

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

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| 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.

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
 - 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

Statement from Mr. Varner

If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines that the roads are "unsafe" to travel due to poor weather conditions, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain at home for the day. To be granted an excused absence, the parent/guardian would need to submit an excuse to the school stating the roads are "unsafe."

Athletic News

- 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.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.

MCHS Mini-THON

MCHS Minithon is gearing up for an amazing winter Gold Out season! Stop in at these events to support our teams and help raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer! #FTK

Girls Basketball Gold Out - 1/11/2025

Boys Basketball Gold Out - 1/25/2025

District 4 Choral Festival

The following students were selected to represent Mifflin County High School at the P.M.E.A. District 4 Choral Festival to be held at Huntingdon High School February 6-8, 2025. The guest conductor will be Dr. Rachael Cornacchio from Messiah University.

Soprano 1: Cora Hartzler, Ava Kelly

Soprano 2: Lia Barahona, Breanna Carmany, Ava Shank

Alto 1: Morgan Grimm, Emmah Miller, Dayna Zeiders

Alto 2: Breanna Forshey

Tenor 1: Luke Foltz

Bass 1: Max Persing, Malachi Snyder

From the MCHS Guidance Office

Local Scholarships: Local scholarships will be posted in the Guidance Office starting the week of January 6. Please encourage your seniors to stop by the Guidance Office to check the scholarship board every couple of weeks to see what awards are being offered for the 2024-2025 school year. The MCHS Local Scholarship Guide will be posted online and in the office by mid-February.

End of the semester: The fall semester ends January 15. Please remind your students to finish strong as many of them are taking at least one semester class this year.

ACT at MCHS: The ACT (a college entrance exam) will be offered at MCHS on February 8. The deadline to register online at www.actstudent.org is January 3. MCHS will only be offering the paper/pencil version of this exam. Keep in mind that many colleges are test-optional for admissions—students are encouraged to check with colleges/universities to which they wish to apply to determine their admission requirements.

Course Registration: MCHS's administration and Guidance Office are starting to prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. Teachers will be making course recommendations for students this month, and additional information will be released next month regarding student registration for courses for next school year.

FAFSA Completion Night: On January 29, MCHS's Guidance Office will be sponsoring a FAFSA Completion Night at Mifflin County High School. Seniors and their parents who need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for funding for college are invited to come to MCHS to get help completing the application from financial aid officers from local colleges and universities. Additional information will be released the week of January 6, and students will need to sign up to participate in this event so counselors can determine how many computers will be needed. Please reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions.

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.

Yearbook Information

Yearbook Information for ALL STUDENTS:

Buy a Yearbook!: If you have fundraiser credit, you must talk to Mr. Riden (dmr57@mcsdk12.org) about your book order. Otherwise, you can go online to www.balfour.com to order. The deadline to order to get FREE NAME STAMPING was Wednesday, November 27th. The deadline to order to get NAME STAMPING is March 3rd.

Yearbook Questions & Contests: The Yearbook staff asks questions and posts contests on their social media as part of collecting info and pictures that will be in the yearbook. Follow MCHS Huskies Yearbook on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MCHSHuskiesYearbook>) and [mchs_huskiesyearbook](https://www.instagram.com/mchs_huskiesyearbook) on Instagram to participate in these surveys, questions, and contests!

Yearbook Information for SENIORS ONLY:

Senior Recognition Ads: Parents/guardians may go online to www.balfour.com to order and design senior ads for the yearbook. This can be done until February 21st, 2025.

Questions? Mr. Riden (dmr57@mcsdk12.org) for ordering a book/ad & fundraiser credit. Mrs. Clancy-Burns (kc41@mcsdk12.org) for anything else!

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 consent 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 MCS D 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

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

- January 1 - Christmas Vacation - No School for Students
- January 15 - End of Marking Period 2
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School for Students - Designated Make-Up Day #2
- January 23 – PMEA District 4 Band at Juniata Valley High School
- January 24 – PMEA District 4 Band at Juniata Valley High School

- January 26 – Drama Club - Anastasia Meet and Greet – 1:00 p.m.
- January 29 - FAFSA Completion Night - 6:30 p.m.
- January 31- Act 80 Day
- February 2 – Drama Club - Anastasia Meet and Greet (Snow Makeup Date) – 1:00 p.m.
- February 5 - FAFSA Completion Night (Snow Makeup Date) - 6:30 p.m.
- February 8 – ACT Exam – 8:00am
- February 8 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- February 14 - Act 80 Day
- February 17 - Presidents’ Day – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- February 25 – Course Registration Night for Parents – 6:00 p.m.
- March 4 - Course Registration Night for Parents (Snow Makeup Date) – 6:00 p.m.
- 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 11 - MCHS/MCJH Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 14 – MCHS Spring Art Show – 6:00 p.m.
- May 15 - Thespian Society Induction - 6:30 p.m.
- May 16 - MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 - Academy Graduation - 7:00 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.



