MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404 MONTHLY BULLETIN



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November 2024

November Activ	ities Calendar		
1-Nov	No Preschool-Professional	Se Thankfu	
1 1404	Learning Day		
2-Nov	IMEA District Band Festival	Augustana	TBA
	IHSA Sectional-Cross Country		TBA
4-Nov	Three Rivers Conference Band & Choir Festival	Kewanee HS	TBA
	IHSA Sectional Volleyball		TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Wicall Gymnasium-Galesburg	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ Orion Middle School	5:30 PM
5-Nov	NO SCHOOL-Election Day		
	JH Girls Basketball	Home v. Immaculate Conception	5:30 PM
6-Nov	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ Rockridge JH	5:30 PM
7-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	@ AlWood JH	5:00 PM
8-Nov	IHSA Super Sectional Volleyball		TBA
9-Nov	IMEA District 2 Elem/Jazz Festival	Galesburg	TBA
	IHSA State Cross Country	Detweiller Park	TBA
	Prom Dress Collection	MCHS	1-3 PM
12-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	Home v. Sherrard Jr/Sr	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Wethersfield JH	5:30 PM
	Super Science Night	Apollo Elementary	6:00 PM
13-Nov	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	Home v. Monmouth-Roseville JH	5:30 PM
14-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Galesburg JH	5:30 PM
	Fall Play "Lend Me a Tenor "	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
15-Nov	IHSA State Finals Volleyball	Bloomington	TBA
	Fall Play "Lend Me a Tenor "	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
16-Nov	IHSA State Finals Volleyball	Bloomington	TBA
	JH Girls Basketball-IESA	TBA	TBA
	MCSEEF Trivia Night	MCJH Commons	7:00 PM
	Fall Play "Lend Me a Tenor "	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
17-Nov	Fall Play "Lend Me a Tenor "	MCHS Auditorium	2:00 PM
18-Nov	Finance Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Galva Elementary	5:30 PM
	Girls Varsity Basketball	@ Oneida	7:30 PM



ACTIVITY CALENDAR CONTINUED

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	Your Eye on	the Golden Eagles November 2024	
20-Nov	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
	Girls Varsity Basketball	@ Williamsfield	7:30 PM
21-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. United JH	5:30 PM
	Athletic Booster Meeting	MCHS Library	5:30 PM
	Music Theory Concert	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
22-Nov	Girls Varsity Basketball	@ Oneida	TBA
23-Nov	JH Girls Basketball-IESA	TBA	ТВА
	Girls Varsity Basketball	@ AlWood	TBA
25-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	@ Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
	Quad Wrestling Meet	@ MCHS Gym	5:30 PM
26-Nov	Holiday Dismissal	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	Boys JV/V Basketball	@ Orion MS	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Abingdon-Avon	5:30 PM
	Girls JV/V Basketball	Macomb	5:30 PM
27-Nov	NO SCHOOL	THANKSGIVING BREAK	ALL DAY
	Boys Varsity Basketball	@ Orion HS	TBA
28-Nov	NO SCHOOL	THANKSGIVING BREAK	ALL DAY
29-Nov	NO SCHOOL	THANKSGIVING BREAK	ALL DAY
	Boys JV/V Basketball	@ Orion HS	TBA
30-Nov	Boys JV/V Basketball	@ Orion HS	TBA



Your Eye on the Golden Eagles November 2024

Early Learning Center

For children who have turned 3 years old, screenings are available by appointment. Please call the ELC 309-584-5001 to schedule.

Colder weather is here. Please make sure to dress your child accordingly (hats, coats, boots, mittens). We have had several coats donated to the school. Please let us know if your child needs one.

MCHS Fall Play

Mark your calendar for the MCHS Fall Play which will be "Lend Me a Tenor" rated PG-13. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, November 14-16, 2024 and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2024 in the MCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 online or at the door.



