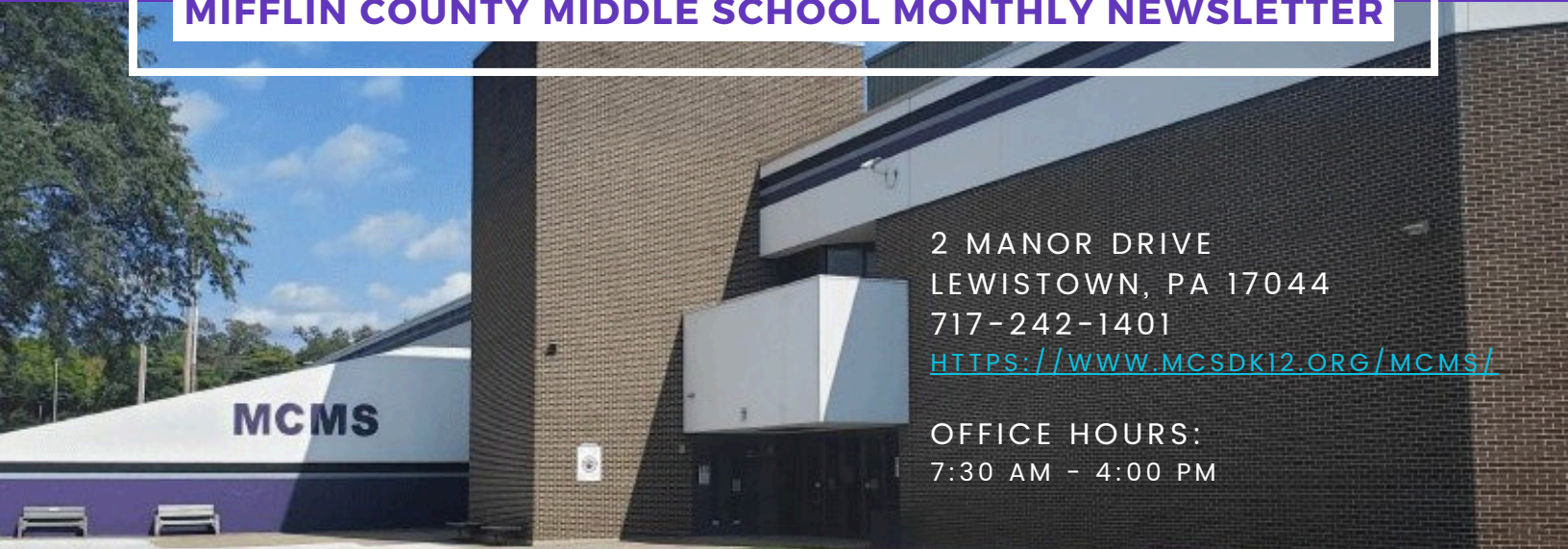


MAY/JUNE 2026

PACK POST

MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We're celebrating a fantastic year at MCMS! In this final edition of the *Pack Post* for this school year, you will find important updates about new student orientation, summer school registration, and events like Night of the Arts, Career Day, and the PBIS Year-End Celebration. We hope you and your families enjoy a safe and relaxing summer break.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

On **Friday, June 5, 2026**, the MCMS office will be closed. Beginning **June 8, 2026**, the MCMS office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION DATES

August 12 - MCJH New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 8th grade and new students in the MCJH gymnasium.

August 19 - MCMS New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 6th grade and new students in the MCMS auditorium.

FOLLOW MCMS ONLINE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MCMS Spring Choir Concert

Thursday, May 7, 2026
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Night of the Arts Showcase

Friday, May 8, 2026

6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. (two showings)
MCMS Drama Production in Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MCMS Spring Band Concert

Monday, May 25, 2026
Memorial Day

No School for Students

Friday, May 29, 2026

Last Day of School for Students
Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Report Cards Mailed

PBIS YEAR-END CELEBRATION ON MAY 27

Rain Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

On Wednesday, May 27, students will be spending part of their day outside for our PBIS Year-End Celebration. There are lots of fun activities planned for students to enjoy. In order to participate, students must show responsibility, demonstrate safety, have character, and make a difference. Since we will be outside, plan to bring weather-appropriate clothes, sunscreen, a towel, and a water bottle.



