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MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We wish you and your families a happy holiday season! Read on to find information about Ski Club, 12 Days of PBIS, winter concerts and other band announcements, national recognition for the MCMS school counseling program, and more.

## EARLY DISMISSALS

Reminder: If your child has an early dismissal, please send a written note to the middle school office. If a written note is provided, parents/guardians may call the office when they arrive, and the student may be sent out without the parent/guardian needing to come into the office.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS

Don't forget to order your yearbook before the discount period ends. Books cost \$30.00 if ordered by December 31, 2024. The price increases to \$35.00 starting January 1, 2025. To order click [this link](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, December 5, 2024 -  
Friday, December 20, 2024**  
12 Days of PBIS Themed Dress-up  
Days

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
MCMS Band Concert

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
MCMS Choral Concert

**Friday, December 20, 2024**  
Holiday Sing Along/Games  
Assembly

**Monday, December 23, 2024 -  
Wednesday, January 1, 2025**  
Christmas Vacation

# MCMS SKI CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

All money and order forms are due **December 1, 2024!**

To sign up for ski packages at Tussey Mountain, visit their website [at this link](#).

We're hoping the badges and meal cards will be here to distribute **before** Christmas break.

Trips to Tussey this year will be on the following Thursdays:

- January 9, 2025
- January 16, 2025
- January 23, 2025
- January 30, 2025





You can sign up for **REMIND** text messages from the MCMS Ski Club by texting **@h47gk3 TO: 81010**.

For more information about Ski Club (further announcements and information) you can visit [the MCMS Ski Club Webpage](#).

## 12 DAYS OF PBIS

We will be celebrating the holiday season AND our positive school climate with 12 Days of PBIS themed dress-up days from Thursday, December 5 through Friday, December 20. See the calendar below for the themes. Please note that dress code standards will continue to be enforced, which means no hoods or costumes are permitted. Hats may be worn if they are holiday-related.

## 12 DAYS OF PBIS

DECEMBER				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> DRESS CODE STANDARDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED. NO HOODS, OR COSTUMES ARE PERMITTED. HATS MAY BE WORN IF THEY ARE HOLIDAY RELATED.</p>			<p>5</p> <p>STEP INTO THE HOLIDAYS &amp; WEAR A PAIR OF FUN HOLIDAY SOCKS!</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>***RUDOLPH DAY*** WEAR AS MUCH RED AS YOU CAN!</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>Flannel Day</b> COZY UP AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL!</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Candy Cane Day</b> DRESS IN RED AND WHITE LIKE A CANDY CANE.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Merry Mismatched Day WEAR THE MOST MISMATCHED HOLIDAY OUTFIT YOU CAN FIND!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>100% THAT GRINCH WEAR AS MUCH GREEN AS YOU CAN!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>DISNEY ON ICE DRESS IN DISNEY GEAR</p>
<p>16</p> <p>JINGLE BELL ROCK DAY ROCK 'N' ROLL MEETS HOLIDAY THINK ROCK BAND TEES WITH SANTA HATS, OR LEATHER JACKETS WITH JINGLE BELLS ATTACHED.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p><b>TINSEL DAY</b> DRESS IN ANYTHING SHINY AND SPARKLY LIKE TINSEL, SEQUINS, OR GLITTER</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>TACKY TIE CHRISTMAS</b> WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER, SHIRT, OR TIE!</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>HOLIDAY HERO DAY</b> WEAR A T-SHIRT WITH A FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE CHARACTER (LIKE BUDDY THE ELF OR THE GRINCH), OR CREATE A LOOK INSPIRED BY A FAMOUS HOLIDAY MOVIE (E.G. AN ELF SHIRT PAIRED WITH RED AND GREEN ACCESSORIES).</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>COMFY KRINGLE DAY</b> WEAR COMFORTABLE HOLIDAY CLOTHING</p>



## WINTER CONCERT SEASON UNDERWAY

The MCSD winter concert season is set to get underway soon. If you're interested in some seasonal tunes to put you in the mood, check out any of the concerts in the graphic below. At MCMS, our concert season starts on **Tuesday, December 10**, with the MCMS Instrumental Ensembles. From classics like *Carol of the Bells* to newer pieces like *Blizzard's Fury*, there's sure to be something for everyone. We invite you to join us for an evening of music. We also want to remind you that we are accepting donations for our local food pantry and district homelessness pantry from now through the conclusion of the event. Please feel free to bring items to the concert or send them in early. If you do send them early, please have students deliver the goods to Mrs. Gates in the Band Hall.



## MCMS STUDENTS FIND SWEET SUCCESS AT HERSHEY PARK

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, six members of the MCMS student body competed at the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships at Hersheypark. At 8:45 PM, the students learned that they were coming back to Mifflin County as the Group 4-Open Atlantic Coast Champions, bringing home additional awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best Percussion and Best Auxiliary. Congratulations to Sierra Snyder, Amara Deckman, Aria Hartley, IB Bishop, AJ Dean and Cadence Diehl on completing an undefeated season, representing the school and the district well, and making us MC Husky Proud!



## BAND MEMBERS EARN SWEET REWARD FOR QUARTER OF EXCELLENCE

This fall, students in the concert band were tasked with being present, prepared and using their time effectively. Students that achieved all these things and earned a grade of 98% or higher had their names placed on a random selection wheel for a chance to pie Mrs. Gates in the face during an upcoming rehearsal. Starting the next cycle, all students went outside in order to watch. Everyone had fun and Mrs. Gates' hair turned "more white than it already is."



Day 1: Brody Harshbarger, Kolton Yeater (Day 4), Brenna Bickel, Patience Vodopijia (Day 4) and Aiden Yokell



Day 3: Sawyer Chambers, Audrey Shinskie, Abbi Snyder and Scarlett Daer



Day 4: Scott Seiberling and Kenzie Schiech



Day 5: Payton Romig, Airalynn Alexander and Khalia Roberts



## MCMS SCHOOL COUNSELORS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The MCMS School Counseling Program, led by school counselors Mrs. Foor and Mr. McCardell, was recently awarded the PA Diamond Award and the RAMP Award. These awards are based on providing students with a high-quality counseling program that is aligned to the PSCA (PA School Counselor Association) and the ASCA (American School Counselor Association) standards. Only 7 other schools in PA have been awarded the national RAMP status!



Mr. Andy McCardell  
6th Grade Counselor



Mrs. Jane Foor  
7th Grade Counselor

## ATHLETIC NEWS

- Senior Citizen, Active Military, and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. All passes are good for life.
- Access the MC Stadium Project page on FB to contribute to the project and become a part of MC History!
- 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).

## SPORTS LOCKERS AT MCMS

Sports lockers are available in the MCMS cafeteria for storage of athletic bags/equipment. Beginning in December, student athletes who carry multiple bags to school (e.g. school backpack and an athletic bag/backpack) will be required to use a sports locker if they do not use their assigned school locker to store their belongings.