Sounds

Music Theory Concert

It is time for our Fall MCHS Music Theory Concert. This year's Fall theme is: "Title of the Song has to have a Number in it". Music Theory Fall Concert will be on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 7 pm in the HS Auditorium. Admission by donation. It is always a fun time so hope to see you there!

Holiday Concerts

The New Boston Elementary Winter Concert will be on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Joy Gymnasium.

This year's *Mercer County High School* Holiday

Concerts will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm for the Chorus and 3:00 pm for the Band. The concert will start in the MCHS Auditorium with the MC Show Choir and Concert Choir.

After a small intermission, the MCHS Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform in the gym.

The Mercer County Junior High School will also be putting on a Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 16th at 5:30 pm. 6th Grade Band/Choir will be performing at 5:30 pm and the 7/8 Band/Choirs will be performing at 7 pm.

**See attached flyer for The *Apollo* Winter Programs Dates/Times

HEAD LICE INFO



What head lice are

Head lice are tiny insects that feed solely on the blood of people, and are most common on children of early elementary school age. Head lice grasp the head hair with their claws and insert their tiny mouthparts into the skin for just a minute or so to drink a tiny droplet of blood. Lice cannot burrow into the skin and do not play a role in transmitting any disease-causing organisms. Thus, head lice are rarely anything more than a nuisance. These insect pests are most commonly shared by direct head-to-head contact. Activities such as hugging, play wrestling, and sharing a bed all offer opportunities for lice to spread between friends and family members. Regardless of the wealth of the community or family, the cleanliness of the home, or the month of the year, however, ---only about one in every 100 U.S. elementary school children will be infested with head lice, of those infested children, only a few will spread" lice to others.

How to manage and prevent head lice at school

Head lice infest people, not school buildings or buses. A louse that falls from the hair will very likely die within hours, and almost certainly die by the next day. Thus, applying insecticides in the school or bus to control or prevent head lice is unnecessary and wasteful. It may also be prohibited by law. If a child does have lice, only the child's parent or guardian should or need be notified—ideally at the end of the day. The parent should be offered scientifically and medically sound information on how to manage the problem. Divulging the child's medical condition to the teacher or principal, or to other students and their parents, would violate confidentiality. Head lice may be an annoyance, but they are neither a serious medical problem nor a public health issue. The school's efforts regarding lice is to educate students, parents, and school personnel with up-to-date information. Unjustified actions include screening children for lice or nits, treating children at school, treating the school building, and excluding from school children who are infested or presumably infested.

Much ado about nits

Lice eggs seem to cause more panic among parents and school staff than does nearly any other problem associated with head lice. Dead eggs and the remnants of hatched eggs remain firmly glued onto the hair for weeks, months, or even years. If nits are discovered, look for a live (crawling) louse. If none is found, then the logical conclusion is that the child is likely no longer infested. Check again occasionally, but do not treat unless a live louse is found. The vast majority of objects presumed to be nits are simply bits of debris. But because bits of debris are frequently misidentified as lice eggs, many children are misdiagnosed, sent home, and treated unnecessarily.

Head lice are acquired mainly by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person. Inanimate objects (such as combs, brushes, hair accessories and other such items) serve little, if any role in the transmission of head lice. Louse combs used to remove lice should be rinsed in hot water and wiped clean with a towel or a small brush. Generally, hot water from the water faucet will be sufficient to kill lice and their eggs with just a few seconds of exposure. If the water it too hot for washing hands, it is likely adequate to kill lice and eggs quickly on combs. Boiling the water is excessive for this purpose, and phones in schools or recreational settings would rarely, if ever, harbor an occasional head louse or nit. The effort necessary to effectively inspect and clean these devices, however, is not warranted. Shared lockers or coat hooks pose even less risk as sources of contamination.

