



THE EAGLE EYE

Mercer County School District #404



December/January

2024-2025

December/January Activities Calendar

2-Dec	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Orion Middle School	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Orion HS	5:30 PM
3-Dec	JV/V Boys Basketball	@Orion HS	5:30 PM
4-Dec	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Monmouth-Roseville JH	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	@Abingdon	6:00 PM
5-Dec	Wrestling	Tri: Kewanee & Sherrard in Kewanee	5:30 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	@Geneseo HS	5:30 PM
	Girls JV/V Basketball	Home v. Monmouth-Roseville HS	5:30 PM
	Boys JV/V Basketball	@Cambridge HS	6:00 PM
7-Dec	Freshman Boys Basketball	@Prophetstown HS (Warkins Tournament)	TBA
8-Dec	MCHS Holiday Concert	Choir 2:00 PM-Band 3:00 PM	2:00 PM
9-Dec	Freshman Boys Basketball	@Prophetstown HS (Warkins Tournament)	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v Kewanee Central JH	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v Brimfield HS	5:30 PM
10-Dec	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. West Central	5:30 PM
	Wrestling	Co-op Hall/Putnam Co/Princeton @Princeton HS	6:00 PM
	JH Wrestling	@Logan JH (Princeton Dual)	6:00 PM
11-Dec	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	Apollo Winter Music Program	3rd-5PM 4th-6PM 5th-7PM @MCHS Auditorium	5:00 PM
12-Dec	Apollo Winter Music Program	K-5PM 1st-6PM 2nd-7PM @MCHS Auditorium	5:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Sherrard	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	@Rockridge HS	5:30 PM
13-Dec	Toothmobile	Apollo	TBA
	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. Monmouth-Roseville HS	5:30 PM
	MCJH Winter Dance	MCJH Gymnasium	7-9 PM
	New Boston Elementary Winter Concert	Joy Gymnasium	7:00 PM
14-Dec	Freshman Boys Basketball	Invitational @Monmouth-Roseville JH	TBA
	JH Wrestling	@ East Peoria Central JH	9:00 AM
	HS Wrestling	Jim Boyd Invitational @ Riverdale HS	9:00 AM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. Illini West	3:30 PM
16-Dec	Finance Committee Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
	JH Winter Concert	6th Grade @ 5:30 p.m.-7/8 @ 7 p.m.	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Bureau Valley Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	PTO Meeting	New Boston Elementary	6:30 PM
17-Dec	JH Wrestling	Home Tri-Galesburg JH & Geneseo Middle School	5:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Rockridge JH	5:30 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	@Fulton HS	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Alleman Catholic	5:30 PM
18-Dec	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	Invitational @ Monmouth-Roseville HS	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	@Morrison HS	5:30 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
19-Dec	Wrestling	Co-op with Erie/Prophetstown/Fulton @ Erie HS	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Co-op ROWVA/Williamsfield	5:30 PM
	Preschool Holiday Program	ELC	6:30 PM
20-Dec	SIP Day	Early Dismissal-End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	2:00 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	@ Rockridge HS	5:30 PM