NEW MCMS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our MCMS HSA raffles and fundraisers — we truly appreciate your generosity! The HSA helps support our students through PBIS incentives and activities. Be sure to check the MCMS Facebook page and MCMS website for updates and information on upcoming raffles and ways to get involved.



PRIZE: A Family 4-Pack Pass to the Rec Park Pool, 4 beach towels, AND 2 All-Day Ride Passes to Knoebels - perfect for making sunny day memories! Only **50 chances available**. Entries are **\$15 each**. Once all chances are sold, a winner will be drawn and one lucky winner will enjoy poolside and amusement park fun with the whole family, so don't wait!

Every ticket purchased helps support MCMS HSA and the amazing programs we bring to our students and school community.

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKET HERE [🔗 CLICK TO PURCHASE →](https://square.link/u/422Wmhaw)
<https://square.link/u/422Wmhaw>

📍 Pickup: Winner can collect the prize at the Middle School office during school hours.

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Mifflin County Middle School 6th and 7th grade choirs will be presenting our annual Spring Concert on **May 5 at 7 p.m.** in the MCMS auditorium. This event is free to attend, and all are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of wonderful music with our hard-working and talented choir students.



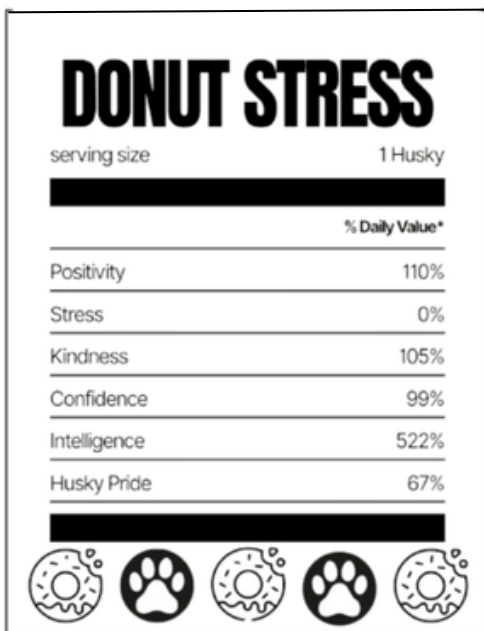
PACK POST EARNS HONORABLE MENTION FROM PENSPRA

We are proud to share that the *Pack Post* has been named a **2025 Honorable Mention** recipient in the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association Excellence in Education Communications Contest. This year's contest included more than 200 entries from across the state, making this recognition especially meaningful.

The award highlights the strong communication efforts between our school and families, as well as the commitment to keeping our community informed and connected. Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support in making the *Pack Post* a valuable resource for our school community.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US “DONUT STRESS” DURING PSSA SEASON!



Thank you to our families for supporting our schoolwide fundraiser this fall. Due to your generosity, we were able to provide every student with a “Donut Stress” PSSA T-shirt and host gift card raffles to recognize students for taking their time, using their tools, and demonstrating respectful, focused testing behaviors.

Students and staff (who were given the opportunity to purchase a shirt) proudly wore them on the first days of the ELA and Math assessments as a reminder that we are all in this together, doing our best. Your support helped us create a positive and encouraging testing environment for everyone! We thank you for supporting our students!

MCMS CAREER DAY

We're excited to announce that the **2026 Career Day** at Mifflin County Middle School will be held in the middle school gymnasium on **Friday, May 22, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

