



The Eagle Eye



September Activities Calendar

1-Sep	Varsity Football	@ St. Bede	7:00 PM
2-Sep	Varsity Boys/Girls Golf	MCGE Coed Invite Valley View GC	8:00 AM
	Varsity Cross Country	@ Oregon Open	9:00 AM
	JV Volleyball	United JV Tournament @ United HS	9:00 AM
4-Sep	NO SCHOOL	Labor Day	
	JV Football	Home vs. St. Bede	11:00 AM
5-Sep	Varsity Girls Golf	Vs. Galesburg @ Bunker Links	4:00 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Newman Central HS	5:00 PM
	JH Football	@Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
6-Sep	Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JH Softball	IESA Regional	TBA
	Varsity Girls Golf	Tri: AW/Galva/MC @ Dunes GC	4:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf	Tri: AW/Galva/MC @ Galva	4:00 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	Home vs. Wetherfield	5:00 PM
7-Sep	Varsity Girls Golf	Orion @Oak View CC	4:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf Triangular	Rockridge/Mendota @ Highland Springs	4:00 PM
	JH Cross Country	Rushville @ Schuy-Rush Park	4:30 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball Country	Home v. Rockridge	5:00 PM
8-Sep	Varsity Football	@Lewistown	7:00 PM
9-Sep	JH Softball	ISEA Regional	TBA
	Varsity Boys Golf	Kewanee Boiler Golf Invite @ Baker Park GC	8:00 AM
	Varsity Cross Country	Gary Coates Invite @ Zearing Park	9:00 AM
11-Sep	Picture Day	Early Learning Center	
	Varsity Boys Golf	Titan Invite @ Gibson Woods	1:30 PM
	JV Football	Home @ Lewistown HS	6:00 PM
12-Sep	Varsity Boys Golf	Tri: Galesburg/AW/MC @ Oak View CC	4:00 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Orion	5:00 PM
	JH Football	Home vs. Sherrard @ MCELC-Joy Football Field	5:30 PM
13-Sep	Picture Day	High School and Junior High	
	Dismissal		2:00 PM
	NO Preschool-Professional Learning Day	@ ELC	
	Varsity Girls Golf	LTC Conference Meet @ Dunes GC	9:00 AM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Abingdon Avon	5:00 PM
14-Sep	JH Girls Basketball	ICS 7th Grade Tourney @ ICS Monmouth	TBA
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Princeville HS	5:00 PM
15-Sep	Picture Day	New Boston Elementary	
	Varsity Football	Home vs. Farmington	7:00 PM



SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS



High School
September 13

NBE
September 15

Junior High
September 13

Apollo
September 28

Early Learning Center
September 11



September Activities Calendar continued



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16-Sep	JH Girls Basketball	ICS 7th Grade Tourney @ ICS Monmouth	TBA
	Varsity Girls Golf	Macomb Invitational @ Gold Hills	8:00 AM
	Varsity Volleyball Girls Basketball	Judy Richmond Classic @ MCHS	8:00 AM
	JH Cross Country	Galesburg Invite @ Galesburg Lake Storey Park	9:00 AM
	Varsity Cross Country	Bureau Valley Invite @ Bureau Valley North Elem. School	9:30 AM
18-Sep	Varsity Girls Golf	Stark County @ Lake Calhoun	4:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf	Stark County @ Lake Calhoun	4:00 PM
	JH Cross Country	Pioneer Invite @ Camden Park –Milan	4:15 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	Home vs. Anawan	5:00 PM
	JV Football	Home vs. Farmington	6:00 PM
19-Sep	JH Football	@ Rockridge JH	5:30 PM
20-Sep	Dismissal		2:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	8th Grade Tourney @ United JH	TBA
	Varsity Boys Golf	LTC Conference Meet @ Dunes GC	9:00 AM
	Freshmen/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Galva HS	5:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
21-Sep	Varsity Girls Golf	Tri:Rocky/Kewanee/MC @ Oak View CC	4:00 PM
22 Sep	JH Cross Country	Dunlap Invite @ Detweiller Park-Peoria	4:00 PM
	Varsity Football	@ Knoxville	7:00 PM
23-Sep	JH Girls Basketball	8th Grade Tourney @ United JH	TBA
	Varsity Girls Golf	Galesburg Invite @ Bunker Links	8:00 AM
25-Sep	Varsity Girls Golf	RR/MC/? @ Highland Springs	4:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf	@Highland Springs	4:00 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	Home vs. Knoxville	5:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ West Central JH-Stronghurst	5:30 PM
	JV Football	Home vs. Knoxville	6:00 PM
26-Sep	Varsity Cross Country	@ El Paso Invite	4:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Golf	@ Lake Erie Country Club	4:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf	Tri: MR/United/MC @ Gibson Woods	4:00 PM
	Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball	@ Farmington	5:00 PM
	JH Football	Home vs. Orion @ MCELC Joy	5:30 PM
27-Sep	Dismissal		2:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Golf-Regional		TBA
	JH Girls Basketball	Home vs. Abingdon-Avon	5:30 PM
28-Sep	Picture Day	Apollo	
	Varsity Girls Golf	IHSA Regional OPEN	TBA
	JH Girls Basketball	@ ROWVA JH-Oneida	5:30 PM
29-Sep	Varsity Football	@ Elmwood	7:00 PM
30-Sep	Varsity Cross Country	Elmwood Invite @ Maple Lane Country Club	9:30 AM
	JH Football	Home vs. Wethersfield @ ELC-Joy Football Field	10:00 AM

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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Public Notices

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION & CIVIL RIGHTS GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Mercer County School District will not be discriminate and will provide equal educational and extra-curricular opportunities for all students including vocational education students without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex ethnicity, language barrier, religious beliefs, physical and mental handicap or disability, or economic and social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status.

Uniform Grievance Procedure

Students, parents, guardians, employees, or community members should notify and administrators if they believe that the school board, its employees, or agents have violated their right guaranteed by the State or Federal Constitution, State or Federal statute, or board policy, or have a complaint regarding:

Title 2 of the American with Disabilities Act;

Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972;

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.

Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.D. 2000d et seq.

Equal Employment Opportunities Act (title 7 of the civil Rights Act) 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.

Sexual harassment (Illinois Human Rights Act, Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972);

The misuse of funds received for services to improve educational opportunities for educationally disadvantaged or deprived children;

Provision of services to homeless students.

The administrators will attempt to resolve complaints resorting to this grievance procedure and if a complaint is filed to address the complaint promptly and equitably. The right of a person to prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies. Use of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies and use of this grievance procedure does not extend any filing deadline related to the pursuit of other remedies.

Filing a Complaint

A person (hereinafter Complainant) who wishes to avail him/herself of this grievance procedure may do so by filing a complaint with any district administrator. The Complainant shall not be required to file a complaint with a particular administrator and may request an administrator of the same sex. The administrator may request the Complainant to provide a written statement regarding the nature of the complaint or require a meeting with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student. The administrator shall assist the Complainant as needed.

Investigation

The administrator will investigate the complaint or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation on his/her behalf. If the Complainant is a student, the administrator will notify his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) that they may attend any investigation meetings in which their child is involved. The complaint and identity of the Complainant will not be disclosed except 1) as required by law or this policy, or (2) as necessary to fully investigate the complaint, or (3) as authorized by the Complainant. Within 10 school days of the date the complaint was filed, the administrator shall file a written report of his/her findings with the Superintendent. The administrator may request an extension of time. If complaint of sexual harassment contains allegations involving the Superintendent, the written report shall be filed with the school board, which will make a decision in accordance with Section 3 of this notification. The Superintendent will keep the board informed of all complaints.

