

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

MCSD

Home of the Huskies

January 2026

MCHS News is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents/guardians 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/guardians 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.mcscdk12.org/mchs/> or contact the high school office at:

717-242-0240 = Main Office

717-447-2600 = Fax

2025-2026 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.10
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00**
Secondary Breakfast	\$0.00*
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.00*
Milk-Skim, 1%, Flavored	\$0.70

*No charge for breakfast through the State's Free Breakfast Initiative

**No charge for reduced-price lunch through the State's Free Lunch for Reduced Eligible Students Initiative

Extra/A-la-carte items are not included in the School Meal. They are sold separately at a-la-carte prices and can ONLY be purchased if a student has funds available in their account or cash to cover the cost at the time of purchase.

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Bell Schedules and Information for Weather Related Delays during the Winter Season: All students are required to attend their in-building classes at the appropriate times during delays or early dismissals. Please review the attached bell schedules to ensure proper arrival and departure times on days where bell-schedules may be altered. Additionally, procedures for cooperative education and flex-late arrival students are attached.

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."

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 p.m. 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.

From the Guidance Office

Class Dues: Students are required to pay class dues (\$10.00 per academic year) if they attend any of the dances at Mifflin County High School (Sadie's, Homecoming, Senior Dinner Dance, Prom). Dues are collected when a student purchases his or her ticket to the dance. Dues are **separate** from the price of the dance ticket. The dues are paid once a year--\$10.00 per year, NOT per dance. They can also be paid for an entire high school career--\$30.00 in total for all three years of high school. If your student does not plan on attending any of the dances during their high school career, dues are **not** required. Class dues can be paid in the guidance office.

Please check with your child's school counselor if you have any questions.

- Miss Stefanie Gilbert: srg09@mcsdk12.org; last names A-G
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Mrs. Brenna Goulstone: blg@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

Athletic News

- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- MCSD Students will receive free admission to all MCSD HOME events for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Check out the Athletics website for the most up to date information regarding Sports information.
- 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.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held on February 7th from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Mifflin County High School.

Tickets will be sold from January 19th - February 2nd. Tickets must be purchased during this time in room B318 (from Mr. Hepner), Second floor B wing (from Mr. Stine), or the Guidance office (from Mrs. McCarter). **No tickets will be sold after these two weeks, and tickets cannot be purchased at the door on the day of the dance.**

This is a Mifflin County High School dance for students in grades 10-12. Students bringing dates that are not current Mifflin County High School students will need to fill out the guest form before they purchase tickets. Tickets will be \$10.

From the Music Department

DISTRICT CHOIR

The following students were selected to represent Mifflin County High School at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District Choir Festival January 8-10, 2026. The festival is being hosted by Southern Huntingdon High School and will be directed by guest conductor Dr. Elizabeth Aragunde from Shippensburg University. There will be a public performance on Saturday, January 10 at Rosenberger Auditorium, Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts at Juniata College. The concert begins at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Soprano 1

Cora Hartzler
Ava Kelly

Soprano 2

Lia Barahona
Breanna Carmany
Annie Hartzler

Alto 1

Emmah Miller

Alto 2

Sierra Fultz
Sierra Scyoc

Tenor 1

Luke Fultz

Tenor 2

Michael Baumgardner

Bass 1

Carter Bratton
Max Persing
Wyatt Simonetti

Bass 2

Teagan Pisko
Kayden Rodriguez

From the Alpha Program

Stay Connected with the Alpha Program: Follow the Alpha Online Program on Facebook for important updates, student highlights, tips for success, and more! Whether you're full-time online or exploring hybrid options, our page is the place to stay informed and inspired. Follow us at **MCS D Alpha Program**.

2025–2026 Yearbook Preorder Information

The Mifflin County High School 2025–2026 yearbook preorder sale is now open. Please note that prices will increase throughout the year. This is a reminder that the first price increase for the 2025-2026 Mifflin County High school yearbook will take effect on 11/15/2025 and the last day to order at the discounted rate is 11/14/2025. Listed below are important dates for the 2025-2026 school year regarding yearbook pricing and deadlines.

Yearbooks may be ordered online at www.balfour.com or by turning in a completed order form and payment to Mr. Riden in Room A316.

Important Note: Students who participated in the yearbook fundraiser must order with a paper form and cannot place orders online.

