

# MCJH News

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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 [www.mcsdk12.org/mcjh/](http://www.mcsdk12.org/mcjh/) or contact the main office at 717-248-5441.

## Upcoming Dates 2019-20



- August 12 - First Day of Fall Sports Practices
- August 14 - New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
- August 19 - Make-Up New Student Orientation at 9:00 a.m. in the Blackbox
- August 22 - First Day of School for Students
- August 30 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- September 2 - Labor Day - No School for Students
- September 11 - Picture Day
- September 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- October 11 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- November 8 - Inservice Day/Parent Conferences - No School for Students
- November 11 - Veterans Day - No School for Students
- November 14 - Picture Retakes
- November 27 - Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Vacation at 1:30
- November 28 through December 3 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
- December 23 through January 3 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 17 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- January 20 - Designated Make-up Day #1 - No School for Students
- February 14 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- February 17 - Designated Make-up Day #2 - No School for Students
- March 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- March 16 - Designated Make-up Day #3 - No School for Students
- April 9 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- April 10 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 13 - Designated Make-up Day #4 - No School for Students
- May 25 - Memorial Day - No School for Students
- June 1 - Last Day of School for Students - Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- June 2 - Designated Make-up Day #5
- June 3 - Designated Make-up Day #6

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

## Basket Raffle

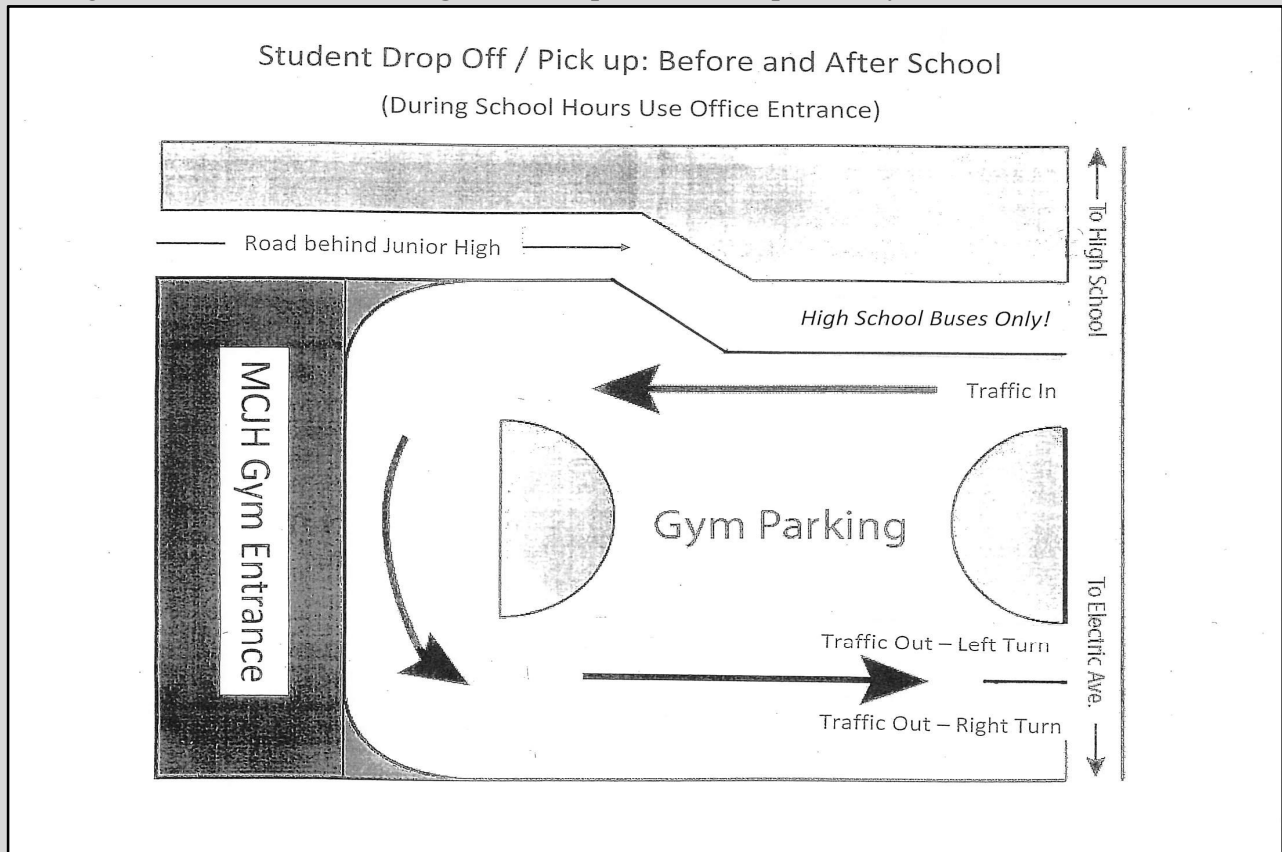
The PBIS Student Team will be sponsoring a basket raffle at Student Orientation on Aug. 14. Meet the team, learn about our Run with the PACK program, and bid on a basket to raise funds for PBIS rewards. Some of the themed baskets that will be available include Fun in the Sun (Hersheypark tickets, etc.), Casual Wear (hat, clothing, etc.), Scrapbooking/Cardmaking (crafting supplies), Tailgate (snacks, gift cards, etc.), and Library Fun (books, bookmarks, etc.).

