Retirees

Meeting on the first Friday each month
at the Longbranch - 11:30 a.m.

Contact Mrs. Betty Spearman
319-377-3097

Front Office Staff Has Strong Marion Tapestry

Marion is filled with generations of MHS alum, married high school sweethearts, Marion alum who come back to teach, and all those unique things that make Marion so special. Well, the front office administrative staff is a unique bunch with red and gold woven into their lives and their professions.

Stephanie Viner

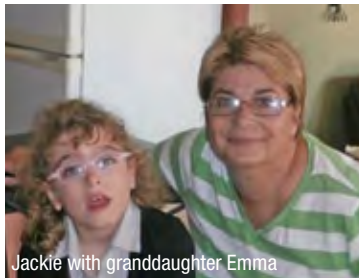
Stephanie (Scott) Viner (MHS '91) and her siblings Mike ('86) and Bob ('87) are all proud Marion Indians. Stephanie and her husband, Scott, have two children, John ('13) and Sadie ('15), who complete their MISD circle. *"Growing up and attending*



Marion Independent was an amazing experience for me. I am still in very close contact with my classmates. We are loyal and we stay with the District. I was blessed with the chance to stay home with my children for 7 years while they were young. When I decided to go back to work I took a job with the District as a special education associate at FMI. I was able to work in the same building my son was attending. This bonded me with his class. Then two years later, I was able to bond with my daughter's class. I moved up the ranks to the building secretary at FMI and then to the District Office as the superintendent's secretary. I believe in this District."

Jackie Wilkinson

District mail courier Jackie (O'Brien) Wilkinson (MHS '75), her husband Glen ('73), daughter Stacy ('92), son Gregory ('96), son-in-law Jason ('92) and daughter-in-law Kelly ('95) are all proud to represent the Red and Gold. Jackie and Glen's grandchildren (Brandon, Sadie, Jacob and Emma) are all MISD students. *"I have been working for Marion Schools since 2005 as the mail courier. I also sub for the bus drivers periodically. Being the courier has been a fun job with different duties every day. Marion has been my home for over 50 years. I've always thought Marion Independent School District is just the right size to educate our children. I've been fortunate to travel and see many places but I always look forward to returning home to Marion."*



Vicki Eichhorst

Vicki (Warrick) Eichhorst (MHS '67) is the Accounts Payables Specialist in the District's front office. She and her daughters Angela ('88) and Allyson ('91) are Marion alum. Vicki's brother Scott ('72), and his wife Jill ('72) and their children, Ashlea ('00) and Gabe ('02) are also proud alum. Vicki and Scott's aunt, Freda Warrick Baack, ('55) make their Marion ties three generations strong! *"I had many positive experiences attending Marion Independent School District. My children and I attended MISD schools kindergarten thru graduation. I believe we received a good education and were able to*



participate in several extra-curricular activities. Classes were a nice size – you knew everyone in your class. I started working for MISD in 1983 (including Washington Elementary School and Marion High School); most recently as the District's, account payables specialist. I feel fortunate to have worked here for the last 31 years. I have made many wonderful friends over the years and for that I am most grateful!"

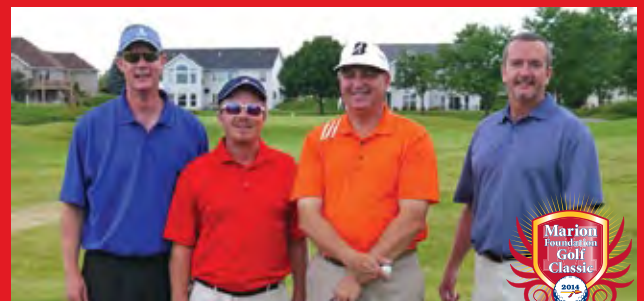
Stacie Wiley

Stacie has been the District's Technology Support Specialist for more than 12 years. She also coaches VMS volleyball and basketball. Her son, Nate, graduated from Marion in 2007. *"Nate packed in a lot of experiences into his 1-1/2 years as an Indian including, football, basketball, and especially track. His 4x4 team broke the school record formerly held by Chad Zrudsky and his teammates. We came from the Vinton-Shellsburg district and liked the area so much we moved here!"*



