

# Spring 2023 The Tyrian

Your Husky Link Through Screen and Ink

## MiniTHON back this weekend



Photos from last year's miniTHON event tease some of the events and festivities attendees will enjoy at this year's event. MiniTHON runs from 2-10 p.m. tomorrow at the high school. Registration will be available at the door if you missed the original deadline!

### Annual dance-a-thon wraps up year's worth of fundraising efforts

BY: JAMES BOWERS

On April 15, Mifflin County High School will be hosting the 2023 MiniTHON Event. This is the second year in a row that the high school has hosted the culminating dance-a-thon event.

"This year, I think most students are looking forward to the tournaments. There will be a volleyball tournament, a cornhole tournament, and 3v3 tournaments," said Mini-THON advisor, Mrs. Quinn. "Personally, I am looking forward to the Kid's Hour and the end Glow Party, and the finale where we will reveal how much Mini-THON raised this year."

In addition to the many tournaments, there will be dancing, arts and crafts, Just Dance, and more.

The April 15 event is the finale to a year's worth of fundraising for Four

Diamonds- a Penn State-affiliated organization that raises money to help children and families affected by pediatric cancer.

Throughout the school year, MiniTHON holds numerous fundraising events.

"We have been gathering funds all year through sporting event Gold Outs, community business sponsorships, and little fundraisers like the Valentine's Soda-grams, Stall Day, Pi Day Pie in the face, and Farm Show milkshakes," explained Mini-THON advisor, Mrs. Sutton.

While many of the efforts are located at the high school, other schools in the district participate as well.

"The middle school raised over \$1,500 for their Stall Day. The IVES building is finishing up a coin drive,

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### MC recycling efforts grow

BY: AVA RAPP

It's been more than two years since Mifflin County High School has had a fully-functioning recycling program. However, this year the science department took it upon themselves to restart the conservation efforts. Mrs. Huerbin, as well as her colleagues, Mrs. Mistretta and Mr. King, were the leading teachers running the start-up.

Mrs. Huerbin's classes were the first to start initiating the change, and eventually other global environmental classes soon followed suit.

"We submitted our ideas to the "Car-

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# Students ready for Enchanted Forest prom

BY: ELISE WAGNER

The Mifflin County High School Prom, "Enchanted Forest," is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 7-11 pm.

Prom is returning to the high school after being at Brookmere Winery the last couple of years. One of the benefits to holding prom on campus once again is the return of Promenade. Promenade is the students' opportunity to show off their arrivals and fashions for their friends and for the community. Students frequently arrive at the high school in their classiest (or most unexpected) modes of transportation before parading into the Prom with their dates and friends.

Students will kick off the vehicle promenade from 5 to 6 pm. Vehicles will enter from the Sentinel side of the high school, then proceed past the front of the high school and into the student parking lot.

Promenade will then take place from 6-7 pm. Attendees will begin in the student parking lot and enter the high school through the front doors. Family, friends, and the community are invited to attend both events.

"I think people will remember having fun with their friends. I also think that Promenade will be a lasting memory. It is something we haven't had the chance to do for a couple of years," says junior and Prom Committee member, Gino Zannino.

Then, begins the main event- the ju-

nior/senior dance. Obviously the dance floor is the main attraction of prom, but for those who would rather find other entertainment, there will be many activities like yard games, a photo booth, and raffles. As has been popular for the past few years, for the dining, the food trucks will be back in business. Food trucks include Doan's Bones' Wood-Fired Pizza, Bar-be-que and Sweets and others yet to be announced.

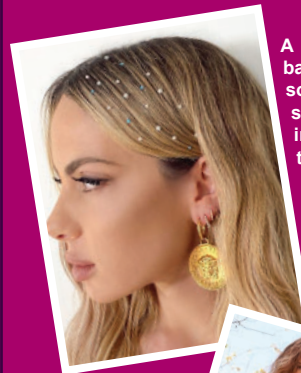
MCHS is also having their first after-prom party at the Juniata Valley YMCA. The event is sponsored by Mifflin County Communities that Care. The night will be filled with games, music, food and prizes. The after-party will begin at 10:30 pm and end at 5 am. Students have to drive to the YMCA by 12 am to attend the after party and may stay as long as they like, but they cannot leave and return once they have arrived. No outside food and drinks will be permitted. There will also be a bag check before entering. This is a great way for students to have fun with their friends.

Senior Emily Conaway said, "I'm looking forward to going to prom and having a blast dancing with my friends."

Prom is sure to be a night to remember. For those attending, be sure to bring your ticket and if bringing an outside guest, take care of all necessary paperwork for their admittance to the evening's event.

## Predicting this year's prom trends

BY: GABRIELA LYNCH  
AND ELAINA SEELEY



A simple slicked back hairstyle with some cute pearls seems to be making its way around to the girls' TikTok feed to progress to their prom hairstyle.

Colorful and vibrant dresses will be making an appearance at the 2023 prom to light up the night.



To sparkle up their outfit a little more, the girls will add on some extra-shimmery silver jewelry to pull the look together.



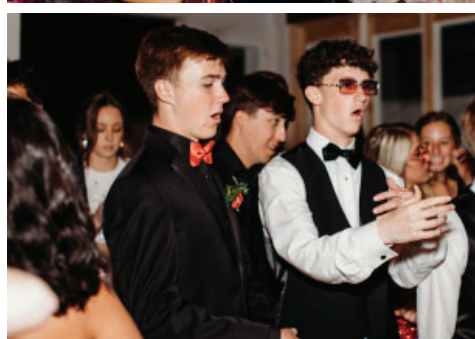
Not to be outdone by their date's dresses, the guys will be showing up to prom in their bright and colorful matching



add some eccentricity to the night and to their look, the guys will also be sporting fun socks in shocking colors and patterns at prom.



Photos from last year's prom tease what's sure to be another beautiful and memorable night for MCHS juniors and seniors. This year's prom kicks off with vehicle arrival at 5 p.m., promenade from 6 to 7 p.m., and the main dance starting at 7 p.m. Following prom, all students are invited to this year's after-prom party at the YMCA. Raffles, prizes, and activities are sure to keep the fun going into the early hours. After-prom ends at 5 a.m.