Decision and Appeal

Within 5 school days after receiving the administrator's report, the Superintendent shall mail his/her written decision to the Complainant by U.S. mail, first class, as well as the administrator. Within 5 school days after receiving the superintendent's decision, the administrator may appeal the decision to the school board by making a written request to the board. Within 10 school days, the board shall affirm, reverse, or amend the superintendent's decision or direct the superintendent to gather additional information for the board. Within 5 school days of the board's decision, the superintendent shall inform the administrator of the board action. The Complainant may appeal the board's decision to the Regional Superintendent pursuant to Section 3-10 of The School Code and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent pursuant to Section 2-3.8 of The School Code. This grievance procedure shall not be construed to create an independent right to a school board hearing. The failure to strictly follow the timelimes in this grievance procedure shall not prejudice any party.

The names of the administrators who may handle complaints are the following principals: Chad Robertson, Apollo Elementary School, 801 SW 9th St., Aledo, IL 61231 (582-5350); Teresa Ibouhouten, New Boston Elementary School, 301 Jefferson St., New Boston, IL 61272 (587-8141); Becky McPeek, Early Learning Center, 203 N Washington St., Joy, IL 61260 (584-5001); Tim Sedam, Junior High School, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL 61231 (584-4174); and Andrea Cooper, High School, 1500 S. College Ave., Aledo, IL 61231 (582-2223).

PEST MANAGEMENT

Notice is hereby given to staff, parents, students, and community members that Mercer County School District will be using the least amount of air-borne pesticide to maintain its buildings. AAA Pest Control of Aledo will be spraying the building sites the SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH starting at 5:00am.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Mercer County School District is an equal opportunity establishment offering programs and employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicapping conditions. Any grievances or complaints shall be placed with the principals in any of the school offices.

INTERNET AWARENESS

As a school district we would like to take the opportunity to let you know that the school provides internet filters that prohibit access to web journaling as well as adult content and other inappropriate sites. The filter blocks many sites automatically while others get blocked as soon as we learn of their existence.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

Mercer County School District #404 is a member of Black Hawk Area Special Education District which is a cooperative of school districts in Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island counties. The purpose of the cooperative is to assist districts in providing service to students with special educational needs. Special education services are available to all students of the district from ages three to twenty-one or until graduation from a secondary program.

Each district is required to offer services ranging from individual tutoring to placement in residential schools. However, most students with special needs are served by specially trained teachers in resource rooms in each school. These pupils spend part of the day in their regular classes and part of the day in the resource room. In some cases, a child may require special education services in his/her home or in a hospital because of a temporary physical or health problem. This service is part of the total special education program.

When a student appears to be having consistent educational or emotional problems, he/she may be referred by teachers, parents, or the child himself for the case study. A case study includes a psychological evaluation and health history and is done with parental permission. Parents also have the right to participate in planning educational programs for children eligible for special education. A comprehensive set of rules and regulations govern procedures for services to special education students.

The district also conducts various screening programs to identify students in need of special services. An annual screening in the spring is held for children ages three to five. Speech, hearing, and vision clinics are held at regular intervals to assess children to handicapping conditions.

If you have any questions regarding special services in your school, please feel free to contact your principal.

TITLE 1 PROGRAM

The Title 1 program in the Mercer County School District is funded under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Title 1 of this act provides financial assistance to local school districts to provide services which help at-risk children achieve the high standards expected of all children.

The main goal of the program is to provide a wide range of assistance so that students can achieve the high standards expected of all students. Characteristics of the Mercer County Title 1 programs are:

The instruction is supplemental to the regular instruction taking place in the classroom.

In class as well as after class assistance is provided.

Through diagnosis and teaching, we endeavor to discover and overcome the special and particular needs of each student.

The Title 1 program is correlated to the student's classroom program.

The Title 1 teachers keep in close touch with the classroom teachers to find out what the Title 1 student's immediate needs are.

All parents and community members are encouraged to offer suggestions for next year's elementary Title 1 programs. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the Title 1 program, please contact Superintendent Scott Petrie at (309) 582-2238.

