

# 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**

- Meet the Huskies for Winter Sports will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium.
- 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 Basketball and Wrestling matches can be purchased online at <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/e76d4bd5-9868-4b08-878a-9472b4410179>
- 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

**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.

## Yearbook Ordering Information

Order online at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) or at school using the order form. Please make sure the order form you are using is valid - expiration date is printed in the bottom right hand corner of the form. A current form can be found on the school website or picked up in the main office, Alpha office, guidance office, or room A322.

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.

## 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-G
- 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

## Physics - Catapult Competition

Physics students recently constructed catapults and competed in several different catapult games to determine the most powerful, most accurate, and most precise launchers out of all the Physics 1 classes. Students from all six Physics 1 classes are pictured here in front of the high school on Friday, November 3 after an afternoon of competitions and fun. This was the culmination of their study of two-dimensional motion. Groups worked together to design and build a launcher that used mechanical means of power to launch a rubber ball at least 4 meters. Launchers had to have a release mechanism and be able to launch objects at three different angles. Some of the top finishers were Reese Bennett, who was able to launch a projectile 34 meters (About 112 feet), the group of Joshua Maldonado, Hayden Yoder, and Jacob Murray launched a projectile with a hang time of 2.47 sec, and the group of Ava Liebegott, Falynn Reinard, and Rosalyn Lansberry successfully launched the projectile into the trash can from 8.5 meters (about 28 feet) away. Classes look forward to more competitions for upcoming topics in the near future. Great work everyone!



## 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.



# THE HUSKIES ARE GOING TO EUROPE AGAIN IN JUNE 2025!

CURRENT FRESHMEN,  
SOPHOMORES, AND JUNIORS:  
You're invited on the next Mifflin County trip to Europe! Plan to attend the info meeting on Dec. 6 to learn more! We'll go over:

- Itinerary
- Travel dates
- Costs & fundraising
- Questions

and most importantly,  
tell you how you can sign up!!



**RSVP with the QR Code  
Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.  
MCHS Commons  
Bring a parent or guardian**

Just a heads up: Our 2024 trip filled up instantly, so if you are interested, make every effort to come to our meeting or email for info you cannot make it!

## 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

Phone: 717-242-0240 Ext. 8509

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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

- 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 15 - Meet the Huskies - 7:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium
- 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





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