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## UPCOMING DAYS OF INTEREST:

- December 11  
Holiday Luncheon
- December 24-  
January 3  
College Closed
- January 7-8  
Faculty Seminar Days
- January 11  
Winter Classes Begin

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# Campus



# Connections

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## Message from the President of Muskegon Community College

Hello students, faculty, and staff. The Mission of Muskegon Community College states that the College helps students meet their educational goals by offering programs “that respond to individual, community and global needs.” As President of MCC, it has become clear to me that these words are truer now than in any time in our history. As we move into the second decade of the new millennium, I would like to share some information about the state of education in Michigan and the nation.

First, a telling statistic: Of every 100 Michigan ninth graders, only 18 will graduate within six years of the time that they matriculate or enter college. This clarifies in a meaningful way that all of us, including faculty, staff, and administration need to work with our incoming students to ensure that they are successful. Another statistic: 50 percent of all jobs in the nation to be created by the year 2025 are “middle skilled”

positions. These are jobs requiring a high school diploma and up to an associate degree or equivalent. Notably, only 15 percent of jobs created will require less than a high school education. A final statistic: A 2009 study reports that of the 5.5 million workers in Michigan’s workforce, nearly 70 percent will be a part of the workforce in the year 2020.

What do I take away from these statistics?

- Community colleges have a mandate to support the education of our young people
- At least half of the jobs created in the foreseeable future will require at least some college
- To remain competitive, we must focus on assuring that our students and workforce an educated, trained and competitive

What can you do to help?

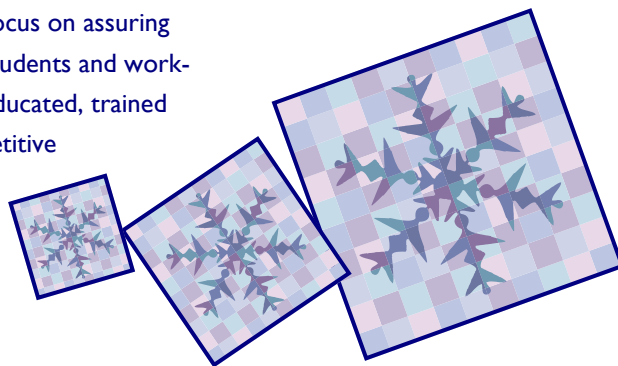
- Support our students. Work at your best to assure that they know that we care
- Get involved in on campus activities, including the strategic planning process ([strategy@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:strategy@muskegoncc.edu))
- Get involved in your community, schools, church, government or related organizations. The more the community understands that we are interested, the more effective we can become.

Finally, as usual, please let me know how I may be of service to you by contacting my office at 231-777-0303 or via email at [dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu).

Enjoy the holidays and the best to you and your families.

Dale Nesbary, Ph.D.

President





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Everything is  
**FREE!**

## Do You Know What CATS Are?

If your answer is “demanding and disdainful furry mammals often found in houses they allow humans to live in also and whose chief goal in life is to sleep and shed hair,” you are incorrect. That’s a definition of cats---lower case letters.

CATS, all upper case letters, is an acronym for Classroom Assessment Techniques. These techniques are used by instructors at any time during the semester to see if students are really understanding what the teacher wants to be understood. For example, one CAT is called the “Minute Paper”; what the instructor does is have all students right before class ends take sixty seconds to write down the three most important concepts covered during that hour of

class. Papers are collected and read by the instructor to see if there is something important that students fairly consistently misunderstood; if so, the instructor may revise a lecture, or make some other change to help improve student learning. Later, another CAT may be used to see if the change helped.

Do MCC faculty use CATS? All the time. How do we know? Each semester Richard Doctor, the College’s assessment coordinator, sends out a “Report Form” to all instructors and asks them to describe one or two examples of using a CAT. During the winter semester 2009, sixty eight full-time instructors (out of a possible ninety-seven) sent in ninety report forms.\* Almost all of these instructors say they have

tried to make changes to improve student learning.