# Spring field trips take Huskies off-campus

BY: GABRIELA LYNCH

Field trips become more rare as students enter higher grade levels, but Mifflin County High School makes sure to keep the entertainment and visual learning alive. Not only do they get to experience new activities, but they also get to learn hands-on and see sights that they might not have had the opportunity to visit before.

Last month, the AP Literature and Language classes attended a field trip for their research papers and for students to experience life on a college campus for a day. "The more times students set foot on college campus, the more comfortable they will be when it comes time for them to make important life decisions," Mrs. Williams noted, "it gives them a frame of reference."

Students learned to navigate the PSU libraries both physically and digitally. They were given a brief tour along with an explanation of the services that a college library has to offer. They also got to see that the library can be both a quiet place to study or a collaborative space to work. Students can continue to utilize the resources at PSU with their ID and login information any time, and it doesn't have to be for English class.

"Learning outside the classroom was beneficial because it was an interactive, hands-on experience, and it is something we can't do in the classroom," senior Cory French said. The academic benefit is only part of the bigger picture; students get a taste of



Students from Survival Stories and War Literature pose for a group photo in front of the Washington Monument. They traveled to DC to tour the National Mall and visit the Holocaust Museum as part of their elective course studies.

what their futures may be like as well.

Most recently, students from Survival Stories, as well as a few others throughout the building, traveled to Washington DC on Monday, April 10. "We went to DC to visit the Holocaust Museum and learn more about the traumas and experiences of this genocide," explained Miss Crosson. She noted that many students haven't experienced a field trip since Outdoor School in 5th grade, so they were looking forward to learning outside of the classroom.

Students got first-hand experiences from Holocaust victims and survivors and gained a stronger understanding of the factors that allowed the Holocaust to happen in the first place. They also had the opportunity to navigate the city and check out some of the national monuments. Students agreed that walking in the shoes of history grants learners a better understanding of the past.

"I would say the best part was the Holocaust Museum because the majority of the day was fun, but that was sobering," said sophomore Jacob Bauman. "It really puts into perspective how bad of a monstrosity it was. It takes the history lessons we learn every year and brings them to the real world."

Up next for MC students, the MCHS Drama Club will be given the opportunity to travel to New York City and attend a live Broadway show, Disney's Aladdin. The trip is next Wednesday.

"I am most looking forward to going to the art museum," said junior Ava Harris, "Learning outside of the classroom is way more entertaining, and you are able to form a better relationship with your peers."

The club will be taking a charter bus to New York City to take a Music & Movement Class and do some sight-seeing. Through viewing the production of Aladdin, Drama Club members will not only be entertained, but they will get to see the singing, dialogue, choreography, props/sets, live pit orchestration, and stage crew responsibilities that goes into a live Broadway performance.

"Some of the students participating in this field trip have never been to New York City, but whether this will be their first trip or their fifth, this will be an incredibly positive experience for them!" said Drama Club advisor Mrs. Campbell.

Students are excited to be given the opportunity to explore and experience new sights and cultures while continuing to still learn, as well as being able to spend time with their peers.



Students from AP Literature and AP Language pose for a post-lunch photo at the Penn State library. They ventured to campus to work with librarians in gathering academic sources for their spring research papers.



# Artist in Residence collabs with art students

## Professional glass artist and students create new mosaic

BY: AVA RAPP

This year, the Mifflin County High School art teachers opened their doors to another professional artist to join in and help their students for a semester. This is not the first time full-time artists worked with MCHS students; however, since Covid, the program was temporarily suspended, so this is the first artist in roughly two years.

"In previous years, we have had Mr. Rand Whipple, an animator, work with students. We've also had a comic book artist, and Vincent Carducci, a fine art painter, to name a few," stated Mrs. Hartzler, one of the teachers who worked directly with the artist in residence, Linda Billet.

Billet, a glass artist from the Hummelstown area, enjoys programs like the one here at the high school where she can help others overcome areas that they struggle with in order to make something

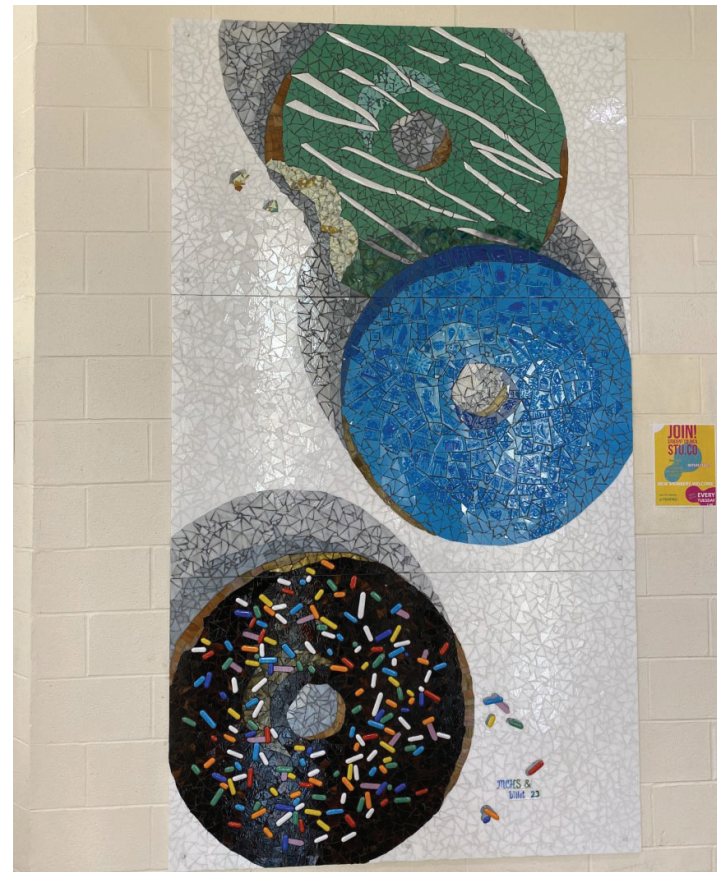
beautiful come to life.

