

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.mcscdk12.org/mchs/> or contact the high school office at:

717-242-0240 = Main Office

717-447-2600 = Fax

MCHS Summer Office Hours

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that it is July and in less than two months, we will be back in school. I would like to share a couple of important notes with all of you:

1. MCHS Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2. Parking passes will go on sale in August. The exact date has not yet been determined. Information will be sent via Skyward Messenger at the end of July.
3. Students needing a worker's permit should call the high school and ask to speak to a secretary in the Guidance Office.
4. New Student Orientation - August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
5. Back to School Night - September 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

I hope you have a very relaxing summer and I am very excited to see all of the students and staff in August. Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email (ktc17@mcscdk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

Senior Portrait Information

Hello Class of 2027!

SAVE THE DATE! Appointments will soon be available for your senior photography session with @strawbridgestudiosinc! Senior portrait sessions will be available July 20th - 23rd at Mifflin County High School. You must sign up for a session in advance. **The sign up link will be posted & sent out the week of July 6th.**

Please also review the attached information for some guidelines for your appointment.

Senior Portraits Information July 20th - 23rd, 2026

- Signup for ONE session at the link provided
 - Sign up link was sent via email in mid June
- NO Cost
 - If you choose to purchase photos later, you may. But there is no cost to have your yearbook photo taken.
 - **Your photo MUST be taken at the high school to be included in the yearbook.**
- Dress nicely! Look classy!
 - Dress shirt, polo, dress, nice top etc.
 - No spaghetti straps please!
- There are more options than just the yearbook & cap/gown photo
 - Different backgrounds! You may bring a change of clothes for these!
- Can't make your appointment??
 - Call Strawbridge at (866) 624-6229
- Still have issues? Email Mrs. Clancy-Burns at kc41@mcsdk12.org



NOTE: Proofs will be emailed to the email address you provided within 3-4 weeks of Picture Day. You will need to select your preferred Yearbook pose from those proofs.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Clancy-Burns at kc41@mcsdk12.org.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Clancy-Burns

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 a ticket to the dance. Dues are separate from the price of the dance ticket. The dues are paid once a year — \$10.00, NOT per dance. They can also be paid for an entire high school career — \$30.00 total for all three years. If your student does not plan to attend any dances during his or her high school career, dues are not required. Class dues can be paid in the guidance office. 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 for and can apply for.

AP Exam Reimbursement: AP Scores will be available to students beginning on Monday, July 6th. They will get an email at the email address they provided in their My AP Account. Reimbursement forms for test scores of 3 or better are due in the Guidance office by **August 20, 2026**. Students must provide proof of their scores to receive reimbursement. Forms are available at MCHS in the guidance office if needed.

NCAA DIVISION I AGE-BASED ELIGIBILITY RULES: ELIGIBILITY 101

The link below gives additional information about the new eligibility rule:

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2026/6/23/ncaa-division-i-age-based-eligibility-rules-eligibility-101.aspx>

You've probably heard that the NCAA is now implementing a 5-year eligibility rule for all athletes. Student-athletes will now have 5 years of eligibility from the time they enroll in and begin attending a domestic or international school full-time. If they turn 19 after September 1, eligibility begins in the subsequent academic year. This eliminates the need to keep up with red shirts, etc. The 5 years run continuously. Below is how it will affect prospective student-athletes according to the NCAA Eligibility website:

Prospective student-athletes should pay close attention to both age and enrollment timing. Delaying college enrollment beyond age 19 may reduce the amount of Division I eligibility available. The new age-based rule is more predictable but less flexible. Eligibility will be based on defined rules and limited exceptions, rather than case-by-case waiver decisions. Remember that other [academic and athletics eligibility rules still apply](#).

Key takeaway: Plan your college enrollment timeline carefully, especially if you are considering a gap year, delayed enrollment or another nontraditional path after high school.

School Counselors at MCHS:

- Miss Stefanie Gilbert: srg09@mcsdk12.org; last names A-G
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Miss Brenna Goulstone: blg23@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

From the Alpha Program

Alpha Summer School: All Alpha Summer School coursework must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th. The Alpha classroom will be closed on July 2, 2026, for the 4th of July Holiday.

Alpha Program Enrollment: Students wishing to enroll in Alpha courses for the start of the school year must do so prior to the end of the day on Thursday, August 6th. Contact your school counselor to begin the process.

Athletic News

- Fall Sports Registration is OPEN. All athletes MUST have a physical dated May 1, 2026, or after on the PIAA form. Deadlines to register:
 - Golf and JV/Varsity Football - August 5th
 - All other Fall Sports - August 12th
- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- 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.

MCHS Caring Closet

The Caring Closet is a school-based resource that helps students in need. It provides essentials such as nonperishable food, hygiene products, seasonally appropriate clothing, and 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 during the school year are as follows:

Caring Closet: Monday through Friday at any time

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

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The MCHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team is a group of professionals dedicated to identifying and assisting 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 form for SAP services. Any student, parent, or teacher may make a referral. If you have concerns for an MCSD student in grades K-12, please contact an administrator, school counselor, or school nurse.

From the Nurse's Office

MCHS School Nurse

Mrs. Brittney Grabill MSN, RN – Certified School Nurse

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

Phone: 717-242-0240, Extension 8509

***During the summer months, please email Mrs. Grabill as office hours are limited.**

Mrs. Joy Moist, LPN

Email: jml45@mcsdk12.org

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 with OTC medication at school. Students may request new OTC Medication Forms from 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 require 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 must be administered at school must be transported to and from school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult and must be accompanied by a physician's 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.

Upcoming 2026-2027 School Year

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, 2026. 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, 2025. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse's office by May 15, 2027.

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 the MCV required for entry into 7th grade.

If your child is not compliant with immunization requirements or appropriately exempt before the start of their senior year (2026 – 2027), the student will be excluded from school on September 9, 2026.

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 for your child's 12th-grade MCV to be 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 by August 31, 2026.

Notices will continue to be mailed home during the summer months if the school nurse does not have proof of immunization or an appropriate exemption on file for your child. During the summer, please email Mrs. Brittney Grabill, RN, with questions regarding immunization compliance for your incoming senior.

Mobile Dental Clinic – October 29, 2026 & April 30, 2027

Dental Forms will be sent home with Homeroom Packets during the first few days of school. Please return completed forms to the MCHS School Nurse's Office.

11th Grade School Physicals – March 2027

School physicals are conducted by our school physician, Dr. C. Cooper, to fulfill the 11th-grade physical requirements. Permission forms will be sent home in January 2027 if you have not submitted your child's 11th-grade physical examination. School physicals are conducted in the nurse's office, are non-invasive, and last approximately 10 minutes.

Return to School Summer Preparation

1st Day for Students is August 31, 2026

- **All medication orders must be renewed each school year. Before the start of the new school year, please request new medication orders from your child's healthcare provider. Medication forms can be faxed to 717-447-2694, ATTN: School Nurse. **Students may not self-carry an asthma inhaler, diabetic supplies, or EpiPen unless a physician's order is on file in the nurse's office.****
- If your child has a physician's letter on file for a medical condition or diagnosis, please have your physician renew your child's letter for the new school year and include attendance parameters.

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, address it 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.mcsdk12.org/school-board/>.

Upcoming Dates 2026-27 School Year

- July 9 - Summer School Deadline at 11:59 p.m.
- July 20 - Senior Portraits in the Auditorium
- July 21 - Senior Portraits in the Auditorium
- July 22 - Senior Portraits in the Auditorium
- July 23 - Senior Portraits in the Auditorium
- August 18 - New Student Orientation - 6:00 p.m.
- August 22 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- August 26 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
- August 27 - Act 80 Day
- August 28 - Teacher Work Day
- August 31 - First Day for Students
- September 4 - Act 80 Day
- September 7 - Labor Day - No School for Students
- September 9 - Back to School Night - 6:00 p.m.
- September 11 - Fall Pictures
- September 19 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- September 29 - Post Secondary Workshop - 7:00 p.m.
- October 3 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- October 6 - Financial Aid Night - 6:00 p.m.
- October 7 - College and Career Fair
- October 12- Act 80 Day
- October 20 - PSAT Testing - 8:00 a.m.
- October 22 - ASVAB Testing - 8:00 a.m.
- October 28 - Senior Portrait Retakes
- October 29 - Fall Picture Retakes
- October 31 - Tournament of the Bands State Championships at Chapman Stadium - TBD

- November 4 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m.
- November 5 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m.
- November 7 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 - Veterans' Day – No School for Students
- November 14 - Band Holiday Expo - 9:00 a.m.
- November 17 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 18 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 19 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 20 - Vision and Hearing Screenings at MCHS
- November 26 - No School for Students – Teachers Dismiss @ 11:30 a.m.
- November 26 through November 30 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
- November 30 - Designated Make-Up Day #1
- December 13 - Winter Band Concert
- December 20 - Holiday Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 21 - MCHS Blood Drive for Students and Staff
- December 23 through January 3 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #2
- January 29 - Act 80 Day
- February 6 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m.
- February 12 - Act 80 Day
- February 13 - Sadie Hawkins Dance (Snow Date) - 7:00 p.m.
- February 15 - Presidents' Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- February 19 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 6:00 p.m.
- February 20 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 6:00 p.m.
- February 21 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 1:00 p.m.
- February 26 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- February 27 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 6:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- February 28 - Drama Club Presents "Frozen" - 1:00 p.m. (Snow Date)
- March 6 - SAT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- March 25 - Act 80 Day
- March 26 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- March 29 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 12 - Academy: NOCTI Written Exams
- April 13 - Academy: NOCTI Written Exams
- April 14 - Academy: NOCTI Written Exams
- April 15 - Academy: NOCTI Written Exams
- April 16 - Academy: NOCTI Written Exams
- April 21 - Academy: NOCTI Performance Exams
- April 23 - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day # 5
- April 24 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m.
- May 1 - SAT Exam
- May 2 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 17 - Keystone Literature Exam
- May 18 - Keystone Literature Exam
- May 19 - Keystone Literature Exam Makeups
- May 20 - Keystone Algebra Exam
- May 21 - Keystone Algebra Exam
- May 24 - Keystone Algebra Exam Makeups
- May 24 - Academy Graduation Practice - 12:30 p.m.

- May 25 - Keystone Biology Exam
- May 25 - Academy Graduation - 7:00 p.m.
- May 26 - Keystone Biology Exam
- May 27 - Keystone Exam (All Makeups)
- May 28 - Keystone Exam (All Makeups)
- May 31 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- June 3 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 PM Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 PM
- June 3 - Commencement - 6:00 p.m.
- June 4 - Commencement - Back-Up Date - 6:00 p.m.
- June 4 - Teacher Workday - Designated Make-Up Day #6