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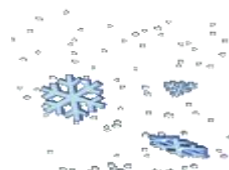
21-Dec	Freshman Boys Basketball Wrestling	Jamboree @ St. Bede Academy Panther Holiday Tournament @ Erie HS	TBA 9:00 AM
23-25-Dec	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	
26-Dec	NO SCHOOL Varsity Boys Basketball JV Boys Basketball Tournament	WINTER BREAK Holiday Tournament @ Western Hall @ Sherrard	TBA TBA
27-Dec	NO SCHOOL Varsity Boys Basketball JV Boys Basketball Tournament Wrestling Varsity Girls Basketball	WINTER BREAK Holiday Tournament @ Western Hall @ Sherrard Abe's Rumble @ Prairie Capital Convention Center E/P Warkins Tournament @ Prophetstown HS	TBA TBA TBA TBA
28-Dec	NO SCHOOL Varsity Boys Basketball Wrestling Varsity Girls Basketball	WINTER BREAK Holiday Tournament @ Western Hall Abe's Rumble @ Prairie Capital Convention Center E/P Warkins Tournament @ Prophetstown HS	TBA TBA TBA
29-Dec	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	
30-Dec	NO SCHOOL Varsity Girls Basketball	WINTER BREAK E/P Warkins Tournament @ Prophetstown HS	TBA
31-Dec	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	
1&2-Jan	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	
2-Jan	JV/V Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Coop @ AlWood	6:00 PM
3-Jan	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	
4-Jan	NO SCHOOL JV/V Boys Basketball	WINTER BREAK Co-op Erie/Prophetstown @ Rock Falls HS	1:30 PM
5-Jan	NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK	TBA
6-Jan	NO SCHOOL JV/V Girls Basketball	WINTER BREAK Home v. Riverdale	TBA 5:30 PM
7-Jan	CLASSES RESUME JH Boys Basketball JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. ROWVA @Macomb Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM 5:30 PM
8-Jan	SIP Day JH Boys Basketball JH Volleyball JV/V Boys Basketball	Early Dismissal @Orion Middle School Home v. Galesburg JH Coop Hamilton/Warsaw @Hamilton HS	2:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
9-Jan	MCHS Scholastic Bowl JH Volleyball JV/V Girls Basketball Freshman Boys Basketball	@Riverdale HS @Wicall Gymnasium in Galesburg @Sherrard @Wethersfield HS	5:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
10-Jan	Wrestling JV/V Boys Basketball	Princeton Invite Tournament @ Princeton HS Home v. Riverdale	4:30 PM 5:30 PM
11-Jan	JH Wrestling Varsity Girls Basketball Wrestling JH Boys Basketball Freshman Boys Basketball Freshman Boys Basketball	@Jacksonville HS IHMVCU Shootout @ Augustana College Princeton Invite Tournament @ Princeton HS Home v. Annawan @Lena-Winslow HS @ Fulton HS	TBA TBA 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
13-Jan	MCHS Scholastic Bowl JH Boys Basketball JH Volleyball	@Princeton HS-Newman Central Catholic Round 4 Home v. Monmouth-Roseville @St. County JH in Wyoming	5:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM





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Cont 13-Jan	Freshman Boys Basketball	Home v. Monmouth-Roseville HS	6:00 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	@Carthage	6:00 PM
14-Jan	JH & HS Wrestling	Tri: Co-op Home v. ROWVA/Williamsfield United	5:30 PM
15-Jan	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@Kewanee Central	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	Home v. AlWood Middle	5:30 PM
	FAFSA Completion Night	MCHS Library	6:00 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	Home v. Alleman Catholic HS	6:00 PM
16-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Rockridge	5:30 PM
	Wrestling	Tri: Newman Central Catholic/Riverdale @ Riverdale	5:30 PM
	Athletic Booster Meeting	MCHS Library	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	@Orion HS	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	@Wethersfield JH in Kewanee	5:30 PM
17-Jan	Wrestling	Shoot Out @ Bettendorf HS	4:00 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	@Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
18-Jan	Wrestling	@Bettendorf HS	8:00 AM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Rock Falls HS	2:00 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. Rock Falls HS	5:00 PM
20-Jan	NO SCHOOL	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
	Girls Varsity Basketball	@Carthage	3:00 PM
	Finance Committee Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
	JH Volleyball	@ Galva Elementary	5:30 PM
	PTO Meeting	New Boston Elementary	6:30 PM
21-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	@ Sherrard	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	Home v. Sherrard Jr/Sr	5:30 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	Home v. Orion HS	6:00 PM
22-Jan	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Wrestling	Triangular-Home v. Riverdale, Washington JH	5:00 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	Home v. AlWood/Cambridge/Ridgewood	6:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
23-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	@ICS in Monmouth	5:30 PM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	@Monmouth-Roseville HS	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	Home v. ROWVA Jr/Sr	5:30 PM
24-Jan	Wrestling	Bob Mitton Invitational @Orion HS	5:00 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. Orion HS	5:30 PM
25-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	IESA 7th Regional	TBA
	Wrestling	Bob Mitton Invitational @Orion HS	8:00 AM
	MCHS Scholastic Bowl	Riverdale Quadrangular Meet @ Riverdale HS	9:00 AM
	JH Wrestling	@Rockridge JH	9:00 AM
	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. United HS	11:00 AM
27-Jan	MCHS Scholastic Bowl	Home v. Mendota & Riverdale	5:00 PM
	JV/V Boys Basketball	Home v. Farmington HS	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	Home v. Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
28-Jan	JH Wrestling	Home v. Knoxville & Monmouth-Roseville	5:00 PM
	Wrestling	Tri: Orion & Camanche @ Orion HS	5:30 PM
29-Jan	SIP Day	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	MCHS Scholastic Bowl	@Bushnell	4:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	@ Orion Middle School	5:30 PM
30-Jan	JV/V Girls Basketball	Home v. Rockridge	5:30 PM
	JH Volleyball	@United JH	5:30 PM
31-Jan	JV/V Boys Basketball	@ Monmouth-Roseville HS	5:30 PM





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Mercer County Holiday Concert



There's no better way to get in the Christmas Spirit than to attend a Holiday Concert! Come on out and listen to our own Mercer County students as they work up some Christmas cheer with seasonal Christmas favorites or some festive new arrangements!