Important Yearbook Dates & Prices

- 9/17/2025 - 11/14/2025: Yearbook cost will be discounted to \$60.00
- 11/15/2025 - 01/03/2026: Yearbook cost will be discounted to \$65.00
- 01/04/2026 and onward: Yearbook cost will increase to the full price of \$70.00
- 1/30/2026: Final count of the school yearbook order demand is placed (any sales after this date are limited to remaining inventory).
- 2/7/2026: Last date to purchase Senior Ads
- 2/28/2026: Last date to order Personalization
- 5/2/2026: Last day for Online Orders

Questions may be directed to Mr. Riden in Room A316 or by email at dmr57@mcsdk12.org.

Yearbook Senior Recognition Ads: Parents and guardians of seniors may now purchase Senior Recognition Ads for the yearbook. Ads may be designed and purchased online at www.balfour.com. Availability is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions, please contact Mr. Riden.

Yearbook Information for SENIORS ONLY

Senior Recognition Ads: Parents/guardians may go online to www.balfour.com to order and design senior ads for the yearbook. This can be done until **February 7, 2026**.

Questions?

Mr. Riden (dmr57@mcsdk12.org) for ordering a book/ad & fundraiser credit.

Mrs. Clancy-Burns (kc41@mcsdk12.org) for anything else!

MCHS Caring Closet

The Caring Closet is a school-based resource designed to help students in need. It provides essentials such as nonperishable food, hygiene products, seasonally appropriate clothing as well as formal attire. The goal is to support student well-being and reduce barriers to learning. Students can access the Caring Closet discreetly and respectfully.

Hours of Operation are:

Caring Closet: Monday through Friday at any time

Caring Closet Food Pantry: Fridays from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

From the Nurse's Office

Mrs. Brittney Grabill MSN, RN – Certified School Nurse

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Phone: 717-242-0240, Extension 8509

Mrs. Joy Moist LPN

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Phone: 717-242-0240, Extension 8518

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms were handed out during Homeroom on the first few days of school. If your child did not return a signed OTC Medication Form, the nurse's office is unable to provide your child OTC medication at school. Students may ask for new OTC Medication Forms in the nurse's office if needed.

If your child requires medication not provided on the OTC Medication Form, **ALL** other medication or items used for medicinal purposes requires an order from a licensed healthcare provider. A new physician or provider order must be resubmitted to the school nurse **EACH** school year before the school nurse can administer medications at school.

According to PA medication guidelines for schools, the **ONLY** medications that students may carry and self-administer are EpiPen autoinjectors, asthma inhalers, and diabetic supplies. *These three medications may only be self-carried and self-administered if a current physician order is on file in the nurse's office.*

Students ARE NOT permitted to carry any other medications on their person during school hours or school-sponsored activities. This includes cough drops, antibiotics, medicated creams and ointments, eye drops, or any items used for medicinal purposes.

Any medication that is required to be administered at school must be transported to and from school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult and accompanied with a physician order.

Prescription medications must be in a labeled prescription bottle. OTC medication should be in sealed, new packaging. No more than a 30-day supply will be stored in the nurse's office. All medications will be counted with the parent or designated adult.

Please make arrangements with Mrs. Grabill RN or Mrs. Moist LPN before delivering medication to MCHS. Front Office Staff are unable to accept medication from parents. Please call or email the MCHS School Nurses with questions regarding medications.

Mandated Health Screenings

The PA Division of School Health requires annual health screenings for school age students.

Growth, vision, and hearing screenings are scheduled at MCHS on November 17 through November 20, 2025. Please ensure your child attends school during this time and is wearing prescribed glasses, contacts, or hearing aids.

11th Grade Private Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, a driver's license physical (DL-180) 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 homepage (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form).

Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2024. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse's office by May 15, 2026.

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV): *Prior to your child's senior year, every student over the age of 16 years is required to have a dose of the MCV for entry into 12th grade.*

This dose is in addition to MCV given for entry into 7th grade. All incoming seniors enrolled in MCSD (including Alpha students) are required to submit proof of vaccination prior to their senior year. Religious and medical exemptions are also accepted.

