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Your Eye on the Golden Eagles November 2023

November Activities Calendar

1-Nov	SIP Day No Preschool-Professional Learning Day	Early Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	Home v. Rockridge		5:30 PM
2-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	@ Wethersfield JH		5:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Alwood Middle School		5:30 PM
	MCHS Fall Play "12 Angry Jurors"	MCHS Auditorium		7:00 PM
3-Nov	MCHS Fall Play "12 Angry Jurors"	MCHS Auditorium		7:00 PM
4-Nov	Varsity Cross Country-IHSA State Finals	TBA		TBA
	IMEA District 2 Band Festival	Augustana College		TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Galesburg JH		10:00 AM
5-Nov	MCHS Fall Play "12 Angry Jurors"	MCHS Auditorium		2:00 PM
6-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	@ Sherrard JH		5:30 PM
7-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Wethersfield Jr/Sr High		5:30 PM
8-Nov	SIP Day	Early Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	Home v. Monmouth Roseville		5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Galesburg Junior High Wicall Gymnasium		5:30 PM
	Music Boosters Meeting	MCHS Band Room		5:30 PM
9-Nov	Picture Retakes	@ Apollo		TBA
10-Nov	Family Paint Night	MCHS Cafeteria		6:30 PM
11-Nov	JH Girls Basketball-IESA 7th Grade Regional	TBA		TBA
	IMEA District 2 Elem/Jazz Festival	Sherrard HS		TBA
13-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball	@ Ridgwood Coop (Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament)		7:30 PM
14-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball	@ Orion High School (Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament)		7:30 PM
15-Nov	SIP Day	Early Dismissal		2:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room		6:30 PM
16-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	@ United JH		5:30 PM
	Athletic Boosters Meeting	MCHS Library		6:00 PM



ACTIVITY CALENDAR CONTINUED

17-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball		TBA (Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament)		TBA
18-Nov	JH Girls Basketball –IESA 8th grade Regional		TBA		TBA
	Varsity Girls Basketball		TBA Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament		TBA
20-Nov	JV Boys Basketball		Orion MS (Orion Tip-Off Classic JV)		TBA
	JH Boys Basketball		@ Knoxville Junior High		5:30 PM
	Music Theory Beatles Concert		MCHS Auditorium		5:00 PM
21-Nov	Holiday Dismissal		Early Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JV & Varsity Boys Basketball		@ Orion Tip-Off Classic JV)		TBA
	JV Girls Basketball		Home v. Macomb Jr/Sr High		5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball		Home v. Macomb Jr/Sr High		7:00 PM
22-Nov	NO SCHOOL		THANKSGIVING BREAK		ALL DAY
	Varsity Boys Basketball		Orion Tip-Off Classic		TBA
	JV Girls Basketball		@ Riverdale High School		5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball		@ Riverdale High School		7:00 PM
23-Nov	No School		Thanksgiving Break		ALL DAY
24-Nov	No School		Thanksgiving Break		ALL DAY
	JV & Varsity Boys Basketball		@ Orion Tip-Off Classic		TBA
25-Nov	JV & Varsity Boys Basketball		@ Orion Tip Off Classic		TBA
27-Nov	JH Boys Wrestling-first practice		MC Wrestling Bldg. in Aledo		TBA
	JH Boys Basketball		@ Orion Middle School		5:30 PM
28-Nov	JV Boys Basketball		Home v. Monmouth-Roseville High School		5:30 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball		Home v. Monmouth-Roseville High School		7:00 PM
29-Nov	SIP Day		Early Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JH Boys Basketball		Home v. @Monmouth Roseville JH		5:30 PM
	Girls JV Basketball		Home v. Stark County High School		6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball		Home v. Stark County High School		7:30 PM
30-Nov	Varsity Wrestling		Home v. Tri-Sherrard and Kewanee		5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball		@ Abingdon-Avon Middle School		5:30 PM



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 coming soon. 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

The MCHS will be performing "12 Angry Jurors". Performances are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 2nd & 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium.

Music Boosters

The next Music Boosters meeting is November 8th at 5:30 PM in the high school band room. Be sure to check out the MCGE Music Boosters Facebook page to keep up to date on happenings.