"She has over 15 years of professionally working as a glass artist, both mosaic and fused glass," explained Mrs. Hubley.

Because Billet is a glass artist, she and her temporary students decided to design a mosaic for inside the Mifflin County Commons. A mosaic is a type of art in which pieces of broken glass are puzzled together to create a finished piece. Up close, it can be difficult to see the overall design, but from far away, a cohesive image comes to life.

More than 195 students worked on the project between three art classes, and Billet assisted each and every student that asked for help and pointed them in the right direction so that they could understand what was asked of them and conquer the challenges of the project.

Students like Sandra Vermuelin, a junior at Mifflin County High School, thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and was very



The donut mosaic has been displayed in the Commons near lunch line entrance.

happy to have Billet there to help throughout the project.

"I was nervous at first, but she was really nice and made the process so much better," Vermuelin said.

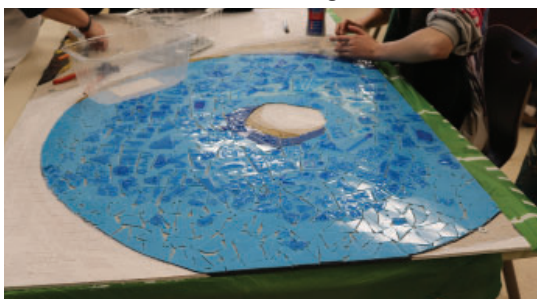
Other students were able to gain new skills and overcome their confusion while working on the project.

"I struggled with finding places to fill with tiny shards of glass. She told me to look for spaces that I could fit my pinky as a way of solving

one piece; the students also work with the artist in order to understand what it takes to get to their level and get a better understanding of their career.

"It's important to us that students hear first hand that 'artists' can come to be by following many different paths. Our artists also talk to our students about pricing their artwork, what a typical work day looks like, how to get into art shows, how they organize their studios, and where to purchase supplies," explained Mrs. Hubley.

Students continue to learn new skills with each visiting artist. Whether they be how to make barn quilts, throw pottery, design comic books, do stop-action animation, or fuse glass, the program will continue to take place each year with more diverse end-of-year projects for students to participate in.



Above: Shades of blue glass are pieced together to create one of the donuts of the cafeteria's new mosaic work of art. Right: Students junior Olivia Stewart and senior Luke Grove work on the green donut of the glass mosaic.

The mosaic project was developed with the supervision and guidance of full-time glass artist Linda Billet, through the art department's Artist in Residence program. Through the AIR, students get first-hand experience and skills by collaborating and learning from professional artists in a wide variety of art mediums. Previous AIRs have included animators, comic book artists, and fine art painters.





# Band and choir excel during festival season

## Students qualify for all-state in both MCHS fine arts programs

BY: SANTANA KAUFMAN

Earlier this year, nine students attended the District Band Festival at Huntingdon Area High School and all advanced to the Regional Band Festival at Altoona Area High School. They were: Megan Hartzler, Ava Liebegott, Alaina Sharp, Zeyda Frye, Olivia Niman, Alex Garner, Summer Shuey, Katey Riden, and Jay Shaffer. Fifteen choir students also attended Districts in State College and all advanced to Regionals in Clearfield. Seven of those students: Macaela Christie, Rachael Saldubehere, Summer Shuey, Alex Garner, Gino Zannino, Gunner Wagner, and Hunter Corbin advanced to All-states and will be attending the competition later this month.

The MCHS Band Director, Mr. Belfiore explained, "Band Festivals are sponsored by the PA Music Educators Association. Each year there is a District Band. It is hosted by one of 24 high schools in PMEA District 4. Students sign up to go from MCHS. I then give them music to practice for an audition. I



Fifteen students participated in the regional choir competition held at State College High School last month.

rank each person by how well they play their audition and submit that list to the Host Director. The Host Director and other PMEA Officers select students from each of the 24 high schools to go to the festival. The band usually has 188 members."

Once the students qualify for Regionals, the process repeats for All-States.

Jay Shaffer, a sophomore who attended District and Regional Band, played French Horn part 4. When asked about their experience, they said "I was pretty nervous the whole time I was there, but after auditions I calmed down a bit. By Regionals I was kind of used to the whole band thing, so I was able to talk to more people without my nerves getting in the way. I enjoyed playing my instrument around new people and having a new conductor that I didn't know much about."

Jay has attended one other Band Festival in 6th grade and plans on going again next year.

Alex Garner, a junior, attended both Band and Choir festivals and has qualified to go to All-states; he has attended eleven other festivals. Garner explained, "All of our guest conductors were

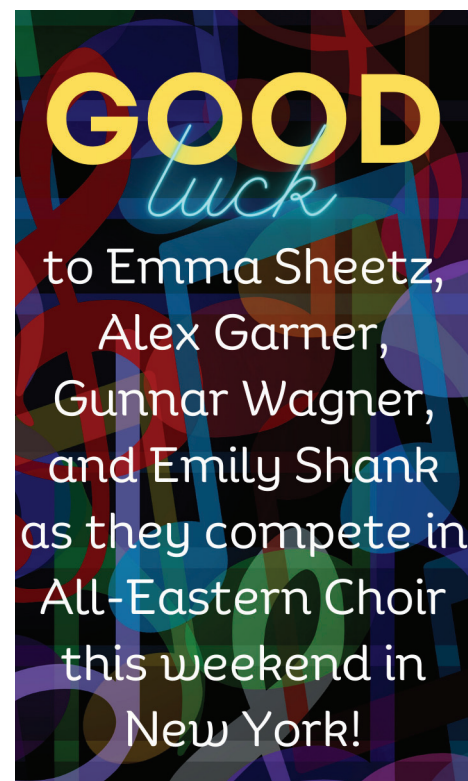
very different from each other, but they all preach that we need to feel the music. It's important for a musician to understand the emotions behind a piece of music so the audience can feel that way too."

A guest conductor works with the students and prepares a concert for the end of the festival.

Congratulations to all the very talented students who auditioned for these festivals. Watch out for the results of All-states after April 23.



Eight students represented MCHS at the Region III Band Festival in March.





