



# THE EAGLE EYE

Mercer County School District #404



December/ January

2023-2024

## December/ January Activities Calendar

1-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	@Riverdale High School	5:30 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Riverdale High School	7:00 PM
2-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	@Prophetstown HS (Fr/So Watkins Tournament)	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	@Lena-Winslow HS (North-South Duals)	9:00 AM
4-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	@Prophetstown HS (Fr/So Watkins Tournament)	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@Kewanee Central JH	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Rowva Jr/Sr High School	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Rowva Jr/Sr High School	7:30 PM
5-Dec	Varsity Wrestling	(Tri: Knoxville and Porta) in Knoxville	5:00 PM
	Freshman Boys Basketball	@Stark County High School	6:00 PM
	Building & Grounds Meeting	District Office	6:30 PM
<b>6-Dec</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Rockridge Junior High	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	Home v Abingdon-Avon HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Home v Abingdon-Avon HS	7:30 PM
7-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	@Farmington	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	@Sherrard Jr/Sr High	5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Home v. Rockridge HS	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	Home v. Rockridge HS	7:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Farmington High School	7:00 PM
8-Dec	New Boston Elementary Winter Program	Joy Gymnasium	6:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	Home v. ROWVA Jr/Sr HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@ROWVA Jr/Sr HS	7:00 PM
9-Dec	Varsity Wrestling	Tournament @Riverdale HS	9:00 AM
	JH Wrestling	@East Peoria Quad Central JH	9:00 AM
10-Dec	MCHS Holiday Concert	Choir 2:00 PM-Band 3:00 PM	2:00 PM
11-Dec	Finance Committee Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	Home v. Knoxville High School	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Home v. Knoxville High School	7:30 PM
12-Dec	JH Boys Wrestling	Home Triangular	5:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	Home v. Macomb Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	Home v. Macomb Jr/Sr HS	7:00 PM
<b>13-Dec</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
14-Dec	JH Boys Wrestling	@ROWVA JH	5:00 PM
	Apollo Winter Music Programs K-2	K-5PM 1st-6PM 2nd-7PM MCHS Auditorium	5:00 PM
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri: EP and Fulton @Fulton	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	Home v. Orion HS	5:30 PM
15-Dec	Apollo Winter Music Programs 3-5	3rd-5PM 4th-6PM 5th-7PM MCHS Auditorium	5:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Rockridge High School	5:30 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Rockridge High School	7:00 PM
18-Dec	JV Girls Basketball	@Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	Home v. Orion Middle School	5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	7:00 PM
19-Dec	JV Boys Basketball	Home v. Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM





December / January Activities Calendar continued

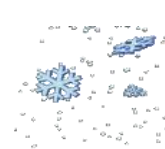
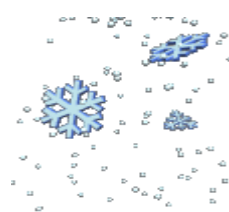
19-Dec	JH Boys Basketball	@ ROWVA JH in Oneida	5:30 PM
<b>20-Dec</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @ Monmouth-Roseville HS	5:30 PM
	JH Winter Concert	6th Grade @ 5:30 p.m.-7/8 @ 7 p.m.	5:30-7 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Alleman Catholic High School	5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Alleman Catholic High School	7:00 PM
21-Dec	Athletic Boosters Meeting	MCHS Library	6:00 PM
	Preschool Holiday Program	ELC	6:30 PM
<b>22-Dec</b>	<b>Holiday Dismissal</b>	<b>End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>25/26-Dec</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
<b>27-Dec</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball	Erie Warkins Tournament @ Erie HS	TBA
<b>28-Dec</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	JV Boys Basketball	Tournament @Sherrard	TBA
<b>29-Dec</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	JV Boys Basketball	Tournament @Sherrard	TBA
	Varsity Boys & Girls Tournament	Erie Warkins Tournament @Erie HS	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	Abe's Rumble @ Prairie Capital Convention Center	9:00 AM
30-Dec	Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball	Erie Warkins Tournament @ Erie HS	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	Abe's Rumble @ Prairie Capital Convention Center	9:00 AM
<b>1&amp;2-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
<b>3-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Wical Gymnasium in Galesburg	5:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Stark County HS	5:30 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Stark County HS	7:30 PM
<b>4-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	JV Girls Basketball	@Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	Home v. Galesburg JH	5:30 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS	7:00 PM
<b>5-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	
	Varsity Wrestling	The Pit @ Princeton HS	4:30 PM
6-Jan	JH Boys Wrestling	Jacksonville Tournament @ Bowl	TBA
	Varsity Girls Basketball	IHMVCU Shootout @ Augustana College	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	The Pit @ Princeton HS	9:00 AM
	JH Boys Basketball	@Annawan Jr/Sr HS	10:00 AM
	JV Boys Basketball	Rock Falls Shootout @Newman Central Catholic HS	1:30 PM
<b>8-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>INSERVICE</b>	
	JH Boys Basketball	@Monmouth-Roseville JH in Roseville	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	Home v. Stark County JH	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Home v. West Central CUSD 235	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Home v. West Central CUSD 235	7:30 PM
<b>9-Jan</b>	<b>CLASSES RESUME</b>		
	JH Boys Wrestling	@Home Triangular	5:00 PM
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @ Oneida	5:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Abingdon-Avon HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Abingdon-Avon HS	7:30 PM
<b>10-Jan</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @ Home	5:30 PM





December / January Activities Calendar continued

10-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	@Home vs Kewanee Central	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Wrestling	Triangular @ Home	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	@AlWood HS Gym	5:30 PM
11-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	@Rockridge JH in Edgington	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Home v. Wethersfield Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @Macomb	6:00 PM
12-Jan	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
	JV Boys Basketball	@Knoxville	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Knoxville	7:30 PM
13-Jan	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
<b>15-Jan</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	
	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
	Finance Committee Meeting	District Office	5:00 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Home v. Galva	5:30 PM
16-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	@Home v. Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Sherrard Jr/Sr HS	5:30 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Home v. Wethersfield	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Home v. Wethersfield	7:30 PM
<b>17-Jan</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	Board of Education Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
18-Jan	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@Home v. Immaculate Conception School	5:30 PM
	Athletic Boosters Meeting	MCHS Library	6:00 PM
19-Jan	Varsity Wrestling	Bob Mitten Tournament @Orion HS	4:00 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Biggsville	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Biggsville	7:30 PM
20-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	IESA 7th Regional	TBA
	Varsity Girls Basketball	LTC Tournament @Biggsville	TBA
	Varsity Wrestling	Bob Mitten Tournament @Orion HS	9:00 AM
	JH Boys Wrestling	@Rockridge in Edgington	9:00 AM
22-Jan	JH Girls Volleyball	@Knoxville	5:30 PM
23-Jan	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @ Home	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Wrestling	Triangular @Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
	JV Boys Basketball	@Ridgewood Coop	6:00 PM
	Varsity Boys Basketball	@Ridgewood Coop	7:30 PM
<b>24-Jan</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	Varsity Wrestling	Tri @ Alleman	5:00 PM
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Home v. Orion	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Home v. Ridgewood HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Home v. Ridgewood HS	7:30 PM
27-Jan	Varsity Boys Basketball	LTC Tournament @Home	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	IESA 8th Regional	TBA
	JH Boys Wrestling	Tournament @Orion HS	9:00 AM
29-Jan	Varsity Boys Basketball	LTC Tournament @Home	TBA
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Monmouth-Roseville	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Princeville HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@Princeville HS	7:30 PM
30-Jan	Varsity Boys Basketball	LTC Tournament @Home	TBA
	JH Boys Wrestling	Triangular @Home	5:00 PM
<b>31-Jan</b>	<b>SIP Day</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	JH Girls Volleyball	@Home v. Kewanee Central	5:30 PM
	JV Girls Basketball	@Galva Jr/Sr HS	6:00 PM
	Varsity Girls Basketball	@ Galva Jr/Sr HS	7:30 PM





## Mercer County Holiday Concert Schedule



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 8th—New Boston Elementary Winter Program at 6pm at the Early Learning Center in Joy.** All K-5th grade students.

