

MERCER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Eagle Eye



Your Eye on the Golden Eagles November 2025

November 5, 2025	~	NO PRESCHOOL
November 21, 2025	~	Midterm
November 25, 2025	~	2:00 PM HOLIDAY DISMISSAL
November 26, 2025	~	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 27, 2025	~	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY
November 28, 2025	~	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK



November Activities Calendar

Music Theory Concert

It is time for our Fall MCHS Music Theory Concert. This year's fall theme is: "Yacht Rocks".

Music Theory Fall Concert will be on Monday, Nov. 24th 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 5, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Joy Gymnasium.



This year's *Mercer County High School* Holiday

Concerts will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 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 Monday, December 15, 2025 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**



A note from your School Nurse: Can you help us prevent the spread of illness?

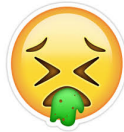
I need to stay home if...

I have a fever

Temperature of **100.4** degrees F or higher



I am vomiting or have diarrhea (3 or more) Within the past 24 hours



I have a persistent coughing, sore throat, or sneezing/congestion that make it hard to participate in class

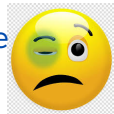
I have a rash

Rash with itching or fever



I have an eye infection

Redness, itching, and/drainage from my eye



I have been in the hospital

Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit



I am ready to go back to school when I am...

✓ Fever free without the assistance of medication for **24 hours** (such as Tylenol/Acetaminophen, Motrin/Ibuprofen)

✓ Free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for **24 hours**.

✓ Fever free without the assistance of medication for **24 hours**; Symptoms are improving and manageable.

✓ Fever free without the assistance of medication for **24 hours**; Rash symptoms improving; I have been evaluated by my medical provider if needed and able to return.

✓ Free from drainage and symptoms improving; I have been evaluated by my medical provider if needed and able to return.

✓ Released by my medical provider to return to school.

Keeping germs from spreading starts with simple, healthy habits! Encourage your child to wash their hands, cover coughs/sneezes, and avoid touching their face. If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, please keep them home until your healthcare provider says it's okay to return to school. If your child isn't feeling well and needs to stay home, we encourage you to reach out to their healthcare provider and follow their guidance about when it's safe to come back. If you have any questions or need to share a health update, please contact your school nurse. Together, we can help keep our classrooms healthy and our students learning!

*Thank you for supporting good hygiene habits at home and at school,
You are helping keep our students and staff healthy!*

Mercer County School District Nurse's



THE EAGLE EYE

November 2025



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Mercer County High School

Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 25th

Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Nov. 26th-28th

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 now open! If you haven't completed the FAFSA yet and need help or guidance, please contact the counseling office. We can steer you in the right direction.



MCHS College & Career Day

On Wednesday, October 15th 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.

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:

Apprenticeships: more information available in the LRC or in the Counselor's Office

Military Service: www.military.com

Trades: <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.



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
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026
June 6, 2025	May 22, 2026



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

ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$68

ACT Plus Writing—\$93

Test option change - \$48

(late fee required—\$40)

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 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 24



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

Tami Hains

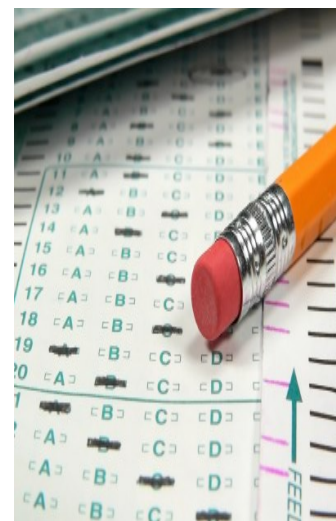
Catherine Staker

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Ashley Clark

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KEY CLUB DRESS COLLECTION

Saturday, November 8th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

@ Mercer County High School

Drop off your lightly used dresses to support our free dress shop. Our shop helps every girl find a dress for no cost. The dress shop helps make it possible for girls to feel beautiful, confident, and included.

If you want to make a monetary donation we are accepting cash and checks. The Checks can be made out to MCHS Key Club





APOLLO WINTER MUSIC CELEBRATION

MCHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Dec. 10th

Kindergarten 5 PM

1st Grade 6 PM

2nd Grade 7 PM

Friday, Dec. 12th

3rd Grade 5 PM

4th Grade 6 PM

5th Grade 7 PM



November Breakfast Menu 2025

Skim Chocolate and 1%
White milk served every-
day.



Menu Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1/2 cup Fruit 1/2 cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	4 Cereal Fruadel 2 oz. yogurt 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	5 Breakfast Pizza 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	6 4 oz. oatmeal Fruadel ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	7 Cereal Donut 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
10 Pancake/ Sausage Stick Sugar Free Syrup (1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	11 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice 	12 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	13 4 oz. oatmeal (1) Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	14 Breakfast burrito 2 oz. yogurt 1 cup Fruit Milk Choice
17 4 oz. oatmeal Mini Pancakes/Waffles (Sugar Free Syrup 1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	18 Cereal Muffin 2 oz. yogurt 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	19 Sausage or Bacon Egg Hash Browns 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	20 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin, Bacon, Eggs, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	21 Cereal Donut 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
24 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Parfait Fruit Cup Milk Choice	25 Pancake/ Sausage Stick Sugar Free Syrup (1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK 	28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

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.



November Lunch Menu 2025

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Skim Chocolate and 1%
White milk served every-
day.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chicken patty on a bun 4 oz potato soup Broccoli Crackers Fruit/milk	4 Tenderloin on a bun 4 oz. chicken noodle soup Carrots & mixed veggies Crackers Fruit/milk	5 Spaghetti Breadstick Lettuce/tomato Mixed veggies Fruit/milk	6 Cheeseburger on a bun Sweet potato tots Yogurt Fruit/milk	7 Pizza Spinach/lettuce Cucumber/tomato Mixed peppers Sidekicks/milk
10 Chicken sticks Sweet potato tots Corn Fruit/milk	11 Hamburger on a bun 4 oz. chili Crackers & cheese stick Carrots Fruit/milk	12 Chicken nacho w/ chips Cheese sauce Lettuce/tomato Salsa Fruit/milk	13 Hot dog on a bun Baked beans Cucumber/tomatoes Mixed peppers Fruit/milk	14 Crispito Chips/salsa Refried bean dip Lettuce/tomato Sidekicks/milk
17 Chicken nuggets Potatoes with gravy Roll Fruit/milk	18 Deli sandwich 4 oz. broccoli cheese soup Carrots Crackers Cheese stick Fruit/milk	19 Taco salad Chips/cheese Lettuce/tomato Refried beans Salsa Fruit/milk	20 Turkey gravy Mashed potatoes Roll Green bean casserole Autumn bars Fruit/milk	21 Shrimp poppers Veggie boat Broccoli/carrots Tomato Sidekicks/milk
24 Chicken patty on a bun Broccoli/cauliflower w/ Cheese Goldfish crackers Fruit/milk	25 Pizza pasta Roll Mixed veggies Cheese stick Fruit/milk	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK 	28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

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