

# 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

## **2023-2024 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.

## **A Message From Mr. Campagna**

**Huskies Helping Huskies** - This is an after-school tutoring program for our students at MCHS. Sessions are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 3:30-4:30 in Library Lab E. Teachers will be available to help students with homework, test preparation, additional instruction, Google Classroom, etc. Students do not need to sign up ahead of time to attend, and they will need to have their own transportation home.

A few procedural items to keep in mind.

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. **Excuses must be written and signed by the pupil's parent, guardian or person in parental standing. Pupils (Regardless Of Age) may not write and sign their own excuses.**
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](mailto:ktc17@mcsdk12.org)
- b. Mrs. Ruble - [jmg26@mcsdk12.org](mailto:jmg26@mcsdk12.org)
- c. Mr. Durn - [amd05@mcsdk12.org](mailto:amd05@mcsdk12.org)

Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email ([ktc17@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ktc17@mcsdk12.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna  
Principal

## **Athletic News**

- Winter Sports Registration opens October 1st and the deadline to register is November 13th. The 1st day of winter sports practices is November 17th. Please see the athletics website for more information.
- 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, while students in grades 6-7 are encouraged to sit in the PACK student section located beside the DAWG Pound.
  - 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](http://Geisinger.org/bigdreams).



## MCHS Music Department

**March Banding Competition:** The Mifflin County HS Marching Band traveled to Kemp Memorial Stadium at Shamokin Area HS in Coal Township, PA on Saturday, October 21 to compete in the Susquehanna Valley Regional Championship Event. The band placed First in Group 3-Open Class with a score of 91.10. The band also won the Specialty Awards for Best Color Guard and Best Percussion.

**Choral Competition:** Congratulations to the following MCHS students who qualified for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 4 Choral Festival. The festival will be held at Juniata High School on January 25-27, 2024.

<b><u>SOPRANO I</u></b>	<b><u>TENOR I</u></b>
MACAELA CHRISTIE	LUKE FOLTZ
CORA HARTZLER	<b><u>TENOR II</u></b>
AVA KELLY	ISAAC CURRY
<b><u>SOPRANO II</u></b>	<b><u>BASS I</u></b>
EMMAH MILLER	ALEX GARNER
<b><u>ALTO I</u></b>	MAX PERSING
MORGAN GRIMM	MALACHI SNYDER
ADDISON MIKNIS	GINO ZANNINO
DAYNA ZEIDERS	
<b><u>ALTO II</u></b>	
BREANNA FORSHEY	
RACHAEL SALDUBEHERE	
SUMMER SHUEY	

The Holiday Choral Concert will be Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at M.C.H.S. The concert will feature 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, Concert Choir and Cantare. It is free and open to the public.

## 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.

## Upward Bound

Students in grades 9-11 who are interested in attending college after high school are encouraged to apply to join Upward Bound Programs! Upward Bound is a federally funded (free for participants) program that helps high-school students gain academic skills and motivation to continue their education beyond high school. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. Upward Bound serves high school students whose families meet the federal register income guidelines and/or high school students from families in which neither parent has completed a four-year degree. For more information, contact MCHS coordinator Nathan Barnhart at [ncb46@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ncb46@mcsdk12.org).

## From the Guidance Office

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

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup>). MCHS will offer a Financial Aid General Information Night for students and parents on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

Mifflin County High School's Guidance Office will be hosting a Financial Aid General Information Night on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents/guardians to learn about the different types of financial aid and how to apply for them. Jamie Kosh, the Senior Manager at the Office of Student Aid at Penn State, will be presenting the information and will be on hand after the presentation to answer any questions. A FAFSA Completion Night event is planned for February. Additional information about that will be disseminated at a later date.

## Picture Day

**Senior Picture Makeups/Retakes** are Thursday, November 2nd. There is no order form for seniors, but students will have the opportunity to order portrait packages online four weeks after their portrait session. Students DO NOT need to sign up ahead of time for senior portrait sessions. They will be called down by homeroom teacher. (If they miss November 2nd, they can get them taken on November 3rd, but it will be the absolute LAST day.)

