

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

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Home of the Huskies

August 2024

MCHS News is a newsletter from the Principal's office at Mifflin County High School. It is designed to keep parents 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 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

MCHS Summer Office Hours

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

Monday through Thursday

2024-2025 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.00
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.

Upcoming Events:

- Parking passes go on sale - August 5th
- New Student Orientation - August 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium
- Meet the Huskies at Mitchell Field on August 16th - 7:00 p.m.
- First Day of School for Students - August 26th
- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that we are already in August and that in a few short weeks, we will be back in school. I would like to share a couple of important notes with all of you:

1. MCHS Summer Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
2. Normal Office Hours will resume the week of August 19. Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
3. Parking passes go on sale on August 5.
4. Students needing a worker's permit should call the high school and ask to speak to a secretary in the Guidance Office.
5. Students will not be able to see their class schedule until August 12.

As a reminder, the first day of school for students will be Monday, August 26, 2024. A few procedural items to keep in mind as we start the school year.

1. Attendance - Students will either scan their ID cards or enter their ID number in the morning at one of the attendance stations at the front of the school.
2. Students must submit a note to the main office prior to leaving the building for all early dismissals. Notes may be submitted during their homeroom/first period class. Failure to provide a note prior to leaving the building for an early dismissal will result in disciplinary action from the office.
3. When writing excuses for absences, please make sure you put your child's full name and grade on the excuse. In addition, I want to remind you that you can email either assistant principal or me with your excuses. Our email addresses are as follows:
 - a. Mr. Campagna - ktc17@mcsdk12.org
 - b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
 - c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org
4. Students will be reporting to homeroom on August 26, 27, and 28. Students will report there before the 8:10 a.m. bell.

Please enjoy the final days of summer vacation. I am very excited to see all of the students and staff in the fall. Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email (ktc17@mcsdk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

New Student Orientation and Back to School Night Dates

- August 14 - New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 10th grade and new students in the MCHS auditorium
- September 10 - Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.

Renaissance Cards

Renaissance cards are now available for pickup in the main office at MCHS. Renaissance cards are available to any student who was on the Honor Roll or Distinguished Honor Roll in either the 3rd or 4th marking period of the 2023-2024 school year. Renaissance card holders receive free admission to all home sporting events, a voucher for free French fries at all home varsity football games, and a discount at the school store. During the summer, the main office is open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call the school, (717) 242-0240, with any questions.

Nathan Banks - Governor's School

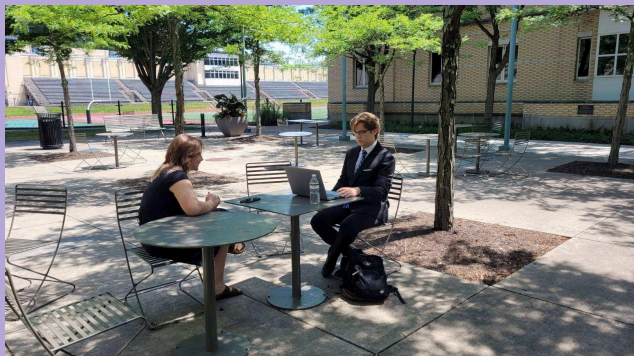
For 5 weeks this summer, MCHS rising senior Nathan Banks completed studies in physics and electronics at the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Out of over 400 of the highest achievers in the state that applied to participate in this amazing program, 72, including Nathan, were chosen to study at CMU.

While at CMU, Nathan studied a variety of math and physics topics, culminating with his project titled "Vehement Varactor: A Glimpse Into Electrical Chaos." Nathan presented his research to a group of distinguished guests, faculty, and students at CMU.

The program ended on July 26 with a closing banquet that honored all students that participated. Family members, as well as faculty of CMU and high school teachers of these students were invited to this celebration of the PGSS Class of 2024.

Congratulations to Nathan Banks - another reason to be proud of what is happening at Mifflin County High School.

Submission and Photos by Ray Hoppel, MCHS Physics Teacher



From the Alpha Program

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 8th. Contact your school counselor to begin the process.

