



Mifflin County Junior High



Husky News

November 2025

Together, We Are Thankful

This November, we celebrate not only the progress our students are making but also the sense of unity that defines our school. When we work together — families, staff, and students — we create something truly special. Thank you for helping make our school a place of care, connection, and purpose.

Let's continue to support one another, strive for excellence, and continue to "Run with the P.A.C.K" as we take on the school year ahead— together.

Policy 105.1

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.

Important Dates

- November 5- Winter Sports Registration Deadline
- November 11- Veteran's Day- No School
- November 12- 8th Grade Academy Presentations at MCHS
- November 24- Parent Conferences
(4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m)
- November 25- Parent Conferences
(4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m)
- November 26-December 1- Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 26- Parent Conferences
(8:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.)
- December 22, 2025-January 2, 2026- Christmas Vacation

[Full 2025-26 School Calendar Click Here](#)

MEDICATION POLICY

“Over-the-Counter Medication forms will be handed out to students. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child does not submit the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the nurse's office. As a reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops, or anything else that is used for medicinal purposes. Any medication required to be taken at school MUST be transported to school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied by a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off. If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.”

MCJH on Social Media
Click Icons for link



[mifflin_county_jh](https://www.mifflin-county-jh.org)



Find us on
Facebook

[Mifflin County Junior High School -
@MifflinCountyJH](https://www.mifflin-county-jh.org)

Students of the Month



Aimeelynn Navarria



Kolt Dixon



Vivian Koenig



Brody Williams

Leaders of the Pack



Alex Fate



Cooper Rankin



Pablo Santiago



Relayna DeArment



Run with the P.A.C.K.



Be ResPonsible

Act SAfely

Have Character

MaKe a Difference

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Thank you for an amazing month! October was full of fun events for our students and our PBIS Student team, including attending the PBIS Student Summit at Juniata College. The student team also helped run a tie-dye event with Communities that Care and PAWSitive Vibes! We also ran our first pep assembly to celebrate the end of the first marking period! November is full of fun opportunities to get involved as well. Here's a look at what's happening this month:

Important Dates & Events

- **October 27** – *Reading Challenge Begins!*
- **October 27** - *Begin 2nd MP raffle - JBL earbuds*
- **November Raffle** –
 - *Movie Theatre Basket - featuring gift cards, yummy treats, and cozy pals*

This Month's PBIS Focus: Have Character:

Throughout November, our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is emphasizing *Character*. Students will practice behaviors that exhibit Integrity, honesty, and trustworthiness. Families, please join us in reinforcing this value at home! Please talk with your students about what it means to Have Character!

We are looking forward to a successful November filled with teamwork, school spirit, and positive energy. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students "Run with the Pack"!

With appreciation,
Mifflin County PBIS Team

PBIS Assembly



Husky Student Spotlight

At Mifflin County Junior High, we strive to highlight student successes inside and outside the classroom and on the sports field. Students who are going above and beyond in their community will be recognized for all that they are doing.

In the month of November, MCJH would like to shout out **Faith Garland!** Faith, along with her brother Gideon Garland (12th grade) and friend Mary Kanagy (12th grade), has a band titled Simple Melodies and has produced an album titled *Runner's Heart*. *Runner's Heart* is available to listen to on all streaming platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music. *Runner's Heart* consists of 7 songs, with Faith mainly performing backup vocals, while Mary and Gideon provide main vocals and Instruments. Support our students and give their new album a listen!



Trunk or Treat



Mrs. Stine's Science Creations

Students are using the scientific method to prove which brand of dishwashing detergent will produce the largest bubble. The students had to write and carry out their own scientific investigation.



Ms. Kelsi Newman from Juniata College Science in Motion while she gave a Liquid Nitrogen Demonstration. Students were able to see the properties of liquid nitrogen and discuss phase changes.



Homelessness Awareness Month - November 2025

Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Week recognizes and brings awareness to the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the education needed to provide stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness across Pennsylvania. 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.

To date for the 2025/2026 school year, Mifflin County School District has identified 98 students that are doubled up living with other families, living at the homeless shelter or living in campers/RVs.

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 Thursday, November 20th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness on Red Shirt Day on Friday, November 21st.

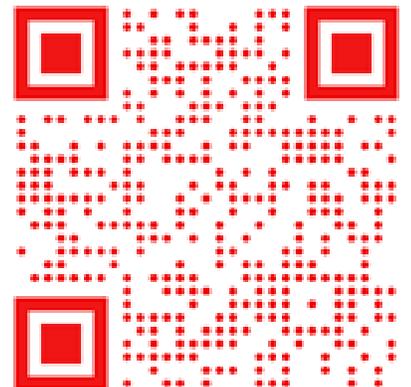
If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to either of our district's homeless liaisons:

Nicole Frazier, LSW

717-250-0414; nrf56@mcsdk12.org

Kaitlin Marshall, LSW

717-250-2423; kjm07@mcsdk12.org



United Way Food Drive



UNITED WAY

Mifflin Juniata

Let's Fill the Shelves Together!

SUPPORT THE UNITED WAY OF MIFFLIN JUNIATA FOOD DRIVE TODAY



United is the Way we can address the food benefit loss and food insecurity that is affecting so many in our community.

We are hosting a food drive to collect essential items for local food banks. Every donation will bridge the gap as we walk through this time of Government shutdown and State budget impasse.

What We're Looking For:

- Canned and boxed food items—only
- Non-perishable snacks, cereals, and grains
- Baby food and formula

Where to Donate

Drop-off Location

13 East Third Street Lewistown,
PA 17044

Collection Dates

November 3 - 24 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Learn more at

717-248-9636

Veterans Day Project

Mrs. Leonard's classes recently completed a Veterans Day service project. Students had the opportunity to write and decorate letters that will be included with meals distributed by Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital to 800 area veterans.