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW: In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the Mercer County School District is required to notify parents of each student attending a Title 1 school that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff. NCLB allows parents to ask for the following information about their child's class room teacher(s): (1) whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; (2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status, through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; (3) the bachelor's degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline or the certification or degree; and, (4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessional and if so, their qualifications. Please contact the principal's office in writing if you require this information.

TITLE 9 NOTICE

Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972, commonly called Title 9, is designed to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Mercer County School District #404 is required to conduct all activities in such a manner as to prevent discrimination based on sex in educational and related activities including all extra-curricular activities. Questions concerning Title 9 may be directed to the school district.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

We do not expect to let out early on any day other than previously announced. It may be necessary to have early dismissals due to emergency conditions such as excessive heat, bad weather, road conditions, or boiler breakdown, etc. Parents are expected to be alert to these possibilities and make arrangements for the care of children arriving home early. Arrangements could be made with a friend, neighbor, or relative. Emergency dismissals will be announced on local and Quad-city radio and TV stations as well as sent out on the automated parent contact phone system, school website, and Facebook.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

Four of our school buildings in the district (Apollo, High School, ELC, and New Boston) contain asbestos. Areas have been identified and are constantly maintained and re-inspected every six months by designated personnel in our district. Every three years a company is hired to conduct an inspection and report findings. The reports are kept in each of the buildings and at the district office for review.

ART GALA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 PM

129 E. Main Street

Aledo, IL

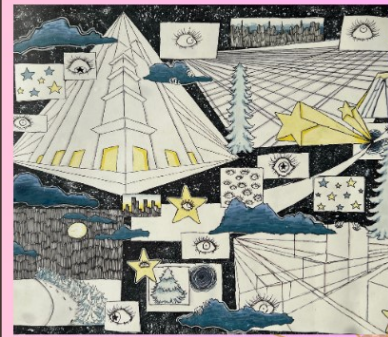


Live Auction starts at 7 pm

Black Tie Optional!

K-12 Artwork

All proceeds go to our young artists





golden eagles

Counselor's Information

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Welcome Back MCHS!!!

Welcome to the High School Counselor's page!! This year we are excited to have added an additional counselor, Catherine Staker, and therapy dog, Cash, to our team. As the counselor at the high school, Catherine, Ashley, & I look forward to getting to know and working with the students. In our office, we work frequently with student's schedules and transcripts, making sure they are on target to graduate as well as taking the necessary classes that may be required or recommended at colleges they are interested in. Our office has an open door policy to any student that is having issues or difficulties in or out of school. Catherine, Ashley, and I



hope that every student will feel comfortable enough to come in to discuss these issues. Standardized testing is a big part of high school and several things are done within the school to help prepare students for these tests. All juniors will be taking the SAT this spring at Mercer County for free. Please follow the counselor's page on the website to see important

dates for these tests as well as other important dates including; college visits, recruiters, deadlines, & scholarship opportunities. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year here at Mercer County High School!!!

Tami Hains, Catherine Staker, & Ashley Clark

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:

St. Ambrose

September 26th - Advisory

Meet Catherine

My name is Catherine Staker and I am so excited to be part of the Counseling Department team with Ms. Hains and Mrs. Clark at Mercer Co. High School. I am originally from Geneseo and after high school spent a few years in Minnesota. I moved back to the Quad Cities area to attend graduate school at Western Illinois University, where I obtained my Masters of Education in School Counseling and became a Licenced Professional Counselor and National Board Certified Counselor. During that time, I met my husband, Colby Staker, who is a former Aledo Green Dragon. We now live in Viola with our two daughters, Chloe who is four and Cecelia who will be two at the end of September. We also have two dogs, Gracie and Cash. Cash and I are a professional therapy team and most days you can find Cash at the high school with me. He loves his new best friend, Cheerio and I would say our counseling department is very blessed to have two therapy dogs working along with us! In my spare time, which isn't much these days, I love to plant flowers and come up with landscaping ideas. I also love to be creative, decorate and plan parties. I am very excited for this school year, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.



