



Parliamentary Procedure

Newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology

October 2025

Parliamentary Procedure is a monthly newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. It is designed to keep the parents, guardians, patrons, past graduates and others informed about events and happenings at the Academy on a monthly basis. If you have any questions about events, etc. at the Academy, please call or email the following:

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Upcoming Events/Dates to remember

Dates and Reminders

- **October 9= Operating Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.**
- **October 15= Fall OAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.**
- **October 16= Lockdown Drill PM Session**
- **October 17= Lockdown Drill AM Session**
- **October 24= End of the First Marking Period**



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From the Director's Office

Dear Parents and Students,

At MCAST, the safety and security of our students and staff is our highest priority. Just as we emphasize precision, discipline, and attention to detail in every Career and Technical Education program, those same principles apply to keeping our school community safe.

This month, we will be conducting our required Act 44 Safety and Security Drill, which will include a Lockdown Drill. These drills are a vital part of ensuring that students and staff know how to respond quickly and effectively in an emergency. Much like industry training, practice builds confidence and readiness.

In CTE environments, safety is more than compliance—it is culture. Whether it's welding labs, health occupation classrooms, or automotive bays, every program reinforces safety protocols daily. Students are learning not just how to master technical skills but also how to protect themselves and those around them. These habits translate into lifelong workplace readiness and responsibility.

As Owls, we look out for one another. By participating seriously in safety drills and practicing secure habits in our labs, hallways, and classrooms, we ensure that MCAST remains a safe and supportive place for learning.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to focus on both excellence in CTE and a secure environment for all.

Stay safe, stay focused, and as always—#GoOwls!

From the Principal's Office

We have had great opening to the 25-26 school year and are very excited for the remainder of the year and all that it will bring. We have a number of students on co-op and many more being lined up; we have gone on field trips and have many more coming in the future. On Saturday, September 27, we had our Community Day with each program doing something to showcase the students' talents and to show the community what we have to offer. It was a great success and we have lots of new ideas to try for next year.

I do want to let everyone know that we will be having our lockdown drills on October 16 (PM session) and October 17 (AM session). These drills are done annually to help make sure staff and students are prepared in the event of emergency that would require a lockdown to occur. We will have local and state police officers and other officials here both days to help us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 717-248-3933.

From the Career Coach' Office

Things are off to a great start with our students participating in career exploration! Here are some upcoming events for our students:

- College trip to South Hills School of Business and Technology on 10/3/25
- Army Demonstration at the Academy on 10/22/25
- Electrical Installation visit to Penn College on 10/24/25
- Deadline for Dual Enrollment at Penn College (qualifying programs) is 10/24/25
- Health Professions visit to Penn College on 10/30/25

National Technical Honor Society News:

NTHS participated in the Goose Day Community Day event doing face painting and helping out where needed. We also plan to participate in the Halloween Parade handing out some tricks and treats to our community members.

At the Academy, our members are acting as leaders and role models and planning some upcoming service projects and career exploration opportunities.

Upcoming events for our NTHS students:

- September 22nd - October 10th Klingler's Produce Fundraiser. See a member to buy a sandwich, sub, salad, moon pie, or whoopie pie. Proceeds are used for membership dues, graduation regalia, and upcoming service projects.
- October 10th - Klingler's Produce Fundraiser MONEY AND ORDERS DUE TO MRS. DRESSLER
- October 22nd - Klingler's Produce Fundraiser delivery from 3:00 to 5:00. Pick up your orders in the Academy cafeteria
- October 29th - Lewistown Halloween Parade. See us in the parade along with the Construction Club, SKILLS USA, and HOSA

Don't Miss Our Next Campus Visit Day

Wednesday, November 6, 9:30 am-12 pm



Take a tour, meet with admissions, learn about Financial Aid



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From the Agriculture Program

The Big Valley FFA Rabies Clinic is back for year 2!

We're excited to announce that the Big Valley FFA Rabies Clinic, in partnership with Kish Vet Services, will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Agricultural Sciences Shop at The Academy. Our students loved hosting this event so much last year that we're bringing it back for year two! Come support our program and keep your pets healthy and safe. We are so incredibly thankful for our partnership with Kish Vet Services to provide this opportunity for our community and our students.

We hope to see you (and your four-legged friends) there!

On Thursday, September 18, our program traveled to the Russell Larson Research Center for the 2nd Annual Plant Yourself in Ag Day! We traveled through many different workshops to learn about agricultural careers and the research being done at Penn State to advance the agriculture industry.

The workshops included:

- Apple tasting and testing
- Drone demos
- Entomology bug hunting
- Precision agriculture technology demos
- Stream studies
- Tree identification
- Autonomous tractor driving
- Dairy science
- Planting microgreens
- Make our own gummy worms



Big Valley FFA Rabies Clinic

In Partnership with
Kish Veterinary Services

Saturday
October 18, 2025
11 am - 1 pm

Agricultural Sciences Shop
at The Academy
700 Pitt St, Lewistown, PA, 17044



Rabies Clinic

PRICES:

Canine Rabies

\$28.00

Canine Distemper/Lepto Combination

\$43.00

Canine Lyme

\$54.75

Feline Rabies

\$28.00

Feline Distemper/Respiratory Disease Combination

\$24.00



Big Valley FFA Rabies Clinic

Map



From the Cosmetology Program

The Cosmetology students love the new sinks that we put in over the summer.

The Juniors and Seniors are working on Haircutting and Hairstyling. Seniors get to do the Hairstyling sets on each other to practice on real heads. They enjoyed the roller sets and loved how they turned out. Sophomores started learning about infection Control this week. They worked on the hazards of blood spills and how to take care of those hazards of our industry. Proper procedures are important to keeping everyone safe.



From the Culinary Arts Program

Culinary Arts Classroom Update

The Culinary Arts program at Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology has been off to a strong start this fall! Students recently wrapped up their **Knife Skills and Kitchen Safety** unit, mastering essential foundations that will serve them throughout their culinary journey. With those skills under their belts, we've now transitioned into our new unit on **Stocks, Soups, and Sauces** — the true building blocks of classical cooking.

On **September 27th**, our students proudly hosted a **Pancake Breakfast** in celebration of the school's annual Goose Day festivities. The event was a great success, with students working as a team to mix, flip, and serve stacks of golden pancakes to our guests. It was not only a chance to showcase their culinary talents but also an opportunity to practice hospitality and service in a real-world setting.

Looking ahead, October promises to be an exciting and busy month in the kitchen. Our program is preparing for the **Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) Meal** on **October 15th**, where students will put their skills to the test in planning, prepping, and executing a professional-level meal for our valued advisory committee members. Every detail matters, and our students are hard at work ensuring this event is nothing short of a **massive success**.

We're thrilled with the dedication and progress our students have shown so far this year, and we're eager to keep the momentum rolling into the heart of the fall season. Stay tuned — there's much more to come from the Culinary Arts program!

From the Early Childhood Program





Top picture: Senior Leslie Vazquez shares a story with a pre-k student.

Bottom picture: Aiden Dressler, Ivy French, Reagan Amey, and Myah Kanagy observe as pre-k students enjoy a sensory bin experience.

The Early Childhood Education classroom has kicked off the year with lots of excitement! Our students recently welcomed the PreK Counts kiddos for a birthday party and playtime full of smiles and laughter. They also began their visits to the LUMINA Center, where they get hands-on experience helping with toddler story time. We also will be heading to assist in our first PBIS event at East Derry at the end of the month.

Big things are happening for two of our seniors as they dive into their third and final year—preparing to begin co-op positions this month! Meanwhile, our first-year students are exploring the fascinating world of infant and toddler development, and our juniors are hard at work building their CDA portfolios.

It's shaping up to be a busy and rewarding year for everyone in the program!

From the Health Professions Program

Our future healthcare professionals have been hard at work! Students suited up to practice donning and doffing PPE and put their handwashing skills to the test to stop the spread of germs. In medical terminology, they dove into body planes and cavities—learning how the body is “mapped out.” We also kicked off vital signs with pulse and blood pressure, giving students a taste of patient care. It's been a busy and exciting start as returning students refine these core skills and new students build the skills they'll need in healthcare!



From the Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Graduate Class 127. Congratulations to all of the graduates and best wishes for a long and successful nursing career.