# Students and guidance prep for testing season

BY: JAMES BOWERS

Next month begins everyone's (least) favorite part of the academic calendar: testing season. AP Exams start in the first week of May, and Keystone Exams occur at the end of the month.

"Standardized tests exist to test a large variety of students in a consistent manner to show their knowledge on a certain subject," said Guidance Counselor Ms. Gilbert. "Every school is going to be different in how it teaches certain topics or subjects. These exams can be used to show all students across the nation or state have learned the same key topics in a subject."

Using questions related to essential information, the tests aim to prove that all students have mastered necessary skills. Due to recent changes, excelling on state-level standardized testing has become more important than ever.

"Starting with the Class of 2023 (current seniors), the Keystone Exams have become a graduation requirement, which means every student either needs to score proficient on their Keystone exams or meet one of the other five Keystone Graduation Pathways," said Gilbert.

On the AP side of testing season, passing the test can have positive effects on teen's future plans and finances.

"Students that do well on AP exams have the potential to earn college credit and possibly 'skip' that class at the college they attend," said Guidance Counselor Mrs. Girts. "This is very dependent on a student's school of choice and their academic major/concentration."

Both testing windows require significant effort from students and the staff who oversee them. Students taking the Key-

stones are given about two hours to complete each test; however, they may take longer if needed. Students may not have technology with them while testing; they must use a No. 2 pencil, and they are not allowed to talk or move around during the exam except to use the restroom.

"Keystones take a lot of preparation before the test days. Counselors are in charge of determining who needs to take the exams, creating seating charts, preparing test booklets, training teachers and staff on how to proctor exams, counting test books to send back, making sure the school is following guidelines, and all the other little things," explained Gilbert. "It takes a lot of time and effort to make sure students have the best opportunity to do well on the exams."

For AP tests, students are not allowed to have technology with them, and they must bring a pencil, a blue or black pen, and a calculator depending on the test. They are not allowed to choose their seats. They will be given two breaks during their testing time and may bring a snack given the tests' exceptionally long durations.

For students taking exams this May, the guidance office recommends that they are well-rested, eat a nutritious breakfast, and come prepared for testing. Students with any questions about the upcoming tests should ask their guidance counselor.

"Test-taking strategies vary from student to student," explained Girts, "play to your strengths as a test taker."

For more information on the May testing schedule, check out the calendar on the back page of the Tyrian.



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Tests are stressful—there's no doubt about it. But luckily, there are tons of ways to make them easier. Here are just a few:

## 1. Familiarize yourself with the test's structure

Study up on the structure and format—it'll help you.



## 2. Don't cram

Study slowly over a long period of time. The day before the test, try to relax and rest.



## 3. Bring a timer

In case the facility doesn't have an accurate clock, it's best to be prepared.



## 4. Arrive early

You can mentally prepare for the test and review important info.



## 5. Look the test over from top to bottom

This can give you a good idea of how to approach the exam before you start.



## 6. Read questions carefully

You might miss key details if you're not careful.



## 7. Look for key words in essay questions

They're clues about the focus of the question and the type of answer needed.



## 8. Trust your instinct

Your first answer is often correct. Don't overthink and confuse yourself.



## 9. Manage your time

Do all the questions you can do easily first. Go back to the hard ones later.



## 10. Keep calm

Remember to breathe. Keep your cool and don't let nerves get the best of you.



## 11. Answer all the questions

Running out of time or really stuck? Guessing is usually better than nothing.





# 22-23 TEACHER SUPERLATIVES



**Most Likely to Get Detention:**  
Mrs. Langs & Mr. Hartman



**Most On-Trend:**  
Mrs. Mayo & Mr. Lepley



**Best Dressed:**  
Miss. Crosson & Mr. Shoemaker



**School Mom and Dad:**  
Nurse Grabill & Mr. Barnhart



**Most Intimidating:**  
Miss. Fensterbush & Mr. DeArment



**Most Welcoming Classroom:**  
Mrs. Hart & Mr. King



**Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Student:**  
Miss. Bubba & Mr. Maclay



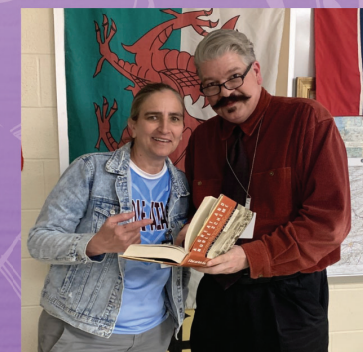
**Most Spirited:**  
Mrs. Hartzler & Mr. Mazurek



**Most Likely to Never Retire:**  
Mrs. Riden & Mr. Fluke



**Best Sense of Humor:**  
Mr. Clause & Mrs. Gill



**Best Storyteller:**  
Ms. Williams & Mr. Heltman



**Best Buds:**  
Mr. King & Mr. Clause



**Best Buds:**  
Miss Crosson & Ms. Williams



# Pawsitive Vibes names 2023 button winner

BY: MILEY WAGNER

PAWSitive Vibes recently held its annual button design contest. The contest invites students to submit a "Be Kind" design that will be mass-printed onto buttons passed out to MC students and the community.

PAWSitive Vibes adviser and English teacher, Mrs. Pascoe is the creator of this event.

"We started the Button giveaway three years ago," Mrs. Pascoe explained. "We wanted to give the students something they could display on their bookbags."

The club wanted to provide students with an outlet to express their artistic talents

while spreading a positive message of kindness and acceptance.

Guidelines for the contest included that the image must be hand-drawn, include the words "be kind," and leave space for the PAWSit

logo. The contest received 23 submissions for this year's button.

This year's design winner was senior Desmyn Haughwout. Her design features

two frogs embracing in friendship on a lily pad.

"It makes me happy to know people voted for my design," Haughwout said. She noted that she had a lot of inspiration from Mrs. Pascoe and the other students.

The button will be handed out in the upcoming weeks to students in the building once they have been produced and delivered to the school.



"We will be handing them out throughout the day. Students who don't get one can also stop by my room to pick one up."

"A lot of people will see my design which is also really cool," Haughwout said.