## 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. **There is a change in traffic patterns from previous years!**



## Electronic Device Guidelines

Students at the Mifflin County Junior High School are permitted to carry Electronic Devices during the school day. Electronic Device means any device that a student is in possession of which electronically communicates, sends, receives, stores, reproduces or displays voice and/or text communication or data. These include, but are not limited to cellular phones, iPods, pagers, smart phones, music and media players, gaming devices, tablets, laptop computers and digital assistants.

The following rules, regulations and guidelines will be followed at all times:

- Electronic Devices must be turned off or silenced during instructional time in all classes.
- Electronic Devices may be used for educational purposes during instructional time with the permission of the classroom teacher (where the device has internet access), entry of due dates for assignments, papers, etc. into an Outlook Calendar (or the equivalent).
- Electronic Devices may be used between classes, in study hall and at lunch. The content must be school appropriate and may be viewed by school personnel if reasonable suspicion exists that the content may be meant to threaten, harass, bully another student or staff member, cheating is occurring or inappropriate pictures or material are being sent or shared.
- Earbuds, Headphones, Bluetooth Speakers, etc. are not permitted in the halls. Listening Devices must be removed and stored in backpacks or placed with materials when in the hallways.
- Electronic Device use in restrooms or locker rooms is strictly forbidden at all times.

Electronic Device violations will be dealt with in the following manner:

- The use of Electronic Devices in class without teacher permission will result in a day of In-School Suspension (ISS) for the first offense, two days of ISS for the second offense and so on. If the nature of the content is lewd, harassing in nature or criminal, additional punishments will be pursued in conjunction with the student code of conduct. (Repeated offenses will result in harsher punishment which may include more ISS time, loss of privileges or other forms of punishment deemed appropriate by administration).
- Use of Electronic Devices in restrooms or locker rooms may result in the loss of privileges for the remainder of the school year.
- The use of Electronic Devices in the Nurse's Suite is prohibited.
- An Electronic Device that goes off (student receives a text, call, alert or notification during class and the device is not off or silenced) will result in further disciplinary measures including but not limited to detention, ISS, loss of phone privileges, or other measures.

## Bell Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:10 – 9:10
2	9:14 – 10:05
3	10:09 – 11:00
<u>A Lunch</u>	
Lunch	11:00 – 11:30
4	11:34 – 12:25
5	12:29 – 1:20
<u>B Lunch</u>	
4	11:04 – 11:55
Lunch	11:55 – 12:25
5	12:29 – 1:20
<u>C Lunch</u>	
4	11:04 – 11:55
5	11:59 – 12:50
Lunch	12:50 – 1:20
6	1:24 – 2:15
7	2:19 – 3:10

## 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 class on time and ready for instruction when the bell rings. The morning bell rings at 8:00 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).

# Athletic News

- **First Day Fall Sports Practices** - August 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Score Results on Twitter** - Follow MC Athletics on Twitter @MCHuskySports.
- **Online Tickets** available at [ticketspicket.com](http://ticketspicket.com)

## Guidance

Ms. Kristine Johnston and Mr. Shain Hosterman are the MCJH guidance counselors. Mr. Hosterman is responsible for students with last names A-K and Ms. Johnston is responsible for students with last names L-Z. Please contact your student's guidance counselor if you have any concerns throughout the school year. Please make note that students have the first six days of school to make schedule adjustments. Change forms are available in the office.



## 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. **You will need to access it to see your child's schedule and bus information.** If you need log-in information, please call Mrs. Goss, the guidance secretary, at 717-248-5441 extension 7506 for assistance.

## Box Tops and Giant A+ Rewards

- **Box Tops for Education** - The Box Tops program is going digital using a receipt-scan app format. Please see the MCJH website for more information. We can still turn in paper Box Tops until the expiration date, so please continue to save and clip unexpired Box Tops throughout the summer. We will be collecting them again next year. Thank you for all your help!
- **Giant A+ Rewards** - New Supporters can register their Bonus Cards at anytime to begin earning cash for our school. To register use **ID# 40319** by visiting [giantfoodstores.com](http://giantfoodstores.com) and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school. If you do not have an online account, visit [giantfoodstores.com](http://giantfoodstores.com) and click "REGISTER." Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above. Former Supporters do not need to re-register their cards. Funds are used for PSSA incentives and PBIS rewards throughout the school year. Please continue to use your Bonus Card as it will continue benefiting MCJH for next school year. Detailed registration instructions are on the MCJH website.

## Run with the PACK

We 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: the Husky Club; MCSD Athletic Director, Tish Maclay; MCS Bank, and Weis Markets.

Remember our PBIS motto wherever you go:

Be ResPonsible  
Act SAFely  
Have CHaracter  
MaKe a Difference