There's still time to purchase tickets for Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos taking place on December 30, at the VFW in Aledo. All information and ticket purchasing is on our Facebook page. This fundraiser is to help purchase new marching band uniforms.

Holiday Concerts

The *New Boston Elementary* Winter Concert will be on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Joy Gymnasium.



This year's *Mercer County High School* Holiday

Concerts will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 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 20th 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.**

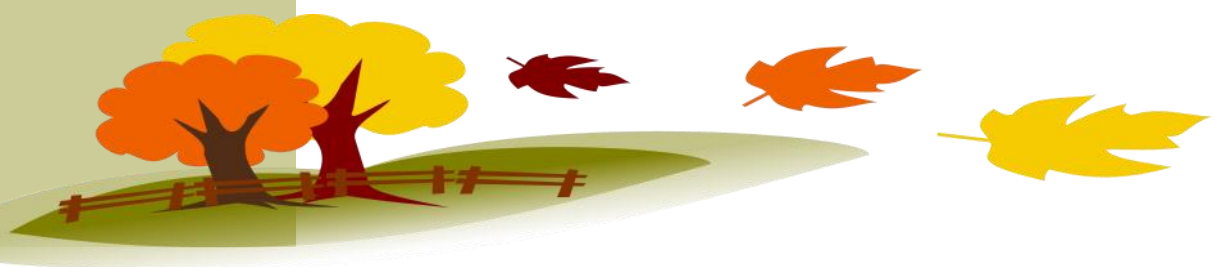
Much ado about nits

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 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

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Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 21st *Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm*

Nov. 22nd -24th *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. If you haven't completed the FAFSA yet and need some help or guidance, please contact the counseling office. We can steer you in the right direction.

MCHS College & Career Day

On Wednesday, October 25th MCHS held their College/Career Day.



This was a great opportunity for our students who attended to receive information from over 40 colleges, universities, local unions, businesses, trade schools and military personnel. One college bound student and one trade/career bound student had an opportunity to win a **\$500 scholarship** each just for attending the College/Career Fair. To become eligible to have their name put into the drawing for this scholarship the student needed to check-in with Ms.Hains upon arrival. Congratulations to our \$500 college bound scholarship winner **MEGAN MORROW** and to our \$500 trade/career bound scholarship winner **KYLE YATES !!!**

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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:

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—\$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>
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—\$60

ACT Plus Writing—\$85

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>
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



Guidance Counselor

Tami Hains

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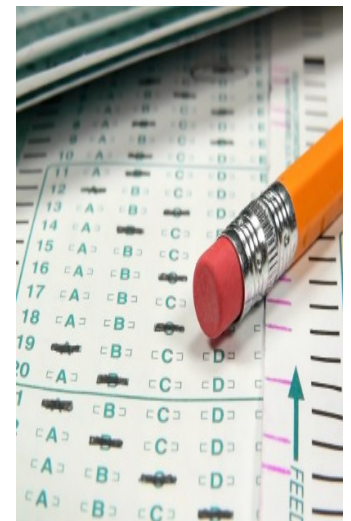
Secretary

Ashley Clark

(309) 582-2223

Ext 1

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.



MCHS THEATER PRESENTS



12 ANGRY JURORS



MCHS AUDITORIUM

NOVEMBER 2 & 3

7PM

NOVEMBER 5

2PM

\$6

COOKING CLASS

COME MIX UP A FEW
SNACK MIXES FOR
OUR NOVEMBER
FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday, November 8th
3:15-4:30

We will meet in the Library!

RSVP to Miss Kempky
kempkyj@mercerschools.org
or stop by her office to let her
know!



Nita M Lowy 21st CCLC
Program

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

November 10, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 PM
MCHS Cafeteria

Come enjoy a night of family fun.
Choose one of two step by step
painting projects.