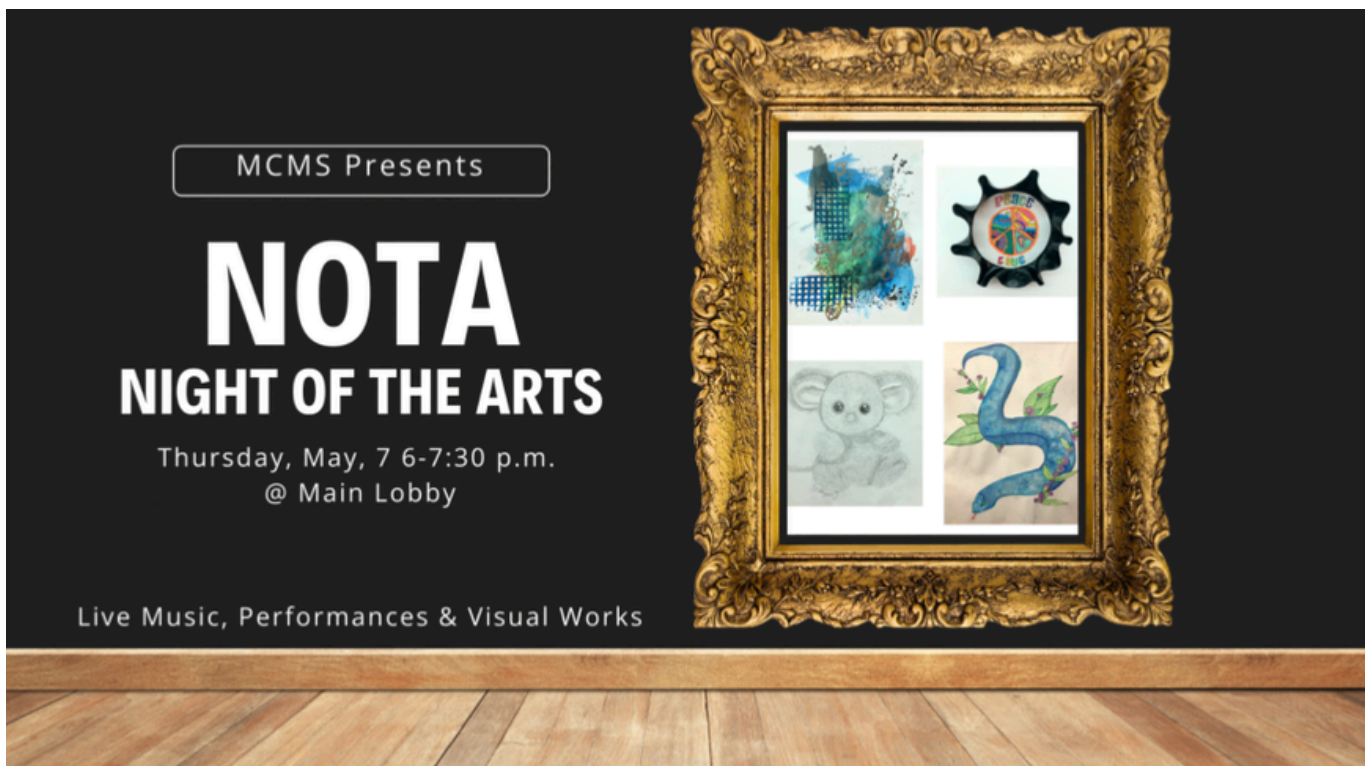
Career Day is designed to be a fun, engaging, and interactive experience for our students. Throughout the day, local businesses and organizations will have the opportunity to showcase their industries, share hands-on demonstrations, and talk with students about the many career pathways available right here in our community. Our goal is to help students begin connecting what they are learning in school to real-world opportunities and future goals. This event provides a unique opportunity for businesses to connect with hundreds of middle school students, spark curiosity, and inspire the next generation of workers, leaders, and innovators. We look forward to bringing our students and local businesses together for a day of exploration, inspiration, and future planning!

MCMS Career Day 2026 is part of Remake Learning Days. For complete information, see [the event link](#).

#RemakeDays #RemakeLearningDays



NIGHT OF THE ARTS



FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

As we head into the final weeks of school, warmer weather and thoughts of summer can make it harder for students to stay focused. Families can play a big role in helping students finish strong! Here are a few simple ways to keep your child engaged:

Get Outside

Take advantage of the nice weather after school: Go for a walk, visit a park, or eat dinner outside. This helps balance their need for fresh air while staying focused during the school day.



Keep the Conversation Going

Even if you get a quick “nothing” when you ask about school, keep asking! Talking about what they’re learning helps students stay mentally engaged.

Stick to Routines

Consistent bedtimes, homework time, and daily routines help students stay in “school mode” through the last day.

Reflect on the Year

Talk with your child about what they’ve learned and accomplished. Celebrating progress helps build confidence and motivation.

Stay Connected

Continue to communicate with teachers and attend end-of-year events. Your involvement shows your child that school matters.

Attendance Still Counts!

Every day matters. Being in school helps students stay connected, continue learning, and finish the year successfully.

2026 MCSD SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

WHO: Students in grades 6-12 who failed a course(s) during the 2025-2026 school year.

