

MCJH News

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Home of the Huskies

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MCJH News is a newsletter from Mifflin County Junior High School. Its purpose is to keep parents/guardians informed about events and activities occurring at the junior high each month. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.mcjdk12.org/mcjh/> or contact the main office at 717-248-5441.

Upcoming Dates 2019



- February 1 through 27 - Online Spring Sports Registration
- February 15 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- February 18 - School in Session - Make-up Day #3
- February 22 and 23 - School Play at 7:00 p.m. in MCHS auditorium
- February 24 - School Play at 2:00 p.m. in MCHS auditorium
- February 26 - Course Registration/AP Course Information Night at 6:00 p.m. in MCHS auditorium.
- March 4 - First Day of Spring Sports Practices
- March 11-25 - Online Course Registration Open
- March 15 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- April 15 through April 17 - English Language Arts PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- April 24 and 25 - Math PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- April 25 - Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 30 and May 1 - Science PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- April 18 - School in Session - Make-up Day #4
- April 19 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 22 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- May 13 and 14 - Algebra Keystone - Algebra I Students Only
- May 16 and 17 - Biology Keystone - Biology Students Only
- May 21 - Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. in MCHS auditorium
- May 24 - Spring Fling 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- May 27 - Memorial Day - No School for Students
- May 30 - Last Day of School for Students - Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- May 31 - Designated Make-up Day #6

***For a more detailed calendar of events at MCJH, please log onto the MCJH website.**

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

- During school hours (after 8:10 a.m.) students should be dropped off and/or picked up at the front office. If a student has already submitted an excuse for an early dismissal, a parent/guardian does not have to come into the building to pick up his or her student. Students are able to sign themselves in and out with an excuse signed by a parent/guardian.
- Before and after school, students should be dropped off and/or picked up at the gym circle in the upper parking lot. **Students should not be picked up at the tennis courts behind the building.**

STEM: Robotics Club

If your child has an interest in STEM, Engineering, or Robotics, he or she may be interested in joining the Junior High Robotics Club. This club meets once or twice a month, usually on a Wednesday. So far this year, students built R2-D2 droids using kits and then designed an obstacle course for them to navigate. We are now working with Little Bits to create a

variety of objects that buzz, rotate, record sound, and play music. Our next challenge will be to combine engineering with the Little Bits by building a windmill tower using popsicle sticks and Little Bits to make rotating windmill blades.

Art Club

Art Club hosted a slab mug fundraiser where teachers created their own mugs. This is a sample of some of the awesome mugs that the teachers created! They did such a great job and the students really loved getting a chance to teach the teachers.



8th & 9th Grade Class Fundraisers

Both the 8th & 9th grade classes will be selling Butter Braid pastries from Feb. 19 through March 8. Delivery will be March 19. These make great Easter morning breakfasts. All money raised will be donated to the Aultz family. If a student sells 4 Butter braids, he or she will receive a Pop-Up Cell Phone Holder. Any questions, contact Mrs. Stine at kjs09@mcsdk12.org or Mrs. Matthews at tam57@mcsdk12.org.

TSA Advances to States

On Saturday, February 2nd, our TSA students attended the Technology Student Association Regional Conference and earned several awards. These students earned an opportunity to continue competing at the TSA State Conference at Seven Springs, which will be held in April. The winners are as follows:

- McKenna Price and Vivian Russler were 6th place in **Forensic Technology**
- Vivian Russler was 4th in **Dragster**
- Gatlin Beeler was 5th in **Dragster**
- Penny Darerow was 3rd in **Flight**
- Sadie Stine was 4th in **Flight**
- Colby Hagan and Sadie Stine were 8th in **Problem Solving**
- Vivian Russler, McKenna Price and Alex Leonard were 7th in **Tech Bowl**
- Jacob Underhill, Jared Taylor and Colby Hagan were 9th in **Tech Bowl**
- McKenna Price and Vivian Russler were 3rd in **Technical Design**
- McKenna Price was 12th in **Tech Bowl - Written**
- Jacob Underhill and Jared Taylor were 1st in **Junior Solar Sprint**

Congratulations to all of our TSA students who competed at the Regional Conference!

Before and After School Help

MCJH offers a variety of before and after school labs to help students.