If any buttons are left at the end of the giveaway, they'll be distributed throughout the community. "We have also put them out at local establishments in the past, like East End and OIP," said Pascoe.

With so many submissions received and the student's continuous support of the project, PAWSitive Vibes plans to continue this tradition in future years.

## Recycling program

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ing for Our Watersheds" competition, and we were selected as a finalist and were awarded our funding to complete the project. Members of the Science Club have also been hard at work creating videos and posters to display for the campaign, and helping with the contest to win additional funding," explained Mrs. Huerbin.

During the initial competition, the Science Club had to ensure that the program would be able to be started back up if they won the competition.

"After the students presented and voted on their projects, we took the top projects to Mr. Campagna to discuss the changes within the building. We also spoke to our custodial staff and interviewed people like Mr. Hartman, who was involved with the recycling program at the school in the past," Mrs. Huerbin said.

Once approved by the school board and after receiving the funding, MCHS science classes got busy.

"Most of the rest of the work will be coming from Global Environmental classes, STEM interns, and other concerned students," Mrs. Huerbin noted.

Mrs. Mistretta's Global Environmental classes have been working extra these

past couple of weeks to come up with signs for the recycling bins and placing them around the school during free time. Many of her students stepped up and used their study halls to give her an extra set of hands while she was busy teaching her other classes.

There have always been paper recycling bins throughout the building, but now, in classrooms and in the cafeteria, there are designated receptacles for plastic, aluminum, and glass so that students can recycle containers. This is especially helpful given that the school store sells such beverages throughout the day and many MC students often come to school with their morning caffeine in-hand.

Anthony Schiech, a junior at MCHS, is very excited about the project and the impact it will be making on our county's trash problem.

"I think the recycling program will

substantially cut back on plastic and garbage going into landfills," he said.

There are many ways for students to help spread the word about the new recycling program here at MCHS.

"Remind people during meals to recycle, make an MCTV ad campaign, and hang posters around school," were just a few ideas Cami Knepp, another junior involved, proposed.

Next month, the recycling plan hopes to continue their efforts in new ways.

"Science Club will continue to support the recycling efforts and are currently working on creating a Recycling Station to bring to our EcoDay event for May," Mrs. Huerbin said.



Student volunteers from the recycling program pose with one of the new plastic bottle receptacles to be placed in the Commons.



# Science symposium shows student creativity

BY: ALEXIS MILLER

Every year the 10th grade science teachers hold the annual science symposium in the library here at MCHS. Around the beginning of March, the library is packed with posters, ornaments, and games all made entirely by students.

During this time, students are experiencing a different kind of learning. The teachers step back and let students have more flexibility in how they learn and demonstrate their knowledge. “No quizzes, no exams, no lectures. Posters and projects and games to show what we know!” said Mrs. Langs.

The projects that these students were making weren’t a one day event. Most have been working on

them since before Winter break. Weeks and weeks of preparation is what made the science symposium so spectacular.

This year’s symposium winners were Sophomores Mara Wise and Maelyn Gingrich.

“My favorite project to make was my Christmas ornament because I put in so much effort and I personally believe it came out amazing,” Wise said.

Students are encouraged to use materials that are found in the Maker Space or around their homes to design their

projects. Creativity and personalization are key points in making a unique piece.

“Using my creativity to make a good project was my favorite part,” said Gingrich, “as well as having the freedom to make it my own.”

With any big project comes setbacks and periods of time when things are not going according to plan. Trying to get used to a new style of learning can be difficult, but the students were able to push through by looking forward to the end results of their projects. Ms. Mistret-

ta said, “This was a learning curve for all of us, but they persevered and really saw the ‘payoff’.”

When the symposium was all set up, students got to attend and see all the other students’ final efforts. Wise said, “My favorite part was seeing everybody’s creativity and seeing different takes on each project.”

Once students were ready, they had the chance to vote on each other’s projects. They picked the best Christmas ornament, game, and poster. “One of the worst parts was deciding on my favorite projects because there were so many cool and innovative designs,” said sophomore Ava Rapp.

Just like the projects, the symposium is not something that can be set up very easily. A lot of time and hard work has to be put into layout to look intriguing to the student body.

“Set up is always a lot of work, but my students were absolutely amazing and really took the set-up process very seriously. They wanted the symposium to look stunning and grab the attention of those in attendance,” said Ms. Mistretta.

Throughout the duration of the symposium, and the time it took to make the projects, students really put their minds to work to make some awesome projects. They took what they were given and turned it into something presentable. The 2022-2023 science symposium was definitely a hit for both teachers and students.



Pictured from top to bottom: First place projects for the Science Symposium, Period Peril Table Activity, Chemis-tree ornament, and Bohr model.

## Mini-THON

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and they will be making a donation to Mini-THON with some of that money,” said Quinn.

“The middle school raised a lot of money with their coin drive,” said junior and Mini-THON member Addi Miknis, “and the junior high is invited to our THON event.”

The most important part of Mini-THON is the cause that brings these efforts together. All of the money from the event is donated to pediatric cancer treatment.

Last year MCHS Mini-THON raised a staggering \$48,366.21.

“I chose to participate in Mini-THON because I think it is a great cause that deserves more attention,” explained Mini-THON president Sadie Fike. “I enjoy seeing our school and community come together to support the cause.”

This year’s event will be held at MCHS from 2:00-10:00 p.m.

“I lost a family member to pediatric cancer,” explained Miknis. “This organization is something very important to me; it has a special place in my heart.”

## Blood Drive Results

- 86 sign ups
- 68 donors
- 48 pints collected

144 lives Saved!





# Huskies fight their way into the post-season

BY: AUTUMN GOSS

## Wrestling

The boys attended districts at Altoona Area High School, leaving with a school record of 12 wrestlers qualifying for regionals at the District 6 AAA championships. Regionals ended with three runners up, senior Hunter Johnson, sophomore Avery Aurand, and sophomore Peyton Kearns, as well as a third place medalist, junior Parker Kearns. Up next the quad headed to states, and the boys fought hard. Hunter Johnson received third place in the 121 pound weight class, winning his final match 8-2. He ended his season at 24-4 and 75-27 for his career. Great job to all of the matmen and congrats to Hunter on his state finish!