**Final Picture Makeup/Retake Day for ALL Students and Staff** is Friday, November 3rd. 10th & 11th graders can pick up a picture order form from Mrs. Clancy-Burns' room (B214), the Main Office, or the Guidance

Office. Parents/Guardians can also order online at [strawbridge.net](http://strawbridge.net). If a student is getting retakes, they MUST hand in their original picture package. Alpha students are welcome to come in any time between 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All other students will be called down by homeroom. November 3rd is the absolute LAST day for picture makeups/retakes for all students and staff. There will be no other picture days scheduled this year.

**Parents of Athletes:** If you have any action shots from fall sports this year that you would like to share with Yearbook, please send them to [kc41@mcsdk12.org](mailto:kc41@mcsdk12.org).

## **Yearbook Information**

Order online\* at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) by November 11<sup>th</sup> to receive free name stamping. This is a \$6.00 value.

\*Note: Students who have fundraiser credit should not order online, but rather through the school. See the school web page for a link to the order form.

Email Mrs. Riden at [sd49@mcsdk12.org](mailto:sd49@mcsdk12.org) with questions.

## **Sadie Hawkins Dance**

There will be a Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday, February 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold from January 15th through January 26th.

## **Mini-THON Gold Out Clothing Sale**

### **What is Mini-THON?**

MCHS Mini-THON is a club that empowers students to take a stand against childhood cancer by raising money for Four Diamonds at Penn State Health Children's Hospital. One of the many ways MCHS Mini-THON raises money and awareness is through Gold Out Events. At these events, students, spectators and the athletes wear Gold Out apparel as an act of solidarity with the children and families battling pediatric cancer. There are also many opportunities for the public to donate at these events through raffles, canning or merchandise sales.

### **Gold Out Clothing Sale!**

As the winter draws near, MCHS Mini-THON is gearing up for the Winter Sports Gold Out Events! We are offering our Gold Out apparel DISTRICT-WIDE!

Please see the Mini-THON Winter Clothing Sale poster below.

# MINI-THON

## Winter Clothing Sale



Orders will be done through an online form



Offering in 2 colors!  
~Black with Gold  
Lettering  
OR  
~Gold with Black  
Lettering



## Homeless Awareness Week

Schools and communities across the nation set aside the week before Thanksgiving to recognize the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural communities.

An average of 100 students are identified as homeless in Mifflin County School District each year. To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 17th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you or your child would like to join in the effort, monetary donations can be sent to the Administration Building, located at 201 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Lewistown to the attention of Michelle Siruc, the district's homeless liaison. Checks can be made out to Mifflin County School District. Funds are used to purchase clothing, toiletries, and school supplies for displaced students. You can also show your support by wearing a red shirt on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to your child's teacher, principal, nurse, or counselor. They will connect you with one of the district's social workers, who can assist you with securing necessary resources.

## 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 private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, driver's license physical (DL-180 Form), or a private physical examination completed by the student's healthcare provider. Private Physician Physical forms can be picked up in the nurse's office or obtained on the MCSD website (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form). *Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2022.*

**12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV):** Prior to the 2024-2025 school year, every student entering 12th grade must have one dose of the MCV (meningococcal vaccination) by the first day of 12th grade. This dose is in addition to the one required for 7th grade. If one dose was given after 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose. ***If a student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year, the student will be excluded from school until either compliance is reached or an appropriate exemption is submitted.***

Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

Thanks!

**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.





NEED EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS?

# HUSKIES HELPING HUSKIES

This is a FREE after-school resource available to ALL students.

**TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS**

**3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**LAB E IN THE LIBRARY**

TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WORK.



## Upcoming Dates 2023-24 School Year

- November 2 - Picture Retakes
- 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 21 - Blood Drive
- December 22 through January 2 – Christmas Vacation – No School for Students
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School for Students
- January 25 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Juniata High School
- January 26 - Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- January 26 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Juniata High School
- January 27 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Juniata High School
- February 3 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 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 22 - Laptop Collection in Homerooms - 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day – No School for Students

- May 30 - Locker Cleanout in morning Homerooms
- May 30 - Seniors Last Day (caps and gowns distributed to seniors) - 1:30 p.m.
- May 31- Indoor Graduation Practice (8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym)
- May 31 - Baccalaureate (details yet to be determined)
- June 1- Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Mitchell Field)
- June 3 - Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Mitchell Field)
- June 3 - Graduation Ceremony (6:00 p.m. at Mitchell Field)
- 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 4 - Graduation (rain date)
- June 5 – Designated Make-Up Day #4

