

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.mcsdk12.org/mcjh/> or contact the main office at 717-248-5441.

Upcoming Dates 2018-19



- September 7 - Hawaiian Spirit Day - show your school spirit by wearing Hawaiian gear
- September 10 - Computer Lab, Math Lab and Test Lab open (see schedule below)
- September 13 - Picture Day
- September 21 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- September 19 - Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.
- September 28 - Cornhole Tournament 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. in the gym
- October 19 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- October 31 - MCJH Pep Rally in the gym
- November 2 - Ghostly Gala Dance 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria
- November 9 - Picture Retakes
- November 12 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- November 13 - Inservice Day/Parent Conferences - No School for Students
- November 21 - Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Vacation at 1:30 p.m.
- November 22 through November 27 – Thanksgiving Vacation – No School for Students
- December 24 through January 2 – Christmas Vacation – No School for Students
- January 18 - No School for Students - Designated Make-up Day #1
- January 21 - No School for Students - Designated Make-up Day #2
- February 15 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- February 18 - No School for Students - Designated Make-up Day #3
- March 15 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- April 18 - No School for Students - Designated Make-up Day #4
- April 19 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 22 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- May 24 - Spring Fling 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- May 27 - Memorial Day - No School for Students
- May 29 - Last day of School for Students - Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- May 30 - Designated Make-up Day #5
- May 31 - Designated Make-up Day #6

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

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to follow their student's daily schedule. Each teacher in your student's periods 1 through 7 schedule will give a brief description of the class and expectations. This is not a time for individual conferences. Please contact your student's guidance counselor (Mr. Hosterman last names A-K or Ms. Johnston last names L-Z) if you wish to set up an individual conference.

Our PBIS Student Team will be providing information about our Run With the P.A.C.K program. Every adult who attends Back to School will receive a chance to win a prize and tickets will be sold to win one of three themed gift baskets. See the attached flyer for more information.

Before and After School Help

MCJH offers a variety of before and after school labs to help students. Labs will begin on September 10th.

- **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 Lab** - 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.

Clubs and Activities

Penn State Upward Bound Program - Sponsored by Penn State, this is a program for students interested in being their family's first generation college student. Additionally, students can earn money for good grades and college credits later in their high school career. There will be an informational meeting with Mr. Barnhart on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 a.m. in Room 205. A second meeting will also be held that day from 3:10 to 3:30 p.m. in room 205 for those who can't make the morning meeting.

Conservation Club - This is a group of students who enjoy outdoor activities. The club, advised by Mr. Sealy and Mrs. Wasson, will meet periodically throughout the year to discuss relevant topics and possible educational field trips.

Spanish Club - Advised by Señorita Walser and Señora Watkins, the club meets monthly on a Tuesday. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th in room 210 until 3:30 p.m. In the past, we have created crafts, watched Spanish movies, taken trips, eaten at Spanish restaurants, made salsa, and more! Members must be an 8th or 9th grader currently enrolled in Spanish 1.

Yearbook - This after-school activity is open to all 8th and 9th grade students. The staff will create, design, and produce this year's book and assist in the marketing and sales aspects as well. No prior experience is necessary, however we are looking for students who have a great work ethic, love to create, and take pride in their efforts. All questions can be directed to advisers Miss Trozzo and Mrs. Corson. Yearbook meets weekly after school until 4:30 p.m.

TSA - The Technology Student Association Club, open to any 8th or 9th grade students, is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of those interested in technology and STEM. The main function of the club is to develop hands-on, minds-on, problem solving skills. It also provides an opportunity for students to represent our school at regional, state and national competitions. We typically meet each Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30 p.m. Students will be encouraged to stay and work on their projects but will not be required to do so; as a result, athletes are encouraged to join! There will be an informational meeting for any student who has interest in the club on Thursday, September 6, from 3:45 until 4:30 p.m. in room 233. For more information, contact Mr. McGonigle at 717-248-5441 ext 7234 or jrm09@mcsdk12.org.

Student Council - Open to all students, the purpose of Student Council is to promote good citizenship, to lead the school through example, to develop and organize activities, to serve as representatives of all students and to assist students and faculty as needed. An organizational meeting will be held in Mrs. Matthews' room 103 on September 6 immediately after school.

Ski Club - This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy a variety of snow sport activities at Tussey Mountain Ski Resort. Information packets will be available in October. We meet on four different Fridays throughout the months of January and February, with the potential for a larger ski trip to a different resort. Club advisers are Mrs. Hopple, Mr. Wilson and Miss Walser.

History Club - Advised by Mr. Aultz and Mr. Eckenroth, the club strives to organize activities for those students who are interested in local, state, national, and world history. It is open to all students and the first meeting will be on September 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the Black Box Theater.

Art Club - This is for like-minded, creative people to get together and explore various forms of art. Previously, students have created their own tie dye t-shirts with a unique logo, helped create schoolwide murals, facilitated fundraisers like teacher paint nights and gone on field trips to various museums throughout the state. There is an application and portfolio process to participate in Art Club, which allows a maximum of 25 members due to space and supplies. Applications are available now and are due September 12 to Miss Confer or Mrs. Benitez.

School Store - Beginning on September 10, the store will be open daily from 3:10 to 3:30 p.m. For a reasonable price, students can purchase healthy beverages and snacks. Other items available for purchase are pencils, lead, and 16gb removable drives. The store is student operated and is advised by Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Matthews.

Athletic News

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 fall season!

Score Results on Twitter - Follow MC Athletics on Twitter @MCHuskySports.