## Swimming

Although there was no official swim team this year, one student loved the sport enough that he took on the challenge of swimming individually. Junior

Jacob Kratzer was sent to the District 6 AAA swimming championships after qualifying in the 50 and 100m, coming home with a personal best 56.16m in the 100m free, earning him eighth place. "For future swimmers, I would say that perseverance is the key to success. Not just in swimming but in life as the ability to push through obstacles is what separates success from failure," Kratzer advised. Good work, Jacob!

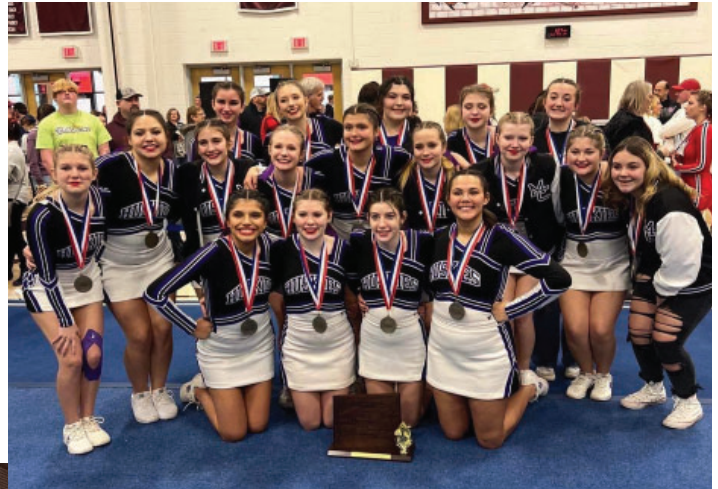
## Girls Basketball

The girls played their hearts out in the District 6 6A semi-final game against State College, and won 64-49 in overtime. Senior, and D1 recruit, Marissa Gingrich scored 37 of their points. The Lady Huskies then traveled to Mount Aloysius to battle Altoona in the district championship. The girls lost 61-35, despite their best efforts and teamwork. Awesome job on the season ladies!

## Cheerleading

The girls traveled to Altoona Area High School ready to put up a fight, and came home with the AAA High School Small Division

Title. "All of us were so sick the week before districts, we really gave it our all at practice," senior Gabbi Alvarez shared. Fantastic work girls!



Top: The Huskies cheerleading squad poses with their district title. It is the team's first district hardware in school history.  
Middle: Wrestlers Peyton Kearns, Avery Aurand, Parker Kearns, and Hunter Johnson suit up for their trip to Hershey for the state wrestling tournament.  
Inset: Third place medalist Hunter Johnson poses in front the PIAA banner after securing his medal.  
Right: Junior Jacob Kratzer gets set on the block at the District 6 AAA swimming championships. He brought home an 8th place finish in the 100m free  
Bottom: The girls' basketball team poses for their team photo. The Lady Huskies returned to district action once again this year.



# Three lady Huskies headed to NCAA action

BY: ALEXIS MILLER

**M**onica Druckemiller has signed her letter of intent to play field hockey at Stevenson University; she plans to major in marketing.

Druckemiller has been playing field hockey for six years, and says the sport has changed her life for the better. "I have met some of my best friends for life through field hockey," she said.

Druckemiller credits her success in part to diligence and taking advantage of opportunities to play the sport she loves. She said, "I worked hard during and after practices and made sure to go to tournaments and make connections."

The school's post-graduate reputation was an important factor for Druckemiller. "The placement rate was a little over 92%," she said. "I value my education and quality of life the most, so this made my decision very easy."

In college, her goals are to be the best version of herself, eat healthy, work out, and be gracious with others.

Druckemiller said she would like to thank her parents, coaches, and her teammates for their support. Congratulations to Monica and best of luck to her as she furthers her academic and athletic career at Stevenson.

**R**eagan Shafranich has signed her letter of intent to play softball at Pitt-Bradford. She plans to major in secondary education for social studies.

Shafranich has been playing softball since she was 3-years-old. "This sport has always been my home away from home," she said.

The atmosphere and the people who she would be spending all her time with was a big factor in what college she ultimately chose to attend.

"I picked Pitt-Bradford because I absolutely love the campus, and all the girls on the team were so nice," said Shafranich.

Playing softball at a college level was not a hard choice for her to make. "I wasn't quite ready to hang my cleats up," she said.

Shafranich's goals going into college are simple: to succeed in the classroom and keep working hard at her sport.

Shafranich said she would like to thank her "grandparents and parents for all the hours in the car and all the money and time put into this for me."

Best of luck to Reagan Shafranich with her future academic and athletic career.

**B**ailey McNitt has signed her letter of intent to play soccer at Shephard University. She plans to major in nursing.

McNitt has been playing soccer for 14 years. "Playing has allowed me to learn a lot about myself as well as provide an opportunity for me to meet some pretty amazing people," she reflected.

"I had always wanted to play soccer in college, but I was never sure if that was realistic. It wasn't until last spring that I just decided to go for it and see how far I could go," she said.

Finding a school that had a compatible sports program and her intended major helped McNitt finalize her choice. "I am trying to go into things with no expectations and just let things happen on, but I'm excited to see the progress that is to come from being in such a competitive environment," she said.

McNitt gives credit to her support system over the years. "I owe a large portion of my success to my parents, family, coaches, and teachers for supporting me and helping me to see that I am capable of achieving more than I realize if I would just go for it."

Congrats and best of luck to Bailey in her future pursuits.



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# Boys baseball sets sights on districts, states

BY: ELAINA SEELEY

Baseball is back in full swing as the spring season gets underway.

The Huskies pulled out their first win of the season, on Wednesday, March 29th. The team brought in a win of 7-3, defeating district rival State College on the road.

Coach John McGonigle proudly noted, "I feel like it is one of the most complete team efforts we have had in a long time."

The boys followed it up with a decisive 6-2 victory over Altoona at home, securing their spot in the District VI post-season.

Senior Ryan Hine and junior Calin McKnight cleared the fence in back-to-back homers for the Huskies.

