



October 2023 Activities Calendar



2-Oct	Varsity Girls and Boys Golf –Sectionals Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JH Girls Basketball JV Football	MC vs Illini West @ Carthage @Kewanee Central Home vs Elmwood High School	TBA 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
3-Oct	JH Girls Basketball JV/Varsity Volleyball	Home vs Abingdon-Avon @ MCJH Home vs Elmwood	5:30 PM 6:00 PM
4-Oct	SIP DAY Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JH Girls Basketball	Early Dismissal Home vs Ridgewood Home vs Knoxville	2:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM
5-Oct	Varsity Cross Country JH Girls Basketball MCHS Homecoming Parade	LTC Conference Meet @ Dunes GC @ Wethersfield JH-Kewanee Downtown Aledo	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
6-Oct	Varsity Boys/Girls Golf Varsity Football-Homecoming	IHSA State Finals Home vs. Illini West	TBA 7:00 PM
7-Oct	Varsity Boys/Girls Golf JH Cross Country	IHSA State Finals IESA Sectional	TBA TBA
9-Oct	NO SCHOOL Varsity Cross Country Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JV Football	COLUMBUS DAY Columbus Day Invite @Amboy @ ROWVA Oneida @ Carthage vs Illini West	10:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
10-Oct	JH Football JH Girls Basketball Music Boosters Meeting Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	@ Monmouth Roseville JH-Roseville Home vs Orion MCHS Band Room District Office	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
11-Oct	SIP DAY Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JH Girls Basketball	Early Dismissal Home vs. Stark County-Senior Night @ Rockridge JH	2:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM
12-Oct	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	Home vs Sherrard	5:00 PM
13-Oct	END OF 1ST QUARTER Varsity Football		
14-Oct	JH Cross Country Freshman Volleyball Invite JH Football Varsity Cross Country	Home vs. Macomb-Senior Night IESA State Meet @ Maxwell Park- Normal, IL @ Farmington Home vs. Kewanee @ ELC-Joy Patriot Invite @ Detweiller Park	7:00 PM TBA 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
15-Oct	NBE PTO Meeting	NBE	4:00 PM
16-Oct	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JV Football Finance Committee Meeting	@ United HS @ Macomb District Office	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
17-Oct	JH Girls Basketball Apollo PTO Meeting	Home vs. Alwood @ MCJH Aledo Apollo	5:30 PM 6:30 PM
18-Oct	SIP DAY School Picture Retakes—JH & HS ELC Field Trip JH Girls Basketball Board of Education Meeting	Early Dismissal TBA Home vs. Sherrard @ MCJH Aledo MCJH Music Room	2:00 PM TBA 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
19-Oct	NO SCHOOL Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball JH Girls Basketball	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE MC vs. West Central @ Biggsville @ Monmouth Roseville JH-Roseville	12:00 ~ 7:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM



October Activities Calendar Cont.



Date	Activity	Location	Time
20-Oct	NO SCHOOL Varsity Football	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE @ West Hancock HS Warsaw	7:30 ~ 12:30 PM 7:00 PM
21-Oct	Varsity Cross Country-IHSA Regional	Open	TBA
23-Oct	Varsity Volleyball-Regional JH Girls Basketball	TBA Home vs Kewanee @ MCJH Aledo	TBA 5:30 PM
	JV Football	Home vs West Hancock	6:00 PM
24-Oct	ELC School Picture Retakes		
25-Oct	SIP DAY NBE School Picture Retakes	Early Dismissal	2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
26-Oct	JH Girls Basketball	Home vs. Stark County	5:30 PM
28-Oct	Varsity Cross Country-IHSA Sectional Varsity Football-Playoff Round 1	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
30-Oct	Varsity Volleyball—Sectional JH Girls Basketball	TBA @ Orion Middle School	TBA 5:30 PM

ATTENTION SENIORS

Seniors are required to have their Meningitis vaccines done by **October 16, 2023.**



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conference Days will be held as they were last year with no student attendance. Please contact your student's school to set up conferences. Times are 12:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 19th, and 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Friday, October 20th.

Become a Music Booster Member



The next Golden Eagle Music Booster meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 10th** at 5:30 PM in the High School Band Room. The Music Booster Club helps supplement the Music Department with minimal fundraising and other support. Email Janel Reed with any questions at reedja@mercerschools.org.

Feel free to like the Golden Eagle Music Booster Facebook page for updates.

MCHS Fall Play

Mark your calendar for the MCHS Fall Play which will be "12 Angry Jurors". Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, November 2-4, 2023 in the MCHS Auditorium. Stay tuned for more info to come!



