

MCHS News

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Home of the Huskies

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MCHS News is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents of high school students informed about events and activities coming up at the high school each month. Teachers submit information that they would like to highlight and make parents aware of and that information will then be included in this monthly publication. For further information, please make sure to visit our website at <http://www.mcsdk12.org/mchs/> or contact the high school office at:

717-242-0240 = Main Office

717-447-2600 = Fax

MCHS Summer Office Hours

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

2023-2023 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Secondary Breakfast	\$1.40
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.30
Milk-Skim, 1%, Flavored	\$0.70

Upcoming Events:

- August 1 - Parking passes go on sale
- August 1 – Golf and JV/Varsity Football Registration Deadline
- August 7 - 11 - Band Camp
- August 8 – All Other Fall Sports Registration Deadline
- August 9 - New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 10th grade and new students in the MCHS Auditorium
- August 14 - 18 - Band Camp
- August 22 - Meet the Huskies - 7:00 p.m. at Mitchell Field
- August 30 - First Day of School for Students
- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

New Student Orientation and Back to School Night Dates

- August 9 - New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 10th grade and new students in the MCHS auditorium

- September 12 - Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that we are already in August and that in a few short weeks, we will be back in school. I would like to share a couple of important notes with all of you:

1. MCHS Summer Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
2. Normal Office Hours will resume the week of August 18. Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
3. Parking passes go on sale on August 1.
4. Students needing a worker's permit should call the high school and ask to speak to a secretary in the Guidance Office.
5. Students will not be able to see their class schedule until August 18.

As a reminder, the first day of school for students will be Thursday, August 30, 2023. A few procedural items to keep in mind as we start the school year.

1. Attendance - Students will either scan their ID cards or enter their ID number in the morning at one of the attendance stations at the front of the school.
2. Students must submit a note to the main office prior to leaving the building for all early dismissals. Notes may be submitted during their homeroom/first period class. Failure to provide a note prior to leaving the building for an early dismissal will result in disciplinary action from the office.
3. When writing excuses for absences, please make sure you put your child's full name and grade on the excuse. In addition, I want to remind you that you can email either assistant principal or me with your excuses. Our email addresses are as follows:
 - a. Mr. Campagna - ktc17@mcsdk12.org
 - b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
 - c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org
4. Students will be reporting to homeroom on August 30, 31, and September 1. Students will report there before the 8:10 a.m. bell.

Please enjoy the final days of summer vacation. I am very excited to see all of the students and staff in the fall. Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email (ktc17@mcsdk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

Act 158 - Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation

Please review the attached documents regarding Act 158 Graduation requirements. These were signed into law and made effective with the graduating class of 2023.

New Schedule for Academy Students

The Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology has moved to a new two-tiered model to deliver

their course offerings beginning this 2023-2024 school year. All students will now report to Mifflin County High School and go directly to Period 1. The schedule for the new two-tiered model can be found below.

Grade 10		Grade 11/12	
8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS	8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS
9:10-9:20	Travel to Academy	9:14-10:05	Period 2 at MCHS
9:20-11:40	Academy Classes	10:09-11:00	Period 3 at MCHS
11:40-12:10	Lunch at Academy	11:04-11:55	Period 4a at MCHS
12:10-12:25	Travel to MCHS	11:55-12:10	Travel to Academy
12:29-1:20	Period 5b at MCHS	12:10-12:40	Lunch at Academy
1:24-2:15	Period 6 at MCHS	12:40-3:00	Academy Classes
2:19-3:10	Period 7 at MCHS	3:00-3:10	Travel to MCHS

Please see the attached letter from Mr. Barry King, Administrative Director for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology.

Athletic News

- Fall Sports practices begin August 14th, with the exception of Varsity/JV Football and Golf which begin August 7th. Check out the athletics website for more information..
- Meet the Huskies will take place on August 22nd at Mitchell Field at 7:00 pm. The public is welcomed to attend to meet our MC Fall Athletes.
- Senior Citizen, Veteran and Active Military passes from last year are valid for the 23-24 sports season. Passes may be picked up at the MCHS main office for anyone that qualifies. Passes MUST be presented for free admission.
- Mitchell Field changes for the Varsity Football games:
- All students in grades 6 through 12 MUST show a current MCSD school ID to be granted admission into the game.
- Students in grades K through 7th MUST be accompanied by a supervising adult or they will not be permitted into the game.
- No backpacks are permitted.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for student (K – 7th) behavior and supervision inside the gates of Mitchell Field.
- MCSD students (8th – 12th) will sit in the designated DAWG Pound Student Section.
- MCSD students (K – 7th) will sit in the stands with parents/guardians.
- No walking/running around the outside of the field during the event.
- No balls, bicycles, scooters or skateboards are permitted.
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our athletic website and by following ArbiterLive!
- Check out our MC Athletics' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiffcoAthletics>, and follow us on Twitter @MCHuskySports for the most up-to-date information regarding MC Athletics.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.
- Geisinger is the official sports medicine and orthopedics provider of the Mifflin County Huskies. Geisinger supports the big dreams of Mifflin County athletics, and whether your dreams include playing in the pros, hiking, or just getting back on your feet, our doctors and healthcare professionals

are here for you every step of the way. Learn more at Geisinger.org/bigdreams.



From the Guidance Office

The school counselors and their email address, along with their assignments, are listed below.