December 13th—New Boston Elementary Winter Program at 7pm at the Early Learning Center in Joy. All K-5th grade students.

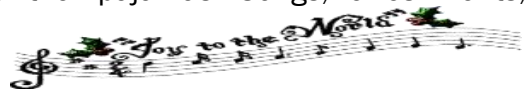
December 8th—High School Christmas Concert starting at 2:00 pm for the Chorus and 3:00 pm for the Band. The concert will start in the MCHS Auditorium with the MC Show Choir and Concert Choir. After a small intermission, the MCHS Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform in the gym.

December 16th—Junior High Winter Concert at 5:30pm in the Junior High gym—Aledo. 6th Grade Band/Choir will be performing at 5:30pm and the 7/8 Band/Choirs will be performing at 7pm.

December 11th & 12th—Apollo Winter Program will be held in the *High School Auditorium*. Kindergarten will perform this year on the 12th at **5:00pm**, 1st grade at **6:00pm**, and 2nd grade at **7:00pm**. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will perform on the 11th at **5:00pm, 6:00pm, & 7pm**. They will be singing and accompanying themselves on our classroom instruments. Come and sing along to a few favorite traditional Christmas songs!!

December 19th—Early Learning Center Winter Program will be held at the **ELC, Joy at 6:30pm**. Doors unlock at **6:15 p.m.** PreK students are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Songs, refreshments, crafts, and Santa!

Come and celebrate the upcoming Holidays with us!



The Dental Clinic is coming!

December 13, 2024, the Dental Clinic will be at *Apollo Elementary*. See the attached flyer. The Dental Clinic will be coming to all the other buildings in the Spring. More information will be coming soon.



Cold weather is here!
Please make sure to
dress your child
accordingly.



Hand, Foot, & Mouth Disease Letter to Parents

Parent/Guardian:

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease is a viral infection caused by a strain of the Coxsackie virus. It causes a blister-like rash that, as the name implies, involves the hands, feet, and mouth.

This infection usually occurs in children under 10 years of age, but can occasionally occur in young adults.

The virus is spread by direct contact with nose and throat discharges, fluid from blisters on the hands and feet, and feces of the infected person.

Initial symptoms of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease include

low-grade fever, poor appetite, runny nose, and sore throat and usually appear 3 to 5 days after exposure to the virus. The classic rash symptoms (blisters in the mouth, on the feet, and the front and back of the hands) appear 1 to 2 days after the initial symptoms. A child is contagious when the first symptoms appear and may continue to be contagious until the blister-like skin lesions disappear. The virus can be shed in the stool for up to several weeks.

This illness is typically mild and complications are rare. After diagnosis by your physician, treatment usually consists of fever

control and adequate fluids.

If you suspect that your child has Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease, contact your physician. If you have any questions, concerns or if your physician confirms a case of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease, please contact me at Apollo Elementary (582-5350). If your child attends day-care please make your child's caretaker aware as well.

Sincerely,
Becky Hyett RN, CSN



Strep Throat Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we enter the winter season, please watch for signs of Strep Throat. Information concerning the signs and symptoms of Strep and methods of treatment are listed below.

If you suspect that your child is experiencing the symptoms of Strep Throat please contact your physician so that a diagnosis can be made.

Signs and Symptoms

If your child has strep throat, he or she will likely have throat pain and difficulty swallowing. But this isn't always the case. In fact, it's possible to have a strep throat infection without a sore throat. In general, however, signs and symptoms of strep throat include:

Red and swollen tonsils, Tonsils are specialized lymph nodes located on either side of your throat, just behind and above your tongue. Sometimes you may see white streaks or patches of pus on the tonsils. Your child's tonsils also may have a gray or white coating.

- Swollen, tender lymph glands on the side of your child's neck.
- Fever.
- Headache.
- Muscle aches.
- Stomach ache and possibly vomiting, especially in smaller children.