Are CATS important? Absolutely. Of all the subjects that will be written about in our *HLC Self-Study Report*, the longest chapter will be about assessing student learning. The use of CATS is a significant way to illustrate that Muskegon Community College is committed to improving student learning and effective teaching.

If you are reading this article and you are an instructor, please send your “Report Form” to [Richard.Doctor@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Richard.Doctor@muskegoncc.edu) or call 777-0308 to get the form or ask for help.

By Richard Doctor and Anne Meilof, co-chairs HLC self-study

## Wellness Wrap

**Friday, December 18,  
Monday, December 21 &  
Tuesday, December 22  
11:00 am—1:00 pm  
Blue & Gold Room**

The Healthy Lifestyle Committee would like to reduce your holiday stress again this

season by wrapping your gifts for you.

Again, this year, everything is **free!** Whether you bring in your paper or we provide the paper for you, everything is free! We have

paper, bows and name tags...sorry, no boxes or bags.

So, let us wrap your stress away!

## Donate Food & Supplies to Local Animal Shelters!

Our economic troubles have been hard on the animals, too. For National Animal Shelter Week, we're collecting dog/puppy food, cat/kitten food, cat litter, dog chew toys, used (but clean) pet beds, blankets, towels, and rugs, and anything else

that will make their lives a little bit better.

Please drop off any items to Julie Weller in Room 1114 (Stevenson Center, ext. 461), by **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks for helping—and if you

can, adopt a pet at one of our local shelters or rescue groups.

Organized by MCC's  
Healthy Lifestyle Committee  
Submitted by Julie Weller



## Creative & Performing Arts

### FAREWELL Dr. Carlo Spataro

Long time Faculty Member retires after 44 years at MCC

Please join us as we honor Dr. Spataro with a Retirement Reception.

Thursday, December 10  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Overbrook Theater & Lobby

### OVERBROOK ART GALLERY

#### **THE ART OF SCOTT**

**ROSEMA** – Nationally known comic book artist exhibits finished illustrations and working drawings in connection to MCC's new video game design certificate program Exhibit Opens: November 9 – December 16 - Gallery Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays with special weekend hours during MCC Theater performance of **"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play"** – December 2 – 6 - For more information, call 231-777-0324

### OVERBROOK THEATER

#### **It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play by Joe**

**Landry** – Wednesday – Saturday, December 2 - 5, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.,

Overbrook Theater, Tickets \$5 (MCC) and \$10 (PUBLIC). Call 231-777-0324 for additional information.

ONE WEEKEND ONLY!

### MCC COLLEGE SINGERS

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT, Sunday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Michigan – FREE and open to the public.

### OVERBROOK THEATER AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Oscar Wilde comedy, **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**, directed by Tom Harryman, will be held at the Overbrook Theater on Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 & 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Those interested in auditioning may check out a script at the CPA office (deposit \$5). This "trivial play for serious people" will run February 17 – 21, 2010; auditions will consist of readings from the script.

### MCC DANCE DEPARTMENT

Announces...

Overbrook Dance Theater in Con-

cert 25! This Year's theme "You & Me"

### AUDITIONS:

Held in MCC's Performing Arts Studio Room 262

Monday, December 7  
5:30-6:00 *Open audition for Dancers interested in being in MCC dance instructor, Sarah Powell's dance*  
6:15-9:00pm *Choreographers with their dancers*

Tuesday, December 8  
6:00 – 9:00pm *Choreographers with their dancers*

MCC and community dancers and choreographers welcome. Have 1 minute choreographed to show judges, along with your ideas, music, and lyrics

### PERFORMANCES DATES:

APRIL 9 – 11, 2010



To reserve an audition day & time, call 231-777-0324. Questions? Call Cathy 231-777-0618 OR Email [cathy.gamby-weideman@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:cathy.gamby-weideman@muskegoncc.edu)

Submitted by Julie Solowy



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## Save IE Favorites and Back Them Up!

