

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

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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

Crosson named Pa. Teacher of the Year - Article courtesy of the Lewistown *Sentinel*

HERSHEY — Mifflin County High School teacher Ashlie Crosson wears a lot of hats throughout her day: 10th grade English teacher, Advanced Placement Language teacher, journalism teacher and digital publications advisor, to name a few.

She added a very prestigious one to her ensemble on Monday.

Crosson was named the 2024 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year during the Pennsylvania Department of Education's annual professional development conference, which is sponsored by the DOE and the Pennsylvania chapter of the National State Teacher of the Year, in Hershey.

"I do what I do, and I teach what I teach because we have incredible students, an incredible faculty and an incredible community," said Crosson, who was chosen from a field of 12 finalists. "I'm really excited to bring Pennsylvania home to us."

Mifflin County School District Superintendent of Schools Vance Varner said the award is testament to the dedication of Crosson and other teachers in the district to their profession.

“It’s a huge accomplishment for Ashlie, but it’s also [a] huge accomplishment for the Mifflin County School District,” he explained. “I’m so proud of her.”

“We have an incredible staff – over 800 staff in our district,” he added. “They’re all great; they all deserve awards. Today one of ours was separated as being one of the best teachers of 12, and ultimately the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year for 2024.”

“To my knowledge, we have not had anybody as a finalist before,” he added.

Crosson received the award at the conclusion of a two-day ceremony in Hershey for this year’s finalists. The Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year program honors excellence in teaching by teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade in public education, who have made outstanding academic contributions to school-aged children in the state.

The 12 finalists were selected from applicants that have been nominated by their community. Crosson is now Pennsylvania’s entry in the National Teacher of the Year, which culminates with a ceremony at the White House.

After graduating from Lewistown Area High School in 2007, Crosson received her bachelor’s degree in English, with a minor in journalism, as well as her secondary English teaching certificate from Susquehanna University in 2011. She then completed her master’s degree from Penn State in educational leadership in 2015. Most recently, she earned her certificate in gifted education from Millersville University.

With more than 13 years of teaching experience, this nomination – and now state honor – has been one of the many highlights in Crosson’s career.

Crosson, who was nominated by two of her former colleagues in Bellefonte, felt a tremendous sense of pride when hearing her name announced as the 2024 winner. The process had been long, with many rounds to determine this year’s honoree.

The 12 finalists had been notified in June. For Crosson, it was certainly worth the wait being named as the Teacher of the Year.

“I went through the eliminations because I want Mifflin County to be known for its students and its teachers,” Crosson explained. “A lot of people helped me through all of the eliminations. For me, this is a team win.”

And her first reaction?

“A lot of disbelief,” Crosson recalled. “The other 11 finalists are also remarkable educators. I’m really first among equals, that’s very true.”

Being in Hershey for the event was really a rewarding experience for the finalists.

“Coming here is really celebrating that accomplishment,” Crosson said. “What we’ve done for our classrooms and students is worth acknowledging. This is a job. This is a daily grind. These two days were about celebrating that accomplishment.

“It’s about teachers whether they have a handful or hundreds of students, and have a hundred tasks to do,”

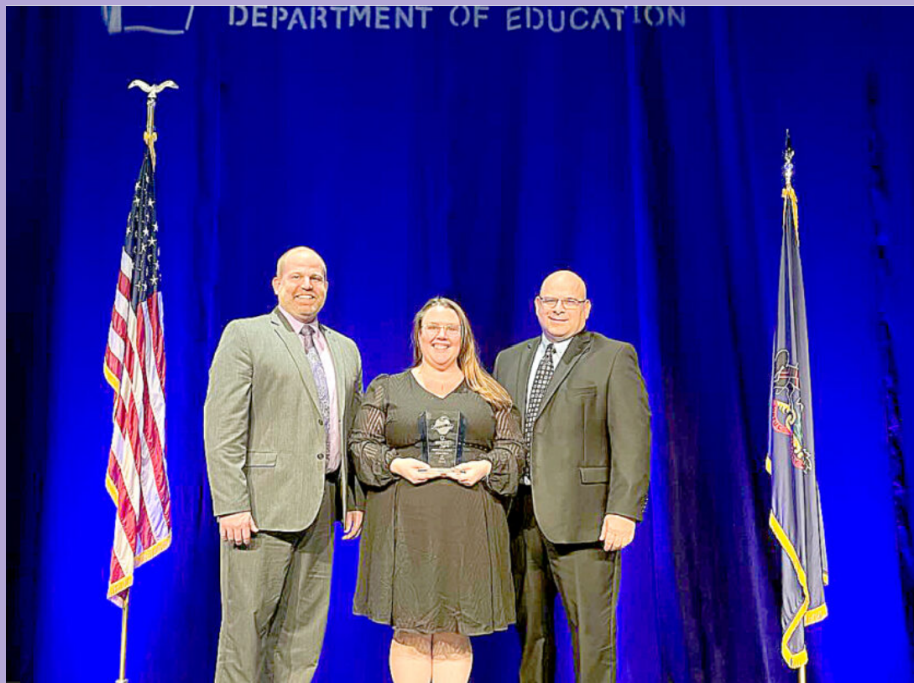
she added.