Your child may have many of these signs and symptoms but not have strep throat. In fact, these symptoms could be signs of a sore throat caused by a virus, tonsillitis or other illnesses. That's why your doctor may test your child specifically for strep throat.

Sometimes symptoms can occur even after your child has finished treatment for strep throat. Call your doctor if your child develops a fever — or has pain or swelling in the joints, shortness of breath or a rash — 1 to 6 weeks after a strep infection. These may be signs of rheumatic fever.

Treatment

If your child has strep throat, your pediatrician will likely prescribe an oral antibiotic. Once treatment begins, you can expect your child to start feeling better in just a day or two. But make sure your child finishes the entire course of medicine. If your child feels well enough, he or she will be able to return to school or day-care after being treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours.

Remember your child must be fever free and no vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If you have and questions or concerns you may contact me at 582-5350 extension 4.

Becky Hyett R.N. CSN
School Nurse
Mercer County School District





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 is 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 risks causing burns and damaging some combs. **Shared helmets and headphones 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.



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Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

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| Dec. 20 | End of 2nd Qt/1st Semester - 2pm Dismissal |
| Dec. 23—Jan 3 | Holiday Break |
| Jan. 6 | No School—Teacher's Institute |
| Jan. 7 | School Resumes |
| Jan. 20 | No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Jan. 15 | FAFSA Completion Night |

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. There will be a FAFSA completion night on Jan. 15th at 6pm at MCHS for those needing assistance.



2025 Graduates Post-Secondary Up-date



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

1. All Seniors should have submitted or are finishing up their college applications at this time. If you need further assistance with this process please contact the counselor's office.
2. Seniors should collect recommendations from teachers & community members for scholarship applications by mid January.
3. Since housing will be limited at most colleges, seniors should notify colleges in January and state their plans. Students should then make a housing deposit in about four to six weeks.
4. Seniors planning to enter the workforce immediately after high school should be completing resumes & researching jobs.
5. Many colleges will allow seniors to take the ACT & SAT on campus, with the understanding that the ACT & SAT scores are only valid at that school. Seniors may want to take advantage of this opportunity to raise scores so they are eligible for admission or scholarships at that college.
6. Parents are encouraged to call the counselor's office if they have any questions concerning their student's post-secondary plans. (phone 309-582-2223 Ext.1)

Juniors Research Post-Secondary Plans

During the month of January juniors should discuss and research post-secondary options with their parents. Parents are asked to help students narrow the post-secondary selection to three by August of 2025. Please note the following suggestions to help with the post secondary search.

1. Take a career inventory on-line.
2. Research post-secondary schools on-line for chosen career fields.
3. Arrange post-secondary visits with schools of interest.
4. Compile a list of local scholarships & collect applications to review scholarship criteria.
5. Take the ACT in April (at MCHS).
6. Meet with college representatives in February, March, & April as they visit MCHS.
7. The following are excellent sites to access as post-secondary plans are developed.

www.isac.org (Illinois Student Assistance Commission)

www.irs.gov (Educational Tax Credit and Benefits)

www.collegeboard.com (College Planning Resources)

www.fastweb.com (Private Scholarships Search Site)



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.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025

*Fee waivers are available if you qualify. See the Guidance office with questions



ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$69

ACT Plus Writing—\$94

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required—\$38)

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

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Deadline</u>
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. 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.



School Counselors

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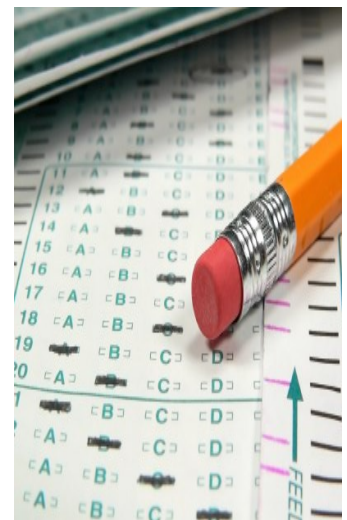
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Visit Colleges

Now is the time to visit colleges. Check the school calendar on our school website for days out of school and make arrangements to visit colleges. Keep in mind that most schools are open for Saturday visits. No School or In-Service Days are good days to schedule college visits. Check out the following dates:

<i>Teacher's Institute</i>	<i>Jan. 7</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Feb. 17</i>
<i>Spring Break</i>	<i>March 17-21</i>



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Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) (www.isac.org) is a trusted source for college information set up by the State of IL. Whether you're a student or parent you will find valuable information on grants, scholarships, loans, financial aid, prepaid tuition, financial aid estimator, loan repayment calculator and much more.

