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Mark Your Calendars

October 16th MCHS College & Career Day

October 18th End 1st Qt

Oct. 24th-25th No School P/T Conferences

MCHS College & Career Day

Mercer County High School will be hosting a College/Career Day on Wednesday, October 16th during school in the high school gymnasium. We are excited to announce that we will have a mixture of colleges, universities, local unions, local businesses, trade schools, and military personnel on hand. We really want to make sure that we have something for everyone. They will be available in an "open house" format, with a table set up, to answer questions or obtain information from. Right now, we have over 40 tables that will be set up but are expecting a few more.

There will be a scholarship opportunity/opportunities for senior students just for attending and signing up.

Mind Over Miles 5K Run/Walk

Do you love to run/walk AND care about mental health awareness? Join The Gray Matters Collective for our first 5K run/walk: Mind Over Miles.

Packet pick- up begins at 8am | Race starts at 9am

\$10 for students | \$20 for adults

All attendees must register before October 5th and registrants ages 17 or under must be registered by an authorized adult or legal guardian.

Register with the QR Code:



Please park in the Mercer County High School parking lot and follow signage to the registration tables.

We will have a speaker to start the race and QC CAN therapy dogs. We will see you there!

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College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. . College visits are held during advisory. Students must report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

U of Dubuque Oct 7th
Trinity Nursing Nov 8th
ECC Nov 18th
Blackburn Nov 21st

Post-Secondary Plans for Seniors

- Ms. Hainds & Mrs. Staker held Senior Jump Start on Wednesday, September 25th for seniors and their parents. They hopefully answered any questions anyone had about post grad planning but if you have additional questions please email or call the counseling office.
- Seniors are encouraged to submit college applications at this time. Seniors should submit post-secondary school applications to the school of their choice by mid October.
- Seniors needing a transcript sent to a college should log in to their Parchment account and make their requests. Please stop by the counseling office or email Ms. Hainds, Mrs. Staker or Mrs. Clark with any questions.

Please stop by the counselor's office with any questions or concerns you may have about Post-Secondary plans.



Post-Secondary Visits

Juniors & Seniors get three TOTAL college visit days that are excused to visit post-secondary schools. Forms may be picked-up in the counselor's office and must be returned to the main office at least one day prior to the visit, for the absence to be excused. Keep in mind that most post-secondary schools have special fall preview days on Saturdays and encourage parents/students to make private appointments if they cannot attend a preview day. Several colleges are currently offering scholarships to students who attend the preview days. Scholarship eligibility is often based on a qualifying essay or a drawing.

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SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68

(late fee required—\$34)

The following SAT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test. *Please note the SAT will be given here at the high school in April to all Juniors.

Test Date	Registration Deadline September 20, 2024	
October 5, 2024		
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	
May 3, 2025	April 22, 2025	
June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025	

ACT Test Dates <u>ACT Plus Writing</u>

ACT No Writing-\$69

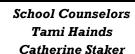
(late fee required-\$38)

ACT Plus Writing-\$94 Test option change - \$25

The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 16
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

Students may register on-line at www.act.org and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless of the number of times the test has been taken. **Fee waivers are available if you qualify.



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