Tammy Albaugh

Tammy is the Payroll Specialist in the District's front office. Her husband, Brad ('79), and their children Brent ('00) Tara ('05) and Dustin ('11) all appreciate their Marion education. Tammy's brothers-in-law, Gary ('74) and Gregory ('78) help reinforce Marion pride in this close-knit family. *"I began working for the District in January of 2000. I wanted to be able to still do payroll as my profession, and living 5 blocks from my job was very appealing. Working in the District allowed me to be closer to my children – I was able to adjust my hours to volunteer in classrooms and be able to attend all their sporting events. A small school atmosphere is very desirable to me for educating our children."*



The Marion Foundation held their 12th Annual Golf Classic at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in July. The event brought together 21 foursomes, more than 40 fabulous community sponsors and a variety of prizes and giveaways that kept golfers happy all day.

The big winner was the team "Three 80s and a 70" which included alumni (pictured l.-r.) Mike Benkusky '83, Erik Ervin '84, Lee Larson '78 and Matt Grundy '83.

Proceeds from this outing benefit the students and faculty of the Marion Independent School District. For additional golf wrapup and photos, visit www.marion-foundation.org.

**2015 Golf Classic will be Thursday, July 16
at Hunters Ridge Golf Course**

Marion Foundation Annual Meeting & Board Retreat

The Marion Foundation held its 2014 annual meeting at the Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham. Owner and Marion alum, Barry Smith (MHS 1983) generously hosted the trustees. A tour of the newly remodeled facility was guided by general manager, Casey Berrier. A stellar lunch was provided by LJ's Catering while trustees heard a District update from Superintendent Sarah Pinon. The meeting also included elections and goals for the coming year. Board changes include the resignation of long-time trustee Vic Klopfenstein (now an Emeritus Trustee) and Cody Crawford. The Foundation's newest trustee is Tracy Read of Syncbak, Inc. and wife of VMS teacher, Alan Read. The full trustee list is provided on page 2.

Marion High School 1945 alum, Bill and Loyce (Schenken) Page celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on September 6. Bill is also a former MHS teacher. They are shown here with their daughter Gayle Flynn.

The Alumni Association is always interested in receiving alumni news and updates. Use the contact forms on our website, send by regular mail, or give us a call!



Historic Test Scores at MHS

Marion High School class of 2014 scored a historic best on the ACT average-composite score with a score of 23.5.

This was a 0.9-point increase over the previous year, the highest of increases among Corridor schools. MHS has seen an increase in ACT scores each of the past three years. While the ACT is just one measure of student achievement, it is a fine mark for Marion High School and something the students, staff, and community can be proud of. The goal moving forward is to continue this trend. There are many factors that come into play, but rigorous curricula and students taking as many upper level courses as possible are key factors in increasing student achievement on the ACT.

	Comp.	English	Math	Reading	Science
MHS	23.5	23.2	22.0	24.5	24.0
State	22.0	21.5	21.4	22.5	22.2
National	21.0	20.3	20.9	21.3	20.8

MHS Collaborates with Coe College



Over the past year, four Marion High School students have had an opportunity to do science research in conjunction with the Coe College Physics Department. Students use Inventor software to design nozzles for

a levitator used in Coe's glass research. The designs are then printed using a 3D printer purchased through grant funds obtained from the Giacoletto Foundation. Bi-monthly trips are made to Coe to test and adjust the designs. Currently two of the designs are being machined out of metal to be tested further. The students have gained a wealth of experience from the project and the District hopes to expand these opportunities for students in the future.

Pinion's Perspective



Sarah Pinion, Superintendent

There are a number of positives to report as we complete the first quarter of the school year.

Students participating in co-curricular areas are being extremely successful. Our marching band has been amazing to watch and received numerous awards this season. Show choir and vocal music competition times are still ahead of us with expectations on a great year for them as well.

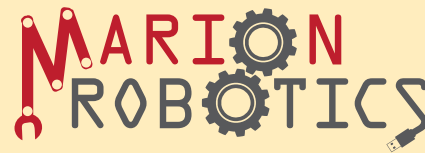
In sports our varsity volleyball team and boys' cross country team are ranked third in the state. Additionally, the volleyball team was WaMaC west champs and has a 30 to 7 record. Individuals on the cross country boys' and girls' teams are ranked as some of the best runners in the state. A male freshman record has been broken for our school coupled with the largest number of participants out for cross country in the history of the sport at MHS.

Our student enrollment this year is up by a little over 80 students. That number includes an increase of nine open enrollment students into our district. The more important number from a funding perspective is what we call resident students. That number shows an increase of 71.36 students. You may think it is odd to have a "fraction" of a student. Not every student who attends counts as a full-time student. There are numerous students participating in our home school program who take some classes (not all their classes) in one of our schools or participate in an extra-curricular area. Those students count in our enrollment but not as full-time students. School districts receive funds based on the number of resident students so the more students, the more funds.

At the same time, additional students require additional services and teachers. This year we increased from seven to eight kindergarten teachers due to the enrollment at that grade level. Due to the fact the legislature has not set the funding level for the 2015/2016 school year, we do not know what that increase of 71.36 students means for funding to MISD. Hopefully, the legislature will keep their promise from the last legislative session to set the funding level in the first 30 days of the session.

Working Together – Great Things Happen

Marion Robotics has opened up one of its two teams to grades 7-9 to extend this great learning opportunity to



younger students in the District. About 35 students are currently participating. The game for this season was recently released and students are experimenting with different robot designs. The high school applied engineering class (a class devoted to robotics) has been creating an introduction to programming lesson and safety video to teach the basics to newcomers.

Expenses for a regular season of robotics for both teams run about \$6,000. If teams advance to higher levels of competition, the cost can rise upwards of \$10,000. Marion Robotics team members are working to secure sponsors for this year. Any amounts are appreciated and recognition levels are available. If you are interested in helping or have any questions please contact Chris Martin at cmartin@marion-isd.org.



Austin Sellers with Wade Markley,
Marion Fire Department Captain

FMI Student Wins 1st Place in Fire Safety Poster Contest

Austin Sellers, son of Rob and Tina Sellers, won first place in the citywide Fire Safety poster contest. The contest is held annually for all third grade students in the city of Marion during Fire Prevention month. Austin is a third grade student in Mrs. Brenda Clark's class at Francis Marion Intermediate.

Marion Athletic Booster Club

With a mission to "recognize, celebrate, and supplement MISD middle and high school athletics through volunteerism and financial support," the MABC offers a variety of membership packages.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the MISD board room at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact President, Dana Smith at (319) 560-4815 or sdan144@msn.com or Membership Chair, Michele Kelly at (319) 560-4815 or mishkelly96@gmail.com.

Follow them on Twitter @MarionBooster and Like their Facebook Page – Marion Athletic Booster Club.

MHS Fall Play: "Radium Girls"

The high school fall play, "Radium Girls," will be performed November 6-8, at 7 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium.

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie was an international celebrity, and luminous watches were the latest rage – until the girls who painted them started to succumb to a mysterious disease. The show is inspired by a true story about the efforts of one young woman as she fights for her day in court.



Bright Beginnings Preschool takes learning on the road with field trips to the pumpkin patch and Indian Creek Nature Center. They also had special visitors in their classroom for a presentation about dogs.



College for Kids Participants

The Grant Wood AEA College for Kids summer program offers courses in a college setting to eligible students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Students can select advanced or specialized curricula, or explore a topic of interest not typically available in middle school general education. Students from Vernon Middle School received a \$50 scholarship from the Marion Independent School Foundation to offset the cost of the program. Marion participants were:

Erik Anderson	Madison Baker
Breckin Bartels	Jacob Burhite
Dalton Cannon	Svoboda Cappa
Aaron Cleppe	Austin Griest
Josephine Hancox	Noah Jordan
Seth Paulson	Anastasia Schobert
Teegon Slaughter	Neil Sharma
Andrea Spier	



MHS Marching Band has New Uniforms, Outstanding Season

The Marion High School Scarlet Spectrum Marching Band was decked out in new uniforms this fall for performances of their show "The Music of Dmitri Shostakovich." The 106-member band placed in the top three bands at each of their competitions and also received several Best Drumline, Best Drum Major, and Best Hornline awards. The band also received a Division I ranking at State contest.

In addition, the band hosted more than 1,800 students from 18 bands at its 34th Annual Marion Marching Invitational at the MHS football field on September 27.