What parents can do to eliminate and prevent head lice

Before considering any kind of treatment, find a live (crawling) insect and make sure it is a louse. If lice are found on one family member, then all other children and adults in the home should be checked as well. If the hair is fairly fine and not tangled, then a lice or nit comb can be useful in detecting and removing these insects and their eggs. Some, but not all, infestations can be eliminated by this method. If combing is difficult, impractical, or has been unsuccessful, then pediculicides can prove valuable. Pediculicides are special insecticide products registered by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat lice. Most over-the-counter (OTC) pediculicides contain pyrethrins (extracts of chrysanthemum flowers) or their synthetic equivalent. Used as directed on the package, these products can be effective at killing lice. A repeat treatment, about 10 days after the first, is often needed.



Mercer County High School

November 2024



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Mercer County HS Counseling
Office



Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 26th Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Nov. 27th-29th No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Attention SENIOR Parents

Senior Parents- Filing of the FAFSA is now a graduation requirement in the state of Illinois. If you absolutely know that you will not be needing financial aid or federal student loans, there is a waiver that can be filled out and signed to meet this requirement. FAFSA is set to open on December 1st this year. We will hold a FAFSA completion night in January if you need help.

MCHS College & Career Day



On Wednesday, October 16th MCHS held their College/Career Day. This was a great opportunity for our students who attended to receive information from over 50 colleges,

universities, local unions, businesses, trade schools and military personnel.

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Attention Seniors!!



- 1. **Seniors**.....By now, you should have submitted two or more college/university applications. If you have not heard from the schools within 3 weeks, call admissions and ask about the status of your application.
- 2. Students going directly into the workforce after high school should begin working on resumes & researching for possible job opportunities.
- 3. For graduating Seniors who want to work and/or receive advance training consider:

<u>Apprenticeships</u>: more information available in the LRC or in the Counselor's Office

Military Service: www.military.com

<u>Trades:</u> http://www.tcbuildingtrades.com/

https://www.illowaimpact.org/

Post-Secondary Visits

Juniors and Seniors may use a total of three attendance days 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 drawing.

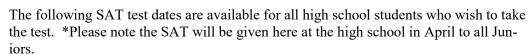


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SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68

(late fee required—\$34)



Test Date	Registration Deadline
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

ACT Plus Writing-\$94

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required-\$38)

TheACT

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
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 26
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. <u>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.</u>

School Counselors Tami Hainds Catherine Staker

Counseling Secretary Ashley Clark

> (309) 582-2223 Ext 1



SAT Testing

^{*}Fee waivers are available if you qualify. See the Counseling office with questions

Christmas Evergreens Fundraiser

Please visit our website: www.sherwoodfundraiser.com/apollopto *Ordering ends 11:59 PM on November 4th to guarantee a before Thanksgiving delivery.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Give your support and enjoy beautiful holiday evergreens fresh from the Pacific Northwest.



Item# Order Nam 22" Noble Fir Wreath

- * Fresh, fragrant noble fir wreath
- * Pre-tied red velvet water repellent bow in separate bag
- * Snowy pine cones in separate, moisture-proof
- * Simple decorating instructions with illustrations



Item# Order Name

- * Ten-feet of gorgeous cedar garland
- * Fragrant fresh-cut western cedar
- * Easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag
- * Two 10 foot garland sections pictured

\$28



Item# C5 Holiday Centerpiece

- * Cedar, noble fir, pine and berried juniper
- Arranged in oasis block and bowl
- White faux snow berries and red faux holly berries for decorating
- * Easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag
- * Approximately 12 inches in diameter



Item#

Noble Fir Door Swag

- * Designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect alternative to a wreath.
- * Includes 1 set of snow dusted cones and a red bow. Approximately 30 in x 19 in.

\$26



W3

28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red, faux, holly berries. A red, velvet, water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

\$38



Item# W4

22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

- * An aromatic combination of noble fir, incense
- cedar and berried juniper
- Red faux holly berries
- * Pre-tied red velvet water repellent bow in separate bag
- * Simple decorating instructions with illustrations

\$28



Item# Gold And Silver Reindeer Set R5

* Elegant 10" metal, gold and silver reindeer set. Each reindeer features a charming blanket sweater and a snow dusted faux wreath. Perfect to add a touch of holiday cheer to any room.