Parents and guardians of 11th grade students, please make arrangements to have your child's 12th grade MCV completed this school year if your child is 16 years or older. Please submit proof of immunization or exemptions to the nurse's office prior to your child's senior year starting in August 2026. If your child is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempt prior at the start of their senior year (2026 – 2027), the student will be excluded from school until compliance is submitted.

Upcoming Events:

Mobile Dental Clinic – October 27, 2025 & April 28, 2025

See the School Nurses for consent forms and information.

11th Grade School Physicals – March 18, 2025

School physicals are performed by our school physician, Dr. C. Cooper, to fulfill the 11th grade physical requirements. Permission forms will be sent home in early 2026 if your child does not have a physician or provider. School physicals are conducted in the nurse's office, are non-invasive, and last approximately 10 minutes.

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.

Mifflin County School District Policy and School Board Information

Please visit the Mifflin County School District website for information regarding Board Policies, Agendas, and Minutes. Information on this site also includes the current school board members and school board meeting dates. Please visit the following link <https://www.mcSDK12.org/school-board/>.

Upcoming Dates 2025-26 School Year

- January 5 - Classes Resume
- January 8 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Southern Huntingdon
- January 9 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Southern Huntingdon
- January 10 - PMEA District 4 Choral Festival at Southern Huntingdon
- January 19 - School In Session - Make-Up Day for Snow Day 12/02/2025
- January 30- Act 80 Day
- February 7 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m.
- February 13 - Act 80 Day
- February 14 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- February 16 - Presidents' Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- February 20 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 6:00 p.m.
- February 21 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 6:00 p.m.
- February 22 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 1:00 p.m.
- February 27 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- February 28 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- March 1 - Drama Club Presents *The Addams Family* - 1:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- March 5 – Husky Choral Festival – Grades 5-12 – 7:00pm
- March 12 – Husky Choral Festival (Snow Date) – Grades 5-12 – 7:00pm
- March 12 - Field Trip: National Honor Society to Washington DC
- March 13 - Act 80 Day
- March 14 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- April 2 - Field Trip: Drama Club to New York City
- April 3 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 6 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 15 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 16 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 17 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 18 - Field Trip: TSA to Seven Springs for TSA State Conference
- April 25 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m. - Vehicle Promenade begins at 5:00 p.m.
- April 30 - Field Trip: LES Chemistry Carnival
- May 1 - Field Trip: LES Chemistry Carnival (Rain Date)
- May 2 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 3 - Spring Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 4 - Biology AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 5 - Chemistry AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 5 - U.S. Government and Politics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 6 - English Literature and Composition AP Exam - 8 a.m.
- May 7 - Statistics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 8 - Field Trip: Eco Day
- May 8 - Studio Art AP Exam - 8:00 p.m.
- May 9 – MiniTHON Beat Cancer Block Party – 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m.
- May 10 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 11 - Keystone Literature Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 11 - Calculus AB AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 11 - Calculus BC AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 12 - Keystone Literature Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 12 - Psychology AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.

- May 13 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 13 - English Language and Composition AP Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 13 - Physics C: Mechanics AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Keystone Algebra Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 14 - Computer Science Principles AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Thespian Induction - 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 - Keystone Algebra Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 15 - Computer Science A AP Exam - 12:00 p.m.
- May 15 - MCSD Jazz Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May 18 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 19 - Keystone Biology Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 20 - Keystone Biology Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- May 21 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 22 - Keystone Exam Make-up date - 8:00 a.m.
- May 25 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 29 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Commencement Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 PM Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 PM
- May 30 - Commencement - Back-Up Date - 6:00 p.m.
- June 1 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-Up Day #5

Mifflin County High School

Flex Late Arrival / Co-op Delay Attendance Procedures

STUDENT SCHEDULE	2 HOUR DELAY	3 HOUR DELAY
Flex Late Arrival/Co-op Arrive after period 1 Attend period 2	Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 2 by <u>10:44 AM</u> (beginning of period 2)	Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 4 or A Lunch by <u>11:10 AM</u> (periods 1-3 canceled)
Flex Late Arrival/Co-op Arrive after period 2 Attend period 3	Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 3 by <u>11:18 AM</u> (beginning of period 2)	Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 4 or A Lunch by <u>11:10 AM</u> (periods 1-3 canceled)