Teamwork is an important aspect of the Mifflin County baseball program this spring season.

"We have a group of guys that all support each other on and off the field. They have created what they call a 'brotherhood'," McGonigle said.

That comraderie has proved to be an asset in their match ups which have included some noteworthy opponents.

"We faced four D1 pitchers in our first four games," noted second baseman



Senior Bryson Bubbs throws a pitch in the Huskies' home opener last month

Tucker Gill. "Our strength has been capitalizing on our opportunities on the basepaths."

The baseball team is very fortunate to have a strong connection on and off the field, as it helps improve their performance together. Hine said, "I am looking most forward to hanging out with the

team and just enjoying my final season."

Of course, enjoying the season is easiest to do when the Huskies are dominating on the diamond.

Gill said he's most looking forward to their second match up against the Little Lions. "We beat 'em once; it would be good to beat them twice," he quipped.

But the boys know they can't take any win for granted. Pitching depth and a tough conference schedule will keep them busy as the season continues.

With district eligibility already checked off on the goal sheet, state playoffs are on the team's mind, too.

McGonigle confidently stated, "We feel like we have a group of guys that can make a splash and get into the state playoffs."

Hine echoed the sentiment, adding that his senior season goal is to make it to states.

Clearly, the team has a lot of hard work to put in for the season with such a big goal on their radar.

The Huskies' record currently stands at 3-2. The team is on the road today against Red Land; they'll be home against Cumberland Valley next Tuesday, April 18.

## Softball wasting no time racking up the Ws

BY: ELAINA SEELEY

Sliding into spring softball, the Lady Huskies are enthusiastic to work together towards another grand slam of a season.

"The thing I am most looking forward to this season is watching the team develop as a whole," Coach Craig Weston expressed. "Team culture plays a major part of the success or failures of a season."

To start off the season, the team got their first win defeating Bellefonte 4-1 on Wednesday, March 22. The following week, the Lady Huskies conquered State College 4-2. Senior Madison Wolfgang started the

game off with striking out State High's first batter of the night. The Huskies acquired their four total runs within the first four innings and then were able to play good defense to stay ahead.

The girls have followed up their early season success with quality wins against Central Mountain, Altoona, and Bald Eagle. Their April 6 match against Chambersburg was postponed with no make up date yet announced.

As usual, district competition is a common goal shared by the team this season. Wolfgang noted her desire to win districts for her final year of high school softball.

Although Weston shares



Madison Wolfgang winds up on the pitcher's mound.

the same intent of winning districts, he mentioned, "The thing I stress most to the team is to get better every day and give it 100 percent, and the other things will take care of themselves."

The girls' record currently

sits at 5-2. They hit the diamond again this afternoon at Red Land, part of a 6-game road trip in their mid-season schedule. The Lady Huskies next home game is scheduled for April 20 against Central Dauphin.



# Track and field sees steady success early on

BY: MINA PHILLIPS

As the season presses on, the boys and girls track and field team are firing on all cylinders. "The boys track and field team is very strong on the track this year. From the sprints through the distance events, we have guys that are going to be able to score points for the team and chalk up quite a few



Senior JoJo Sechler launches the javelin in a home meet last month

first place finishes," Coach Tamara Sechler expressed.

The team is balanced out with a large group of new teammates who have joined the ranks.

"Although we have very talented guys in the field who will be able to win events, we have a lot of newcomers that are still learning how to throw and jump," Sechler said. "That may affect our ability to get the second and third place points that are needed to win a dual meet."

Currently, the boys have posted dominant victories over Steelton and Millersburg as have the girls. Both teams stood at 2-2 on the season as of press time. They were facing Cumberland Valley on the road yesterday evening.

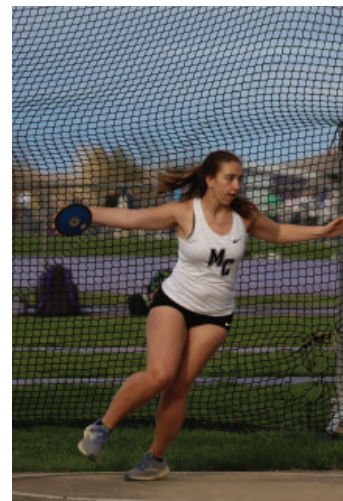
As the team continues to grow and develop, the athletes are eager to see their progress pay off. Sophomore Olyvia Fennell ex-

plained, "The beginning of the spring season is going surprisingly well. I'm looking forward to watching everyone including myself continue to improve in their events."

The track team entered their season this year with open minds and high hopes. "I'd like to see our team finish with a winning season and a few broken school records," Sechler expressed. Standout jumper Jayden King said, "My goal for this year is to win districts and go to states."

From sprints, relays, and distance running to throwing and jumping, the track and field team has an event for every student. It can be a great opportunity to help individuals who simply want to increase their strength get involved, as well as for those who would like to stay conditioned for their other sports.

"If you are not in a school



Senior Justice Sheaffer readies for her shot-put launch.

sport for the spring season, give track and field a try next year. It's a lot of fun, and it will improve your athleticism for your fall and winter sports," Sechler suggested.

The track and field team is prepared to put their all into the remainder of the season. They are back in action next Tuesday in a home meet against Central Dauphin.

## Boys tennis fights for victories on the court

BY: GABBI ALVAREZ

The boys tennis team kicked their season off at Cedar Cliff High School tennis courts, with a loss of 1-4, but the gentlemen recorded their first victory on April 4 with a 3-2 win over Gettysburg.

"As a coach I'm just trying to allow them to grow as much as they can as a player from match to match," Coach Glen Kyle stated.

Kyle stated his team goals were the same from last year: to get better from the beginning of the season to the end.

Senior Jaren Yoder is eager to make the most of his final year with the team. He said, "I'm looking forward

to playing at districts and spending the day with my great coaches." His goal for this season is to win at least half of his matches.

Quinn Miller, a junior, echoed Yoder's sentiments. He's hoping to "win a district doubles match with Jaron."

Sophomore Brice Rishel is also eager to improve individually and as a team. "I want to beat other teams and to move up in spots," he shared.

