

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



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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/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.mcsdk12.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

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.

March SAT: The March SAT will be held at MCHS on Saturday, March 14. This is a digital exam, and registered students should bring their device with them to test. Doors will open at 7:30 AM, and the exam will begin promptly at 8 AM. Students will need to bring their approved photo ID, admission ticket, device to be used for testing, charger, snacks, and dress in layers. Please see your school counselor with any questions.

MCHS Local Scholarships: The Mifflin County High School local scholarships are being posted in the MCHS Guidance Office weekly. Seniors are encouraged to visit the Guidance Office regularly to see what scholarships they qualify and can apply for. The MCHS Local Scholarship Guide is posted on the MCHS website and in the MCHS School Counselors page (link can be found in the Students/Parents tab under "School Counselors"). Deadlines vary, so seniors are encouraged to check out these opportunities as soon as possible.

Course Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year: Course registration for the 2026-2027 school year will open in Skyward on March 12 and will close on March 31. School counselors will be giving presentations in Social Studies classes from February 27 - March 10 to explain what opportunities are available for students next school year. The PowerPoint used for these presentations is posted on the MCS/D/MCHS websites. When course registration opens in Skyward on March 12, students will see courses they've been recommended to take, and they will be able to choose courses they want to take for the upcoming school year. Please reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions.

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

- Spring Sports' First day of practice is set for March 2nd. Please check out the athletics website for more information regarding Spring Sports.
- Meet the Huskies for Spring Athletes will take place March 12, 2026 at Chapman Stadium beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.
- The Husky Club All-Sports Recognition Night will be May 19th in the MCHS Auditorium beginning at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.
- 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.

Student Parking Reminder

Parents and students are reminded to notify someone in the office or email Officer Greene if they forget their student parking pass, with the vehicle make, model and color they are driving. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Students are also reminded that student parking passes must be visible and displayed on the rearview mirror or dashboard. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Parking passes are available through Mr. Durn for \$50 and starting March 1st, parking passes are \$30. There are a limited supply of parking passes due to the construction. If you have any questions, you can contact Officer Greene at 717-242-0240 ext. 2599.

Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association Region III Choral Festival

M.C.H.S. recently had several students attend the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association Region III Choral Festival at Forest Hills High School. The festival took place from February 18-20. Students in attendance were:

SOPRANO 1

Cora Hartzler

Ava Kelly

SOPRANO 2

Lia Barahona

Breanna Carmany

Annie Hartzler

ALTO 1

Emmah Miller

BASS 1

Max Persing

Jacob Traxler

BASS 2

Teagan Pisko

Kayden Rodriguez

At this festival, students audition for All-State Choir and must rank in the top 4 in their respective sections in order to qualify. Many students ranked in the top ten and three will be moving on to All-States. The rankings are:

SOPRANO 1

Cora Hartzler-4

BASS 1

Max Persing-1

Ava Kelly-2

Jacob Traxler-5

SOPRANO 2

BASS 2

Lia Barahona-11

Teagan Pisko-21

Breanna Carmany-7

Kayden Rodriguez-8

Annie Hartzler-14

ALTO 1

Emmah Miller-7

Congratulations to Cora, Ava and Max for advancing to All-State Choir. They will represent M.C.H.S. April 22-24 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in the Poconos. Rehearsals will take place at Bangor High School with the final concert at the Kilimanjaro Ballroom at the resort.

2025–2026 Yearbook Preorder Information

The Mifflin County High School 2025–2026 yearbook preorder sale is now closed. Please note that the yearbook sale is now inventory only and first come first serve. Once the extra quantity ordered has been sold, sales online and in person will end. Prices of the yearbook are currently set at \$70.00. 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

- 1/30/2026: Final count of the school yearbook order demand was placed (all sales are now limited to remaining inventory).
- 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.

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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Mrs. Joy Moist LPN

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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 August 31, 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 on September 9, 2026.

Upcoming Events:

Mobile Dental Clinic – April 28, 2026 & October 29, 2026

See the School Nurse for consent forms and information.

11th Grade School Physicals – March 20, 2026

School physicals are performed by our school physician, Dr. C. Cooper, to fulfill the 11th grade physical requirements. Permission forms will be sent home on January 30, 2026, if you have not submitted an 11th grade physical examination for your child. School physicals are conducted in the nurse's office, are non-invasive, and last approximately 10 minutes.

Please return permission forms to the MCHS School Nurse's office by February 27, 2026.

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.

Complaint Procedures - 906

Mifflin County High School 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 MCSD Policy Manual.

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.mc SDK12.org/school-board/>.

Upcoming Dates 2025-26 School Year

- March 5 – Husky Choral Festival – Grades 5-12 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 12 – Husky Choral Festival (Snow Date) – Grades 5-12 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 12 - Field Trip: National Honor Society to Washington D.C.
- March 13 - Act 80 Day
- March 14 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- March 19 - NHS Induction Ceremony - 7:00 p.m.
- April 2 - Field Trip: Drama Club to New York City
- April 3 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 6 - Easter Break - School Now In Session from January 27, 2026
- 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 22 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- April 23 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- April 24 – All State Choir at Kalahari Convention Center
- 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 22 – MCHS Awards Assembly – Periods 1-3
- 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 p.m. Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 30 - Commencement - Back-Up Date - 6:00 p.m.
- June 1 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-Up Day #5