- Miss Stefanie Gilbert: srg09@mcsdk12.org; last names A-K
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Mrs. Elizabeth Girts: eme25@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

SAT - The SAT will be offered at Mifflin County High School on August 26, 2023. The registration deadline for this test will be Friday, July 28, 2023. Participants must register at www.collegeboard.org. The cost for the SAT is \$60; after the registration deadline, there is an additional \$30 fee. If a student qualifies for free/reduced price lunches, he/she qualifies for a fee waiver. Students should contact their guidance counselors for that information. Any students who are thinking about going to a four year college/university and have completed at least Algebra II in their math sequence are encouraged to check with the school they want to attend to see if the SAT is an admission requirement. Please contact your school guidance counselor with any questions.

AP Exam Scores: AP Scores will start to be released on July 5th. Students should have received an email to log into their College Board accounts to view their results. A reminder for students who have received their test scores from the Spring of 2023: AP reimbursement forms must be **received** by 8/30/2023 at MCHS to receive reimbursement for tests scored at 3 or better.

ASVAB Testing:

Mifflin County High School will be offering to students in Grades 11 and 12 the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) on **October 24th at 8:30 a.m. until approximately noon**. This test is an invaluable tool to help your student with his/her future educational and career plans. Students who have not met the required scores on the Keystone Exam but achieve a score of 31 or greater on the ASVAB will satisfy the requirements for graduation as established in Act 158 of 2018 through the Alternative-Assessment Pathway. **Juniors and Seniors interested in taking the ASVAB exam will need to sign up in the guidance office by Friday, October 13th.**

2023 Yearbook

There are a few remaining yearbooks available for \$60 each (first-come, first-served). Email Mrs. Riden at sd49@mcsdk12.org, if you are interested in purchasing.

From the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student prepares for the final years of high school, please note the following PA Department of Health school health requirements:

11th Grade Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, driver's license physical, or a physical examination completed by the student's healthcare provider. MCSD physical examination forms are available in the nurse's office or on the MCSD website. Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2022.

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination: **Prior to the 2023-2024 school year, every student entering 12th grade must have one dose of the MCV (meningococcal vaccination) on the first day of 12th grade.** This dose is in addition to the one required for 7th grade and must be given after the age of 16 years. **If a student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year, the student will be excluded from school on September 7, 2023, and forward until either compliant or properly exempted.**

Please send a copy of completed physical examinations and updated immunization records to the school nurse for documentation in your child's school health record.

Medication Policy: **As a friendly reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any prescription or over-the-counter medications on their person during school hours.** The only medications students may carry with a physician's order are epi pens, diabetic supplies, and inhalers. Parents and guardians must deliver medications to the school nurse in the original prescription bottles or packaging along with the MCSD prescription medication form completed by the prescribing physician.

Please call Mrs. Grabill if your child needs to take any medication at school. Finally, please call or email the MCHS School Nurse throughout the school year if your student has a change in his or her health status and needs any additional support or assistance during school hours.

Brittney Grabill MSN RN

Certified School Nurse

Mifflin County High School

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Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The MCHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team is a group of professionals dedicated to helping to identify and assist students who may be struggling with life issues that are interfering with school

performance. The SAP team consists of teachers, administrators, school counselors, social workers, nurses, and representatives from community agencies who have been specially trained to work with students and make appropriate referrals. This help is provided in a completely non-disciplinary way.

Based on the diverse needs of our students, this process may include an interview with a member of the SAP team, a counseling group, or individual counseling with the school-based therapist or social worker. Services may include academic support; behavior management; drug and alcohol education, prevention, assessment and treatment through Clear Concepts; anger management; mental health assessment through the Youth Advocate Program; conflict resolution, or involvement in community agencies. All SAP-related services are free and confidential. A parent or guardian must sign a permission for SAP services. Any student, parent, or teacher may make a referral. If you have concerns for a MCSD student in grades K-12, please contact an administrator, school counselor, or school nurse.

Upcoming Dates 2023-24 School Year

- August 30 – First Day of School for Students
- September 4 – Labor Day – No School for Students
- September 12– Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.
- September 22 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- October 2 – Underclass/Staff Picture Day
- October 7 - SAT Exam
- October 20 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- October 24 - ASVAB Testing for Juniors and Seniors who sign up - 8:30 a.m.
- November 2 - Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- November 3 – Picture Retakes
- November 4 - SAT Exam
- November 4 - Senior Dinner Dance 6:00 p.m.
- November 8 – K-12 Parent Conferences 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- November 9 – Inservice Day - No School for Students
- November 10 – Veterans’ Day – No School for Students
- November 18 - MCHS Marching Band & Boosters Annual Holiday Expo - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- November 22 – Early Dismissal - Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Grades 8-12 Dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- November 23 through November 27 – Thanksgiving Vacation – No School for Students
- December 10 - Winter Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 17 - Holiday Choir Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 22 through January 2 – Christmas Vacation – No School for Students
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School for Students
- January 26 - Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- February 5 - FAFSA Completion Night at 6:00 p.m in the cafeteria
- February 16 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- February 19 – Presidents’ Day – No School for Students
- February 20 – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #1
- February 23 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 6:00 p.m.
- February 24 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 6:00 p.m.
- February 25 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 1:00 p.m.
- March 9 - SAT Exam
- March 15 – Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- March 29 – Good Friday – No School for Students

- April 1 – Easter Break – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #2
- April 6 - MCHS MiniTHON - 12:00 p.m.
- April 13 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- April 23 – Primary Presidential Election Day – No School for Students
- April 27 - MCHS Promenade/Prom - Promenade starts at 6:00 p.m.
- May 4 - SAT Exam
- May 5 - MCHS Choir Spring Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 10 - MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 - MCHS Band Spring Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day – No School for Students
- June 3 – Last Day of School for Students – Early Dismissal - Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Grades 8-12 Dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- June 4 – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- June 5 – Designated Make-Up Day #4