\$22



Organization Name: Apollo PTO Contact Name: Chelsey Paslawski Phone: 309-582-5350

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Christmas Evergreens Fundraiser

Please visit our website : www.sherwoodfundraiser.com/apollopto *Ordering ends 11:59 PM on November 4th to guarantee a before Thanksgiving delivery.

DIRECT DELIVERY GIFT PROGRAM

Perfect gifts with a personalized holiday message, will arrive directly to recipient fresh within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.



Item# Order Name
W3M 28" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath

* Our largest, most dramatic mixed evergreen

- Our largest, most dramatic mixed evergreen wreath with noble fir, incense cedar, berried juniper and faux holly berries
- * Pre-tied red and gold snowflake bow
- * Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving
- * Personalized Gift Message

\$62



Item # Order Name

G3M Western Cedar Gift Garlands

- * Two stunning ten-foot garlands made of fragrant, fresh-cut western cedar
- * Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving
- * Personalized gift message.

\$70



Item # Order Name
C5M Gift Centerpiece

- * Cedar, noble fir, pine and berried juniper
- * Arranged in an oasis block and bowl
- * Faux white snow berries and red holly berries
- * Approximately 12 inches in diameter
- * Includes 10 inch tapered LED candle
- * Personalized gift message
- * Delivered within 2 weeks after Thanksgiving

\$52



Item # Order Name
S4M Holiday Gift Door Swag

* This fragrant Noble fir door swag is made entirely of Noble fir, an evergreen exclusive to the Pacific Northwest, this door swag is complemented by snowy white pine cones and a checkered tree bow (bow style may vary).

\$55



Item # Order Nam W4M 22" Mixed

22" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath

- * Noble fir, incense cedar, berried juniper and faux holly berries
- Deluxe, red and gold snowflake bow
- * Poly bag wrapped to retain moisture
- * Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving
- * Personalized gift message

\$52



Item # Order Name
N7M Cone Gift Basket

* A rustic willow basket filled with an assortment of large, medium, and small snowy pine cones. Basket is approximately 13 in. in diameter and 6 in. deep. Please note, actual basket style may vary due to availability. Delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$50



Item # EGM Order Name Evergreen Gift Set

- * One 22 in. Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath with red and gold snowflake bow
- * Two stunning ten-foot cedar garlands
- * Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving
- * Personalized gift message

\$100



Item # Order Name

Gold And Silver Gift Reindeer Set

* Elegant 10" metal, gold and silver reindeer set. Each reindeer features a charming blanket sweater and a snow dusted faux wreath. Perfect to add a touch of holiday cheer to any room.

\$42



Organization Name : Apollo PTO
Contact Name : Chelsey Paslawski

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MCHS Key Club is collecting lightly used formal dresses to give to girls in need. We will

Donations can be dropped off at MCHS on November 9th from 1-3 PM

For questions or more information contact Key Club Advisor Kayla Westfall westfallk@mercerschools.org

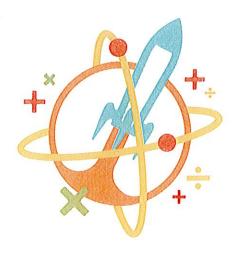
Prom dress shop to happen in January.



November 12th from 6-7:30 P.M.

Join us for a FREE fun night of science and math activities at Apollo Elementary.

- Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase from our Student Senate committee.
- Book Fair will be open in the library during this event.







The Cleveland Opera Company is short a lead tenor. Come experience the hilarity and farce that ensue.

