

MCMS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Mifflin County Middle School

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

**Monday, September 18 -
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**
Smile Dental Clinic

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Picture Day

Friday, September 22, 2023
Act 80 Day - No School for Students

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Back to School Night

Dear MCMS parents/guardians,

We are extremely excited to have welcomed students back to school for the 2023-2024 school year! We will do our best to provide up-to-date material related to MCMS events and activities via our monthly newsletter. Read on for information regarding Back-to-School Night, the Box Tops for Education program, SAP, Safe2Say, PBIS, and other middle school news.

Attendance

The key to attendance is to establish good habits early. Students must submit an excuse within three days from the last date of the absence, or it will be recorded as unlawful. Excuses can be written, emailed, or submitted online through Skyward Family Access. According to Act 138 of 2016, the school is required to notify parents/guardians at the following times:

- Third Unlawful Absence Notice
- Invitation to School Attendance Improvement Conference - Sent after 4th unlawful absence
- Doctor's Warning Letter - Sent on the 7th cumulative absence
- Doctor's Note Required Letter - Sent on the 10th cumulative absence

Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School night will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Back-to-School Night is an opportunity to walk through your student's schedule as teachers share their classroom expectations with you. This evening is designed for parents/guardians only.

MCMS Meal Prices

Breakfast - FREE for all students!

Lunch - \$3.00

Reduced Lunch - \$0.40

Milk - \$0.60



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>

Testing Dates for 2023-2024

PSSA		
ELA	April 24, 25, 26	April 29 Make-up
Math	April 30, May 1	May 2 Make-up
Science	May 7, 8	May 9 Make-up
KEYSTONE		
Algebra	May 14, 15	May 16 Make-up
CDT		
BOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window September 18-October 18	
MOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window November 29-January 24	
EOY ELA/Science/Math	Testing Window March 18-May 20	

Correction

In last month's newsletter, Mr. McCardell's email address was listed incorrectly. Both counselors' correct email addresses are:

Mrs. Jane Foor - 6th Grade Counselor - jaf28@mcsdk12.org

Mr. Andy McCardell - 7th Grade Counselor - alm21@mcsdk12.org



Meet Our SRO

Officer Jason Ciccolini

Officer Ciccolini joins us from Lewistown Borough Police Department. He is specially trained to help maintain a safe and secure environment at the middle school. In addition, his focus is to be a resource for the well-being of our students.

Officer Ciccolini can be contacted at:

717-821-5479 (cell)

717-242-1401 ext. 6510 (work)

jc45@mcsdk12.org

SRO Jason Ciccolini





What is the Student Assistance Program (SAP)?

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 can be referred to SAP. Students can even refer themselves.

Who can make referrals?

Anyone who cares about a student can make a referral. This includes teachers, counselors, principals, parents, guardians, relatives, students, and community members.

How do you make a referral?

Drop a referral form in the SAP referral box or contact a SAP team member. Forms are in the guidance office.

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

SAP IS... confidential.

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

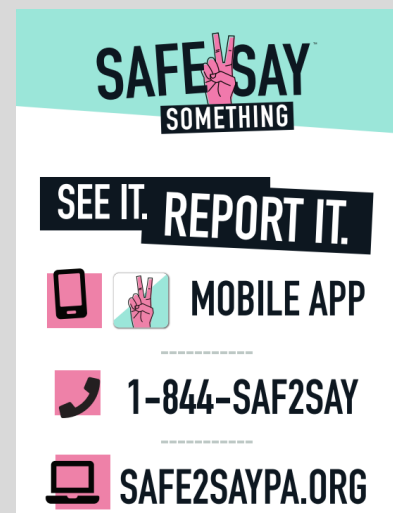
MCSD Policy 105.1

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.



What is Safe2Say Something?

Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the 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.



PBIS at MCMS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an approach schools use to promote safety and positive behavior. With PBIS, schools teach students about behavior expectations and strategies as they would teach any other subject - like reading or math. At MCMS students are recognized for meeting PACK expectations - Being ResPonsible, Acting Safely, Having Character, and MaKing a Difference.

Athletic News

- Senior Citizen, Veteran and Active Military passes from last year are valid for the 23-24 sports season. Passes can be picked up at the MCHS main office for anyone that qualifies. Passes MUST be presented for free admission.
- Tickets for all Mifflin County Home Varsity Football games and Volleyball matches can be purchased online at <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/e76d4bd5-9868-4b08-878a-9472b4410179>
- Mitchell Field changes for the Varsity Football games:
 - Any person attending the game will abide by the MCSD standards of expectations. Any person exhibiting unsafe or inappropriate behavior may be prohibited from attending future MCSD events.
 - Students in grades K-5 MUST be accompanied by a supervising adult.
 - No backpacks are permitted (unless they are used for a diaper bag).
 - MCSD students in grades 8 -12 are permitted and encouraged to sit in the DAWG Pound student section.
 - 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.

Mifflin County Middle School



Be ResPonsible
Act Safely
Have Character
MaKe a Difference

“When you’re thinking less about your behaviors, you perform better in school.”



PBIS Rewards is an online program where teachers can reward students with points for meeting these expectations. Students can then use their points to enter schoolwide raffles and to buy items at a teacher’s store. Leaders of the PACK is an extension to this program. Teachers nominate students who go above and beyond. These students are then recognized with a certificate, a phone call home, and a chance to win additional prizes!

We support
big league dreams.

Geisinger

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](https://www.geisinger.org/bigdreams).

MCS D Administrative Regulation 110 - Instructional Supplies

The building principal will be responsible to ensure that no student in the school is denied participation in any school program for financial reasons and that the privacy of each student is protected.

Students who qualify for free and reduced price lunches are also eligible for free instructional supplies.

Parents/Guardians must complete the Application for Instructional Supplies and submit required documentation when requesting free instructional supplies for students. Parents/Guardians may obtain this application by contacting the school's main office.

The principal will provide written notice to the parents/guardians of the approval or denial of the request within ten (10) days of receiving the application.

The principal will give additional consideration to providing free instructional supplies when one (1) or more of the following factors occur:

1. Illness in family.
2. Unusual/Unanticipated expenses, such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.
3. Seasonal unemployment.
4. Emergency situations.
5. One (1) or more of parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

Students who receive free instructional supplies are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies and equipment.

Principal Contact Info

Mrs. Jennifer S. Macknair, Principal - jsm33@mcsdk12.org

Mr. Luke J. Strawser, Assistant Principal - ljs36@mcsdk12.org