Crosson said the real work starts as she will have obligations, such as speaking engagements, as the Teacher of the Year. The winner serves a two-year term.

After being named as the winner, Crosson hugged 2022 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year recipient Elizabeth Raff, who teaches sixth-grade English language arts and social students.

Crosson said Raff gave her some sage words of advice. "She gave me a hug and said, 'Stand here for [a] minute, don't move,'" Crosson said.

Crosson listened, enjoying the moment.



Statement from Mr. Varner - If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines that the roads are "unsafe" to travel due to poor weather conditions, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain at home for the day. To be granted an excused absence, the parent/guardian would need to submit an excuse to the school stating the roads are "unsafe."

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

- b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
- c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org

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

Athletic News

- Meet the Huskies for Winter Sports will take place on January 15th 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.



Medical Careers Club Visits PSU Cadaver Lab

The Medical Careers Club was invited to attend a unique experience at Penn State University's cadaver lab. Dr. John Waters, teaching professor of Biology, Anthropology, and Associate Head for Biology Undergraduate Education, and his staff welcomed 30 of our club students for a day of exploring and learning.

Dr. Waters explained the importance of treating the cadaver donors with respect, as they are a gift for learning, "...a teacher without words..." Students were given the opportunity for hands-on, interactive participation with all 4 donors from the outside to the inside of the body. This was the most authentic experience a student could have to be able to make connections between the classroom and real life.

Students also interacted with an ECG machine. They practiced setting up the wires and analyzing the data.

They learned how each peak on the data correlated to what was going on in the heart in live time, and how the cardiovascular system works.

In addition, students were introduced to ultrasound. They participated in scanning various organs on a patient and interpreting the images on the analyzer. They were able to relate the images to the actual parts in the donor.

Overall, this was the ultimate experience in medicine and anatomy/physiology a high school student could encounter. This was a real-world experience in their pockets for future careers and understanding.



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.

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

Yearbook Ordering Information

Order online at 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 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. Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold after January 26th or at the door on the night of the event.

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-G
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Mrs. Elizabeth Girts: eme25@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

Senior Class (2024) - Cap, Gown, and Tassel - Seniors! The last day to order a cap, gown, and tassel is January 30th. Please stop in Guidance with any questions or scan the QR code to order.



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.

Upcoming Dates 2023-24 School Year

- 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.

- February 29 - Course Registration Night in the Commons - 6:00 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 6 – AP Exam: United States Government and Politics – 8:00 a.m.
- May 6 – AP Exam: Chemistry – 12:00 p.m.
- May 7 – AP Exam: Statistics – 12:00 p.m.
- May 8 – AP Exam: English Literature and Composition – 8:00 a.m.
- May 8 – AP Exam: Computer Science A – 12:00 p.m.
- May 9 – AP Exam: Psychology – 12:00 p.m.
- May 10 – AP Exam: United States History 8:00 a.m.
- May 10 – AP Exam: Studio Art – 8:00 p.m.
- May 10 - MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 - MCHS Band Spring Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 13 – AP Exam: Calculus AB and Calculus BC – 8:00 a.m.
- May 13 – Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 14 – Keystone Exam: Literature
- May 14 – AP Exam: English Language and Composition – 8:00 a.m.
- May 14 – AP Exam: Physics C: Mechanics – 12:00 p.m.
- May 14 – Thespian Society Induction – 6:00pm
- May 15 – Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 15 – AP Exam: Computer Science Principles – 12:00 p.m.
- May 15 – NHS Induction – 7:00 p.m.
- May 16 – Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 16 – AP Exam: Biology – 12:00 p.m.
- May 16 – Art Show – 6:00 p.m.
- May 17 - Keystone Exam: Biology
- May 20 – Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 21 – Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 22 – Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 22 - Laptop Collection in Homerooms - 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 29- Locker Cleanout in morning Homerooms
- May 29- Seniors Last Day (caps and gowns distributed to seniors) - 1:30 p.m.
- May 29 - Academy Awards Night at MCHS - 7:00 p.m.
- May 30- Indoor Graduation Practice (8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym)
- May 30- Baccalaureate - 7:00 p.m.
- May 31- 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



NEED EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS?

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

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS

3:30PM - 4:30PM

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TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WORK.