Ski Club

The deadline to join the Ski Club is November 30th, 2025. In order to be considered part of the club, you need to have:

- 1) Registered with Tussey Mountain
- 2) Joined Google Classroom- Complete the required forms.
- 3) Submit the checklist, including a parent's signature- Provide the transportation fee

The checklist and transportation fee can be turned in to Mrs. Hopple in room 209. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hopple at mch14@mcsdk12.org.

Math Lab

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays

7:30-8:00 a.m.

Room 122



After School Tutoring

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, and

Thursdays

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 124



Yearbook

The cost of the yearbook is \$37 and will go up throughout the year. The next price hike will take effect on November 15, and the cost will be \$40 at that time.



To Order a Yearbook Use the QR Code or click the link below:

[Josten's Yearbook Link](#)

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

ORDER BY:

11/14/2025

Topurchaseonline,go to
jostensyearbooks.com.

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE! RESERVE YOUR COPY BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 TO SAVE! Yearbook orders placed after November 14 will be \$40. Interested in using a free 4-month payment plan (Afterpay), or in purchasing via credit card, debit card, online banking, Apple Pay, PayPal or Venmo? Please visit Jostens.com or call 877-767-5217. Would you rather pay in school? Please return your completed order form and exact cash or check made payable to MCJHS Yearbook to Ms. Corson in Room 154. Thank you for your support of the Mifflin County Junior High Yearbook!



STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

YEARBOOK

\$37.00



STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$10.00

NAME

(29 characters max.)



STEP 3: ADD ICONS* FOR \$5.00 EACH

* Important: To add icons, you must first purchase personalization in Step 2.

Enter the 4-digit icon code from the chart below into the boxes provided.

Icon 1	Icon 2
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Icon 3	Icon 4
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5236	5985	6086	6187	6288	9005	5701	5702
5011	5238	5239	5019	9050	5015	5240	5022
5982	5001	5002	5003	5004	5005	5006	5008
5009	5010	5130	5582	5583	5584	5585	5980
5981	5586	9001	9007	9025	9006	5013	5014
5258	5241	5360	5242	5025	5592	5362	5363
5364	5365	5247	5587	5588	5589	FFA 5590	9042
9051	5023	5255	5256	5257	5012	5366	5367
5253	5018	5021	5591	9036	9037		

If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.



STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER

Student Name: _____
 Grade: _____
 ID#: _____
 Homeroom: _____
 Contact Phone: _____
 Contact Email: _____

	Price	Quantity	Total
Enter Your Package Price			
Personalization	\$10.00		
Icon(s) ea.	\$5.00 x QTY		
Clear Protective Cover	\$5.00		
Photo Pockets	\$5.00		
Donate a Yearbook	\$37.00		
World Beat	\$5.00		
Subtotal			
TOTAL			

YAY! THANKS FOR ORDERING!





[SCAN NEW QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CARD!](#)

- Points are awarded to your school every time you shop and are converted to CASH for your school.
- Please share our QR code with your friends/family so they can help us earn points!
- Eligible points from the beginning of the year will be added retroactively, so you can register anytime.
- More information is located on the MCJH website under the Assist MCJH tab.

2024-2025 TOTAL: \$1,068.29

Box Tops For Education MCJH

MCJH receives rewards from Box Tops, a digital receipt-scan app that is free and available for download on the App Store or at Google Play.

More information is located on the MCJH website under the Assist MCJH tab.

CURRENT REWARD TOTAL: \$75.10!

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



[PBIS Student Rewards](#)

- PBIS Store will be open daily 7:30-8:00 a.m. & 3:15-3:30 p.m.
- Use rewards app to order items, then pick up items at the store.
- Keep watching for drawings that will be happening throughout the school year!

Husky Resources

At Mifflin County Junior High School, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all students. To support this goal, we ask that families review the Student Handbook for Secondary Education, which outlines important policies, expectations, and guidelines. <https://www.mcsdk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Secondary-Education-Student-Handbook-2024-2025-Rev-3-5-25.pdf>. We encourage parents and guardians to read through the handbook with their student to ensure everyone is familiar with school rules, attendance policies, and behavior expectations. Please note that as policy updates occur, the Student Handbook may be revised accordingly.



Mifflin County Junior High is committed to maintaining a positive and responsive school environment. If you have a concern or complaint about Board policy and procedures, programs, personnel, operations or facilities, concerns should be addressed directly with the teacher, staff member or administrator involved. Many issues can be resolved through open and respectful communication. More information on complaint procedures is provided in Policy 906 of the MCSKD Policy Manual. <https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/miff/Board.nsf/Public#>

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Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The MCJH 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 K12, please contact an administrator, school counselor, or school nurse.

Guidance

Ms. Kristine Johnston and Mrs. Lisa Kile are the MCJH school counselors. Mrs. Kile is responsible for students with last names A-K, and Ms. Johnston is responsible for students with last names L-Z. Please contact your student's guidance counselor if you have any concerns throughout the school year.

Mrs. Lisa Kile - lak28@mcsdk12.org

Ms. Kristine Johnston - kaj15@mcsdk12.org

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Family Access

- Family Access is an excellent resource to keep up to date on your student's academic progress, and we encourage you to access it regularly.
- If you need login information, please call Mrs. Bulick, the guidance secretary, at 717-248- 5441 extension 7506 for assistance.
- If you are having problems accessing busing information, online attendance, etc., tutorials can be found on the MCSD website by following the instructions below:
 - Open web browser and type URL <https://www.mcsdk12.org/>
 - From the menu, click STUDENTS/PARENTS
 - Click link TECH TUTORIALS
 - Scroll to location FAMILY ACCESS