

MCHS News

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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

2023-2024 Cafeteria Meal Prices at MCHS

High School Lunch	\$3.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Secondary Breakfast	\$1.40
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.30
Milk-Skim, 1%, Flavored	\$0.70

Upcoming Events:

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

A Message From Mr. Campagna

Lockdown Drill - Mifflin County High School will conduct a lockdown drill on October 19, 2023. The drill will be conducted during period 1 at approximately 8:45 a.m. Various members of our emergency response teams throughout the county along with the Pennsylvania State Police have been invited to participate in this onsite drill.

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

- Winter Sports Registration opens October 1st and the deadline to register is November 13th. The 1st day of winter sports practices is November 17th. Please see the athletics website for more information.
- Senior Citizen, Veteran, and Active Military passes from last year are valid for the 23-24 sports season. Passes can be picked up at the MCHS main office for anyone that qualifies. Passes MUST be presented for free admission.
- Tickets for all Mifflin County Home Varsity Football games and Volleyball matches can be purchased online at <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/e76d4bd5-9868-4b08-878a-9472b4410179>
- Mitchell Field changes for the Varsity Football games:
 - Any person attending the game will abide by the MCSD standards of expectations. Any person exhibiting unsafe or inappropriate behavior may be prohibited from attending future MCSD events.
 - Students in grades K-5 MUST be accompanied by a supervising adult.
 - No backpacks are permitted (unless they are used for a diaper bag).
 - MCSD students in grades 8 -12 are permitted and encouraged to sit in the DAWG Pound student section.
 - No balls, bicycles, scooters or skateboards are permitted.
- 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.
- 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.



From the Bocce Ball Coaches

The Bocce Team will be holding open gyms on September 27, October 11, October 25, and November 1. Never played? No problem. We welcome everyone!!! Bocce is a unified sport open to students with and without disabilities that is recognized by PIAA as well as Special Olympics.

MCHS Marching Band Begins Competitive Season

The Mifflin County High School Marching Band started the 2023 Tournament of Bands, (TOB), competitive season Saturday night at Conemaugh Township High School Stadium in Davidsville, PA.

The band set a record by scoring an 81.10, which is the highest first competition score in the history of Mifflin County bands. Director Art Belfiore said, "I usually tell the band that scores don't really matter because it is a subjective opinion of 5 to 7 judges who may or may not have seen the band or know about our program. We judge our success by how many students have a good or their best show. When the majority of the band has a good or their best show, everything else takes care of itself. On the way home from Davidsville, which is just south of Johnstown, I thought that sometimes scores DO matter. A score does matter when the band sets a record like they did on Saturday night." The band also brought home the First Place trophy in TOB's Group 3-Open Class, as well as the Specialty Awards for Best Color Guard, Best Visual and Best Music. Penn Trafford HS finished second with a score of 80.40.

The MCHS Band's score puts them in First Place overall in TOB's Group 3-Open Class ahead of Penn Trafford HS (Harrison City, PA), Jackson Liberty HS (Jackson Township, NJ), and Caesar Rodney HS (Camden, DE).

Upward Bound

Students in grades 9-11 who are interested in attending college after high school are encouraged to apply to join Upward Bound Programs! Upward Bound is a federally funded (free for participants) program that helps high-school students gain academic skills and motivation to continue their education beyond high school. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. Upward Bound serves high school students whose families meet the federal register income guidelines and/or high school students from families in which neither parent has completed a four-year degree. For more information, contact MCHS coordinator Nathan Barnhart at ncb46@mcsdk12.org.

From the Guidance Office

The school counselors and their email address, along with their assignments, are listed below.

- Miss Stefanie Gilbert: srg09@mcsdk12.org; last names A-K
- Mrs. Bridget Kennington: blk28@mcsdk12.org; last names H-P
- Mrs. Elizabeth Girts: eme25@mcsdk12.org; last names Q-Z

FAFSA: The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is changing again. The FAFSA is the application seniors complete to apply for financial aid for post-secondary education. The FAFSA will not open until December 1 (previous date was October 1st). MCHS will offer a Financial Aid General Information Night for students and parents on November 2nd at 7 PM.

Mifflin County High School's Guidance Office will be hosting a Financial Aid General Information Night on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents/guardians to learn about the different types of financial aid and how to apply for them. Jamie Kosh, the Senior Manager at the Office of Student Aid at Penn State, will be presenting the information and will be on hand after the presentation to answer any questions. A FAFSA Completion Night event is planned for February. Additional information about that will be disseminated at a later date.

