



# Parliamentary Procedure

Newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology

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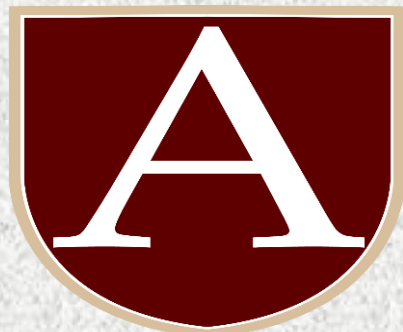
Parliamentary Procedure is a monthly newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. It is designed to keep the parents, guardians, patrons, past graduates and others informed about events and happenings at the Academy on a monthly basis. If you have any questions about events, etc.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

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## Upcoming Events/Dates to remember

### Dates and Reminders:

- May 11 and 12= AM Session will run on a 2-hour delay schedule (Mifflin County only)
- May 13= Signing Day/Class Awards at Armory
- May 13= NTHS Ceremony 6:00 PM at the Armory
- May 19= Senior practice at Mifflin County High School 12:45 PM
- May 20= Academy Awards Night at Mifflin County High School 7:00 PM
- May 22= PBIS Fun Day
- May 26= Last Day for Seniors (Mifflin County)
- May 27= Last Day for Seniors (Juniata County)
- May 29= Last day for students (12:30 PM Dismissal)
- June 1= Teacher workday



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# From the Director's Office

From the desk of the Director,

As we enter May at Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology, I want to commend our students for their outstanding performance on NOCTI assessments. Their scores reflect a high level of skill attainment and a strong commitment to their chosen career pathways.

To our seniors, I extend my congratulations and best wishes as you transition to the workforce, military service, and postsecondary education. Your preparation here has positioned you well for success. We also look ahead with excitement as we welcome the incoming Class of 2026–2027 and the opportunities they will bring to our programs. Thank you to our families and staff for your continued support in making this a successful year.

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Laura Hicks

Administrative Director

# From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of this school year. As many of you are aware, the month of May is full of a lot of activities and end-of-the-year programs. Please look carefully at the calendar listed on the first page of our newsletter for dates and times of these events. A special note about our Academy Awards Night on May 20, 2026: please note that tickets are not needed to attend this ceremony. The program will be held in the auditorium of the Mifflin County High School. I also want to remind you that there is a dress code that we follow for that night, which was spelled out in a letter you received last week. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for entrusting your student to our care.

Mr. Mark A. Crosson  
Principal





# From the Co-op Coordinator's Office

## **Student Spotlight: Blake Hale Takes Welding Skills to the Next Level**

This month, we are proud to highlight Blake Hale, a dedicated third-year welding student who is already making a meaningful impact in the workforce through his placement at Lewistown Manufacturing.

Blake's work is anything but ordinary. At Lewistown Manufacturing, he is helping fabricate and weld critical components used in U.S. Navy ships. Specifically, Blake works on building frames for hatches and door systems that are essential structures that ensure both the strength and safety of naval vessels.

When Navy ships undergo inspections, worn or damaged doors and hatches must be replaced to maintain strict safety standards. That's where Lewistown Manufacturing plays a vital role. The company produces high-quality replacement units that are shipped directly to the Navy for installation. Blake is part of the team responsible for constructing these components to precise specifications.

His daily tasks include fabricating and welding frames that must meet rigorous standards for durability and proper operation. These doors and hatches are designed not only for strength but also to ensure sailors can move safely throughout the ship without risk of malfunction or injury.

Blake's employer has praised him for the quality of his work, noting his attention to detail and strong work ethic. This recognition speaks volumes about Blake's skill level and professionalism at such an early stage in his career.

We are very proud of Blake for representing our program so well and for demonstrating how Career and Technical Education prepares students for meaningful, high-demand careers. Lewistown Manufacturing has provided an outstanding opportunity for Blake to apply his skills in a professional setting, and we look forward to seeing his continued growth in the welding field.



# From the Cosmetology Program

The Cosmetology Program had a fundraiser for the junior/senior trip to Orlando, Florida. It was ladies' night, we had 21 ladies come for an evening of pampering, facials, pedi/mani, painting party and making sugar scrubs. It was a successful evening.



# From the Culinary Arts Program:

Culinary Arts Program Serves Up Success and Real-World Experience:

The Culinary Arts program at Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology has been busy this spring, showcasing student talent, professionalism, and real-world culinary skills across a variety of events and competitions.

One of the program's standout achievements was its strong performance at the Pennsylvania ProStart Competition held in Hershey. Competing against 24 teams from across the state, MCAST students earned an impressive 10th-place finish—an accomplishment that reflects their dedication, teamwork, and culinary expertise.

In addition to competition success, students have been actively engaged in large-scale event service. Over the past few months, the program has successfully hosted and catered multiple events, including the Spring OAC Meeting and a Pastors' Luncheon, serving more than 150 guests. Students also catered for a distinguished event at the McVeytown Masonic Lodge, which hosted the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the state of Pennsylvania. These experiences continue to provide students with valuable hands-on opportunities in high-volume food production, organization, and hospitality.

Currently, students are immersed in an exciting BBQ unit that emphasizes creativity, entrepreneurship, and practical application of culinary knowledge. As part of this unit, students are developing their own restaurant concepts from the ground up—designing menus, calculating food costs, and ensuring profitability. The unit will culminate in a series of pop-up BBQ events where friends and family are invited to experience the students' creations in a fully realized dining concept.

The program also celebrates a major academic milestone. All senior students have successfully completed their NOCTI Culinary Arts assessments, with every student earning a score in the Advanced range. Instructor Travis McCullough expressed immense pride in the class, noting that this level of achievement is exceptional and a testament to the students' hard work and commitment to excellence.

Looking ahead, students will continue expanding their culinary horizons with an upcoming educational trip to Reading Terminal Market and Angelo's Pizzeria on May 6, 2026. This experience will give students the opportunity to explore one of the region's most iconic food destinations and gain inspiration from established culinary professionals.

With competition success, industry-level event experience, and innovative classroom projects, the Culinary Arts program continues to prepare students for bright futures in the culinary field.



# From the Early Childhood Program

Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program has been buzzing with excitement this month as students engaged in a hands-on, real-world learning experience—hatching baby chicks! In collaboration with the PreK Counts classroom across the hall, ECE students helped incubate and care for eggs, eagerly anticipating the arrival of their fluffy “peeps.” This cross-classroom partnership created a meaningful opportunity for high school students to take on leadership roles while supporting younger learners through a shared discovery process.

East Juniata students Emma Lauver and Danica Marker alongside Juniata student Kaylissa Woodward created an egg and spoon obstacle course for PreK students to complete.



# From the Health Professions Program

It's been a busy and exciting month in Health Professions! Students recently wrapped up their medical terminology unit, where they learned not only terms but also the basic anatomy for reproductive health, pregnancy, and birth. Our dual enrollment students also completed their Penn College final, and we're proud to share that 16 students will earn 3 college credits by the end of the semester!

Level 2 and 3 students have been working hard on hands-on skills like peri-care and catheter care, and will continue practicing personal care skills through the end of the school year. They've also been making great progress in their Patient Care Technician training, with several students preparing to take their certification exam at the end of May.

Level 1 students have been focusing on first aid, learning how to respond to burns, heat and cold emergencies, shock, and severe bleeding.

We also had a great visit from Fame EMS! Students learned about pre-hospital medicine and even had the chance to sign up for a job shadow day, riding along on calls—19 students took advantage of that opportunity. In addition, two students were able to job shadow at Phoenix Physical Therapy this month.

Coming up, students are looking forward to visiting Penn State University, where they'll sit in on an anatomy lecture and get a feel for what a college lecture is like.

As we look to close the school year, we wish our seniors all the best as they transition into employment and post-secondary education. Several seniors have signed with current employers, and several juniors have accepted cooperative education placements for the next school year. Exciting things ahead for Health Professions!



# From the Nurse's Office

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms are distributed during Homeroom on the first few days of school. If your child does not return a signed OTC Medication Form, the nurse's office is unable to provide your child OTC medication at school.

If your child requires medication not provided on the OTC Medication Form, **ALL** other medication or items used for medicinal purposes require an order from a licensed healthcare provider. **A new physician or provider order must be resubmitted to the school nurse EACH school year before the school nurse can administer medications at school.**

According to PA medication guidelines for schools, the **ONLY** medications that students may carry and self-administer are EpiPen autoinjectors, asthma inhalers, and diabetic supplies. *These medications may only be self-carried and self-administered if a current physician order is on file in the nurse's office.*

**Students ARE NOT permitted to carry any other medications on their person during school hours or school-sponsored activities. This includes cough drops, antibiotics, medicated creams and ointments, eye drops, or any item used for medicinal purposes.**

**Any medication that is required to be administered at school must be transported to and from school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult and accompanied by a physician's order.** Prescription medications must be in a labeled prescription bottle. OTC medication should be in its original packaging. No more than a 30-day supply will be stored in the nurse's office. All medications will be counted with the parent or designated adult.

Please make arrangements with the nurse before delivering medication to the Academy. Front Office Staff are unable to accept medication from parents. Please call or email with any questions regarding medications.

**If your child has medication stored in the nurse's office, please plan to pick up medication by the last day of school by 3:00 pm (May 29, 2026). Medication that is not picked up by a parent/guardian or designated adult will be destroyed.**

## Upcoming 2026-2027 School Year

### Return to School Summer Preparation

**1<sup>st</sup> Day for Students is August 31, 2026**

- **All** medication orders are required to be renewed each school year. Before the start of the new school year, please request new medication orders from your child's healthcare provider. Medication forms can be faxed to 717-248-5148, ATTN School Nurse. **Students may not self-carry an asthma inhaler, diabetic supplies, or EpiPen unless a physician's order is on file in the nurse's office.**
- If your child has a physician's letter on file for a medical condition or diagnosis, please have your physician renew your child's letter for the new school year and include any needed attendance parameters.