**December 10th—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 20th—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 14th & 15th—Apollo Winter Program** will be held in the *High School Auditorium*.

Kindergarten will perform this year on the 14th at **5:00pm**, 1st grade at **6:00pm**, and 2nd grade at **7:00pm**. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will perform on the 15th 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 21st—Early Learning Center Winter Program** will be held at the ELC, Joy at **6:30pm**. PreK students are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Songs, refreshments, crafts, and Santa!

**Come and celebrate the upcoming Holidays with us!**



## 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.

Cold weather is here! 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.







## 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.



golden eagles

Contact Information

Mercer County High School
1500 South College Ave
Aledo, IL 61231
Phone: 309-582-2223
Ext. 1
Fax: 844-990-4134

School Counselors

Tami Hains
haindst@mercerschools.org
Catherine Staker
stakerc@mercerschools.org

Counseling Secretary

Ashley Clark
clarka@mercerschools.org



Like us on Facebook!!!

Mercer County HS Guidance Office



Follow us on Twitter!!

@mercocounseling

Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec. 4-8 2nd Semester Schedule Changes
Dec. 22 End of 2nd Qt/1st Semester - 2pm Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan 8 Holiday Break
Jan. 8 No School-Teacher's Institute
Jan. 9 School Resumes
Jan. 15 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 17 FAFSA Completion Night



Every junior should have signed up for a College Board account. Khan Academy can be found on College Board and is a great, free program for students to practice skills for the SAT test in April. They can practice each subject area individually with feedback from Khan Academy on their skill sets and areas needing improvement. They can also take full length SAT tests through this website. We highly encourage our Juniors to do some practice sessions on a weekly basis and/or a practice question a day. We also highly encourage them to take at least one full length practice test before the school issued test in April. They will also get feedback from the writing portion of the

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. We still do not have an exact date of when the FAFSA will be open, but will get the word out when it is released. There will be a FAFSA completion night on Jan. 17th for those needing assistance.

## 2024 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)

## 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 2024. 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 SAT 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](http://www.isac.org) (Illinois Student Assistance Commission)

[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (Educational Tax Credit and Benefits)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (College Planning Resources)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (Private Scholarships Search Site)





# 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>
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

---

**School Counselors**  
**Tami Hains**  
**Catherine Staker**

**Counseling Secretary**  
**Ashley Clark**

**(309) 582-2223**  
**Ext. 1**

---

# ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

**ACT No Writing—\$60**

**ACT Plus Writing—\$85**

Test option change - \$25

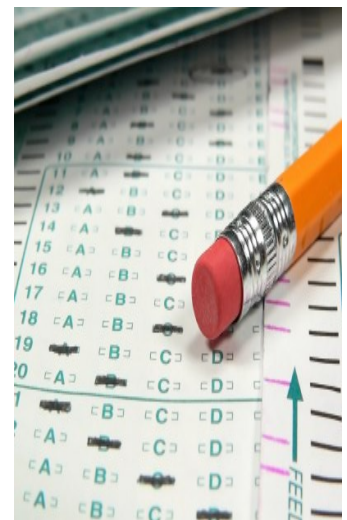
(late fee required—\$36)



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

Students may register on-line at [www.act.org](http://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.