ASVAB Testing: Mifflin County High School will be offering to students in Grades 11 and 12 the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) on **October 24th at 8:30 a.m. until approximately noon**. This test is an invaluable tool to help your student with his/her future educational and career plans. Students who have not met the required scores on the Keystone Exam but achieve a score of 31 or greater on the ASVAB will satisfy the requirements for graduation as established in Act 158 of 2018 through the Alternative-Assessment Pathway. **Juniors and Seniors interested in taking the ASVAB exam will need to sign up in the guidance office by Friday, October 13th.**

PSAT/NMSQT: The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at MCHS on Thursday, October 26th in room A114. Invoices will be sent after testing for payment.

SAT: The registration deadline for the November 4 SAT is October 5. Students who wish to take the SAT should register at www.collegeboard.org. If you have questions, please contact your student's school guidance counselor.

Picture Day

- Picture Day for 10th & 11th Graders will be on Monday, October 2nd. Picture forms will be sent home with students in September. Pictures can also be ordered online at 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 homeroom teacher on Picture Day.
- Any SENIOR student who missed the summer senior portrait sessions can attend Retake/Makeup Day on November 3rd. 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.
- MCHS SENIORS & PARENTS: Don't forget to get your LAST First Day of School picture on Wednesday! Send your FIRST First Day of School picture (this can be Pre-K or Kindergarten) and the LAST First Day of School picture for the yearbook to MCHS Yearbook through Facebook, Instagram, or by email to mchsybfb@mcsdk12.org. First Day of School photos are due September 15th.

- Any questions about yearbook pictures can be directed to Kerry Clancy-Burns at kc41@mcsdk12.org

2023 Yearbook

There are a few remaining yearbooks available for \$60 each (first-come, first-served). Email Mrs. Riden at sd49@mcsdk12.org, if you are interested in purchasing.

Senior Dinner Dance

The Senior Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold until 3:00 p.m. on October 20th. No tickets will be sold after October 20th. All dues need to be paid for students before purchasing tickets. Dues are \$10 per year. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

There will be a Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday, February 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold from January 15th through January 26th.

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.*

12th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV): Prior to the 2024-2025 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. If one dose was given after 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose. ***If a student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year, the student will be excluded from school until either compliance is reached or an appropriate exemption is submitted.***

Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

Thanks!

Brittney Grabill MSN RN

Certified School Nurse

Mifflin County High School

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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.



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 2023-24 School Year

- October 1 - Winter Sports Registration Opens
- October 2 – Underclass/Staff Picture Day
- October 7 - SAT Exam
- October 11 - College and Career Fair - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- November 13 - Winter Sports Registration Deadline
- November 17 - First Day of Winter Sports Practices
- October 20 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- October 24 - ASVAB Testing for Juniors and Seniors who sign up - 8:30 a.m.
- October 26 - PSAT Testing - 8:30 a.m.
- October 27 - Josten's Senior Class Meeting - Period 3
- October 27 - Josten's Sophomore Class Meeting - Period 6
- November 2 - Picture Retakes
- November 2 - Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- November 3 – Picture Retakes
- November 3 - Josten's Orders in the commons - Begins at 7:30 through C Lunch
- November 4 - SAT Exam
- November 4 - Senior Dinner Dance 6:00 p.m.
- November 8 – K-12 Parent Conferences 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- November 9 – Inservice Day - No School for Students
- November 10 – Veterans' Day – No School for Students
- November 14 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- November 15 - Senior Show - 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- November 18 - MCHS Marching Band & Boosters Annual Holiday Expo - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- November 22 – Early Dismissal - Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Grades 8-12 Dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- November 23 through November 27 – Thanksgiving Vacation – No School for Students
- December 10 - Winter Band Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- December 17 - Holiday Choir Concert - 3:00 p.m.

- December 21 - Blood Drive
- December 22 through January 2 – Christmas Vacation – No School for Students
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School for Students
- January 26 - Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- February 3 - Sadie Hawkins Dance - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- February 5 - FAFSA Completion Night at 6:00 p.m in the cafeteria
- February 16 – Act 80 Day – No School for Students
- February 19 – Presidents’ Day – No School for Students
- February 20 – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #1
- February 23 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 6:30 p.m.
- February 24 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 6:30 p.m.
- February 25 - Musical “Wizard of Oz” - 1:00 p.m.
- March 9 - SAT Exam
- March 15 – Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- March 29 – Good Friday – No School for Students
- April 1 – Easter Break – No School for Students – Designated Make-Up Day #2
- April 6 - MCHS MiniTHON - 12:00 p.m.
- April 13 - ACT Exam - 8:00 a.m.
- April 23 – Primary Presidential Election Day – No School for Students
- April 27 - MCHS Promenade/Prom - Promenade starts at 6:00 p.m.
- May 4 - SAT Exam
- May 5 - MCHS Choir Spring Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 10 - MCSD Jazz Festival - 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 - MCHS Band Spring Concert - 3:00 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day – No School for Students
- June 3 – Last Day of School for Students – Early Dismissal - Grades K-7 Dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Grades 8-12 Dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- June 4 – Designated Make-Up Day #3
- June 5 – Designated Make-Up Day #4



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