Athletic News

- Fall Sports registration will open June 1. Physicals must be dated 5/1/24 or after. This is a change from previous years. The registration deadlines will be June 10 for Cheerleading, July 31 for V/JV Football and Golf, and August 7 for all other Fall Sports.
- Meet the Huskies Night for Fall Sports will be August 16th at Mitchell Field beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Access the MC Stadium Project page on Facebook to contribute to the project and become a part of MC History!
- 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.

From the Guidance Office

PSAT: The MCHS Guidance Office will offer the PSAT on October 22. Students in grades 10 and 11 who are planning to continue their education at a four year college or university upon graduation should consider taking this exam as a preparation for the SAT. The SAT is a college entrance exam used for admission consideration by four year colleges and universities. Please look for additional information to be distributed in Homeroom during the first day of school. Sign ups for the PSAT will begin the first day of school in the Guidance Office. The cost of the exam will be \$18.

August SAT: The SAT will be offered at MCHS on August 24. The registration deadline for this exam is August 9. Students will register online at www.collegeboard.org. The cost for the exam is \$68. Students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches can ask their school counselor about a fee waiver.

September ACT: The ACT will be offered at MCHS on September 14. The registration deadline for this exam is August 9. Students will register online at www.actstudent.org. The cost of the exam is \$68 (or higher if taking the optional writing portion). Students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches can ask their school counselor about a fee waiver.

Schedules will be released August 12: Student schedules will be released in Skyward Family Access on Monday, August 12. Students who wish to make schedule changes can reach out to their school counselor via phone or email. Please be patient as the counselors work to accommodate all requests—phone calls will be returned and emails will be answered as soon as possible.

AP Exam Reimbursement: AP Scores will be available to students beginning on Monday, July 8th. 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 30, 2024. Students will have to provide proof of their scores to receive reimbursement. Forms are available at MCHS if needed.

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
- Ms. Brenna Goulstone: eblg23@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

Schedule for Academy Students

The Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology utilizes a two-tiered model to deliver their course offerings. Students will now report to Mifflin County High School and go directly to Period 1. The schedule for the two-tiered model can be found below.

Grade 10		Grade 11/12	
8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS	8:10-9:10	Period 1 at MCHS
9:10-9:20	Travel to Academy	9:14-10:05	Period 2 at MCHS
9:20-11:40	Academy Classes	10:09-11:00	Period 3 at MCHS
11:40-12:10	Lunch at Academy	11:04-11:55	Period 4a at MCHS
12:10-12:25	Travel to MCHS	11:55-12:10	Travel to Academy
12:29-1:20	Period 5b at MCHS	12:10-12:40	Lunch at Academy
1:24-2:15	Period 6 at MCHS	12:40-3:00	Academy Classes
2:19-3:10	Period 7 at MCHS	3:00-3:10	Travel to MCHS

2024 Yearbook

The 2024 edition of the *Quest* has arrived and is available for pick up in the office until August 26, 2024. We still have a limited number of yearbooks remaining; they may be purchased in the office for \$60.00 cash until the start of the school year on August 26 or until the limited number of extra yearbooks are sold out. After the first day of classes, yearbooks can be picked up or purchased in room A316 or by contacting Mr. Riden at dmr57@mcsdk12.org.

Preorders for the 2025 edition of our yearbook will start in October. Announcements will be made closer to that time.

From the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student prepares for the final years of high school, please note the following PA Department of Health school health requirements:

11th Grade Physical Examination: The school nurse will accept a private physical examination completed during the student's sophomore year, a sports pre-participation physical, driver's license physical (DL-180 Form), 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 website (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form). *Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2022.*

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV): Prior to the 2024-2025 school year, every student entering 12th grade must have one dose of the MCV (meningococcal vaccination) by the first day of 12th grade. This dose is in addition to the one required for 7th grade. If one dose was given after 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose. **If the student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, the student will be excluded from school until either compliance is documented or an appropriate exemption is submitted.**

Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

Thanks!