RSVP to reserve you spot
kempkyj@mercerschools.org



Save the Date!

for

The Apollo Winter Programs

Thursday, December 14th @ MCHS Auditorium

Kindergarten - 5:00 PM

1st Grade - 6:00 PM

2nd Grade - 7:00 PM

Friday, December 15th @ MCHS Auditorium

3rd Grade - 5:00 PM

4th Grade - 6:00 PM

5th Grade - 7:00 PM

*Our students are working hard to prepare for the Winter Programs!
They will be singing and accompanying themselves on our classroom instruments. Come enjoy the
incredible music making that your student is capable of and also enjoy singing along as a family to a few
favorite Christmas songs chosen by our students.*

Each program will be approximately 20-30 minutes in length





November 2023 21EAGLES Programming



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><u>HOMEWORK HELP:</u> Mornings: Mrs. Garrett RM 209</p> <p>After School: Tues. & Thur: Mrs. Simpson RM 216 Mondays: Ms. Hess Library</p>	<p><u>PODCAST</u> is subject to change. See Mr. Ruggles.</p> <p><u>ART CLUB</u> meets in the Art Room</p> <p><u>Car Restoration</u> meets in the Ag Building</p>	<p>1 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 2:00-3:00 Health Chat 4:15-5:15 Murder Mystery Open Library 5:00-8:00 Car Restoration</p>	<p>2 7:00 -7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Craft Time Open Library</p>	<p>3 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>4</p>
5	<p>6 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Board Games Open Library 3:15-4:15 Homework Help</p>	<p>7 7:00-7:45 Podcast 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15 -5:15 Art Club 3:15-4:15 Gaming/Open Library</p>	<p>8 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 2:00-3:00 Health Chat 4:15-5:15 Murder Mystery Open Library 5:00-8:00 Car Restoration</p>	<p>9 7:00 -7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Kickboxing 3:15-5:15 Craft Time Open Library</p>	<p>10 3:15-5:15 Puzzle Time Library</p>	<p>11</p>
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19	<p>20 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Board Games Open Library 3:15-4:15 Homework Help</p>	<p>21 2PM RELEASE NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>22 NO CLASSES NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p>	<p>24 NO CLASSES NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>25</p>
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November Breakfast Menu 2023

Menu Subject to Change

Skim Chocolate and 1%
White milk served everyday.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Burrito Yogurt cup Fruit/Milk	2 Biscuit and gravy Fruit/milk	3 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk
6 Pancake Sausage Link Fruit/milk	7 Breakfast sandwich Fruit/milk	8 Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar Fruit/milk	9 Sausage link Hash brown Fruit/milk	10 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk
13 Waffle Sausage link Fruit/milk	14 Oatmeal with brown sugar Pop-Tart Fruit/milk	15 Cereal Nutri-Grain Fruit/milk	16 Breakfast Pizza Fruit/milk	17 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk
20 Sausage link Hash brown Fruit/milk	21 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Milk	22 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>	23 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i> 	24 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>
27 Cereal Donut holes Fruit/milk	28 Oatmeal with cinnamon and brown sugar Granola bar Fruit/milk	29 Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar Fruit/milk	30 Biscuit and gravy Fruit/milk	

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 2023

Menu Subject to Change

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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Taco Salad Chips/lettuce/tomato & cheese Refried Beans Fruit/milk	2 Hot Dog on a bun Baked Beans Rice Krispie Treat Fruit/milk	3 Pizza Veggie Boat (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots) Cheese stick Fruit/milk
6 Chicken or turkey w/ egg noodles over mashed potatoes Carrots Fruit/milk	7 Hamburger on a Bun Fries or Hashbrown Fruit/milk	8 Chalulpa Refried Beans Cottage Cheese Fruit/milk	9 Potato and Ham Soup 1/2 ham sandwich Carrots Fruit/milk	10 Crispito Spinach Salad (with tomato and cucumber) Chips/salsa Fruit/milk
13 Chili Crackers/cheese stick Carrots Cinnamon roll Fruit/milk	14 Chicken Patty on a bun Spinach Salad (with tomato & cucumber) Fruit/milk	15 Chicken Nacho Chips/cheese sauce Lettuce/tomatoes Fruit/milk	16 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes with gravy Bread Fruit/milk	17 Ribette on a bun Baked Beans Yogurt cup Fruit/milk
20 Turkey with gravy Mashed potatoes Dinner Roll Autumn Bar Fruit/milk	21 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit/milk	22 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>	23  <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>	24 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>
27 Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice Peas Fruit/milk	28 Oven chicken Broccoli with cheese sauce Cookie Fruit/milk	29 Taco Salad Refried Beans Lettuce/tomato Chips Fruit/milk	30 Cheesy Spaghetti Bake Breadstick Green Beans Fruit/milk	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.