The team has clear goals for the season, and they are confident in their ability to achieve them. The boys have a busy schedule for the rest of the season. As of press time, their record was 1-9, and the boys were on

the road against Red Land. They play again today at home versus Central Dauphin. Next week marks the

end of the team's regular season; post-season play begins Tuesday, April 25 at Altoona.



Junior Gino Zannino eyes up the serve in a tennis match earlier this season.



# Girls lacrosse keeps crushing the competition

BY: GABBI ALVAREZ

The girls lacrosse team has had a great kickoff to their season, starting with a 9-6 win against Selinsgrove. Their record is currently 6-1, with their only loss at the hands of Dallastown. The rest of their games have showcased their dominant scoring abilities. The girls have outscored their opponents 89-42 through their first seven matchups of the spring.



Senior Hailee Sheetz scoops the ball on an offensive strike in a game against Lewisburg.

Coach Lamont says that their schedule has had an increase in the number of games.

"Our coaching staff is focused on spreading the word about the lacrosse opportunities for girls in our community," Lamont said. This is the third season for girls lacrosse as it just started in the 21-22 season. The past two years the girls have put in tremendous efforts to improve as a team

and build their program. Lamont stated that her goals for this season are to improve and to encourage opportunities for development and strategic awareness.

Sophomore Mara Gallo feels confident with the girls' performance and recruitment. She said, "The begin-

ning of the spring season is going really well so far. We had a lot of new girls show up for lacrosse after our winning season last year, and they all picked up super well."

Solidifying the program's reputation is an important goal for both the coaching staff and the student-athletes. "I am looking forward to winning games with my teammates this year and helping lacrosse make a name for itself here in Mifflin County," Gallo said.

Junior Brenna Alexander added, "My goals for this season are to get better at lacrosse and enjoy the game."

The girls' next match will be tomorrow on the road against Conrad Weiser. They aren't home again until Tuesday, April 24, when they rematch Mifflinburg. The Lady Huskies stomped the Wildcats 24-1 in their first meet up, so it should be a standout performance for hometown spectators. Best of luck to the ladies in the remainder of their season!

# Boys' lacrosse continues to find its footing

BY: MINA PHILLIPS

As the spring sports season begins to blossom, the boys lacrosse team is in great shape, growing their roster to double the players from last year.

"Our strength this year is in our numbers; we doubled the size of our team from last year and are able to field a JV team for the first time," explained Coach Everly.

Having only become a varsity sport last year, the team is continuing to work on core skills and building their program. They face dominant competition in the conference and a stacked non-conference schedule as well. However, the taste of victory was sweet last weekend as the boys notched their first victory of the year- a 3-2 win over New Dorp.

"The beginning of our spring

season is going well, lots of practice needed, but we will get there," said sophomore Mason Bubb

As the team pushes into mid-season, they're focusing on managing their weaknesses. "Our biggest challenge this season will definitely be filling in the holes a lot of the seniors left who graduated last year," junior Matthew Brytczuk expressed.

The program's infancy continues to be a hurdle compared to other schools. Coach Everly noted, "Our biggest weakness is lack of experience. We are lucky to have kids starting as freshmen. Most of our opponents have youth and JH programs."

Although the team is still working to sort out their flaws, they have high hopes for the season.

"Some goals are to win

some games, also to have good teamwork and win as a team," Bubb noted. Senior Cam Barben added, "My goal this season is to put up points and win games."

"I'm really excited to watch our kids learn and improve together. We are excited to be joining the Mid-Penn and the opportunity to qualify for districts," Coach Everly voiced.

The team has big plans for their program and is committed to making forward strides. Their record currently stands at 1-7 with their next match this evening

at Danville. They'll be home against Mifflinburg on Monday, April 17.



Senior Aidan Berich guards the net against Bellefonte.





## Congressman supports complex



Congressman Dr. Joyce stands with members of MCSD administration, teachers, and athletic directors as well as members of the Multi-Sports Stadium Project Fundraising Committee. The district is a finalist for a \$1.5 million development grant and has received Joyce's support.



On April 4, Congressman Dr. John Joyce toured MCSD to get better idea of how a grant he is sponsoring may help the community.

Recently, MCSD and the Multi Sports Stadium Project Fundraising Committee applied for

a \$1.5 million grant through Community Project Funding. The grant was submitted through Joyce's office.

If awarded, the district and committee intends to put the funds toward the cost of MCSD's athletic renovation and building projects.

"This Multi Sports Stadium Project is transformational and generational for Mifflin County," Superintendent Vance Varner said in a press release. "We believe that we have found the right time for the school district, our federal and state governments, and our community to join forces and collaborate on this worthy project."

Congressman Dr. Joyce announced after his visit that this grant proposal will receive his full support and will be going to the House Appropriations Committee for further consideration.



# END OF YEAR

# Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Prom @ MCHS 7-11 p.m.
23	24 Senior Class Mtg– Pd. 3	25	26	27	28	29
30	1 AP Gov- 8 a.m. AP Chem- noon	2 AP Psych- noon	3 AP Lit- 8 a.m. AP Comp Science A - noon Meet the Huskies– 6:30 p.m.	4 AP Stat- noon	5	6
7 Spring Band Concert– 3 p.m.	8 AP Calc- 8 a.m. AP Comp Sci Principles- noon	9 AP Lang 8 a.m. AP Physics- noon	10 AP Bio- noon	11 AP World History- 8 a.m. Art Show– 6-8 p.m.	12 Jazz Band Festival– 7 p.m.	13
14	15 Literature Keystones	16 Literature Keystones Thespian Induction– 6 p.m.	17 Literature Makeups	18 Algebra Keystones NHS Induction– 7 p.m.	19 Algebra Keystones	20
21	22 Algebra Makeups	23 Biology Keystones	24 Biology Keystones	25	26 Awards Assembly Key Club Field Day Academy Awards Night– 7 p.m.	27
28	29 Memorial Day– No School	30	31 Senior Class Mtg– 1:30 p.m.	1 Baccalaureate– 7 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Last Day of School! Commencement– 6 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10