

New Student Orientation Guide



Mifflin County Middle School Grades 6-7 2025-26

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MCMS Bell Schedules

MCMS Bell Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:08 – 9:09
2	9:12 – 10:00
3	10:03 – 10:51
A Lunch (6th Grade)	
Lunch	10:54 – 11:24
4 (4B)	11:27 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:06
B Lunch (6th & 7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:42
Lunch	11:45 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:06
C Lunch (7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:42
5 (5A)	11:45 – 12:33
Lunch	12:36 – 1:06
6	1:09 – 1:57
7	2:00 – 2:50
Student Dismissal 2:50 2:50 First Run/walkers/pickups 2:52 Second Run 2:54 Third Run	

2 Hour Delay Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	10:08 – 10:51
A Lunch (6th Grade)	
Lunch	10:54 – 11:24
4 (4B)	11:27 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:06
B Lunch (6th & 7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:42
Lunch	11:45 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:06
C Lunch (7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:42
5 (5A)	11:45 – 12:33
Lunch	12:36 – 1:06
6	1:09 – 1:32
7	1:35 – 1:58
2	2:01 – 2:24
3	2:27 – 2:50
Student Dismissal 2:50 2:50 First Run/walkers/pickups 2:52 Second Run 2:54 Third Run	

3 Hour Delay Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	11:08 – 11:19
A Lunch (6th Grade)	
Lunch	11:21 – 11:51
4 (4B)	11:54 – 12:42
5 (5B)	12:45 – 1:33
B Lunch (6th & 7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	11:21 – 12:09
Lunch	12:12 – 12:42
5 (5B)	12:45 – 1:33
C Lunch (7th Grade)	
4 (4A)	11:21 – 12:09
5 (5A)	12:12 – 1:00
Lunch	1:03 – 1:33
6	1:36 – 2:12
7	2:15 – 2:50
Student Dismissal 2:50 2:50 First Run/walkers/pickups 2:52 Second Run 2:54 Third Run	
*Periods 2 & 3 will not meet on a 3-hour delay schedule.	

MCMS Bell Schedules

12:15 Dismissal Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:08 – 9:09
2	9:12 – 10:00
3	10:03 – 10:30

A Lunch (6th Grade)

Lunch	10:33 – 11:03
4 (4B)	11:06 – 11:36
5 (5B)	11:39 – 12:15

B Lunch (6th & 7th Grade)

4 (4A)	10:33 – 11:03
Lunch	11:06 – 11:36
5 (5B)	11:39 – 12:15

C Lunch (7th Grade)

4 (4A)	10:33 – 11:03
5 (5A)	11:06 – 11:42
Lunch	11:45 – 12:15

*C Lunch students will be dismissed directly from the cafeteria.

Student Dismissal Begins 12:15
12:15 First Run/walkers/pickups
12:17 Second Run
12:19 Third Run

1:15 Dismissal Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:08 – 9:09
2	9:12 – 10:00
3	10:03 – 10:51

A Lunch (6th Grade)

Lunch	10:54 – 11:24
4 (4B)	11:27 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:15

B Lunch (6th & 7th Grade)

4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:42
Lunch	11:45 – 12:15
5 (5B)	12:18 – 1:15

C Lunch (7th Grade)

4 (4A)	10:54 – 11:46
5 (5A)	11:49 – 12:42
Lunch	12:45 – 1:15

*C Lunch students will be dismissed directly from the cafeteria.

Student Dismissal Begins 1:15
1:15 First Run/walkers/pickups
1:17 Second Run
1:19 Third Run

MCMS Calendar of Events 2025-26

- August 14 - New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m.
- August 15 - Family Access Enabled at 3:00 p.m.
- August 25 - First Day of School for Students
- August 29 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- September 1 - Labor Day - No School for Students
- September 18 - Picture Day
- September 18 - Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.
- October 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- November 5 - Picture Make-ups and Retakes
- November 11 - Veterans' Day - No School for Students
- November 25 - K-12 Parent Conferences 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- November 26 - In-Service - No School for Students
- November 27 through December 1 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
- December 1 – No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #1
- December 9 – Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- December 22 through January 2 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #2
- January 30 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- February 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- February 16 - Presidents' Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #3
- March 13 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- April 3 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 6 - Easter Break - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #4
- May 12 – Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 25 - Memorial Day - No School for Students
- May 29 - Last Day of School for Students - Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Grades 8-12 at 12:30 p.m.
- June 1 - Designated Make-Up Day #5
- June 2 - Designated Make-Up Day #6