The Federal and State Aid Estimator provides an estimate of how much financial aid, including the State of Illinois' Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, may be available to help pay for college. Results are based on estimates and may not reflect actual awards. Access the calculator at www.isac.org. Click on e-Library on the top menu bar, then on the side menu Applying for Financial Aid, click Calculators, then Federal and State Aid Estimator.

Use the Federal and State Aid Estimator to:

- Estimate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for both public and private colleges.
- See how "what-if" situations (inheritance, bonus, moving, etc) may impact your financial aid eligibility.
- Estimate education loan payments for Stafford, PLUS, Perkins, and others
- Print your own EFC Report for future references
- Estimate current year MAP & PELL grant eligibility.





MERCER COUNTY FFA WREATH SALE

The Details:

Pre- Order **PREFERRED**

Online or Paper Form

November 20th - December 5th, 2024

Pick- up at MCHS Ag Shop

Options

- ◆ Small Wreath: 10" - \$25
- ◆ Large Wreath: 14" - \$35
- ◆ Basic Vase - \$10

Payment by cash, check, or online

Online Order Form on Cheddar UP

Happy Holidays

Questions?

Contact a FFA Member, Mr. Heartt,
Mrs. Lindstrom, or Mrs. Hank





HOLIDAY

CANDY CANE GRAM



BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY WITH A CANDY CANE GRAM!

**PLEASE FILL OUT EACH CARD TO SEND A CANDY CANE
AND A MESSAGE TO A SPECIAL FRIEND**

EACH GRAM IS \$1 EACH!

**Candy Cane Grams will be delivered on Fridays in
December.**

**Proceeds benefit Apollo PTO! Please call Mrs. Finch in the
office with questions. (309-582-5350)**

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.



Guess What?



THE DENTAL CLINIC IS VISITING YOUR SCHOOL

This is a great opportunity to have your child receive preventive dental care and meet the STATE LAW requirement that ALL K, 2nd, 6th & 9th GRADERS HAVE A MANDATED DENTAL EXAM!

The Mercer County Health Department's mobile dental clinic will be offering preventative dental care for children in the Mercer County School District on:

December 13, 2024 - Apollo



The Dental Clinic is a mobile dentist office with a licensed dentist completing the exam. All preventative care (such as exams, cleanings and sealants) that can be completed in a traditional dentist office are available at the Dental Clinic. They do not however fill cavities or remove teeth. A referral may be made for further treatments if tooth decay is present.

All students are welcome and encouraged to participate.

As a reminder, this EXAM FULFILLS THE STATE LAW REQUIRING ALL K, 2nd, AND 6TH GRADERS TO HAVE A MANDATED DENTAL EXAM.

A medical card covers ALL the cost of services once a year. If you do not have a medical card the following are the cost of the different services; checks can be made to Mercer County Health Department. Cash is also accepted.



Exam: \$29.00
Cleaning: \$43.00
Fluoride: \$27.00

Dental Sealants: \$37.00 each tooth (could be up to 4 teeth)



RETURN PERMISSION FORMS AND COPIES OF YOUR MEDICAL CARD OR INSURANCE CARD TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE BY Dec. 2, 2024

If you have any questions, contact your school nurse

Get the shot, not the flu!

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**



Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

FREE

Mammograms

Physicals

PAPs

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program connects women and people assigned female at birth to breast and cervical cancer screenings at no cost.

Eligibility :

- Live in Illinois
- 40 -64yrs (for breast cancer screenings)
- 21 -64yrs (for cervical cancer screenings)
- Uninsured
- Underinsured (insurance does not cover the cost of screenings or diagnostics)
- Younger or older than the above age categories experiencing symptoms (breast lump or pain)
- Men experiencing symptoms (breast lump or pain)
- High risk for breast or cervical cancer at any age
- Not receiving Medicare Part B
- Transgender women and transgender men
- No income limits
- Legal status does not matter

Provides services in the following counties :