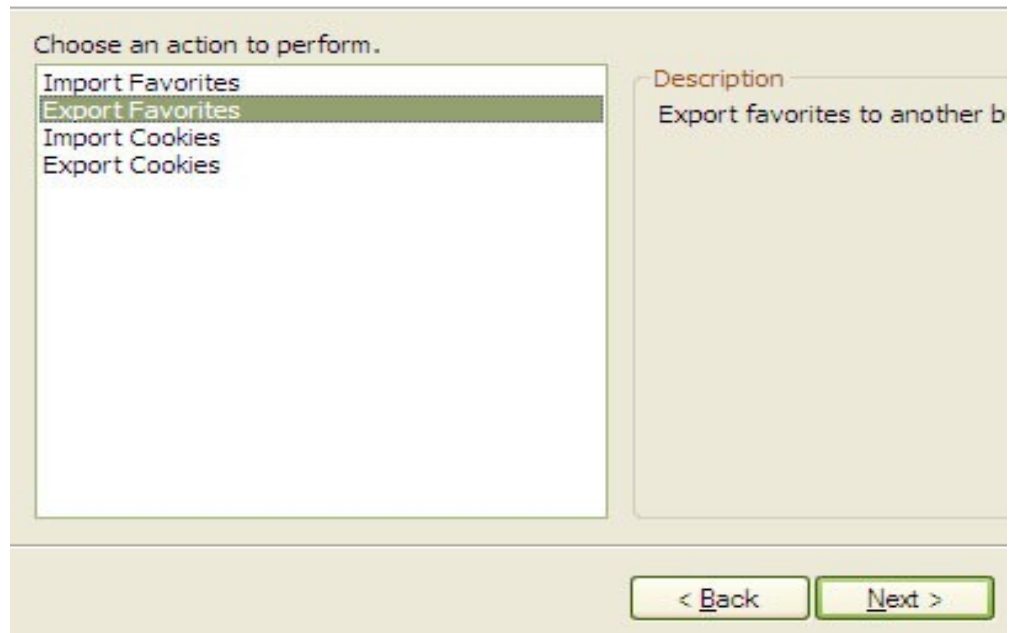
Save your ghost stories and haunted houses. Let's talk about a real nightmare: losing all your internet favorites. I don't know about you, but I have a lot of these. They're organized by subject: photography, writing, travel, friends, online 'zines, crafts, stores, humor sites, podcast pages and directories, sports, webcomics, cool stuff I plan to afford someday but like drooling over now, you name it. If they were lost in a computer crash, I'd never find them all again.

Here's a simple way to save all of your favorites. In Internet Explorer, go to **File** and click the **Import/Export...** option. The Wizard window will appear (spooky!). Choose **Export Favorites** and click **Next**.

### Import/Export Wizard

#### Import/Export Selection

You can select what to import or export.



Click the top folder **Favorites** to select them all and pick the destination for your new backup favorites file. Save it to your **My Documents** folder or **Desktop** with a unique name like "favebackup1.htm" to help distinguish it from any other program's bookmark files on your system.

Back up a spare copy of the file by saving it on a flash memory device, CD, DVD or zip disk, just like the rest of your important information!

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Fisher, C. (n.d.). *WORLDSTART.COM*. Retrieved 11 25, 2009, from WorldStart.com : <http://www.worldstart.com/tips/tips.php/1954>

