

# MCMS NEWSLETTER

## September



## Mifflin County Middle School

2 Manor Drive Lewistown, PA 17044

<https://www.mcSDK12.org/mcms/> T: 717-242-1401

### Upcoming Events

Friday, September 11, 2020

Students report to school

Monday, September 14, 2020

Picture Day - **POSTPONED!**

Friday, September 18, 2020

Act 80 Day - No school

Friday, September 25, 2020

First Remote Learning Day

Dear MCMS parents/guardians,

As we continue to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year, we will do our best to provide up-to-date material related to MCMS events and activities. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tues., September 8<sup>th</sup>!

### MCMS Remote Learning Attendance

**\*\*\*Attendance is required on Remote Learning Days.**

#### Taking Attendance -Internet Access

1. Log into Skyward Family/Student Access on the student's account using either the mobile app or on a desktop/laptop between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
2. After logging into Skyward Family/Student Access, the student should check his/her grades and then check his/her attendance. This will be recorded in Skyward and will count a student as being present for the day.

#### Taking Attendance - No Internet Access

Students without internet access will be marked as present if they call MCMS between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on a Remote Learning Day.

1. Call MCMS at (717) 242-1401 and select Option 1 for the principal/assistant principal's secretary.
2. The student will provide his/her full name, grade, and date of birth.
3. If no one is available to take your call, the student should leave a message including his/her full name, grade, and date of birth.

### Important Announcement

- Doors will be open for student access beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Students should NOT report to school any earlier than 7:30 a.m.
- Upon entering the building, students will choose to wait in the auditorium, eat breakfast in the cafeteria, or attend an early bird academic session in the library.

**\*\*\*See attachment for detailed MCMS Remote Learning Attendance Plan.**

## Face Covering Non-Compliance Guidelines

1. First Offense - Student called to office and educated about the importance of wearing a mask/face covering. Student may return to class if he/she agrees to be compliant. Warning issued and phone call to parent/guardian.
  - a. If a student is not willing to become compliant after a warning has been issued, that will count as his/her second offense and discipline will be assigned as indicated below.
2. Second Offense - Phone call to parent/guardian. Student sent home and assigned to remote learning for the remainder of the day. If a student needs to wait for a ride, he/she will do so in the ISS room. Student may return to in-person learning on the next scheduled in-person learning day.
3. Third Offense - Student sent home and assigned to remote learning for the remainder of the day AND assigned to remote learning for the next scheduled in-person learning day.
4. Fourth Offense - Student sent home and assigned to remote learning for the remainder of the day AND assigned to remote learning for the next two scheduled in-person learning days.
5. Fifth Offense - Student sent home and assigned to remote learning until a transfer to full-time Alpha status can be arranged.



## Art Supplies and Materials

Students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own art supplies, calculators (TI-30XIIS), and ear buds to school this year due to the CDC's guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting instructional materials between uses. Items may include: crayons, colored pencils, erasers, markers, highlighters, dry erase markers, tape, etc. Please do NOT send scissors or glue to school with your children due to safety concerns. If parents/guardians do not wish to send these materials, art supplies and other resources will be provided for those students.

## Box Tops for Education



Attention Parents: Our school will no longer physically collect box tops for education, however, you can still use box tops to earn money for our school! It's easy! Download the box tops app. Follow the prompts and select Mifflin County Middle School as your

school. Every time you shop, just scan your receipt and any earnings will automatically be added. Use the links below for complete directions on downloading the app and scanning receipts.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4>





What is the Student Assistance Program? SAP identifies students having difficulty in school because of problems related to substance abuse or emotional difficulties. SAP has many resources that can help students overcome difficulties, improve their outlook, and decrease barriers to learning.

Who can be referred? Any student who you think may be having problems. Students can even refer themselves.

Who can make referrals? Teachers, Counselors, Principals, Parents, Guardians, Relatives, Students, Community Members, Anyone Who Cares.

How do you make a referral? Drop a referral form in the SAP referral box or contact a SAP team member.

SAP IS...an identification, intervention, and referral team.

SAP IS...confidential.


SAP IS NOT...a counseling, treatment, or discipline team.

## Student Badges

New to MCMS this year is the use of student badges. All students will be issued a student identification badge and a lanyard to be used with a dual purpose. Students will use their badges to purchase lunch in the cafeteria as a new cashless system is implemented. Teachers will also be able to scan badges to award points to students when they observe positive behavior. Points can then be used to win numerous prizes throughout the school year as part of our PBIS program.



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  **MOBILE APP**

 **1-844-SAF2SAY**

 **SAFE2SAYPA.ORG**

## What Is SAFE2SAY Something?

Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late. With SAFE2SAY Something, it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

## Help for the Homeless



If you know of a family who has school-aged children and is currently homeless, please let them know that there is help available. Each school in the Mifflin County School District has a school counselor who can direct the family in the right direction.

A student is considered homeless if he/she is lacking a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Families may become homeless for a variety of reasons. Our concern is for the health and well-being of the family unit and the education of the children. With that in mind, the Mifflin County School District has received countless boxes of donations of clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other items. Our school counselors have access to those items.

Homelessness is a sensitive subject; therefore, we are asking that those who may need assistance reach out to Mrs. Foor or Mr. McCardell, our school counselors. They can make sure the needs of the students and family are met. They also may know of other resources through the community that would be of help to the family. If you know someone who is homeless but does not attend MCMS, please encourage him or her to reach out to the school counselor at their child's school. Our goal is to make an unfortunate situation tolerable for the family.

