



Parliamentary Procedure

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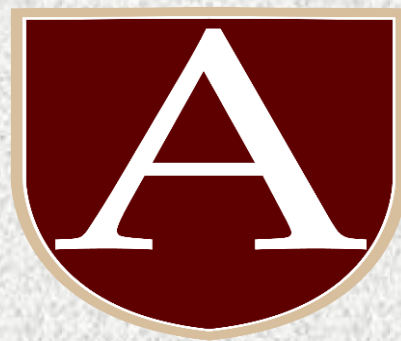
Parliamentary Procedure is a monthly newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. It is designed to keep the parents, guardians, patrons, past graduates and others informed about events and happenings at the Academy on a monthly basis. If you have any questions about events, etc.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

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Upcoming Events/Dates to remember

Dates and Reminders:

- April 3= Good Friday (no school for students or staff)
- April 6= School now in session
- April 13-17= NOCTI Exams (written portion)
- April 23= NOCTI Exams (performance portion)
- April 23= Family Night 6:00 p.m.



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From the Director's Office

From the desk of the Director,

As we move into April at Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology, our focus turns to NOCTI testing and preparations for graduation. These are important milestones that showcase the skills and growth our students have achieved.

I am proud to share that our students are on track for a record year in earning industry-recognized credentials, a testament to their hard work, dedication, and readiness to enter the workforce with confidence. These accomplishments reflect not only their commitment, but also the strong support from our families and staff.

Please be on the lookout for upcoming letters outlining NOCTI testing schedules and details for our Academy Awards Night as we celebrate the success of our students.

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Laura Hicks

From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to imagine that we have now entered the fourth marking period of the 2025-26 school year. As we approach the end of the year, I encourage to watch the website and my newsletters for the dates and times of upcoming events. I have included two very important events below:

1. Seniors will soon be taking NOCTI exams. These are an important part of their CTE education and provide valuable information to our instructors. Those exams are schedule for April (schedule below), please encourage your student to do their very best on these exams. Please be watching for an informational letter coming soon about these Exams.
 - April 13-17= Written portion of NOCTI Exams
 - April 23= Performance portion of the NOCTI Exams.
2. Academy Awards Night= May 20, 2026 at Mifflin County High School at 7:00 p.m.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my office or email me at any time.

Mr. Mark A. Crosson
Principal

Student of the Month for February

I am proud to announce the 2026 March Students of the Month for the Academy:

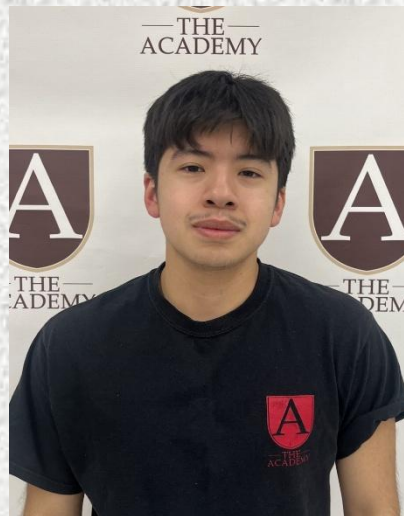
Ally Kahley - 10th Grade - Mifflin County High School - Cosmetology Program - "Ally comes to school every day with a good attitude and smiling. She has great attendance and wonderful work ethic. Ally is kind to her classmates in the Cosmetology program."

Angel Cabrera Vasquez - 11th Grade - Mifflin County High School - Construction Trades Program - "Angel is a hard worker who shows up every day, consistently ready to work. He is willing to do whatever is needed in the Construction Trades program. Angel is kind and respectful to staff and his classmates."

Tori Piper - 12th Grade - Mifflin County High School - Welding Technology Program - "Tori is very hard working in Welding Technology. She never asks 'why' when asked to do something, she takes it upon herself to get the job done. She has a good future ahead of her and remains humble every day."



Ally Kahley



Angel Cabrera Vasquez



Tori Piper



From the Co-op Coordinator's Office

Building Careers in Healthcare: Student Success at Greenwood Village

We are proud to highlight two outstanding third-year Health Professions students, **Beth McKnight** and **Joshlyn Tate**, who are already making a meaningful impact in the healthcare field. Both students have earned their **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** certifications and are currently employed at **Greenwood Village in Lewistown** as CNAs.

Through their work, Beth and Joshlyn are gaining valuable real-world experience while providing compassionate care to residents. As CNAs, their responsibilities include:

- Assisting residents with daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, and grooming
- Helping with mobility, including transferring and repositioning residents safely
- Monitoring vital signs like blood pressure, temperature, and pulse
- Supporting residents with meals and ensuring proper nutrition
- Maintaining a clean and safe environment
- Observing and reporting changes in residents' conditions to nursing staff
- Providing companionship and emotional support

Their roles require not only technical skills but also patience, empathy, and strong communication—qualities both students demonstrate every day.

Beth's and Joshlyn's success is a direct reflection of their hard work and the strength of our Health Professions program. Their journey from classroom learning to certification and employment showcases the value of hands-on training and industry partnerships.

We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in the healthcare field. They are excellent examples of how our students are preparing to meet the needs of today's workforce while making a difference in their communities.

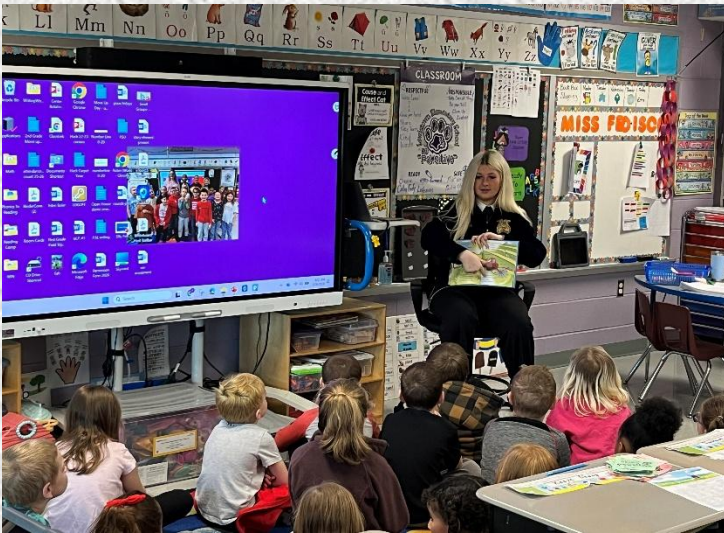


From the Agriculture Program

On Thursday, March 26, our FFA officer team traveled to Lewistown Elementary School to read to the kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classes for Ag Literacy Week.

Ag Literacy Week is held annually in collaboration with Mifflin County Farm Bureau and PA Friends of Agriculture Foundation. Thank you to all who sponsored books for this event! We were able to read to 17 classes and leave a copy of the book with them for their classroom library!

Our officers did a fantastic job representing our chapter and program by sharing their knowledge with the next generation!



From the Collision Repair Program

The Collision repair class would like to thank Ray Markulics from Collision Refinishing Solutions LLC and Tommy Barnes of Zimmerman Autobody Supplies inc. for the generous donation of a Norton Dustless sanding station for the program. The students were very thankful for the communities continued support of the Academy.



From the Construction Trades Program

Construction trades is proud to announce the completion of our community service project. Students from the program recently built a wheelchair ramp for a student in the district. Students were able to make connections by coordinating with Habitat for Humanity and serving the community where they live, all the while learning tasks applicable to industry.

Moving forward, we are preparing for NOCTI testing later this month. We have several new projects in the pipeline we are trying to launch, including sidewalks and footing demonstrations.

We look forward to keeping you updated with the progression of the program!



From the Cosmetology Program

Cosmetology Sophomores were working on Facials and skin care, Juniors working on Joico Certification for scalp treatments and our Cosmetology Seniors are preparing for their NOCTI test and Task performance.



From the Early Childhood Program

The Early Childhood Education program is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its first-year students. Recently, students successfully completed their First Aid and CPR certification training, gaining essential skills to ensure the health and safety of young children in their care.

In addition, students concluded their unit on classroom environments, where they explored the elements of effective early learning spaces. As a culminating activity, students designed and created miniature classroom models that reflected best practices in layout, organization, and child-centered learning.

Following this project, members of the Academy participated in selecting a standout design. We are pleased to congratulate Reagan Amey, whose miniature classroom was chosen as the winning project. Great job, Reagan!

Second-year Early Childhood Education students have been actively working toward the completion of their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, continuing to finalize required assignments and build professional competencies essential for the field.

In addition, students are concluding a unit on guidance, where they have been developing and practicing effective behavior management strategies. These skills have been applied both in their Pre-K classroom experiences and through role-play activities, allowing students to strengthen their ability to respond appropriately to real-world situations.

The Early Childhood Education program is also proud to announce that all three senior students have either continued in or secured co-op placements for this spring. These valuable, hands-on experiences provide students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge in professional settings. One of these seniors has been hired on at their facility! Congratulations to Ciara Miller on her new employment.



Winning miniature classroom design by Reagan Amey

Early Childhood (continued)



First year students during their CPR training.



First year students during their First Aid training.

From the Health Professions Program

Health Professions students have participated in a variety of engaging and meaningful learning experiences this month. Two highlights included attending *Surgery Live* at the Whitaker Center, where students had the unique opportunity to observe a live colectomy in the IMAX theater, and visiting Valley View Retirement Community. During this visit, students distributed carnations and valentines while spending time socializing with residents, helping to create a warm and positive experience for everyone involved.

In the classroom, students have continued building their knowledge of body systems, with recent focus on the lymphatic, gastrointestinal, and urinary systems. Penn College dual enrollment students are nearing completion of course content and will soon begin preparation for their final exam.

In the lab, Level 1 students developed foundational skills in bandaging, splinting, and applying slings for bone injuries. Level 2 and 3 students continued progressing through Patient Care Technician online coursework while also strengthening hands-on clinical skills, including turning, positioning, and assisting with toileting.

Students also had the chance to participate in 3 different simulation experiences in the lab where they were able to refine several skills and pull-in theory knowledge to provide patient care.



From the Practical Nursing Program

“Congratulations Class 128 on graduation! Best of luck on your NCLEX exam.”



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