



# The Eagle Eye



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## Your Eye on the Golden Eagles



November 2021

### November Activities Calendar

1-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	@Orion Middle School	5:30 PM
2-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	Home vs. Avon	5:30 PM
3-Nov	Free Flu Clinic	Apollo and NBE	TBA
4-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	Home vs Alwood Middle HS	5:30 PM
	Dracula Fall Play	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
<b>5-Nov</b>	<b>SIP Early Dismissal</b>	<b>12:30 PM Dismissal</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
	Dracula Fall Play	MCHS Auditorium	7:00PM
6-Nov	IMEA District 2 Band Festival	Augustana College select students	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	Home vs Churchill	10:00 AM
	HS Cross Country	IHSA State XC Meet Detweiller Park	10:00 AM
	Varsity Football	IHSA Playoffs—Round 2	1:00 PM
	Dracula Fall Play	MCHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
8-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	@Sherrard JH	5:30 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	Building & Grounds Meeting	6:00 PM
9-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	@ICS Monmouth	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	Home vs Annawan	5:30 PM
10-Nov	FFA—Crops Contest	@West Central	4:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	Home vs Monmouth-Roseville	5:30 PM
<b>11-Nov</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>	
	JH Boys Basketball	@Churchill JH—Galesburg	5:00 PM
13-Nov	IMEA District 2 Jazz Festival	Select Students	TBA
	Varsity Football	IHSA Playoffs—Quarterfinals	TBA
15-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tourney	TBA
	Board of Education Meeting	Finance Committee	4:30 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@Kewanee Central	5:30 PM
	JH Boys Basketball	Home vs Wethersfield	5:30 PM
16-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tourney	TBA
17-Nov	School Picture Retakes	MCIS	
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tourney	TBA
	JH Girls Basketball	Home vs. Knoxville	5:30 PM
	Board of Education Meeting	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
18-Nov	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tourney	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@United JH	5:30 PM



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19-Nov	Fast Friday—HS ONLY	Select Students		
	Mid Term			
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament		TBA
20-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	TBA		TBA
	Varsity Girls Basketball	Ridgewood Thanksgiving Tournament		TBA
	Varsity Football	IHSA Playoffs—Semifinals		TBA
22-Nov	JH Boys Basketball	Home vs Knoxville		5:30 PM
23-Nov	<b>Holiday Dismissal</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>		<b>2:00 PM</b>
24-Nov	<b>No School</b>	 <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>		<b>ALL DAY</b>
25-Nov	<b>No School</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>		<b>ALL DAY</b>
26-Nov	<b>No School</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>		<b>ALL DAY</b>
	Varsity Football	IHSA Playoffs—State Finals NIU		1:00 PM
29-Nov	JH Girls Basketball	TBA		TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@Orion Middle School		5:30 PM
30-Nov	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball	Home vs. Monmouth-Roseville		5:30 PM



## PFIZER CLINIC FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

We expect the Pediatric Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year old children to be approved as soon as November 4<sup>th</sup>. Once approved, Mercer County Health Department will offer vaccine clinics for students at school. Assuming all goes as expected, we would propose doing Dose #1 mid November and Dose #2 three weeks later. Again, we will only do the 5-11 year old student's at this clinic. Permission forms will be available soon. If you are interested in your child receiving this vaccine, please contact the nurse in your students' school.



# 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.**

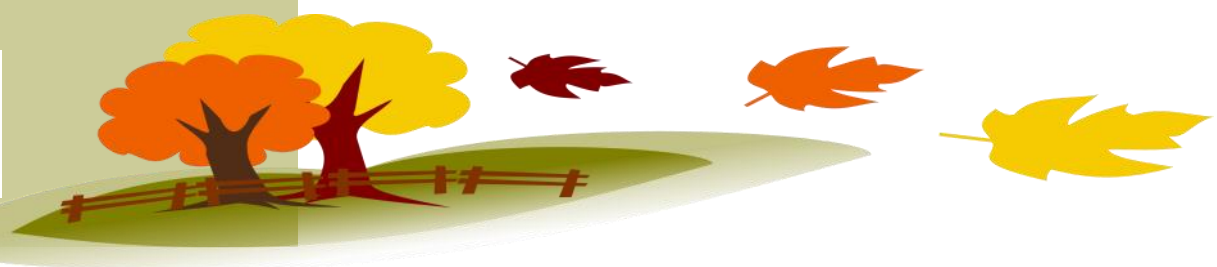
## Much ado about nits

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*

## Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 5th Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm (SIP Day)

Nov. 11th No School (Veterans Day)

Nov. 23rd Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Nov. 24th – 26th 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.

## BHC—QC College Night



On Thursday September 30th Black Hawk College held their QC College Night. This was a great opportunity for our students who attended to receive information from the almost 30 colleges and universities there. College bound students had an opportunity to win a **\$500 scholarship** 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 or Mrs. Dunn while at BlackHawk. Congratulations to our \$500 Scholarship Winner **Carson Holmes** !!



## 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 & receive advance training consider:
  - Apprenticeships: more information available in the LRC or in the Counselor's Office
  - Military Service: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)
4. Any student requiring a particular ACT composite score for college scholarships may ask to take the test at the college of their choice. Since you would be asking for special testing other than the national testing dates, please note that scores are only good at that specific college or university.

## 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—\$55

(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>
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

\*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

(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. 11, 2021	August 6	August 20
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19
February 12, 2021	January 7	January 21
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24

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.



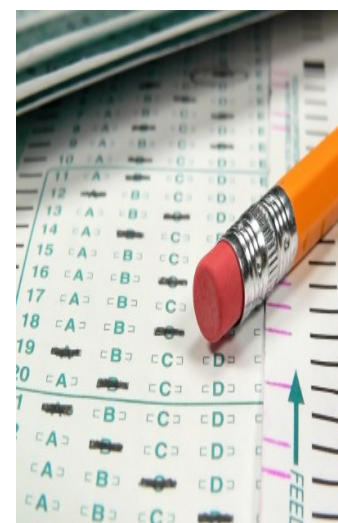

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# The Apollo Winter Program

*Come watch students sing and play instruments along to songs from our music curriculum!  
Also enjoy singing along to a few favorite traditional Christmas songs!*

## Wednesday, December 8th @ MCIS

Kindergarten - 5:00 PM

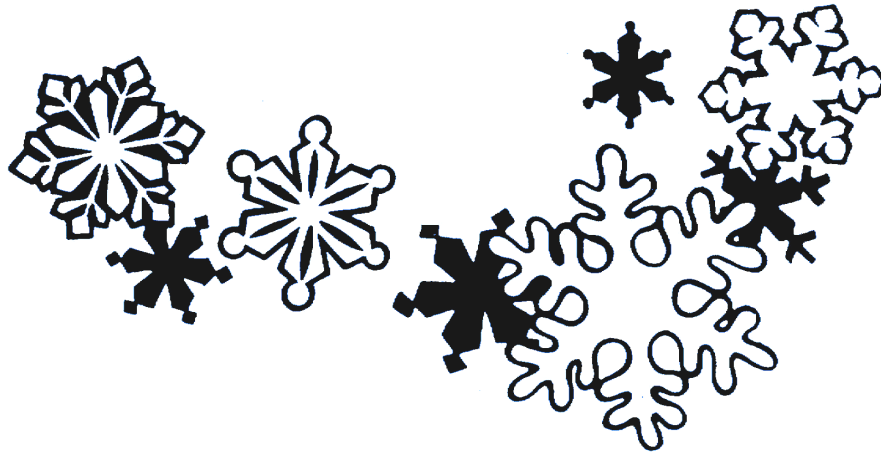
1st Grade - 6:00 PM

2nd Grade - 7:00 PM

## Thursday, December 9th @ MCIS

3rd Grade - 5:00 PM

4th Grade - 6:00 PM

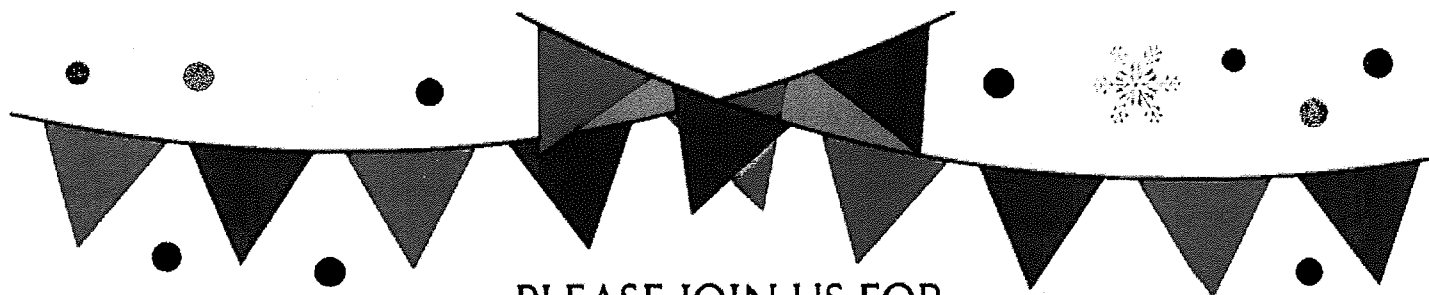


## 5th Grade Winter Sing and Play Along

*Our 5th Grade students will lead the audience by singing and playing ukuleles along to Christmas songs. If you play guitar, ukulele, banjo, etc. feel free to bring your instrument and play along!*

## Wednesday, December 15th @ MCIS

**5:30 PM**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**Apollo/MCIS PTO**

# **HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER**

**October 25th-November 3rd**



Please visit  
[www.sherwoodfundraiser.com/apollomcispto](http://www.sherwoodfundraiser.com/apollomcispto)  
to order your wreaths today!

Wreaths will be delivered to Apollo between  
November 16th-23rd. Please check our facebook  
page for pick up date!

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Sponsored by the Apollo/MCIS PTO  
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# November Breakfast Menu 2021

*Menu Subject to Change*

Skim Chocolate and 1%  
White milk served everyday.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Parfait Fruit Cup Milk Choice	2 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1/2 cup Fruit 1/2 cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	3 Cereal Frudel 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	4 Breakfast Pizza 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	5 Cereal Fruit Turnover ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice
8 Pancake/ Sausage Stick Sugar Free Syrup (1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	9 Breakfast Sandwich (Bagel, Bacon, Egg, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	10 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	11 <i>NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY</i> 	12 Ham/Egg/Cheese Bar 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
15 Mini Pancakes/Waffles (Sugar Free Syrup 1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	16 Cereal Muffin 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	17 Sausage or Bacon Egg Hash Browns 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	18 Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin, Bacon, Egg, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	19 Cereal Donut 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice
22 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Parfait Fruit Cup Milk Choice	23 Cereal Whole Grain Pop Tart 1/2 cup Fruit 1/2 cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	24 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>	25 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i> 	26 <i>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>
29 Pancake/ Sausage Stick Sugar Free Syrup (1/4c) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice	30 Breakfast Sandwich (Bagel, Bacon, Egg, Cheese) 1 Cup Fruit Milk Choice			

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# November Lunch Menu 2021

Menu Subject to Change

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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Oven Roasted Chicken Whole Grain Bread Baked Fries Green Beans Fruit	2 Bacon Cheeseburger/Bun Baked Chips Spinach Side Salad Fruit	3 Goulash w/cheese Bread Stick Corn Fruit	4 Taco Salad lettuce/tomato/cheese/chips Refried Beans Fruit Churro	5 12:30PM DISMISSAL Variety Sandwich Cheese Stick Fresh Carrots/ranch Fruit
8 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/gravy Whole Grain Bread Fresh Broccoli Fruit	9 BBQ Pork/ Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit/Juice Cup	10 Macaroni and Cheese w/ Little Smokies Pretzel Stick Cook Carrots Fruit	11 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY 	12 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Hashbrown ½ cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Whole Grain Cookie
15 Oven Roasted Chicken Whole Grain Bread Mashed Potatoes/gravy Cooked Carrots Fruit	16 Shrimp Poppers Broccoli/cheese Cottage Cheese Fruit	17 BBQ Ribette/ Bun Cole Slaw Baked Beans Cheese Stick Fruit	18 Turkey/ Dinner Roll Mashed potatoes/ gravy Green Bean Casserole Juice Autumn Bars / cool whip 	19 Pizza (assorted) Cheese Stick Spinach Side Salad Fruit
22 Chicken Patty/ Bun Baked Fries Corn Yogurt Parfait/Fruit	23 BBQ Pork/ Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
29 Chicken Tenders Green Beans Gold Fish Crackers Fruit	30 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Baked Chips Fruit			

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