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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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Attention Apollo & New Boston Parent's of Students K-5th Grade

In cooperation with Genesis Quad Cities we will be offering a **FREE Flu Clinic** at school on October 27 in the morning at Apollo and on October 27 at New Boston in the morning for all students K thru 5th grade

This consent form is available online at www.genesishealth.com/flufree, you will also be able to access the form on your phone. Please register before Oct. 23! This information is also found in the attached letter from Genesis. If you are unable to register online, please complete the consent form that was sent home with your child and we will register your student for you.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Mark Your Calendars

October 9th	No School- Columbus Day
October 13th	End of 1st Qtr
Oct. 19th-20th	No School -P/T Conferences
October 25th	MCHS College & Career Day PSAT/NMSQT-Registered Juniors

MCHS College & Career Day

Mercer County High School will be hosting a College/Career Day on Wednesday, October 25th 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 close to 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.

PSAT for JUNIORS is Wednesday, Oct. 25th 2023

Juniors who have registered will be taking the PSAT-NMSQT on October 25, 2023 at MCHS. This could qualify them for the

National Merit Scholarship list. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT. Students will need two number two pencils, a calculator, and a book to read.





College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. Students must get a pass from the counselor's office at least **one day prior** to the visit & report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

Stay tuned!

Post-Secondary Plans for Seniors

- Ms. Hains held Senior Jump Start on Tuesday, September 19th for seniors and their parents. She hopefully answered any questions they 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. Hains or Mrs. Biddle 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.

SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$60

(late fee required—\$30)

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>
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024

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



ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$63

ACT Plus Writing—\$88

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required—\$36)

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>
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

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.



Guidance Counselors

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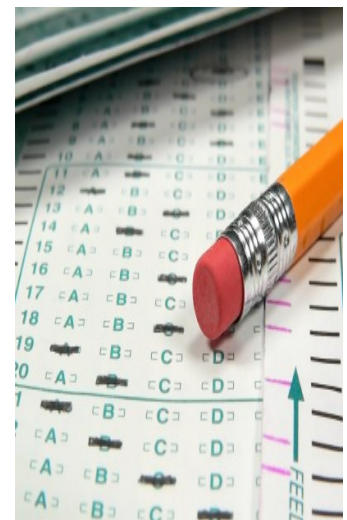
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October Breakfast Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday.

Menu Subject to Change



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Breakfast Burrito Yogurt with Fruit Milk Choice	3 Cereal Donut Fruit Milk Choice	4 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Milk Choice	5 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin, Sausage or bacon, egg, cheese) Fruit Milk Choice	6 Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Milk Choice
9 NO SCHOOL	10 Pancakes Sausage Links Syrup Fruit and Milk Choice	11 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk Choice	12 Sausage Link Hash Browns Egg Patty Fruit Milk Choice	13 Cereal Muffin Fruit Milk Choice
16 Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Milk Choice	17 Breakfast Sandwich (Bacon or sausage) Fruit Milk Choice	18 Cereal Frudel Fruit Milk Choice	19 NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	20 NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
23 Cereal Donut Fruit Milk Choice	24 Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar Yogurt Parfait Juice Milk Choice	25 Pancake Sausage Links Syrup Milk Choice	26 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk Choice	27 Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Milk Choice
30 Sausage Links Hash Browns Egg Patty Fruit	31 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Milk Choice	<p>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.</p>		



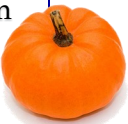


October Lunch Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday.

Menu Subject to Change



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 TSO Chicken Chinese Rice Steamed broccoli, Cauliflower and carrots Fruit and milk	3 Hot Dog Carrots Chips Ice Cream Fruit and milk	4 Southwest Chicken Bowl (Black beans and rice) Lettuce Salad, chips Fruit and milk	5 Biscuit/Gravy Hash Browns Sausage Link Fruit and milk	6 Crispito Spinach Salad (cheese/cucumber/tomato) Chips/salsa Fruit and milk
9 NO SCHOOL	10 Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Yogurt Fruit and milk	11 Taco Salad Chips/lettuce/tomato/cheese Refried Beans Fruit and milk	12 Chicken Patty on a Bun Spinach Salad (tomato/cucumber) Fruit and milk	13 Pizza & Veggie Boat (broccoli, cauliflower, Carrots) with Ranch Cheese stick Fruit and milk
16 Sweet & Sour Chicken Chinese rice Steamed veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots) Fruit and milk	17 Mini Corn Dog Carrots with Ranch Cookie Fruit and milk	18 Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti Bake Breadstick Green Beans Fruit and milk	19 NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	20 NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
23 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit and milk	24 BBQ Ribette on a Bun Carrots Yogurt Parfait Fruit and milk	25 Crispito Chips/salsa Refried Beans Churro Fruit and milk	26 Shrimp Poppers Hash Brown Cheese Stick Fruit and milk	27 Egg Rolls Spinach Salad (broccoli, cucumber, tomato) Chips Fruit and milk
30 Chicken Nuggets Fries Bread Fruit and milk	31 Ham & Cheese on a Bun chips/carrots Fruit and milk	 <p>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.</p>		