

Mifflin County High School Monthly Newsletter



MCHS News

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Home of the Huskies

March 2025

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.

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

Athletic News

- First Day of Spring Sports Practices is March 3rd.
- Meet the Huskies for Spring Sports will take place March 12th at 6:30 pm in the MCHS Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.
- May 19th will be our recognition night for any athlete continuing their career at the collegiate level or entering the military. It will begin at 6:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium.
- The Husky Club All Sports Recognition Night has been set for May 21st at 6:00 pm in the MCHS Auditorium. Mark your calendars to celebrate our MC Student-Athletes. All are welcome to attend.
- 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.

Student Parking Reminder

Parents and students are reminded to notify someone in the office or email Officer Ettinger if they forget their student parking pass, with the vehicle make, model and color they are driving. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Students are also reminded that student parking passes must be visible and displayed on the rearview mirror or dashboard. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket. Parking passes are available through Mr. Durn for \$50 and starting March 1st, parking passes are \$30. There are a limited supply of parking passes due to the construction. If you have any questions, you can contact Officer Ettinger at 717-242-0240 ext. 2599.

Upcoming Choral Festivals

Eight students will represent MCHS at the upcoming Region III Choral Festival held March 12-14 at Bellefonte Area High School. Students will audition Wednesday evening and must place in the top four in their respective sections in order to qualify for All-State Choir. Typically, festivals are held every six weeks, but because of a scheduling conflict, students have had only five weeks to prepare this new folder of music. We wish the following students the best of luck:

Cora Hartzler-Soprano I

Luke Foltz-Tenor I

Lia Barahona-Soprano II

Max Persing-Bass I

Ava Shank-Soprano II

Malachi Snyder-Bass II

Emmah Miller-Alto I

Breanna Forshey-Alto II

The 5th Annual Husky Choral Festival will be held at MCHS on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert will feature choral groups from grades 5-12, and include approximately 250 singers. Groups included in the program are:

- Indian Valley Elementary 5th Grade Chorus, Ms. Lori Thomas, director
- Lewistown Intermediate School, Mr. Erik Liebegott, director
- Mifflin County Middle School 6th Grade Chorus, Mrs. Kathleen Becker, director
- Mifflin County Middle School 7th Grade Chorus, Mr. Douglas Garner, director
- Mifflin County Junior High 8th Grade Chorus and Mifflin County High School Concert Choir, Ms. Vicki Fensterbush, director

The concert is free and open to the public.

From the MCHS Guidance Office

Scholarships: Local scholarships are posted in the MCHS Guidance Office. Seniors are encouraged to stop by every couple of weeks to see what awards they qualify for and to pick up applications. The MCHS Local Scholarship Guide will be posted on the MCSD and MCHS websites around February 10 and will be updated regularly when new scholarships are posted. Please reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions.

Course Registration: Course registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in March. During the last week of February and first week of March, school counselors will be in Social Studies classes reviewing with students the course registration process and the courses and opportunities they can take advantage of for next school year.

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 a personalized yearbook with NAME STAMPING is March 3rd. All orders after March 3rd will be Yearbooks with no personalization!

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!

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 28, 2026
- October 29, 2026
- April 30, 2027
- November 1, 2027

- May 2, 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 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 immunization requirements or appropriately exempted prior to the start of their senior year, **the student will be excluded from school on September 3, 2025, and after** 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

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

- March 5 - PMEA Region 3 Band at Altoona Area HS
- March 6 - PMEA Region 3 Band at Altoona Area HS
- March 7 - PMEA Region 3 Band at Altoona Area HS
- March 8 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- March 12 – District Choir at Bellefonte High School
- March 13 – District Choir at Bellefonte High School
- March 14 – District Choir at Bellefonte High School
- March 14 - Act 80 Day
- March 14 - Mini-THON – 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- March 18 – Husky Choral Festival – 7:00 p.m.
- March 21 – Marking Period 3 Ends
- March 28 – Field Trip – History Club at Standard Steel / Hoopes School
- April 1 – Report Cards Issued
- April 18 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 21 - Easter Break - No School for Students Designated Make-Up Day #4
- April 23 – Field Trip – Envirothon at Kish Park

- April 26 - MCHS Prom 7:00 p.m.
- May 3 – SAT Exam – 8:00am
- May 4 - Spring Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 7 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 7:00 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.