APPLICATIONS: The application process begins at the MCMS guidance office. The student's school counselor, Mrs. Foor (6th graders) jaf28@mcsdk12.org and Mr. McCardell (7th graders) alm21@mcsdk12.org, will help with determining eligibility for summer school. The counselor will also need to complete part of the registration form. Applications will be accepted through Monday, June 15; however, students may begin before the 15th, once an application is received and payment has been made.

DATES: In-person session days will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, June 16 and ending on Thursday, July 9. Attendance at the facility is not required to complete the coursework. Daily attendance is recommended, since staff members will be available during these hours to assist students.

COST: The cost of summer school is \$150.00. Payment must be made prior to a course becoming available to the student. Checks can be made out to "MCSD" and can be submitted when enrolling the student. Cash will also be accepted.

CURRICULUM: Most curricula will be self-paced online courses accessible 24/7 by the student. Some courses may also be offered as an independent study with a curriculum developed by the MCSD Summer School staff.

LOCATION: The Alpha classroom, Room C207, 2nd floor, "C" wing of the Mifflin County High School, will be the Summer School facility for students in grades 6-12. The Summer School entrance and exit are at Door 18 via the buzzer at the rear of MCHS.

COMMITMENT: Students must be aware of and adhere to all rules and regulations contained in the 2025-2026 MCSD Secondary Student Handbook and the 2026 Summer School Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION: All students must provide their own transportation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Mr. Christopher M. Gill, Alpha Program Coordinator, 717.447.2655 or 717.242.0240 ext. 7705, cmg29@mcsdk12.org
- Mrs. Suzi Bender, Online LMS Educator, 717.447.2655 or 717.242.0240 ext. 7717, slb24@mcsdk12.org

ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLY DURING SUMMER SCHOOL.

HUSKIES OF THE MONTH: APRIL

Congratulations to the April Huskies of the Month! These students were nominated and voted on by their teachers. HOTM is a program to recognize students with strong work ethic, good grades, no discipline referrals, and positive character. In other words, HOTM honors students who try their best every day!



March Huskies of the Month, from left, Jada Johnson (6th grade), Peyton Smith (6th grade), Jacob Hagemeyer (7th grade), Emma Peachey (7th grade), Brayden Bedlyon (6th grade), Adalyn Lutz (7th grade), Blake Cunningham (7th grade), and Izik Tate (6th grade).

LEADERS OF THE PACK: APRIL

Congratulations to the April Leaders of the Pack! These students were nominated and voted on by their teachers. Leaders of the Pack are students who model PACK expectations and positive character traits. The third marking period's character trait was **optimism**.



March Leaders of the Pack, from left, Lennan Sheaffer (6th grade), Raelyn Tate (7th grade), Liam Griffith (7th grade), Sophia Wray (7th grade), Rowan Abdel-Salaam (7th grade), Deagon Bolger (6th grade), Easton Smith (6th grade), and Nakia Osborne (6th grade).

MCMS ACADEMIC HELP 2025-2026

Need help with homework and studying?

Check out Early Bird or the Husky Homework Huddle!

Both of these programs are available for homework help all year long!



Before School Early Bird	Monday through Friday Library Mr. Hetrick and Mrs. Haines	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
After School Husky Homework Huddle	Tuesday and Thursday Room 203 Mr. McKelvey	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC NEWS

- Fall Sports Registration will opened May 1. Check out [the athletics website](#) for registration info.
- May 18 in the MCHS Auditorium will be our **collegiate/military recognition night** for all athletes continuing their athletic/military careers. We will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Husky Club All-Sports Recognition Night** will be May 19 in the MCHS Auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
- Senior Citizen, Active Military, and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. All passes are good for life.
- **MCSD students will receive free admission to all MCSD HOME events for the 2025-2026 school year!**
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our [athletic website](#) and by following [ArbiterLive](#).
- Check out our [MC Athletics' Facebook page](#) 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](https://www.geisinger.org/bigdreams).



FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



7th Grade Vaccination Requirements: The Pennsylvania Department of Health's School Health Program requires all 7th-grade students, *including those enrolled in the online Alpha Program*, to submit proof of obtaining the **Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV) and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Booster (Tdap)** to their School Nurse. Please submit documentation of immunizations to the School Nurse as soon as possible.

You may send a fax to 717-242-5805 (Attn School Nurse), scan records/take photos on phone and email them to Jennifer Staub, RN at jjs20@mcsdk12.org, or drop off records in the MCMS Main Office during school hours.

Please note: Non-compliant students will be excluded from school on September 9, 2026, and remain excluded until proof of compliance or an appropriate exemption is submitted to the School Nurse. Contact the MCMS Nurse's Office at 717-242-1401 ext. 6509 with questions.

6th Grade 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 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 (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms: Over-the-Counter Medication forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms were sent home in the First Day Packet and are also available in the nurse's office.

MCSD Medication Policy Reminder: As a friendly 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 used for medicinal purposes. 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.

Parents/guardians may drop off medications to the nurse's office during regular school hours, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 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 meds should be given at home.

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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	What is a Meal? Students must choose at least 3 of the 5 components available for the school lunch price. - Choice of Whole Grain - Choice of Protein - Choice of Vegetable - Choice of Fruit - Choice of Milk -A minimum ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable must accompany a reimbursable lunch. Choice of Vegetable May Include: Hot vegetable, leafy salad, composed bean salad, seasonal fresh vegetables Choice of Fruit May Include: Seasonal fresh fruits, canned fruit in light syrup, 100% fruit juice Choice of Milk May Include: White, Chocolate or Strawberry Alternatives May Include: Fresh Entree Salad of the Week Weekly Cold Cut Sandwiches & Wraps
Alternate: PBJ				Cycle Day 5	
				1 Toasted Pepperoni Pizza Flatbread Sandwich Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Peas Corn	
Alternate: Turkey & Cheese Wrap				Cycle Days: 6, 1, 2, 3, 4	
4 Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Wrap FEATURED VEGGIES Fries Green Peppers	5 Beef & Cheddar Nachos (Grande) Turkey & Cheese Wrap FEATURED VEGGIES Baked Beans Carrots	6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Wrap FEATURED VEGGIES Tomato Soup Corn	7 Chicken Parm Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Wrap FEATURED VEGGIES Green Beans Celery	8 Pizza Crunchers Turkey & Cheese Wrap FEATURED VEGGIES Peas Caesar Side Salad	
Alternate: Grilled Chicken				Cycle Days: 5, 6, 1, 2, 3	
11 Chicken Patty Grilled Chicken Salad w/ Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans	12 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Grilled Chicken Salad w/ Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Green Beans	13 Pasta & Meat Sauce / Breadstick Grilled Chicken Salad w/ Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks	14 Ham & Cheese Sub Grilled Chicken Salad w/ Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Baked Beans Caesar Side Salad	15 Cheese Pizza Grilled Chicken Salad w/ Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Fresh Broccoli	
Alternate: Chef's Choice				Cycle Days: 4, 5, 6, 1, 2	
18 Cheeseburger Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Baked Beans Cucumber Slices	19 Beef Soft Tacos w/Rice Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Carrots	20 Pancakes & Sausage Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Green Beans Tomatoes	21 Cheeseburger Tots (Beef & Cheddar Tots) Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Baked Beans	22 <u>Chef's Choice</u>	
Alternate: Chef's Choice				Cycle Days: 3, 4, 5, 6	
25 <u>No School Memorial Day</u>	26 <u>Chef's Choice</u>	27 <u>Chef's Choice</u>	28 <u>Chef's Choice</u>	29 <u>Chef's Choice</u> Have a Great Summer!!	
Your Team Bob DuFour--Food Service Director 717-248-0148 ext. 2514 ma1134@metzcorp.com or rd02@mcsdk12.org		Meal Prices Student Lunch \$3.10 Reduced Lunch \$.40			

Menu subject to change due to product availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



SECONDARY STUDENT HANDBOOK

At Mifflin County Middle 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. The handbook can be found [at this link](#). 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, there may be changes to the Student Handbook.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES - MCSD POLICY 906

Mifflin County Middle 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](#).

REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - MCSD 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.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES - MCSD POLICY 110

The building principal will be responsible to ensure that no student in the school is denied participation in any school program for financial reasons and that the privacy of each student is protected. The principal will use the guidelines of the free and reduced price lunch program to determine the ability of students to provide necessary school supplies. Parents/Guardians must complete the Application For Instructional Supplies and submit required documentation when requesting free instructional supplies for students. Please contact the principal for more information and to request the application.

MCSD 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/>.