2026 Testing Windows

PSSA

- English Language Arts – April 20, 21, and 22 – April 23 Make-up
- Math – April 27 and 28– April 29 Make-up

Marking Periods

- First Marking Period: August 25 to October 24, 2025
- Second Marking Period: October 27, 2025 to January 16, 2026
- Third Marking Period: January 20 to March 24, 2026
- Fourth Marking Period: March 25 to May 29, 2026

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Breakfast – FREE for all MCSD students for 2025-2026

Lunch \$3.10 (FREE for both free and reduced-price eligible students)

Positive Attendance Procedures 2025-26

Students at MCMS will be verifying attendance as they enter the building using check-in kiosks.

Students will scan their ID badge barcode or type their student ID number on a kiosk.

This is similar to the process used for purchasing lunch and/or signing in or out of the building for appointments.

Kiosks will be located in the cafeteria (parent drop-off area), in the auditorium lobby (bus drop-off area), and in the office.

This is a system that will help us create a more secure environment where we will be able to confirm attendance as soon as students enter the building. Teachers will then verify the attendance in first period and notify the office of any discrepancies.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up

- During school hours (after 8:08 a.m.) students should be dropped off and/or picked up at the front office. If a student has already submitted an excuse for an early dismissal, a parent/guardian does not have to come into the building to pick up his or her student. Students are able to sign themselves in and out with an excuse signed by a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians may either pick up students in the office or they may call and students will be sent out to meet the parent/guardian after their identity has been verified.
- Before and after school, **students are to be dropped off and/or picked up at the cafeteria parking lot next to the athletic practice fields. Students will enter and exit through Door #17 into the cafeteria.** Students should not be picked up at the auditorium parking lot. This lot is for buses only.

School Counseling Services

What do counselors help with?

Personal Problems

Personal Problems can affect your attitude and school performance. Your school counselor can talk to you about these issues. They can also help with referrals to agencies outside of school.

Social Issues

A student's social life can also get in the way of school success. Your school counselors can teach you social skills that will help in everyday situations. Counselors also work to prevent bullying and facilitate mediations.

Academics

Middle School is a big change for students. Your counselors can help you with organizational and study skills, alert you and your parents to academic problems, and assist you in finding the extra help you need to succeed.

SAP

For students who are struggling with bigger mental health issues or family concerns, please consider referring your child to the SAP program. For more information, please talk to your child's counselor or visit the SAP web page: <https://mcms67.wixsite.com/schoolcounseling/parent-resources>

How do counselors help?

No problem is too big or too small! Don't be afraid to come to the guidance office for help. We can't help if we don't know! Remember, we are your advocate. We are here to help you!

Mrs. Jane Foor and Mr. Andy McCardell are the MCMS school counselors. Mrs. Foor is the 6th grade counselor, and Mr. McCardell is the 7th grade counselor. Our counselors stay with their cohort of students for two years so they can get to know their students and families better.

Contact Information

MCMS Guidance Website

<https://mcms67.wixsite.com/schoolcounseling>

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Guidance Secretary

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Mr. Andy McCardell

7th Grade Counselor

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Mrs. Jane Foor

6th Grade Counselor

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Courses/Extra-Curriculars

- **6th Grade Courses**
 - Math
 - ELA
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Music (1 Semester 3 days/cycle) and Health (1 Semester)
 - Computer (2 days/cycle), Phys. Ed. (2 days/cycle), Study Hall (2 days/cycle)
- **7th Grade Courses**
 - Math
 - Algebra I
 - ELA
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Computer (2 days/cycle), Phys. Ed. (2 days/cycle), Art (3 days/cycle), Study Hall (2 days/cycle)
- **Extra-Curriculars**
 - Band, Choir, Clubs, Activities, and Jr. High Sports for 7th grade

Google Classroom

Google Classroom and Class Dojo are both popular tools used in schools, but they serve different purposes and have distinct features. As a middle school parent familiar with Class Dojo, you may find Google Classroom to be more academically oriented, while Class Dojo continues to support engagement and behavior tracking. Below is a comparison to help you understand the differences:

Feature/Aspect	Google Classroom	Class Dojo
Purpose	Learning Management System (LMS)	Classroom Management and Communication Tool
Assignments & Grading	Full functionality for creating, distributing, and grading assignments	Not designed for academic assignments; focuses on behavior and engagement
Communication	Announcements and academic discussions	Real-time behavior updates, photos, and announcements
Parent Engagement	Limited to academic updates and announcements	Strong focus with direct communication and updates

Lockers

Students are encouraged to use their lockers throughout the day. Below are steps for opening your locker. We encourage you to review these with your student.

