

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

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:

- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

Back to School Night

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

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Huskies are off and running at MCHS. Our start to the school year has been successful and we look forward to a great year with our students! Parents, guardians, and family members play a vital role in the education of our students. We encourage you to be active participants in this 2023-2024 school year.

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 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

- 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.
- 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 Bocce Ball Coaches

The Bocce Team will be holding open gyms on September 27, October 11, October 25, and November 1. Never played? No problem. We welcome everyone!!! Bocce is a unified sport open to students with and without disabilities that is recognized by PIAA as well as Special Olympics.

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

Schedule Changes: The MCHS Guidance Office will accept schedule change requests until Thursday, September 7th at 3:15 PM. This includes building schedule changes, Academy changes, and requests for Alpha classes as well.

SAT Exam: Registration deadline for the October SAT is September 7th. Students who would like to register to take the SAT will need to do so online at www.collegeboard.org. Please see your school counselor with any questions.

FAFSA: The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is changing again. The FAFSA is the application seniors complete to apply for financial aid for post-secondary education. The FAFSA will not open until December 1 (previous date was October 1st). MCHS will offer a Financial Aid General Information Night for students and parents on November 2nd at 7 PM. Additional details will be shared at a later date.

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.**

PSAT/NMSQT: The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at MCHS in October. Registration information will be forthcoming to 10th and 11th grade students.

Picture Day

- Picture Day for 10th & 11th Graders will be on Monday, October 2nd. Picture forms will be sent home with students in September. Pictures can also be ordered online at strawbridge.net. Students MUST adhere to the dress code on picture day. Failure to do so will result in needing to attend Retake Day in November or their picture will not be included in the yearbook portrait section. Students will be called down by homeroom teacher on Picture Day.
- Any SENIOR student who missed the summer senior portrait sessions can attend Retake/Makeup Day on November 3rd. The option for casual photos will not be available on Retake/Makeup Day. There will be no photo form for senior portraits. Proofs will be sent via email to parents 4 weeks after Retake/Makeup Day. Every student's picture MUST be taken at the high school to be included in the yearbook portrait section.
- MCHS SENIORS & PARENTS: Don't forget to get your LAST First Day of School picture on Wednesday! Send your FIRST First Day of School picture (this can be Pre-K or Kindergarten) and the LAST First Day of School picture for the yearbook to MCHS Yearbook through Facebook, Instagram, or by email to mchsybfb@mcsdk12.org. First Day of School photos are due September 15th.
- Any questions about yearbook pictures can be directed to Kerry Clancy-Burns at kc41@mcsdk12.org

Yearbook Fundraiser Opportunity

All students should have received fundraiser information/brochure at their class meetings on September 1st. Students will receive \$4.00 credit toward their yearbook for each item sold. Thus, 15 items sold = free yearbook.

Fundraisers should be turned in to the main office or Mrs. Riden's room, A322, before 3:30 on September 22nd. No cash please!

Questions should be directed to Mrs. Riden: sd49@mcsdk12.org

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.

Mifflin County School District School Board 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.

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 110

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.

The principal will use the guidelines of the free and reduced price lunch program to determine the ability of students to provide necessary school supplies.

Parents/Guardians must complete the Application For Instructional Supplies and submit required documentation when requesting free instructional supplies for students. Please contact the principal for more information and to request the application.

Homecoming Dance

Student Council will be hosting the annual Homecoming Dance on September 30th from 7-10 pm. This dance is for students in grades **10-12th only**. Students may bring guests from other school districts or graduates under the age of 21, but must complete a guest form prior to purchasing tickets. These forms are found at the ticket table, the main office, or the guidance office. Tickets will be on sale for \$7 a ticket, before school and during all three lunches from September 19th to the 26th. Tickets will not be sold on the night of the event.

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

Phone: 717-242-0240 Ext. 8509

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

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

- September 4 – Labor Day – No School for Students
- September 7 - Last day to accept schedule changes - 3:15 p.m.

- September 12– Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.
- September 22 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- September 30 - Homecoming Dance 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- 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.
- October 27 - Josten’s Senior Class Meeting - Period 3
- October 27 - Josten’s Sophomore Class Meeting - Period 6
- November 2 - Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- November 3 – Picture Retakes
- November 3 - Josten’s Orders in the commons - Begins at 7:30 through C Lunch
- 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 14 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- November 15 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- 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” - 6:30 p.m.
- February 24 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 6:30 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