Submitted by Mindy Stevens



## 10 Light & Tasty Ways to Enjoy Leftover Turkey

- Don't wait until lunch to enjoy your leftover turkey. Add some shredded turkey to your breakfast omelet or frittata. Turkey goes well with items we normally add to our omelets or frittatas—green onions, avocados, vegetables, reduced-fat cheese, or fat-free sour cream.
- Make a turkey salad sandwich by mixing a little light mayonnaise with just as much fat-free sour cream and stir in diced turkey along with some chopped celery, a pinch of Dijon mustard, and a sprinkle of toasted pecans or walnuts. Serve on whole-grain bread or a whole-grain roll.
- Add diced turkey to whatever soup or stew you enjoy. You can even buy low-fat canned soup (like chicken noodle, minestrone, etc. and stir some diced turkey into the saucepan when you are heating it up.
- Use shredded turkey in
- place of chicken in your favorite Mexican recipes, such as enchiladas, quesadillas, or tamales.
- Add shredded turkey to your favorite rice dish, such as a rice casserole, a saffron or savory rice dish, or even a cold rice salad.
- Make an individual serving of casserole. Stir about 1/3 cup of shredded turkey meat and 1/3 cup of some vegetables into a small microwave-safe bowl, along with about 1 cup of leftover stuffing. Top with a spoon of gravy or grated reduced-fat cheese, if desired. Cover and reheat mixture in the microwave about 2 minutes on HIGH.
- Turkey chili will heat things up the day after Thanksgiving. Make your favorite light chili recipe but instead of adding in browned ground beef or beef chunks, stir in some diced or shredded turkey.
- Enjoy a light turkey Caesar
- salad the next day. Mix up a quick Caesar salad using Romaine lettuce, tomato wedges, and fat-free or low-fat Caesar salad croutons (available in most supermarkets). Top the salad with plenty of shredded turkey and drizzle bottled light Caesar salad dressing over the top. If you can't find light Caesar dressing in your market, make up your own by blending 1/2 cup of regular Caesar dressing with 1/2 cup of apple juice.
- Transform leftover turkey into an elegant turkey dish by topping a turkey and broccoli casserole with melted reduced-fat cheese and a light crumb topping.
- Add shredded turkey to your favorite pasta dish, such as lasagna, pesto and pasta, even chilled pasta salad.



Brought to you by Gallagher Benefit Services

Source: <http://www.webmd.com/food-recipes/features/thanksgiving-light-leftovers>



## German Exchange Program

**Sign up for the German Exchange Program! The deadline for application is December 19!**

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with our sister college, Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart, Germany. This MCC/KSN bi-lateral exchange program has

been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our perspective cultures and business practices for over 13 years. The exchange includes visits to cultural and historical sites as well as local businesses such as Daimler, Porsche, and Ritter Sport. Each participant is hosted by a German student or faculty member of the Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord. Are you looking for an experience that

will last a lifetime? **Then sign up for the German Exchange Program! The deadline for application is December 19!**

For more information contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777- 0376.

E-Mail

[Kathy.Tosa@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Kathy.Tosa@muskegoncc.edu)

Submitted by Tom Schurino and Kathy Tosa



# Inclement Weather Procedures

Muskegon Community College intends to be in full operation every scheduled class day. However, during extremely inclement weather, when it appears that the interests of all concerned will be best served by closing the College, appropriate announcements will be made over local radio and television stations. All announcements should be noted carefully inasmuch as only morning, afternoon or evening classes may be canceled. Announcements will be made over the following radio and television stations: This list was updated November 24, 2009 and supersedes all previous lists.

## Radio Stations

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATION	FREQUENCY
WBBL	1340 AM	WTNR	94.5 FM
WAYG	89.9	WLHT	95.7 FM
WBFX	101.3 FM	WMHG	1600 AM
WCSG	91.3 FM	WMRR	101.7 FM
WHTS	105.3 FM	WMUS	1090AM/106.9FM
WLCS	98.3 FM	WNWZ	1410 AM
WFGR	98.7 FM	WODJ	1490AM
WGHN	1370AM/92.1FM	WOOD	1300AM/105.7FM
WGRD	97.9 FM	WBCT	93.7 FM
WGVU	850 AM/95.3FM	WDSS	1680 AM
WJNZ	1140 AM	WSNX	104.5 FM
WJQK	99.3 FM	WTKG	1230 AM
WKLQ	107.3 FM	WTRV	100.5 FM
WLAV WSHZ WMCQ WUVS-LP	96.9 FM 107.9 FM 91.7 FM 103.7	WMAX WLAW WMMT	96.1 FM 92.5 FM 106 FM