Co-op Leave after period 2	<p>Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 1 by <u>10:10 AM</u> (beginning of period 1)</p> <p>Sign out and depart MCHS at <u>11:14 AM</u> (end of period 2)</p>	<p><u>Do NOT report to MCHS</u></p> <p>Take attendance for the day be either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emailing Mrs. Ruble (jmg26@mcsdk12.org) from your student account. Write "Attendance" in the subject line. Email only needs to say "I am a co-op student. Please accept this as my attendance for today." 2. Calling Mrs. Ruble at (717) 242-0240 x 8517. Leave a voicemail if necessary with your full name and say that you are calling to take your attendance. <p>***Failure to email or call in attendance on a delay day will result in an unlawful absence and will be addressed according to the policies and procedures of the Mifflin County School District and MCHS.</p>
Co-op Leave after period 3	<p>Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 1 by <u>10:10 AM</u> (beginning of period 1)</p> <p>Sign out and depart MCHS at <u>11:48 AM</u> (end of period 3)</p>	
Co-op Leave after period 4	<p>Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 1 by <u>10:10 AM</u> (beginning of period 1)</p> <p>Sign out and depart MCHS at <u>12:52 PM</u> (end of period 4 or B lunch)</p>	<p>Arrive to MCHS, check in and report to period 4 or A Lunch by <u>11:10 AM</u> (periods 1-3 canceled)</p> <p>Sign out and depart MCHS at <u>12:40 PM</u> (end of period 4 or B lunch)</p>

MCHS BELL SCHEDULE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:10 – 9:10
2	9:14 – 10:05
3	10:09 – 11:00

A Lunch

Lunch	11:00 – 11:30
4 (4B)	11:34 – 12:25
5 (5B)	12:29 – 1:20

B Lunch

4 (4A)	11:04 – 11:55
Lunch	11:55 – 12:25
5 (5B)	12:29 – 1:20

C Lunch

4 (4A)	11:04 – 11:55
5 (5A)	11:59 – 12:50
Lunch	12:50 – 1:20

6	1:24 – 2:15
7	2:19 – 3:10

2 HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	10:10 – 10:40
2	10:44 – 11:14
3	11:18 – 11:48

A Lunch

Lunch	11:48 – 12:18
4 (4B)	12:22 – 12:52
5 (5B)	12:56 – 1:26

B Lunch

4 (4A)	11:52 – 12:22
Lunch	12:22 – 12:52
5 (5B)	12:56 – 1:26

C Lunch

4 (4A)	11:52 – 12:22
5 (5A)	12:26 – 12:56
Lunch	12:56 – 1:26

6	1:30 – 2:18
7	2:22 – 3:10

3 HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

Period Time
Students will report directly to
A Lunch or Period 4A.

A Lunch

Lunch	11:10 – 11:50
4 (4B)	11:54 – 12:40
5 (5B)	12:44 – 1:30

B Lunch

4 (4A)	11:10 – 12:10
Lunch	12:10 – 12:40
5 (5B)	12:44 – 1:30

C Lunch

4 (4A)	11:10 – 12:10
5 (5A)	12:14 – 1:00
Lunch	1:00 – 1:30

6	1:34 – 2:20
7	2:24 – 3:10

12:30 DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:10 – 8:39
2	8:43 – 9:12
3	9:16 – 9:45
A Lunch	
Lunch	9:49 – 10:18
4 (4B)	10:22 – 10:51
5 (5B)	10:55 – 11:24
B Lunch	
4 (4A)	9:49 – 10:18
Lunch	10:22 – 10:51
5 (5B)	10:55 – 11:24
C Lunch	
4 (4A)	9:49 – 10:18
5 (5A)	10:22 – 10:51
Lunch	10:55 – 11:24
6	11:28 – 11:57
7	12:01 – 12:30

1:30 DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	8:10 – 8:47
2	8:51 – 9:28
3	9:32 – 10:09
A Lunch	
Lunch	10:13 – 10:43
4 (4B)	10:47 – 11:24
5 (5B)	11:28 – 12:05
B Lunch	
4 (4A)	10:13 – 10:50
Lunch	10:54 – 11:24
5 (5B)	11:28 – 12:05
C Lunch	
4 (4A)	10:13 – 10:50
5 (5A)	10:54 – 11:31
Lunch	11:35 – 12:05
6	12:09 – 12:46
7	12:50 – 1:30