

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

MCSD

Home of the Huskies

November 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

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:

- November 6 - Lockdown Drill - 10:15 a.m.
- 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),

Lockdown Drill: There will be a lockdown drill on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. during third period at MCHS. Local law enforcement has been invited to participate.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at the end of November. Information regarding the specific dates and times for teachers will be sent in a separate message within the next week. Please expect a Skyward Message regarding Parent Teacher Conferences no later than November 8, 2024.

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
 - b. Mrs. Ruble - jmg26@mcsdk12.org
 - c. Mr. Durn - amd05@mcsdk12.org

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

Athletic News

- Senior Citizen, Active Military and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. Passes are good for life.
- Winter Sports registration is now open. The Deadline to register for Winter Sports is November 4th. 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.

MCHS Marching Band

Congratulations go out to the MCHS Marching Band who won their 5th consecutive Tournament of Bands, Susquehanna Valley Regional Championships on Saturday, October 19th!

Homelessness Awareness Month - November 2024



Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Week recognizes and brings awareness to the importance of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the education needed to provide stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness across Pennsylvania. Under federal law, children are considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Many people associate being homeless with living on the street, but homelessness is often hidden, especially in rural

communities.

To date for the 2024 school year, Mifflin County School District has identified 127 students that are doubled up living with other families, living at the homeless shelter or living in campers/RVs.

To assist those in need, MCSD staff will be raising money for the district's student homelessness fund. In exchange for a \$5 donation, staff will be able to dress down on Friday, November 15th and are encouraged to wear a red shirt to spread awareness.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please know that help is available. Please reach out to either of our district's homeless liaisons:



Nicole Frazier, LSW

717-250-0414; nrf56@mcsdk12.org

Kaitlin Marshall, LSW

717-250-2423; kjm07@mcsdk12.org

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.

MCHS Spirit Club - Thank You



From the Guidance Office

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. 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. 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; last names A-G
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Ms. Brenna Goulstone: 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.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

Sadie Hawkins dance will be held on February 8th from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at Mifflin County High School.

Tickets will be sold from January 20th - January 31st. Tickets must be purchased during this time in room B318 (from Mr. Hepner), room B212 (from Mr. Stine), or the Guidance office (from Mrs. McCarter). **No tickets will be sold after these two weeks, and tickets cannot be purchased at the door on the day of the dance.**

This is a Mifflin County High School dance for students in grades 10-12. Students bringing dates that are not current Mifflin county students will need to fill out the guest form before they purchase tickets. Tickets will be \$20 and will cover the sophomore class dues also.

2025 Yearbook

Yearbooks are for sale now. Students will receive an order form during homeroom at report card distribution on 11/5/2025. Anyone who still needs an order form may pick one up in the Main Office, Guidance Office, or in Room A316. Yearbooks can be ordered online or at school. If you participated in the yearbook fundraiser, you CANNOT order online. A special offer of free name stamping is available for all who order before November 27th.

Questions about yearbook orders may be directed to Mr. Riden in Room A316 or by emailing dmr57@mcsdk12.org.

From the Nurse's Office

Parents & Guardians,

MCHS hosted its first Mobile Dental Clinic on October 25, 2024. Twenty-two students received various dental services including fillings and x-rays.

Parents and guardians may review more information at MobileDentists.com.

MCHS will host the Mobile Dentist on these future dates:

- October 27, 2025
- April 27, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- April 27, 2027
- October 28, 2027
- April 28, 2028

If you need a const form to have your child receive dental services on a future clinic date, please contact Mrs. Grabill in the MCHS Nurse's Office.

Please return the completed consent forms to the MCHS Nurse's Office.

After Mrs. Grabill sends the forms to the Mobile Dentist, their employees will contact parents and guardians with questions or let you know if your child is approved for services.

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 6th 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

Email: brg27@mcsdk12.org

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

- November 2 – SAT Exam – 8:00 a.m.
- November 5 - Report Cards Distributed in Morning Homerooms
- November 6 - Lockdown Drill - 10:15 a.m.
- November 6 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m.
- November 7 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.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 16 - Holiday Expo 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- November 18 – TIU Hearing and Vision Screenings
- November 23 - Senior Dinner Dance - 6:00 p.m.
- November 25 - Evening Parent Conferences
- 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 26 – Drama Club - Anastasia Meet and Greet – 1:00 p.m.
- January 31- Act 80 Day
- February 2 – Drama Club - Anastasia Meet and Greet (Snow Date) – 1:00 p.m.
- 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.



