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Dawn of the Space Age

The Merrillville Community Planetarium presents Dawn of the Space Age, a public program beginning on October 6 and continuing through October 21. The show will be presented on Friday, October 6, 13, and 20, and Saturday, October 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Additional showings may be added if needed. The planetarium opens for seating 30 minutes before the show begins. No one will be admitted after the program starts. The program lasts from 60 to 90 minutes.

This fall is the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Space Age. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the first satellite into orbit around Earth. Dawn of the Space Age recreates historic moments from Sputnik to the Apollo moon landings to the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. Computer-rendered images will fill the planetarium dome, immersing the audience in the visual and audio experience. The planetarium's Gift Shop will be open and, weather permitting, an outdoor observing session will be offered following the program.

Admission to public programs is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Seating is limited and should be reserved by calling (219) 650-5486 or visiting the planetarium's web site at **www.mcpstars.org**. Tickets are sold at the door. Groups may arrange for a private show by calling the planetarium at (219) 650-5486.

This is the first of four public programs for the 2017-2018 school year. Our next public show will be "RingWorld" in January 2018. For more information about the planetarium, visit **www.mcpstars.org**. The planetarium is located in Clifford Pierce Middle School at 199 East 70th Avenue in Merrillville, Indiana. Please park and enter on the west side of the building.