## Television Stations

WWMT	TV-Channel 3	WXMI	TV-Channel 17
WOOD	TV-Channel 8	WGVU	TV-Channel 35
WZZM	TV-Channel 13	WXSP	TV-Channel 18
WOTV	TV-Channel 41	MCC-TV	TV-Channel 902

The closing of on-campus courses may not affect off-campus classes. Muskegon Community College classes taught off-campus will be canceled based upon cancellation of classes by individual schools; i.e., Grand Haven, MCC Fremont Campus, Newaygo, Whitehall, etc.

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## Inclement Weather Procedures Continued...

Classes and activities for Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Western Michigan University (University offices can be contacted directly at 777-0598) and Michigan Works Center in Holland may be canceled as determined by the individual campus. They may be canceled even though MCC remains open.

### SEVERE WEATHER

When warned of a tornado or other severe weather conditions, staff and students should proceed to shelter areas outlined on the Severe Weather Poster, which is posted in each room of the campus. No one should leave the building under these circumstances.

The President is responsible for making the decision to have classes or to close during periods of adverse weather conditions or other emergencies. Every effort will be made to reach such a decision in time to inform radio stations, the MCC switchboard and maintenance and security personnel as early as possible. The decision will be based on the best information possible from weather forecasts, conditions on campus and in parking lots, and the status of roads over which students, faculty and staff must travel.

An announcement in the morning closing the College during the day does not necessarily mean evening courses and activities have likewise been canceled. A separate decision, usually made prior to 2:00 p.m., will be announced concerning evening credit and community service classes. An announcement, made during the day that evening classes have been canceled does not mean that the College is closed as of the announcement. Staff should work until their regular shift is complete. If MCC cancels courses on campus but not at one or more off campus sites, appropriate announcements will be made.

### EVENING

If, because of weather conditions during the day, evening classes and activities are canceled an announcement will be made prior to 2:00 p.m. whenever possible. All classes meeting at a designated time or later will not be held that night. The specific time will be determined based on weather conditions and class schedule. Such an announcement applies to all activities meeting on campus. Evening credit classes canceled because of bad weather must be made up. Such make-up classes will be scheduled and announced by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Faculty members are **not** authorized to cancel classes on their own because of weather conditions.

Credit and non-credit classes held at off-campus high school locations (Whitehall, Grand Haven, Newaygo, MCC Fremont Campus...) will follow that high school's inclement weather closing announcement. Information regarding inclement weather closings will also be available via the college recorded voice service (231-773-9131).





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## MCC Birthdays

### December

Tom Wolters  
Kathleen Bates  
Bill Jacobks  
Amer Al-Saji  
Donella Cooper  
Theresa VanVeelen  
Jnai Wallace  
Anne Meilof  
Virginia Bagnieschi

### January

Lori Haggerty  
Beda Dubois  
William Miller  
Diane Krasnewich  
Dan Rypma  
Amelinda Trujillo  
Mary Williams  
Tim Norris  
Denise Passage  
Roger Stoel  
Harry Brown  
Ronnie Jewell  
Duane Schecter  
Scott Longmire  
Carolyn Kamerad  
Cindy Topping  
Sheila Wahamaki  
Jennifer Scharphorn  
Mary Tyler  
George Maniates  
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## MCC's Bulletin Board

### KUDOS

*In the nursing department, we are starting something new and needed help with communicating between labs and making our mannequins look like they have specific problems. Brian Goodman came over and helped us get set up and Mindy from IT helped us set up the communication system. Without them it would not have been the learning experience we wanted.*

*So a big thank you to Brian and Mindy.*

*~Eileen Grunstra & Chris Patterson*

### DON'T FORGET!

*Drop off your donations for the local Animal Shelters. All items can be taken to Julie Weller in Room 1114 (by December 18)*

*ANY items listed on Page 3 will be greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you for helping these animals this holiday season!*