Senior Jump Start

Senior Jump Start will be held on Tuesday, Sept 19th, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. We will highlight applying to colleges, writing for scholarships, college visits, deadlines, retaking the SAT, and touch base on Finan-

College Fall Preview Days/Open Houses

Seniors should be visiting to finalize their college selection by mid December. Juniors should try to visit 3 to 4 colleges before the end of the school year. Here are a FEW visit days that we found.....

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



<i>Eastern IL University</i>	<i>Oct. 9, Nov. 10</i>
<i>Northern Illinois University</i>	<i>Sept. 9</i>
<i>Coe College</i>	<i>Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 4</i>
<i>University of Iowa</i>	<i>Sept. 28, Oct. 2, 3, 5</i>
<i>Black Hawk College—QC</i>	<i>Sept. 28</i>
<i>Augustana College</i>	<i>Nov. 23</i>
<i>St. Ambrose University</i>	<i>Sept. 29</i>
<i>Western IL –Macomb</i>	<i>Oct. 9, Nov. 11</i>
<i>University of IL—Urbana</i>	<i>Sept. 11-15</i>
<i>Iowa State University</i>	<i>Oct. 10-12, 23-26</i>
<i>Illinois Wesleyan</i>	<i>Oct. 9, Nov. 11</i>
<i>Drake University</i>	<i>Oct. 6, Nov. 10</i>

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>
Sept. 9, 2023	August 4	August 18
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



Guidance Counselors

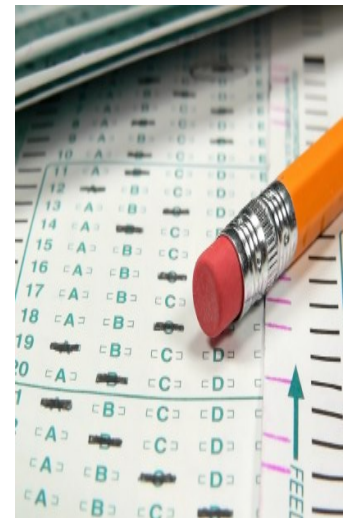
Tami Hains

Catherine Staker

Secretary

Ashley Clark

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.



MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
2023 HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRY FORM

****PLEASE NOTE PARADE ROUTE FOR THIS YEAR!**(Page 2)

THURSDAY, OCT. 5, 2023

THEME: DISNEY!

Opponent: Illini West

***Line up begins at 5:30pm. Parade starts at 6:00pm.

You will receive an email by Wednesday to let you know where to line up!

GROUP/ORGANIZATION NAME:_____

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email:

TYPE OF ENTRY----PLEASE CIRCLE

(Due to space constraints, each entry limited to 2 vehicles this year)

Walking

Float

Car/Truck

Tractor

Other:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY:_____

IF APPROPRIATE, PLEASE GIVE THE NAME OF THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE. Name_____

Phone_____

The signature of a parent/guardian is required for drivers under the age of 18.

Parent/Guardian_____

Homecoming Parade Waiver and Release

I have received a copy of the Parade Rules and Regulations and agree to comply. I further agree that my organization/ individual(s) shall hold harmless and indemnify the Mercer County School District and all representatives, successors, agents and employees from any liabilities, injuries or damage of any kind including but not limited to attorney fees and other costs incurred responding to or defending claims or litigation which may occur from the organization/ individual(s) participation in the parade.

My signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and regulations for the Homecoming Parade.

DATE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON

PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY

PLEASE ONLY RETURN PAGE 1 to Mercer County High School no later than Friday, Sept. 29th!