1. Clear the lock by turning several times clockwise and then stop on the first number of your combination.
2. Next, turn counterclockwise passing the second number once and stopping on it the second time around.
3. Lastly, turn clockwise and stop at the last number. Lift the handle to open the locker door.

*HINT: Stop directly on the numbers of the combination or it may not open.

From the Nurse's Office

6th Grade Vaccinations and Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a completed physical examination with the student's healthcare provider from up to one year prior to the first day of school this year or at any time during the sixth-grade year. A copy of the child's immunization record must be completed and turned in with the physical. Students may request physical examination forms in the school nurse's office, or they can be downloaded and printed from the district's webpage.

As a friendly reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any prescriptions or over-the-counter medications on their persons during school hours. The only medications students may carry with a physician's order are epi-pens, diabetic supplies, or 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 Nurse Staub at **717-248-1401 ext. 6509** or email at jjs20@mcsdk12.org if your child needs to take any medication at school.

Please call or email the MCMS 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. Please also keep in mind, morning medications should be given at home.

**** The exclusion date for 7th grade students not compliant with immunizations is September 4th.**

7th Grade Dental: The school nurse will accept a dental form dated from up to one year prior to the school start date or anytime during their seventh-grade year. It is a state requirement that every student in 7th grade must have a dental exam. Dental forms can be picked up in the nurse's office or downloaded from the district's webpage.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025-2026

SIXTH GRADE

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Students</u>
Mr. Garner	103	Adlon – Bedlyon
Ms. Laky	116	Bender – Bumgardner
Mr. Whited	118	Burdge – Conner
Mr. Yerger	120A	Cramer – Dunn
Mr. Mills	120B	Earnest – Fultz
Mr. Sunderland	207	Gaisor – Hagerty
Mrs. Hartman	209	Hamilton – Hostetler
Mr. Himes	211	Houp – Karschner
Ms. Mowery	213	Kauffman – Lerch
Mr. Baublitz	302	Lewis – McTavish
Mrs. Yu	306	Merritt-Noll – LeFevre
Mrs. Runk	402	Oaks – Pully
Mrs. Donaldson	404	Queen – Santiago
Mr. Willow	405	Savitts – Sizer
Mr. Jones	406	Smeltz – Swarey
Ms. Lewis	407	Swartz – Vork
Mrs. Aiello	426	Wagner – Wilson
Mrs. Demmo	433	Wilt – Zook

SEVENTH GRADE

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Students</u>
Mr. Palopoli	201	Abdel-Salam – Berry
Mr. McKelvey	203	Blessing – Carper
Ms. Elsesser	204A	Carpenter – Demskie
Mr. Wriglesworth	205	Diehl – French
Mrs. Wozniak	208	Fry – Harris
Mrs. Weaver	304	Hartzler – Irvin
Mrs. J. Smith	308	Jackson – Lauver
Mrs. Kratzer	420	Lawson – Metzler
Mr. Baker	424	Miller – Parkes
Miss A. Haines	425	Parson – Randolph
Mr. Hetrick	427	Reed – Shank
Mr. Wagner	428	Shawver – Suydam
Mrs. M. Haines	430	Swan-Colbert – Wagner
Miss Fosselman	431	Walker – Wilson
Mr. Miller	432	Wiser – Zong

Character Traits for 2025-26

Responsibility – Demonstrate that you consider yourself to be accountable for your actions and that you follow through on your commitments.

Honesty – Be truthful in all you do and never deceive, steal, or take advantage of the trust of others.

Respect – Show consideration and regard for yourself, others, and the world around you.

Optimism – Strive to be hopeful and positive in your beliefs about yourself, others, and the future.

**Remember our PBIS motto
and Run with the **PACK**:**

Be Res**P**ossible
Act **S**Afely
Have **C**haracter
Ma**K**e a Difference