Rock Island

Bureau

Whiteside

Henry

Putnam

815-626-2230

Mercer

815-872-5091

ext. 1224

Stark

309-558-2906



December Lunch Menu 2024

Skim Chocolate and 1%
White milk
served everyday



Menu Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Fried Rice w/ chicken carrots pudding Fruit/milk	3 Hamburger on a bun Fries Cottage cheese Fruit/milk	4 Taco salad Chips/cheese/Romaine lettuce Tomatoes/salsa Refried beans Fruit/milk	5 Chicken egg roll Chicken noodle soup w/ carrots celery Fruit/milk	6 French bread pizza Red pepper/tomatoes Broccoli/cucumber Fruit/milk
9 Biscuit w/ gravy Hashbrown carrots Fruit/milk	10 Chicken patty on a bun Crackers Broccoli cheese soup Rice krispie Fruit/milk	11 Chicken nacho Tostitos/cheese sauce Lettuce/tomatoes Fruit/milk	12 Variety of chicken Baked beans carrots Fruit/milk	13 Crispito Romaine lettuce/tomatoes Cucumbers/green pepper Chips/salsa Fruit/milk
16 Cheesy potatoes w/ diced ham Broccoli/cauliflower carrots Fruit/milk	17 Ribette on a bun Baked beans Fritos Fruit/milk	18 Ham Roll Potatoes with gravy Corn Cookie Fruit/milk	19 Goulash Breadstick Corn Cottage cheese Fruit/milk	20 Pizza Romaine lettuce Tomatoes/cucumbers Goldfish crackers Fruit/milk
23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
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December Breakfast Menu 2024

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Menu Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Oatmeal w/ brown sugar Pop-Tart Fruit/milk	3 Cereal Nutri Grain bar Fruit/milk	4 Breakfast pizza Fruit/milk	5 Ham/egg/cheese bar Fruit/milk	6 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk
9 Pancakes Sausage link Fruit/milk	9 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk	10 Biscuit with gravy Fruit/milk	11 Sausage links Hash brown Egg Patty Fruit/milk	12 Cereal Granola bar Fruit/milk
16 Oatmeal w/ brown sugar Pop-Tart Fruit/milk	17 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk	18 Bagel w/ cream cheese Sausage links Fruit/milk	19 Burrito Yogurt cup Fruit/milk	20 Cereal Nutri-Grain bar Fruit/milk
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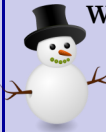



January Breakfast Menu 2025

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				NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK		NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK		NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK 	
6		7		8		9		10	
NO SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE		Breakfast sandwich Fruit/milk		Biscuit and gravy Fruit/milk		Ham/egg/cheese bar Yogurt cup Fruit/milk		Cereal Donut Fruit/milk	
13		14		15		16		17	
Waffles Bacon Fruit/milk		Breakfast sandwich Fruit/milk		Cereal Donut Fruit/milk		Frudel Yogurt Fruit/milk		Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk	
20		21		22		23		24	
NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 		Oatmeal w/ brown sugar Pop-Tart Fruit/milk		Pancakes Sausage links Fruit/milk		Cereal Donut Fruit/milk		Burrito salsa Fruit/milk	
27		28		29		30		31	
Bagel w/ cream cheese Fruit/milk		Ham/egg/cheese bar Yogurt cup Fruit/milk		Breakfast sandwich Fruit/milk		Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk		Pancake Sausage link Fruit/milk	







January Lunch Menu 2025

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6 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE	7 Cheeseburger on a bun Baked beans chips Fruit/milk	8 Cheesy potato & ham soup Celery/carrots 1/2 deli sandwich Fruit/milk	9 Chicken pasta Bread peas Fruit/milk	10 Pizza Broccoli/cheese Tomatoes Cookie Fruit/milk
13 Pancake sausage links Hashbrown yogurt Fruit/milk	14 Chicken patty on a bun Carrots/broccoli Tomatoes Jello Cake; Fruit/milk	15 Taco salad Chips/cheese Lettuce/tomato Refried beans Fruit/milk	16 Spaghetti Breadstick Green beans Cottage cheese Fruit/milk	17 Crispito Romaine lettuce Peppers/cucumber Chips/salsa Fruit/milk
20 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 	21 Chili Cheese stick Crackers Carrots Cinnamon roll; fruit/milk	22 Chicken nuggets Potatoes w/ gravy Roll Red pepper Fruit/milk	23 Hot dog on a bun Baked beans Fritos Fruit/milk	24 French bread pizza Spinach salad Tomato/cucumber Cheese stick Fruit/milk
27 Salisbury steak Potatoes w/ gravy Corn roll Fruit/milk	28 Ribette on a bun Baked beans Cheetos Fruit/milk	29 Chicken nacho Tostitos/salsa Black beans/corn/cheese casserole Fruit/milk	30 Breakfast sandwich Hashbrown carrots Fruit/milk	31 Shrimp poppers Salad w/ toma- toes/cucumbers Yogurt cup Fruit/milk