Brittney Grabill MSN RN
Certified School Nurse

Mobile Dentist Clinic

Parents & Guardians,

MCHS is hosting its first Mobile Dentist clinic day on October 25, 2024. Consent forms will be sent home during homeroom on the first few days of school. All forms must be returned to the nurse's office by Friday, September 20, 2024.

The dental clinic will be on a first come, first served basis. The mobile dentist will offer additional clinic days based on student need if necessary. The clinic is only able to serve 15 to 25 students per day.

Parents and guardians may review more information at MobileDentists.com

This program partners with licensed dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to provide the following services: complete organ examinations, cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, and x-rays. In most schools, restorative services such as fillings are also provided.

This program has been successful in improving student dental health in other MCSD schools. MCSD school nurses recognize that access to dental care in Mifflin County is difficult for many of its students.

Please contact Mrs. Grabill, MCHS School Nurse, for questions or additional information.

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.

Upcoming Dates 2024-25 School Year

- August 7 – Deadline to register for all remaining sports
- August 14 - New Student Orientation - 6:00 p.m.
- August 16 - Meet the Huskies at Mitchell Field - 7:00 p.m.
- August 21 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
- August 22 - Act 80 Day
- August 23 - Teacher Work Day
- August 26 - First Day for Students
- August 30 - Act 80 Day
- September 2 - Labor Day - No School for Students
- September 10 - Back to School Night - 6:00 p.m.
- October 7 - Fall Picture Day (Grades 10-11)
- October 14 - Act 80 Day
- October 31 - Senior Portrait Makeup Date
- November 1 - Fall Picture Makeup Date (Grades 10-12)
- November 11 - Veterans' Day – No School for Students
- November 26 - Evening Parent Conferences
- November 27 - No School for Students – Teachers Dismiss @ 11:30 a.m. (AM Parent Conferences - Elementary, AM Inservice - Secondary)
- November 28 through December 2 - Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Students
- December 2 - Designated Make-Up Day #1
- December 8 - Holiday Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 15 - Winter Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 23 through January 1 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #2
- January 31- Act 80 Day
- February 14 - Act 80 Day
- February 17 - Presidents' Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3

- March 14 - Act 80 Day
- April 18 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 21 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 26 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 - Spring Band Concert 3:00 p.m.
- May 9 - MCSD Jazz Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- May 11 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 21 - Husky Club Awards Night - 6:00 p.m.
- May 26 - Memorial Day – No School for Students
- May 28 - Last Day of School for Students (Weather Pending) - Commencement Grades K-7 dismiss @ 12:15 PM Grades 8-12 dismiss @ 12:30 PM
- May 29 - Teacher Workday (Weather Pending) - Designated Make-Up Day #5
- May 30 - Designated Make-Up Day #6

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February 2, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2018, Act 158 was signed into law outlining state graduation requirements and the ways in which Keystone Exams factor into these requirements. State graduation requirements are effective for students in the Classes of 2023 and beyond. In order to graduate from high school, students must meet all local graduation requirements related to credits and coursework along with the state requirements outlined in Act 158. Students must meet one of Pennsylvania's five pathways outlined below to earn a diploma and demonstrate career and/or college readiness.

ACT 158 – State Graduation Pathways

For students graduating in 2023 and beyond, the following pathway options exist to meet state graduation requirements:

- **Keystone Proficiency Pathway:** Scoring proficient or advanced on all three Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology)
- **Keystone Composite Pathway:** Earning a satisfactory three composite score (4452) on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams (while achieving at least one proficient/advanced score and no score of below basic on the remaining two) OR, earning a non-numeric Proficient on a Keystone Exam and attain a satisfactory composite score of 2939 on two of the three Keystone Exams (must score proficient on one of two exams and no less than basic on other one)
- **Alternate Assessment Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e. passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and one of the following:
 - Attainment of an established score on an approved alternate assessment:
 - SAT (1010), PSAT (970), ACT (21), ASVAB (31)
 - Gold Level on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment
 - Attainment of 3 or better on an Advanced Placement Program exam in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score

- Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment course (college dual enrollment class) in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam in which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score
 - Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program
 - Acceptance in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework
- **Evidence Based Pathway:** Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e., passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and demonstration of three pieces of evidence consistent with the student’s goals and career plans, including:
 - ONE or more of the following:
 - Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Area Test
 - Attainment of Silver Level on the ACT WorkKeys assessment
 - Attainment of 3 or better on any Advanced Placement Program Exam
 - Acceptance to an other-than-4-year Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework
 - Attainment of an industry-recognized credential
 - Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course
 - And no more than TWO additional pieces of evidence from the following:
 - Satisfactory completion of a service-learning project
 - Attainment of a score of proficient or advanced on any Keystone Exam
 - Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
 - Successful completion of an internship or cooperative education program
 - Satisfactory compliance with the NCAA’s Division II academic requirements
- **Career and Technical Education Pathway:** Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrators (Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology Students): Successful completion of locally established, grade-based requirements for academic content areas associated with each Keystone Exam (i.e., passing final course grades in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10) and ONE of the following:
 - Attainment of an industry-based competency certification
 - Demonstration of the high likelihood of success on an industry-based competency assessment
 - Readiness for continued engagement in the CTE Concentrator’s program of study

School counselors will be working closely with each student to review and help students decide which pathway is best to meet this state-wide graduation requirement.

Please do not hesitate to call the school and make an appointment to speak with your child’s counselor if you have questions about Act 158 and/or your student’s pathway to graduation.

Sincerely,

Kelly T. Campagna
Principal

Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation

Keystone Proficiency Pathway *Numeric or Non-Numeric Scores*

Algebra I
Proficient or Advanced

Biology
Proficient or Advanced

Literature
Proficient or Advanced

Keystone Composite Pathway *Numeric Scores Only*

At least 1 Keystone Exam scaled score is
1500 or Greater

No Keystone Exam score is
Below Basic

The Keystone Exam 3-score composite is
4452 or Greater
The Keystone Exam 2-score composite is
2939 or Greater
(where eligible under §121.1)

CTE Concentrator

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

CTE Concentrator
1 Artifact from pathway criteria

Alternative Assessment

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

Alternative Assessment
1 Artifact from pathway criteria

Evidence-Based Pathways

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

Evidence-Based
3 Artifacts from pathway criteria

Waiver

A student in 12th grade, or experiencing extenuating circumstances, who meets locally established grade-based requirements for Keystone content area(s) in which the student is less than proficient, and is unable to satisfy the requirements of a graduation pathway may be granted a waiver by the chief school administrator.

Individualized Education Plan

A student with a disability who is unable to satisfy pathway requirements but who satisfactorily completes a special education program is granted a diploma under Title 22 §4.24.

NOTE: Although this infographic displays a sequential progression, students may fulfill criteria under the CTE Concentrator, Alternative Assessment, or Evidence-Based Pathways prior to demonstrating proficiency in Keystone academic content through Keystone Exam scores or locally established grade-based requirements.

Pathway Criteria

CTE Concentrator	Alternative Assessment	Evidence-Based
<p align="center">1 Artifact</p>	<p align="center">1 Artifact</p>	<p align="center">3 Artifacts consistent w/student goals</p> <p align="center">ONE or more from Section One No more than TWO from Section Two</p>
<p>Industry-based competency certification</p> <hr/> <p>Likelihood of industry-based competency assessment success</p> <hr/> <p>Readiness for continued engagement in CTE Concentrator program of study</p>	<p>Attainment of one alternative assessment score or better: ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), or SAT (1010)</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Gold Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 4 or better on IB Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of concurrent enrollment course(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) 4yr program for college-level coursework</p>	<p align="center">Section 1</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any IB Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course</p> <hr/> <p>Industry-recognized credentialization</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework in an other-than-4yr program</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Section 2</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a service-learning project</p> <hr/> <p>Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment</p> <hr/> <p>Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program</p> <hr/> <p>Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements</p>