- **Computer Lab** - Each day a computer lab is available for student use and is monitored by one of our computer teachers from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Students do not need a pass to complete and/or print any subject area work:
 - **Before School from 7:30-8:00 a.m.**
 - Tuesday Room 156 Mrs. Weber
 - Wednesday Room 160 Mrs. Fry
 - Thursday Room 158 Mrs. Wagner

- Friday Room 156 Mrs. Weber
 - **After School from 3:15-4:00 p.m.**
 - Monday Room 103 Mrs. Matthews
 - Tuesday Room 103 Mrs. Matthews
 - Wednesday Room 160 Mrs. Fry
 - Thursday Room 158 Mrs. Wagner
- **Math Labs** - There are two math labs available: Get More Math and Math lab for homework help and tutoring.
 - **Get More Math lab** is open each morning at 7:30 a.m. in room 122. Students do not need a pass and may go to the lab upon arrival.
 - **Math lab** is open after school from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in room 124. Students do not need a pass and they can receive help/tutoring for any math class.
- **Test Lab** - Students may make up tests Tuesday and Friday mornings in room 203 from 7:15 to 8:00. Students must have a pass from their teacher and have made prior arrangements with their subject area teacher so that the test lab monitor has the materials necessary for testing.

Family Access

Family Access is an excellent resource to keep up to date on your student's academic progress and we encourage you to access it regularly. If you need log-in information, please call Mrs. Goss, the guidance secretary, at 717-248-5441 extension 7506 for assistance.

Athletic News

- **Spring Sports Registration** - Online registration will begin February 1st and end February 27th. Parents/guardians can register by accessing the MCSD Athletic Website under the Forms tab. All registrations must take place online. Spring sports practices begin March 4th.
- **Spring Sports Meeting** - The Mifflin County Spring Sports Registration Meeting will now take place at MCHS on Tuesday, February 5th in the MCHS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Registration procedures will be reviewed and athletes will have the opportunity to meet with their spring coaches.
- **Online Ticket Sales** - Go to TicketSpicket.com and search for Mifflin County. Purchase tickets online for all of Mifflin County's home events. Support Husky athletes this winter season!
- **Score Results on Twitter** - Follow MC Athletics on Twitter @MCHuskySports.
- **College Bound Athletic Information** - Rick Wire will be here March 13th to present his nationally acclaimed program "Guiding the College Bound Athlete." There will be free pizza and a drink at 7 p.m. in the MCHS Commons with the presentation to follow at 7:30. This program is for parents/guardians and students in grades 8 – 12.

Yearbook

Students can order a yearbook at www.jostens.com.

Drama Club

The Drama Club is proud to announce this year's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. The production includes students in grades 8 through 12. Dates for the show are as follows:

Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the MCHS auditorium

Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the MCHS auditorium

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the MCHS auditorium

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online by visiting the MCSD website and clicking on the link for *Beauty and the Beast*. Ticket cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. There is a small service fee for online ticket sales. Online sales will close February 17th and any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Seats are numbered so early purchases are recommended to assure the best seating. The student cast is amazing, so you won't want to miss this show!

Guidance News

- Student course registration presentations will be at the MCHS auditorium on February 26: 8th grade periods 1 & 2,

9th grade periods 2 & 3.

- Course Registration/AP Course Information Night for parents & students in grades 8-11 will be held at the MCHS auditorium on February 26 at 6 p.m.
- Student course registration will be open from March 11-25.
- For more information, contact your child's guidance counselor: Mr. Hosterman (last names A-K) at sah59@mcsdk12.org or Ms. Johnston (last names L-Z) at kaj15@mcsdk12.org.

2019 PSSA & Keystone Testing Windows

- April 15 – 26 English Language Arts PSSA
- April 29 – May 3 Math and Science PSSAs
- May 13 - May 24 Biology and Algebra keystones

Box Tops and Giant A+ Rewards

Our school participates in:

- **Box Tops for Education** - Our next submission deadline is March 1. Please send in any unexpired Box Tops you may have with your son or daughter before then. Box Tops may be turned into the main office, your child's 1st period teacher, or to Mrs. Adamire in Room 131. To date, we have collected just over \$250 in Box Tops. Thank you for your support!
- **Giant A+ Rewards**
 - Register your Giant Bonus Card at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 11-digit Bonus Card number and the School ID# 40319. More information is located on the MCJH website <http://www.mcsdk12.org/mcjh/>
 - We are grateful to the 140 families who have registered their Bonus Cards, earning our school \$681.68 thus far!

Run with the PACK

The students and staff would like to thank the following businesses and groups for their continued support of our Run with the PACK program's goals of creating a positive school atmosphere and helping students to be responsible, act safely, have character, and make a difference: Lewistown Dairy Queen; Impress Design and Print; Central PA Dock and Door, LLC; Majik Rent-to-Own; Houtz Chiropractic; Ferguson Valley Storage; the Husky Club; and MCSD Athletic Director, Tish Maclay.

"It is a short journey from birth until death. Seek to enjoy the journey as much as you can. Savor the scenery and the people you meet en-route, for it is all there is."

~Unknown