The purchase of new marching band uniforms AND new concert attire for both the band and choir was made possible by the work of the Marion Music Boosters over the past 12 or so years. MANY THANKS to all Boosters supporters both present and past!

MHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts 8 New Members



This year's honorees are Angela Bys (2007), Allen Reisner (2007), Kate Humiston (1998), Norm Rathje (1954), Bob "Dutch" Coon (1945), George Palmer (1951), John Fowler (coach), and Dan Barkley (community member).

Visti www.marion-foundation.org/mhs-athletic-halloffame/ to read biographies of all hall of fame members.



Baskets for Bucks

Ohnward Bank & Trust (OBT) is a proud sponsor of the Marion Athletic Booster Club "Baskets for Bucks." OBT donates \$3 for every 3-point basket made by any varsity player. Donations support athletic programs at Marion High School and Vernon Middle School. In August, OBT delivered a \$600 check for last season's scores.



L. to r.: Marion Athletic Booster Club members Sean Rice and Dana Smith accept a donation check from Steve Willette, Senior Vice President, Ohnward Bank & Trust



Hallways and Libraries Flooded with All Things "Super"

Students at Starry and Emerson are striving to be library superheroes by showing respectful, responsible, and honest behavior. Each week, one student from each class achieves superhero status. That student gets to wear a superhero cape during the next library class and has their picture displayed on the Library Superhero Sightings hallway displays. Students have also been designing their own superhero capes.



Vernon Students Selected to NEIBA Honor Band and Opus Honor Choir

Vernon Middle School choir members, Bryan Crow, Alyssa Piper, Micah Smith, Trinity Zika & Dawn Sloan were recently selected for participation in the twenty-ninth annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 3500 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition. The 2014 Opus Honor Choirs will perform November 20 at 4 p.m. in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in the Iowa State Center in Ames.

Five Vernon Middle School 8th grade students were selected for the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association (NEIBA) honor band to be held at Oelwein High School on Saturday, December 6.
Addie Shindelar - trumpet
Alyssa Piper - clarinet
Carter Lantermans - clarinet
Alasandra Drake - clarinet
Isaiah Heinzerling - baritone

MHS Baseball Program Receives Memorial Gift



Family members of the late Donald Lochner (MHS 1960) have donated \$2,000 to the Marion High School baseball program in his honor.

Mr. Lochner passed away in February. He enjoyed Marion baseball games; especially rooting on his grandsons, Levi and Kaleb.

The contribution will enable some immediate enhancements such as the baseball training area, cement for the new batting tunnel, net and turf; with plans to add a storage shed.



Lochner brothers Levi (MHS 2013) and Kaleb (current MHS sophomore) have been active in youth and high school baseball.

Welcome New Marion Teachers & Staff

Marion High School

Melissa Champion, 9th Grade English

Vernon Middle School

David Anderson, Band

Rene Tedrow, BD

Melissa Champion, 8th Grade English

Brennan Menken, In-School Suspension and Exploratory

Elementary

Allison Beckner, Emerson, Kindergarten

Chelsea Rathje, Emerson Special Ed

Shelley Miller, Starry, Kindergarten

Kayla Hrubes, Starry, Kindergarten

Administration

John Donner, Business Manager

Marion & Linn-Mar Students Building 24th Home

The Marion Building Trades class, taught by Bruce Weisinger, has started this year's student built house. Usually 11-18 students participate in this much-anticipated project. Several MHS alum have utilized skills learned in this Building Trades class to start their own business and/or work in their family business. This year's house is located at 905 Raleigh Lane in Marion and features 1,646 sq. ft. on the main level with a finished lower level. The efficient, open floor plan features 9 ft. ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, a 3-stall garage and a covered porch. The house will be for sale at the end of the 2014-15 school year.



Marion Home School students Noah Smith, playing Peter Pan, and Megan Bailly, playing Wendy, rehearse a scene in Peter Pan.

The musical will be presented in the Marion High School Auditorium November 20 & 21 at 7 p.m. and November 22 at 2 p.m.



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Mail your \$5 check (or more) made payable to MISD Foundation, 777 S. 15th St., Marion **by December 31.**

You may also drop off your donation at any of the school offices.

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