

# Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



# MCHS News

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Home of the Huskies

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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 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

## **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:**

- The full list of upcoming events has been moved to the last page of the newsletter.

## **Homecoming Dance:**

- Ticket sales for the Homecoming Dance on October 5, 2024, are still on sale through Wednesday, October 2, 2024. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR on the night of the dance.

## **A Message From Mr. Campagna**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**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 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.

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](mailto:ktc17@mcsdk12.org)
  - b. Mrs. Ruble - [jmg26@mcsdk12.org](mailto:jmg26@mcsdk12.org)
  - c. Mr. Durn - [amd05@mcsdk12.org](mailto:amd05@mcsdk12.org)

Please don't hesitate to call (717-242-0240) or email ([ktc17@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ktc17@mcsdk12.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Kelly T. Campagna  
Principal

## **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.

## **Athletic News**

- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- Homecoming – October 4<sup>th</sup>. Gates will open at 5:00 PM. We are expecting a very large crowd and online ticket sales are highly encouraged.
- Winter Sports registration is now open. The Deadline to register for Winter Sports is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Check out the MC Athletics Website for more information.
- Access the MC Stadium Project page on FB 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 PSAT will be held at MCHS on Tuesday, October 22. Students who registered for the exam will be given further instructions in the coming week. Students can download the Bluebook app to their school issued laptop and start practicing. There are also practice tests available at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org). If you have questions, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

**ASVAB:** The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students. The ASVAB exam will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will sign up in the guidance office. Sign ups close on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SAT:** The SAT will be held at MCHS on Saturday, November 2. The registration deadline for that is October 18. Students interested in taking the exam will register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). The cost is \$68; students who qualify for free/reduced price lunches can see their counselor for a fee waiver code. The SAT is now a digital exam. Students can use their school issued or personal devices to test. Please see instructions regarding downloading the Bluebook app at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). If you have questions, please reach out to your child's counselor.

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

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

### **MCHS Caring Closet**

MCHS has officially opened their Caring Closet for all students. The Caring Closet ensures all students have access to clothing, coats, shoes, personal hygiene products, and school supplies. Currently, they have a variety of gently used clothing appropriate for fall and winter in all sizes that have been washed and organized for student access. If there are any questions, please contact Rachael Davis at [rld17@mcsdk12.org](mailto:rld17@mcsdk12.org).

### **MCHS Unified Bocce Team**

Unified Bocce open gyms will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup> at MCHS. Come see what Bocce is all about. If you have any questions, see Ms. Lane or Mrs. Moore in A302.

## **Senior Dinner Dance**

Senior Dinner Dance tickets will go on sale in October for the dance on November 23, 2024. Students must pay their class dues before attending the Senior Dinner Dance. Dues are \$10 per year.

## **2024 Yearbook**

We still have a limited number of 2024 yearbooks remaining, they may be purchased in room A316 for \$60.00 cash until our limited number of extra yearbooks are sold out. Any questions please contact Mr. Riden at [dmr57@mcsdk12.org](mailto:dmr57@mcsdk12.org).

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

Any questions about yearbook pictures can be directed to Kerry Clancy-Burns at [kc41@mcsdk12.org](mailto:kc41@mcsdk12.org).

## **Picture Day / Senior Portraits**

**Fall Pictures:** Picture Day for 10th & 11th Graders will be on Monday, October 7th. Picture forms will be sent home with students in September. Pictures can also be ordered online at [strawbridge.net](http://strawbridge.net). Students MUST adhere to the dress code on picture day. Failure to do so will result in needing to attend Retake Day in November or their picture will not be included in the yearbook portrait section. Students will be called down by homerooms teacher on Picture Day.

**Senior Portraits:** Any SENIOR student who missed the summer senior portrait sessions can attend Retake/Makeup Day on October 31st. The option for casual photos will not be available on Retake/Makeup Day. There will be no photo form for senior portraits. Proofs will be sent via email to parents 4 weeks after Retake/Makeup Day. Every student's picture MUST be taken at the high school to be included in the yearbook portrait section.

## **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](http://MobileDentists.com)

This program partners with licensed dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to provide the following services: complete oral 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.

## **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. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse by May 15, 2025.

**12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV):** Prior to the 2025-2026 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 and must be given after the student turns 16 years old. Students in the Alpha program are also required to obtain this immunization.** If the student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to the start of their senior year, 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.

**Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on September 6, 2024, during 6<sup>th</sup> period. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse.**

MCTV also ran a week-long announcement to make students aware that forms were available in the MCHS Nurse's Office.

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 are available in the nurse's office.

**As a 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.**

Any medication that is required to be taken at school MUST be transported to school by a parent/guardian or designated adult and accompanied with a physician's order. Parents and guardians are required to sign medications into the nurse's office at drop-off.

If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse EACH school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCSD Medication Policy.

Please contact Mrs. Grabill, School Nurse, if you have any questions about medications.

**Brittney Grabill MSN RN**

Certified School Nurse

Mifflin County High School

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Phone: 717-242-0240, Option 6

## **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

- October 5 – SAT Exam – 8:00 a.m.
- October 5 - Homecoming Dance - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- October 7 - Fall Picture Day (Grades 10-11)
- October 8 - Tie Dye Event
- October 9 - College and Career Fair
- October 14 - Act 80 Day
- October 18 – Jostens Class Ring Meeting – Sophomore Class – Period 6
- October 18 – Jostens Graduation Class Meeting – Senior Class – Period 3
- October 22 - Trunk or Treat - 6:00 p.m.
- October 25 – Dental Clinic
- October 31 - Senior Portrait Makeup Date
- November 1 - Fall Picture Makeup Date (Grades 10-12)
- November 2 – SAT Exam – 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 - Veterans’ Day – No School for Students
- November 13 – TIU Hearing and Vision Screenings
- November 13 – Financial Aid Night in the Commons – 7:00 p.m.
- November 14 – TIU Hearing and Vision Screenings
- November 15 – TIU Hearing and Vision Screenings
- November 18 – TIU Hearing and Vision Screenings
- 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 7 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- 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 8 – ACT Exam – 8:00am
- February 14 - Act 80 Day
- February 17 - Presidents’ Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- March 8 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- 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 3 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- 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



NEED EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS?

# HUSKIES HELPING HUSKIES

This is a FREE after-school resource available to ALL students.

**TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS**

**3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**LAB E IN THE LIBRARY**

TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR WORK.