Yearbook

Students can order a yearbook at www.jostens.com. Currently, the cost of the yearbook is \$30 and will increase throughout the year. Students were given a candle fundraiser in homeroom to help with the cost of the yearbook. If they sell 6 candles, they will receive a free yearbook. If they sell 7 candles, they will receive their name engraved on the yearbook. Cookie dough fundraisers are also available and were given to students in first period on August 29. The paper inside the folder explains the cookie dough profit toward the expense of the yearbook.

Attendance

Attendance at school is a key to a student's success. Students must bring an excuse written and signed by their parents/guardians within three (3) school days from the last date of the absence or it will result in the absence(s) being recorded as unlawful or unexcused. According to Act 138 of 2016, the school is required to notify the parents/guardians at the following times:

- Third Unlawful Absence Notice - sent after the third unexcused absence
- Invitation to School Attendance Improvement Conference - sent after the fourth unexcused absence
- Doctor's Note Warning Letter - sent on the seventh day of cumulative absence
- Doctor's Note Required Letter - sent on the tenth day of cumulative absence

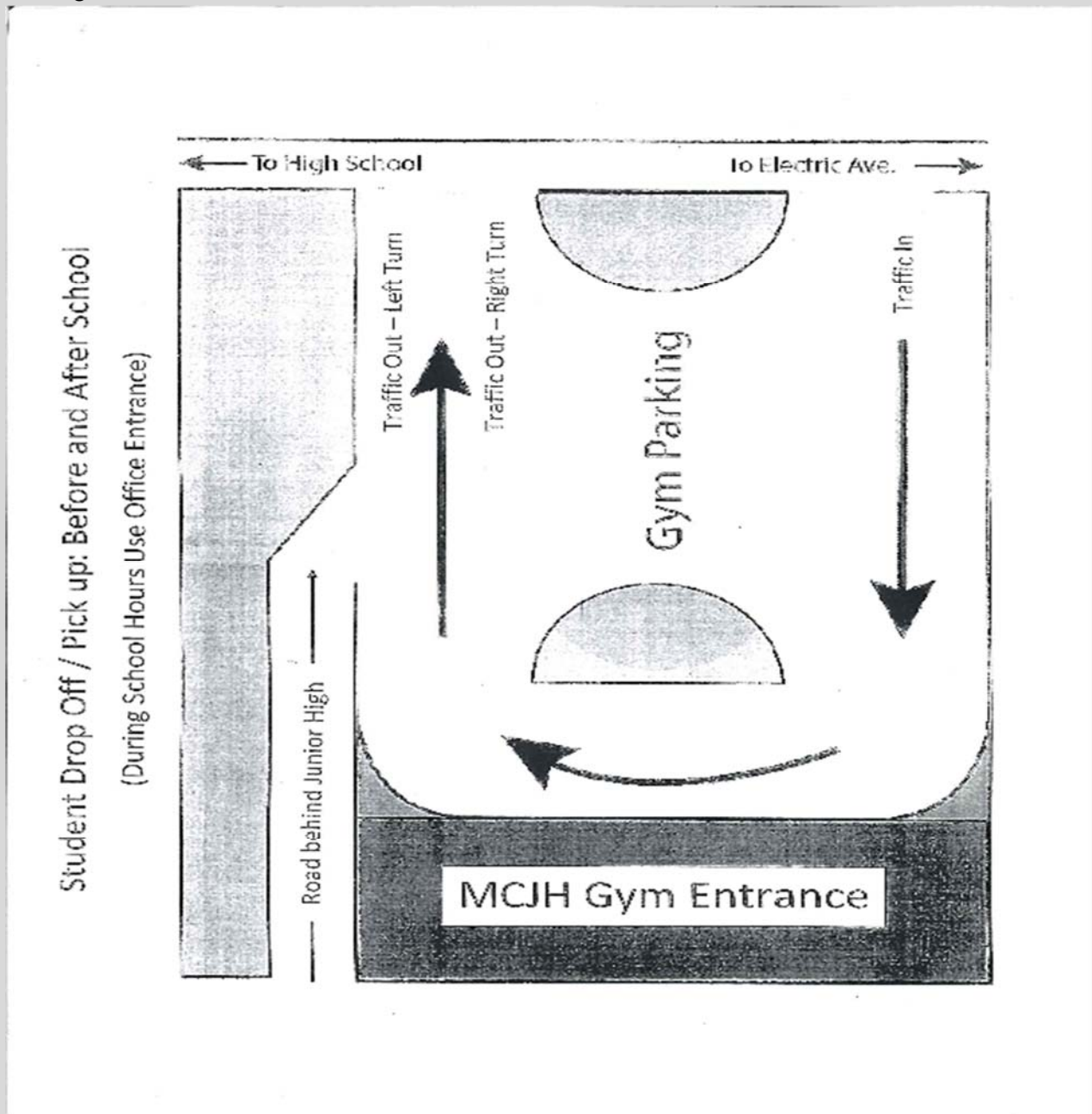
Tardy

Students are expected to be in classes on time and ready for instruction when the bell rings. The morning bell rings at 8 a.m. and students should be seated in their classrooms at 8:10 a.m. or they will be considered to be tardy. After three tardies to school/class, students receive a warning. Subsequent tardies will result in assignment of detention(s) and/or suspension(s).

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. Please take note of the traffic patterns in the diagram below:



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.

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** - simply clip and submit Box Tops to your first period teacher, the main office or to Mrs. Adamire in room 131.
- **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/>

Run with the PACK

When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.

~ Dr. Wayne W. Dyer (as quoted in *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio)