## 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**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 159



8<sup>th</sup> 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

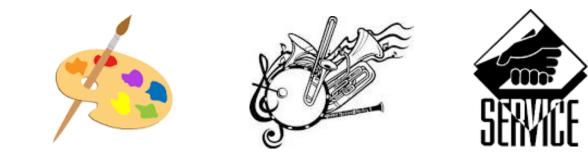
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- Dodgeball/ Cooperative Games
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Soccer



## **Clubs and Activities**

(6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>, permission slips will be sent home

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National Junior Honor Society (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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



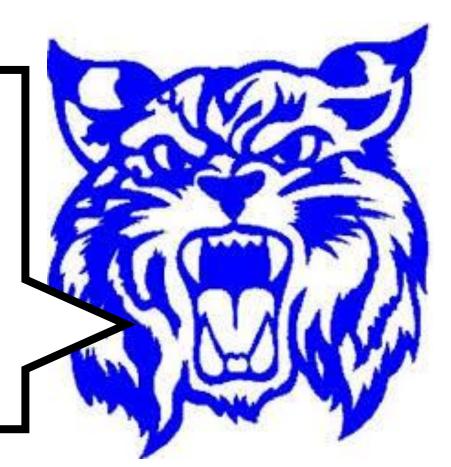
## PBIS PROGRAM

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

**Show Respect** 

**Show Responsibility** 

**Show Integrity** 

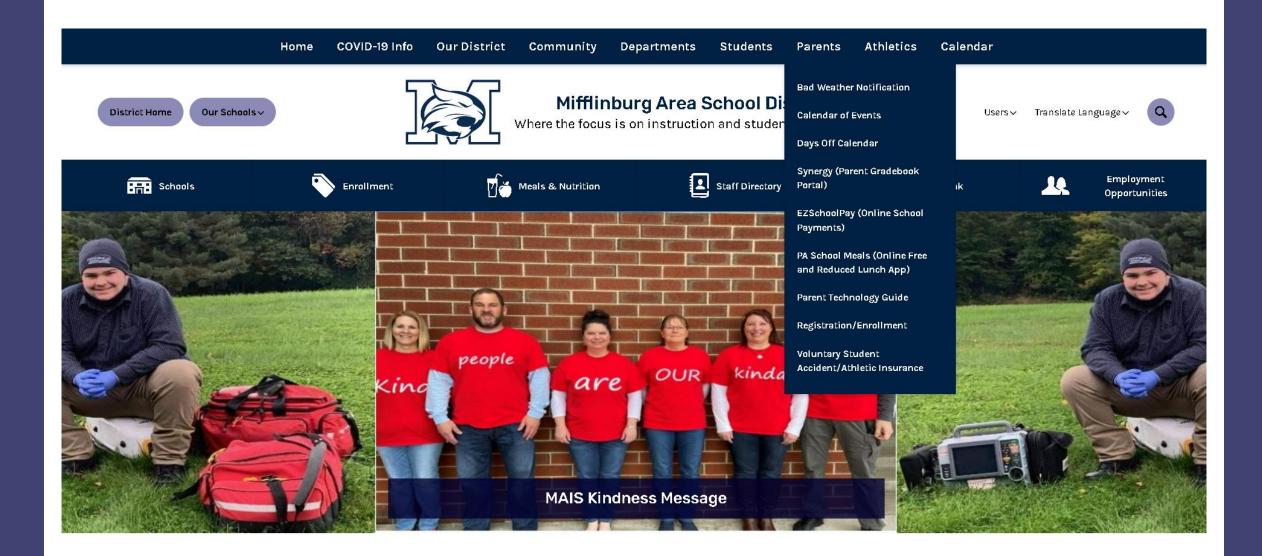




#### To enhance communication between parents, teachers and students.

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**

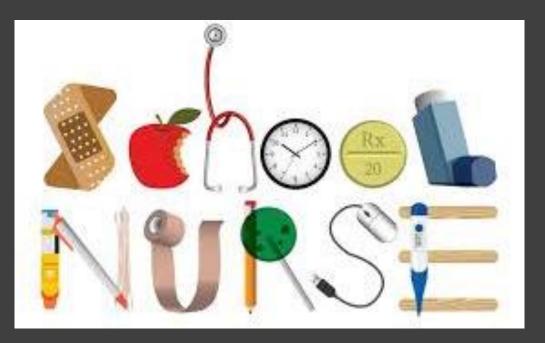
- Free breakfast and lunch will continue this year.
- Any student wishing to purchase ice-cream or slushie must pay for these items and have money in hand, they cannot charge to their account.







# ✓ 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