Mercer County High School

1500 S. College Avenue, Aledo, IL 61231

FAX: 309-582-5920

ATTN: Rusty Ruggles

Email: rugglesr@mercerschools.org

Mercer County High School Homecoming Parade Rules and Regulations

1. All entries are required to exhibit proper decorum and family oriented behavior in the staging area and during the parade.
2. **Throwing or shooting items such as gifts, candy, or water during the parade is prohibited.**
3. Walkers may distribute items to the crowd. Do not do anything to encourage spectators to enter the parade vehicle path.
4. Autos and large vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver.
5. Any driver under age 18 is required to have the signed permission of a parent or guardian.
6. **Keep within 20-30 feet of the entry in front of you. Do not stop during the parade, except to keep your spacing or in case of emergency.**
7. All pets must be on leashes.
8. **Please be sure to communicate these rules to everyone in your parade entry.**
9. Any deviation from the rules will result in disqualification from current and/or future parades.

Please note: the parade route will remain the same as last year. The parade route will head East on W. Main Street, with lineups beginning on 4th Avenue – 8th Avenue. It will be VERY IMPORTANT for you to check your email and let those in your entry group know of the correct line up. I will do my best to have an email out before Noon on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, of which complete directions will be included.



Dear Families and Friends of Student Athletes,

The Mercer County Athletic Boosters (MCAB) is excited to support the 2023-2024 student athletes and events and hope you are, too. It is our goal to support the over 300 athletes of Mercer County, male and female, high school and junior high. We recognize that we cannot meet every need alone, but work to help as much as possible by both partnering with the school district and the fundraising of the individual sport in need.

In the 2022-2023 school year the MCAB spent over \$37,000 on equipment, awards, tournaments, overnight stays, scholarships, uniforms. Some examples include:

- \$7,500 in award plaques, letters and patches
- \$6,000 in sports camps
- \$4,700 in hotel stays for tournaments and state meets
- \$4,000 in upgraded systems such as the football platform Hudl
- \$4,000 in junior high track equipment
- \$2,000 in scholarships

MCAB hosts 2 major fundraisers a year which are the Bear Country Wrestling Tournament and MerCo Madness. Additional funds are raised through hosting over 70 concession stands, family memberships and of course our partnerships with local community businesses through sponsorships.

We ask that you consider supporting the MCAB through a family membership. The investment is \$40 for the entire school year and you will receive a popcorn punch card (worth 10 free bags of popcorn at MCAB concessions) as well as recognition at MCAB concessions and on social media.

Also, feel free to join us at our meetings held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Mercer County High School Library.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jason & Heather Roeder, Co-President
Angel Mueller, Vice President
Beth Salmon, Treasurer
Kate O'Brien-Ham, Secretary

Find us on Facebook: Mercer County Athletic Boosters



Mercer County Athletic Boosters Membership

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Mercer County Eagles Athletic Booster Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides scholarships for MCGE Student Athletes, raises funds through concession sales, memberships and special events to help support all athletic programs in Mercer County School District.

Member Name(s) _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Single/Family Membership \$40 Bronze Business Membership \$150-\$249
 Silver Business Membership \$250-\$499 Gold Business Membership \$500-\$749
 Platinum Business Membership \$750+

Volunteer Opportunities *Parent and student volunteering for MCAB throughout the athlete's high school career is noted on the senior scholarship application.*

- Work additional concessions Selling MerCo Madness tickets
 Sponsorships/donation Bear Country Tournament
 Other: _____

Please list your student athlete's name(s) and sports they participate in:

Please make your selections and return this form with a check

Payable to: MCAB PO Box 94 Aledo, IL 61231

OR

VENMO @MercerCo-Boosters (Let us know it is for membership in the comments)



Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the MCHS library at 6pm

Like us on Facebook: Mercer County Athletic Boosters

Mercer County Golden Eagles Music Boosters

2023-2024 Membership Form

Mercer County Golden Eagles Music Boosters is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with NO RESTRICTIONS for membership. There are many needs in our music departments, some occur yearly, and others are only a one time need. MCGE Music Boosters provides funding support for music programs through our annual fruit sale, dues, and donations. We also provide a variety of support to our music directors, such as assistance with chaperoning, helping with musical costumes, and serving refreshments at concerts. Our music directors have planned a year filled with many musical opportunities for our students. We want to provide every opportunity possible to continue to grow our music programs. We would like to extend the invitation to join and participate in MCGE Music Boosters. If you are interested, we meet at least once every two months at MCHS. You can stay up to date through our Facebook page as well. (MCGE Music Boosters)

This year we are launching a special fundraising campaign "Mercer County Marching 100 Makeover" to support the replacement of our marching band uniforms and a new trailer wrap. This is a large task that we are excited to take on and would love your help to do so!

Membership is included with a donation of any amount.

Please return this portion with your donation to your music director.

Checks payable to MCGE Music Boosters

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone # _____

Sponsorship Levels: (These levels include a yard sign and recognition on the trailer wrap)

- Silver - \$250.00**
- Gold - \$500.00**
- Platinum - \$1000.00**

Name that will be used for promotions and wrap:

Membership: Any donation includes membership

Amount: _____

Would you like a receipt for your donation emailed to you?

_____ YES

_____ NO



Reach us any time at MercerCountyMusicBoosters@gmail.com

MERCER COUNTY GOLDEN EAGLES

HOMECOMING MUMS \$20.00

STUDENT NAME: _____

Accent ribbon: Please choose one type of accent ribbon.

- Band
- Cheer
- Football
- Volleyball
- Golden Eagles (blue/gold)

Pick up location: Orders will be delivered to the school office at each of these buildings on **Monday, October 2nd.** Choose one location.

- Apollo
- New Boston
- Junior High
- High School

*Make checks payable to MCGE Music Boosters.






September Lunch Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served

Menu Subject to Change



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Shrimp Poppers Coleslaw Sidekick Fruit Milk 
4 	5 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Spinach Salad Fruit Milk	6 Taco Salad Lettuce/tomato Chips/cheese Refried Beans Fruit / Milk	7 Mac and Cheese Smokies Peas Fruit Milk	8 Egg Roll Broccoli/carrots/cauliflower Yogurt Fruit Milk
11 Chinese Chicken Tso Steamed rice Broccoli/carrots/cauliflower Fruit Milk	12 Ribette / Bun Yogurt cup Corn Fruit Milk	13 Chicken Nachos Chips w/ salsa Refried Beans Fruit / Milk	14 Cheese Spaghetti Bake Breadstick Green Beans Fruit Milk	15 Pizza Spinach Salad Carrots/cucumber/tomato Fruit Milk
18 Chicken Patty Spinach Salad Chips Fruit Milk 	19 Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrown Carrots Fruit Milk	20 Macho Nacho Lettuce/tomato/salsa Refried Beans Fruit /Milk	21 Goulash Bread Cottage Cheese Carrots Fruit/Milk	22 Crispito Chips/salsa Lettuce/tomato Fruit Yogurt
25 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes/Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	26 Bacon Cheeseburger Fries Carrots Fruit Milk	27 Beef Enchilada Bake Chips/salsa Sidekick Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Alfredo Peas Breadstick Fruit Milk	29 Turkey Bacon Wrap Spinach Salad w/ broccoli, carrots Fruit Milk

The USDA meal pattern requires that the school lunch menu provides a variety of vegetables throughout the week. A serving of legumes, red/orange, dark green, starchy and other vegetables are offered each week to balance out a healthy meal.





September Breakfast Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday.

Menu Subject to Change



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Cereal Donut 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
4 	5 Breakfast Sandwich (Bagel, Bacon, Egg, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	6 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	7 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	8 Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
11 Mini Pancakes/Waffles (Sugar Free Syrup 1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit	12 Cereal Muffin 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	13 Sausage or Bacon Egg Hash browns 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	14 Breakfast Burrito 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	15 Cereal Donut 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
18 Whole Grain Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Cup Milk	19 Eggs Multi-grain Bar ½ cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	20 Cereal Frudel 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	21 Breakfast Pizza 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	22 Cereal Fruit Turnover ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice
25 Pancake/ Sausage Stick Sugar Free Syrup (1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	26 Breakfast Sandwich (Bagel, Bacon, Egg, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	27 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	28 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	29 Sausage or Bacon Egg Hash Browns 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice

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.