## 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. 8</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<i>Jan. 15</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Feb. 19</i>
<i>Spring Break</i>	<i>March 25-April 1</i>

---

*School Counselors*  
 Tami Hains  
 Catherine Staker  
*Guidance Secretary*  
 Ashley Clark

(309) 582-2223  
 Ext. 1

---

## Schedule Changes for 2nd Semester

Schedule change requests for 2nd semester courses will be accepted December 4th–8th. Please stop by the counseling office or email Ms. Hains or Mrs. Clark with your requests.

## Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) ([www.isac.org](http://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](http://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.



# December 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. &amp; 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 3:15-5:15 Puzzle Time Library</p>	2
3	<p>4 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Board Games Open Library</p>	<p>5 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>6 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 2:00-3:00 Open Library/Cafeteria 3:15-4:30 Murder Mystery/Open Library 5:00-8:00 Car Restoration</p>	<p>7 7:00 -7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 TTRPG 3:15-5:15 Craft Time Open Library</p>	<p>8 3:15-5:15 Puzzle Time Library</p>	9
10	<p>11 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Board Games Open Library</p>	<p>12 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>13 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 2:00-3:00 Open Library/Cafeteria 3:15-5:15 Murder Mystery Open Library 5:00-8:00 Car Restoration</p>	<p>14 7:00 -7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 TTRPG 3:15-4:15 Kickboxing 3:15-5:15 Craft Time Open Library</p>	<p>15 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	16
17	<p>18 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 Board Games Open Library</p>	<p>19 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>20 7:00-7:45 Homework Help 2:00-3:00 Open Library/Cafeteria 3:15-5:15 Murder Mystery Open Library 5:00-8:00 Car Restoration</p> <p>Digital Staff Meeting sent out</p>	<p>21 7:00 -7:45 Homework Help 3:15-4:15 Homework Help 3:15-5:15 TTRPG 3:15-4:15 Kickboxing 3:15-5:15 Craft Time Open Library 6:00-8:00 Family Murder Mystery Game Night</p>	<p>22 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	23
24	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>27 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>28 NO PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>29 For questions and comments contact Miss Kempky Rm 212 kempkyj@mercerschool.org</p>	30



JOIN US AT VFW POST 1571 ALEDO FOR A  
**MERCER COUNTY MARCHING**

**100**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

HOSTED BY THE MERCER COUNTY MUSIC BOOSTERS AND COUNTRY INSURANCE  
AGENTS TRACY BIGHAM, JASON POTTER, AND JOHN WAUGH

DECEMBER

**30**

5:30 PM –  
11:00 PM

Don't miss this exciting New Year's Eve Eve  
with music, fun, and a whole lot of energy!

Enjoy entertainment from our student  
musicians, heavy hors d'oeuvres and  
signature cocktails as you prepare to  
witness an unforgettable performance by  
Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos from

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased at  
[Tunesforplumes.Eventbrite.com](https://tunesforplumes.Eventbrite.com)





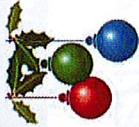
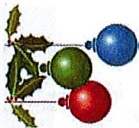
# December Breakfast Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1%  
White milk  
served everyday



©2023 WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Menu Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Pancakes w/ sausage links Fruit/milk	5 Breakfast sandwich Juice Fruit/milk	6 Ham/egg/cheese bars Cereal Fruit/milk	7 Breakfast pizza Fruit/milk	1 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk
11 Waffles with bacon Fruit/milk	12 Oatmeal w/ brown sugar Nutri-Grain Bar Fruit/milk	13 Biscuit & gravy Juice Fruit/milk	14 Sausage links Egg patty Hash Brown Fruit/milk	15 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk
18 Pancake w/ sausage links Fruit/milk	19 Breakfast sandwich Juice Fruit/milk	20 Ham/egg/cheese bars Cereal Fruit/milk	21 Burrito Yogurt cup Fruit/milk	22 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk
25 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
30 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	 <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> 		



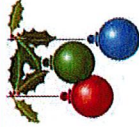
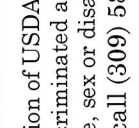