Thursday - Saturday 7pm
November 14 -16
Sunday 2pm
November 17
MCHS Auditorium
Tickets - \$8
**Available soon online or at the door
Rated PG-13

MERGER COUNTY SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION



November 16th, 2024 7 – 10 pm

WHERE

Mercer County Junior High School Commons

1002 SW 6th St, Aledo, IL 61231

RESERVE A TABLE

Contact Julie Wagner to reserve a table: jwagner@mercerschools.org
309-791-1306
"Julie Ann Hessman Wagner" on Facebook



AGES 15+

AT THE DOOR

\$10 per person with max 8 people per table, \$20 for all mulligans \$100 total per table

Opportunities to banish players for a round, and other games throughout the night

BENEFITING

Classroom teacher grants and MCHS senior scholarships for students majoring in Education in college

SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE

Apollo Winter Programs

Wednesday, December 11th

In the Mercer County High School Auditorium

3rd Grade 5:00 PM

4th Grade 6:00 PM

5th Grade 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 12th

In the Mercer County High School Auditorium

Kindergarten 5:00 PM

1st Grade 6:00 PM

2nd Grade 7:00 PM

Please Note

Each program is 20-30 minutes long.

Please have your child sit with you until they are called to the stage for their program.

Children must be supervised by their adults in all areas of the HS.

No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium.



Get the shot shot the flui

Flu shots now available at the Mercer County Health Department

Walk-in flu shots will be provided Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Very occasionally though, our nurses may be out of the office. So we encourage a quick call first to ensure we have staff available.

305 NW 7th St. Aledo, IL 61231

To ensure nurse availability please call: 309-582-3759



November Breakfast Menu 2024

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday.



Menu Subject to Change

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Nondiscrimin	1 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk			
4 Pancake Sausage links Fruit/milk	NO SCHOOL ELECTION DAY	6 Biscuits and gravy Fruit/milk	7 Pancake Sausage stick Fruit/milk	8 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk
11 Waffle Bacon Fruit/milk	Cereal Donut Fruit/milk	13 Ham/egg/cheese bar Fruit/milk	Oatmeal with brown sugar Pop Tart Fruit/milk	15 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk
18 Pancake Sausage links Fruit/milk	19 Cereal Nutri-Grain bar Fruit/milk	Sausage links Egg patty Hashbrown Fruit/Milk	21 Cereal Burrito Fruit/Milk	22 Cereal Donut Fruit/Milk
25 Waffle Bacon Fruit/milk	Oatmeal with brown sugar Donut Fruit/milk	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK



November Lunch Menu 2024

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday.



Menu Subject to Change

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Nondiscrimination: In the operation of USDA Child Nutrition programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. If you feel you have been, please call (309) 582-2238.				1 French bread pizza Corn Sidekicks Fruit/milk
4 Chicken egg roll Carrots/celery w/ Ranch Chicken noodle soup Fruit/milk	NO SCHOOL ELECTION DAY	6 Variety chicken Bread Potatoes & gravy Cherry tomatoes red peppers Fruit/milk	7 Deli sandwich Broccoli soup Carrots crackers Pudding Fruit/milk	8 Crispito with Romaine lettuce/tomatoes Refried beans Chips/salsa Fruit/milk
Chili with crackers Cheese stick Cherry tomatoes/carrots Broccoli with Ranch	Chicken patty on a bun Romain lettuce Tomatoes/red peppers Cheese stick	Open-faced turkey sandwich (1/2) Potatoes & gravy Green beans	Mini corn dogs Baked beans Goldfish crackers Fruit/milk	Shrimp poppers Coleslaw Carrots Yogurt parfait
Fruit/milk 18 Breakfast sandwich on a biscuit with sausage Hashbrown Churro Fruit/milk	Fruit/milk 19 Chicken nuggets Baked beans Broccoli with Ranch Roll Fruit/milk	Fruit/milk 20 Spaghetti Breadstick Romain lettuce Tomatoes Fruit/Milk	21 Deli sandwich Potato soup Carrots with Ranch Crackers Fruit/Milk	Fruit/milk 22 Pizza Spinach/Romine lettuce/cucumbers Tomatoes Goldfish crackers Fruit/Milk
25 Mashed potatoes Shredded turkey in gravy Green bean casserole Roll Autumn bar; fruit/milk	26 Ribette on a bun Baked beans Yogurt Fruit/milk	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK