Mifflinburg Area Middle School New Student Orientation 2024-2025



Welcome to our Wildcat family!

SCHOOL CONTACTS

- Mr. Daryl Hunsberger (Principal)
- Mr. Richard Strausburg (Assistant Principal)
- Miss Bogovich (Guidance Counselor)
- Mrs. Jessica Weaver (Admin. Assistant)
- Mrs. Caitlin Walter (Attendance Secretary)
- Mrs. Quinn Erdley (Nurse)

570-966-8290



OUR STUDENT BODY

6th Grade 159



8th Grade 166



DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP STUDENTS

- Please use the student drop-off and pick-up area on the south side of the building.
- To ensure student safety, all students <u>MUST</u> use the front entrance to enter the building. Please prepare with an umbrella in the case of inclement weather.



Please <u>do not drop off</u> or pick up students on Market Street or the surrounding parking lots.



When students return from an absence, they need to do the following:

- Present a note from their parents to the office staff explaining the reason for their absence.
- ** The email address to send parent/doctor excuses <u>cwalter@mifflinburg.org</u> or <u>msattendance@mifflinburg.org</u>
- When a student is absent and returns to school they will need to report to the office and sign their attendance card.
- If a student is tardy, they will report straight to the office to sign in before reporting to class.
- For appointments and any early dismissals please bring a parent note to the office first thing in the morning.
- If an excuse is not received in 3 days, the absence becomes unlawful.
- Check with Schoology/teachers for missed work throughout the day.

STUDENT AGENDA

• Please review the student handbook in the student agenda with your student.

• Sign the handbook receipt and have your child return it to his or her homeroom teacher.



IMPORTANT FORMS

- Standing Order Medication Permission Form
- Emergency Card
- Receipt of Student Handbook Acknowledgment
- Media Release Form
- Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy Form
- Return to homeroom teacher.

The First Day of School.....



- Wednesday, August 21st, 2024
- School starts at 7:45 a.m.
 - Students should report to their homerooms/WIN upon arrival the first day.
- For bus information email <u>ddressler@mifflinburg.org</u> to speak with Mrs. Dressler
- No town bus run for middle school students.

<u>A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MIDDLE SCHOOLER...</u>

• <u>School Day</u>: 7:45 – 2:45

- Doors open at 7:15 a.m. As soon as students enter the building they must go to their lockers, then go directly to their 1st period classroom.
- Students eating breakfast go to the cafeteria for breakfast then report to 1st period by 7:45.am.
- <u>5-period day</u>: 75 minute periods
- Lunch

- A Lunch 10:51 11:21
- B Lunch 11:21 11:51
- Six-day cycle
- Students must be in first period classes by

7:45 a.m. to ensure accurate attendance.



Courses Offered



<u>SPORTS</u>

• PIAA ATHLETICS for 7th and 8th graders	Boys	Girls	
	Baseball	Basketball	
PIA®	Basketball	Cheerleading	
	Cross Country	Cross Country	
	Football	Field Hockey	
	Soccer	Soccer	
	Wrestling	Softball	

Intramural Athletics- The following programs may be offered after school as facilities and instructors are available:

- Basketball
- □ Archery
- U Weightlifting/Fitness

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- Dodgeball/ Cooperative Games
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Soccer



Clubs and Activities

(6th, 7th and 8th Grades)



Art Club — to provide artistically-talented students with additional time and instruction and encourage all students to explore their talent

Band — to provide opportunities for students to develop their own musical talents and encourage them to experience performing as a group

Builders Club — to develop leadership skills, maintain moral character, build strong friendships, and help others, while working together in service projects for the school and community

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Choir — to expose students to proper vocal technique and allow them to sing a varied repertoire of vocal music while developing a sense of responsibility and commitment as they work toward a common goal

Environthon Club — a way to learn more about the

environment and compete in competition

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)

to provide opportunities for personal development, preparation for adult life, and leadership development

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• Intramurals – Will go from Sept 24th – March 28th, permission slips will be sent home

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National Junior Honor Society (7th and 8th graders only) — to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and character, and to encourage good citizenship within the school

• TSA (Technology Student Association) —

to provide opportunity for students to challenge their technological abilities and compare their technology competencies with other students through local, state, regional and national competitions



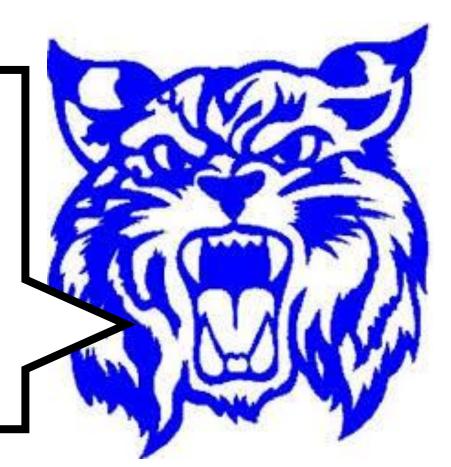
PBIS PROGRAM

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Supports See videos that will be posted on our middle school website.

Show Respect

Show Responsibility

Show Integrity

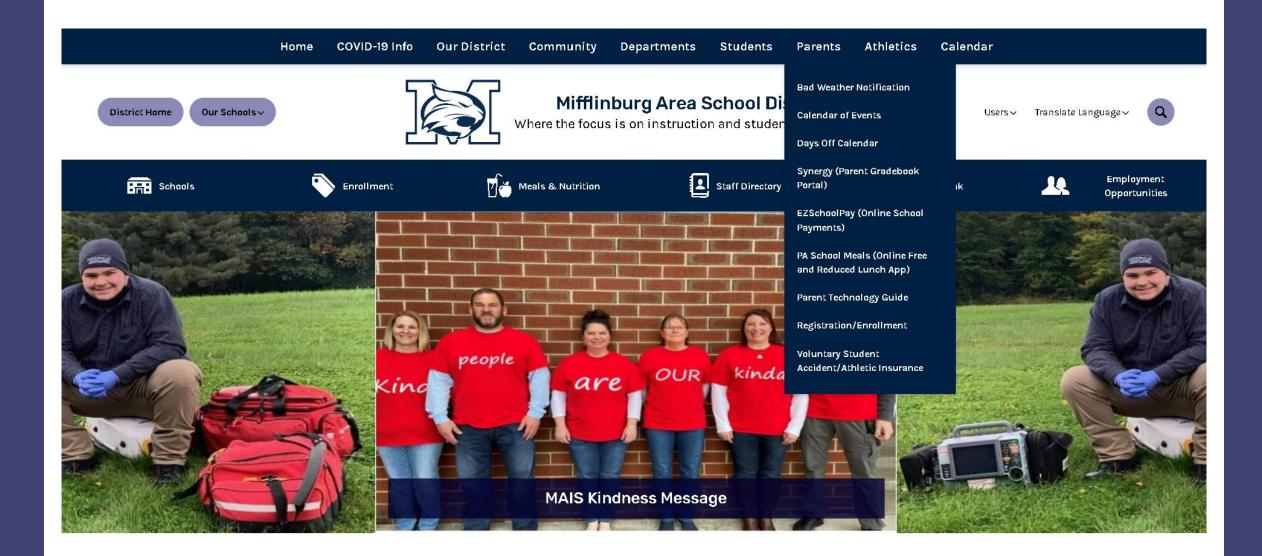




To enhance communication between parents, teachers and students.

The Synergy management system allows for secure entry and review of student information including grades, schedules, attendance, records, assignments and more.

Parent accounts: Same as last year, to create a new account go to <u>www.mifflinburg.org</u>, Parent Tab, Parent Portal Tab, follow directions.



School Meals Information Page

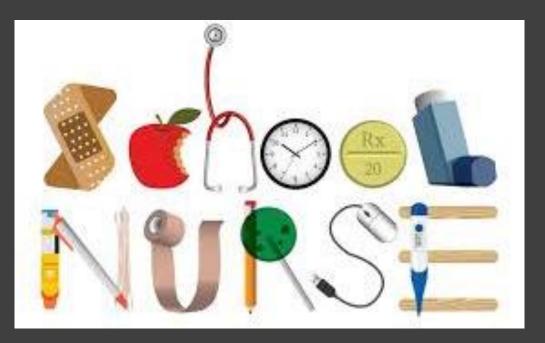
- Free breakfast and lunch will continue this year.
- Any student wishing to purchase ice-cream or slushie must pay for these items and have money in hand, they cannot charge to their account.







✓ Consists of a hot item every day, as well as cold cereal, juice, milk, and a snack ✓ Served from 7:20 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.



Mrs. Quinn Erdley Phone: 570-966-8292





MEDICATION POLICY



- Students are not permitted to carry any prescribed medicine or over-the-counter drugs, such as aspirin, cold tablets, etc. at school.
- Asthma inhalers, and epi-pens may be carried by students who have on file in the nurse's
 office a form completed by the doctor, parent, and student.
- All prescription medications must be in the original pharmaceutical container and must contain the label prepared by the pharmacy.
- All over-the-counter meds must be in the original container and must have a doctor's order.
- Please refer to page 14 of your student's agenda for additional information on our medication policy. Please note the policy for Field Trips.

<u>Sending Students</u> Home from School

Temp > 100 and not feeling well

Vomiting

Head injury

Serious sprain or other injury

Suspicion of communicable diseases, such as: Pink Eye Head Lice Chicken Pox

Strep Throat

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD'S EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ACCURATE



<u>Mandated Screenings, Exams</u> <u>and Immunizations</u>



- Grade 6
 - Height, weight, BMI (Body Mass Index), vision, scoliosis
 - Physical exam –Students who have a physical by their private physician should have a form signed and returned to the school. School exams will be offered for those students who do not return the physical forms.
- Documentation is needed for the immunization requirements for 7th Grade- Tdap and Meningitis. Please provide records to your school nurse as soon as your child has received these immunizations.



<u>Mandated Screenings, Exams</u> and Immunizations

- Grade 7
 - Height, weight, hearing, scoliosis
 - Dental exam
 - Vision
 - BMI
 - Additional documented proof of immunization
 - requirements for entry into 7th grade:
 - 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
 - 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)---only if 5 years have passed since last tetanus immunization
 - Immunizations-Tdap, 2nd varicella booster, meningitis

<u>Mandated Screenings, Exams</u> <u>and Immunizations</u>

- Grade 8
- Height, weight, BMI, vision screening
- Documentation needed for the new immunization requirements for all grades (K-12)



SCHEDULE / LOCKER INFORMATION