# December Lunch Menu 2023

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

Menu Subject to Change



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Broccoli Cheese Soup 1/2 ham or tuna sandwich Chocolate pudding Fruit/milk	5 Tenderloin on a Bun Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber) Goldfish Fruit/milk	6 Chicken Nachos Chips/salsa w/ cheeses sauce Refried beans Fruit/milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Dinner roll Potatoes with gravy Fruit/milk	1 Pizza Carrots/ranch Yogurt cup Fruit/milk
11 Chicken Tetraxini Breadstick Peas Fruit/milk	12 Crispito Lettuce/tomato/carrots Chips/salsa Fruit/milk	13 Taco Salad Doritos lettuce/tomato/cheese Refried Beans Fruit/milk	14 Breakfast sandwich on an English muffin (sausage or bacon) Hash Brown Fruit/milk	15 Hot dog on a bun Salad (lettuce, cucumber, tomato) 4 oz. Potato & Ham Soup Fruit/milk
18 Chili Crackers/cheese stick Carrots Cinnamon roll fruit/milk	19 Deli sandwich Cheesy potatoes Cottage cheese Fruit/milk	20 Crispito Refried beans Tostitos/cheese sauce Fruit/milk	21 Ham with dinner roll Potatoes & gravy Green Bean Casserole Juice Cookie/milk	22 Hamburger on a bun Salad (lettuce, tomato, cheese) Chips Fruit/milk
25 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
30 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL WINTER 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.		







# January Breakfast Menu 2024

Menu Subject to Change

Skim Chocolate and 1%  
White milk served everyday

# Happy New Year!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	5 NO SCHOOL WINTERBREAK
8 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE	9 Pancakes Bacon Fruit/milk	10 Oatmeal with brown sugar Pop Tart Fruit/milk	11 Biscuit & gravy Juice Fruit/milk	12 Breakfast pizza Fruit/milk
15 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 	16 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk	17 Breakfast sandwich Juice Fruit/milk	18 Burrito Yogurt cup Fruit/milk	19 Sausage link Egg patty Hash brown Fruit/milk
22 Cereal Donut Fruit/milk	23 Waffles Sausage links Fruit/milk	24 Oatmeal with brown sugar Pop-Tart Fruit/milk	25 Biscuit & gravy Juice Fruit/milk	26 Burrito Yogurt cup Fruit/milk
29 Cereal Muffin Fruit/milk	30 Pancakes Bacon Fruit/milk	31 Breakfast sandwich Juice 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. 	






# January Lunch Menu 2024

Menu Subject to Change

# Happy New Year!

Skim Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	5 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
8 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	9 Chicken noodle soup Crackers/cheese stick Peas; Rice Krispie treat Fruit/milk	10 Ribette or BBQ pork on a bun Baked beans Fruit/milk	11 Taco salad Doritos/salsa Refried beans Lettuce/tomato Fruit/milk	12 Goulash Dinner roll Carrots with ranch Fruit/milk
15 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 	16 Pizza Spinach salad (lettuce/tomato/cucumber) Fruit/milk	17 Tenderloin on a bun Carrots/ranch Chips Fruit/milk	18 Crispito Refried beans Lettuce Cheese stick Fruit/milk	19 Chicken nuggets Potatoes with gravy Bread Fruit/milk
22 Hamburger on a bun Broccoli with Ranch Yogurt cup Fruit/milk	23 Potato & ham soup Crackers Peas 1/2 deli wrap Fruit/milk	24 Mini corn dogs Fries Chocolate pudding Fruit/milk	25 Chicken nachos Refried beans Chips/cheese sauce Fruit/milk	26 Crispito Spinach salad (lettuce/tomato/cucumber) Fruit/milk
29 Hot dog on a bun Carrots Goldfish crackers Fruit/milk	30 Cheesy spaghetti bake Breadstick Corn Fruit/milk	31 Chicken patty on a bun Spinach salad (tomato/cucumber) Fruit/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> 