

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



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

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

- The first day of Spring Sports practices will be March 4th. Check out the Athletics website for the most up to date information regarding Spring Sports information.
- Our Husky Club Awards Night will take place May 22nd at 6:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.
- 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.



2024 Technology Student Association - Region 8 Conference



On Saturday, February 3rd, the MCHS Technology Student Association participated in the annual PA-TSA Region 8 Conference. The TSA membership submitted competition pieces in thirty career focused events, which ranged from Animatronics to Fashion Design. Out of these thirty submissions, eleven individuals/teams qualified for the State Competition, which will be held in April at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Every single member dressed for success, represented Mifflin County with pride, cheered on their competitors with gracious professionalism and made memories that will last a lifetime! PA-TSA Region 8 includes many local school districts, including State College Area School District.

The results are as follows:

Animatronics: 3rd Place - Nathan Banks, Wade Eichhorn, Ben Snyder, Alex Snyder, Ian Clark, Isacc Curry

Audio Podcasting: 4th Place - Ethan Sunday, Isaac Curry, Bailey Cullen

Board Game Design: 7th Place - Tatum Miller, Hannah Jones, Gabbi Swanger

Fashion Technology Design: 3rd Place - Emily Banks, Reina Ciota, Andi Miller

Fashion Technology Design: 5th Place - Ender Colyer, Evvy Cramer, Emily Eddinger

Music Production: 2nd Place - Bailey Cullen, Isaac Curry, Cameron Marsh

Prepared Presentation: 3rd Place - Luke Foltz

PA-Logo Design: 2nd Place - Eddie Pollitt

PA-Logo Design: 3rd Place - Savannah Snyder

PA-Materials Process: 2nd Place - Nathan Parkes

PA-Pin Design: 4th Place - Eddie Pollitt

PA-Pin Design 6th Place - Oak Yeater

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. **NOTE: Personalization and Senior Ads are no longer available.** 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. **Pre-order deadline is May 3rd. We will order a limited quantity of extras, available on a first come first serve basis.**

From the Guidance Office

Cap and Gown Orders: If you have a senior planning to participate in the commencement ceremony, he or she needs to order a cap and gown ASAP. Seniors who do not have a cap and gown will not be allowed to participate in commencement. You can order online at <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/2121457/Mifflin-County-High-School/> or by calling 717-249-8218. Please check with your child's school counselor if you have any questions.

Course Registration: Course Registration for school year 2024-25 begins this month:

- Course registration for next school year will be open in Skyward from March 8-March 22. School Counselors will be in social studies classes March 1-March 8 to go over academic opportunities students can take advantage of next year (i.e. co-op, new courses, early college courses, etc.). Students in 10th and 11th grade at MCHS will need to make sure they enter their course requests into Skyward on their own time.
- Please contact your student's school counselor if you have questions:
 - 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

Scholarship Information: The MCHS Local Scholarship Guide is now posted on the MCSD and MCHS websites. Local scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office at this time. There are scholarships available for students going on to a 4 year college/university, a 2 year college, or a trade/technical program. Please encourage your seniors to stop by the Guidance Office to pick up applications.

SAT: The SAT will be offered at Mifflin County High School March 9. If your student is registered to take the SAT on this date, he or she will need to make sure they arrive at MCHS on March 9 by 7:45 AM to make sure they get into the right room and to be ready to start the test. The exam is now digital, so they will need to make sure they bring their charged device to the testing site—the device should be the one they indicated

they would use when they registered. And, they will need to make sure they have the Bluebook app downloaded on it. Please reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions.

Key Club Clothing Drive

Key Club and the Life Skills classrooms are sponsoring a clothing drive that will directly benefit the students of MCHS. Any donations of gently used clothing and shoes will be collected for students to access when in need.

Please bring donations to Mrs. McElwain's room (A301) throughout the day between February 26th and March 22nd.



Fourth Annual Husky Choral Festival

The 4th Annual Husky Choral Festival will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The festival will include all choral groups in grades 5-12 in the Mifflin County School District. There will be a concert that is free and open to the public beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the M.C.H.S. Auditorium.

The following students qualified for Regional Choir, which will be held March 6-8 at Somerset High School. In this next round of auditions, students must place in the top four seats in their respective sections in order to advance to the All-State level.

Soprano I

Cora Hartzler
Ava Kelly

Alto I

Addison Miknis
Dayna Zeiders

Alto II

Breanna Forshey
Rachael Saldubehere
Summer Shuey

Tenor II

Isaac Curry

Bass I

Alexander Garner
Max Persing
Malachi Snyder
Giovanni Zannino

Jeffrey Webb from the University of Pitt-Johnstown will conduct the concert Friday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

MiniTHON Spaghetti Dinner

MCHS Mini-Thon will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 15th in the MCHS commons. The dinner will run from 5-7 p.m. and the cost is \$10. Dinner will include spaghetti, a roll, tossed salad, a drink and dessert.

Mini-THON

Spaghetti

Dinner



*When: March 15th 5:00-
7:00 pm*

Where: MCHS Commons

Cost: \$10 per meal

*Meals consist of: spaghetti, a roll, tossed
salad, a drink, and dessert*

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 the student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to AUGUST 29, 2024, the student will be excluded from school until either compliance is documented 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

- March 4 – First Day of Spring Sports
- March 6 - Region III Choir Festival at Somerset High School
- March 7 - Region III Choir Festival at Somerset High School
- March 8 - Region III Choir Festival at Somerset High School
- March 8 - 22 - MCHS Course Registration Open
- March 9 - SAT Exam
- March 15 – Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- March 19 - 4th Annual Husky Choral Festival – 7:00pm
- March 22 - MCHS Course Registration Closes
- March 29 – Good Friday – No School for Students
- 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 21 - Academy Awards Night at MCHS - 7:00 p.m.
- May 22 – Keystone Exam: Algebra
- May 23 - Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 24 - Keystone Exam: Makeup Session
- May 24 - Laptop Collection in Homerooms - 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day – No School for Students

- May 30 - MCHS Awards Assembly - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- May 31 – Locker Cleanout in Morning Homerooms
- May 31 - Seniors Last Day/Senior Class Meeting (caps and gowns distributed to seniors) - 1:30 p.m.
- June 3 - Indoor Graduation Practice (8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym)
- June 3 - Baccalaureate – 7:00 p.m.
- June 4 - Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Mitchell Field)
- June 5 - Outdoor Graduation Practice (9:00 a.m. at Mitchell Field)
- June 5 – 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 5 - Graduation Ceremony (6:00 p.m. at Mitchell Field)
- June 5 – Designated Make-Up Day #4
- June 6 - Graduation Ceremony (rain date)



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.

