



Parliamentary Procedures

July 2026

Parliamentary Procedure is a monthly newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. It is designed to keep 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 one of the following:

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2026-2027 School Year Calendar

- Summer Office Hours 7:30 AM-3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday
- August 26= Teacher Inservice
- August 27= Act 80 Day
- **August 27= New Student Orientation for the Academy 6:00 PM**
- August 28= Teacher Work Day
- August 31= First day of school for students
- September 4= Act 80 Day
- **September 26= Community Day at the Academy 9:00 AM-Noon**
- October 12= Inservice Day
- **October 21= Occupational Advisory Meetings 6:00 PM**
- October 30= End of First Marking Period
- November 11= Veteran's Day, No School for Students
- November 25= No school for students (teachers dismissed at 11:30 AM)
- November 25-27= Thanksgiving Vacation (no school for students)
- November 30= No school for students (Designated Make-up Day #1)
- December 23-January 1= Christmas Vacation (no school for students)
- January 18= Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No school for students (Designated make-up Day #2)
- January 21= End of Second Marking Period
- January 29= Act 80 Day
- February 12= Act 80 Day
- February 15= President's Day- No school for students (Designated make-up day #3)
- **March 17= Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings 6:00 PM**
- March 25= Act 80 Day
- March 26= Good Friday (no school for students)
- March 28= Easter Monday- no school for students (Designated make-up day #4)
- March 30= End of the Third Marking Period
- **April 12-16= NOCTI Testing (written portion)**
- **April 21= NOCTI Testing (performance portion)= grade 10 and 11 student go to MCMS**



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2026-2027 School Year Calendar (continued)

- April 23= No school for students (Designated make-up day #5)
- April 28= Academy Family Night 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
- May 19= Class Awards and Signing Day (sessions held 9:10 AM-11:40 AM and 12:10 PM-2:40 PM)
- May 19= NTHS (National Technical Honor Society) Induction 6:00 PM
- May 24= Academy Awards Ceremony Practice at Mifflin County High School 12:50 PM-2:40 PM (seniors only)
- May 25= Academy Awards Ceremony at Mifflin County High School Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- May 26= Juniata High School Graduation
- May 27= East Juniata High School Graduation
- May 28= PBIS Rewards Day (held during both AM and PM sessions)
- May 31= Memorial Day – no school for students
- June 3= Last Day for students (12:30 PM Dismissal)
- June 3= Mifflin County High School Graduation

*Highlighted days are events specific to the Academy



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From the Director's Office

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Administrative Director at the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. Having previously served as an assistant principal at Mifflin County High School, I have witnessed firsthand the Academy's incredible accomplishments over the past four years. I am excited to be part of its continued growth and success.

I would like to sincerely thank the MCAST Operating Committee and Mr. Vance Varner, Superintendent of the Mifflin County School District, for the confidence they have placed in me to lead the Academy into its next chapter. I am committed to working collaboratively with our students, families, staff, sending high schools, business and industry partners, and the entire MCAST community to continue providing exceptional career and technical education opportunities.

Together, we will build upon the strong foundation already established, ensuring our students develop the knowledge, technical skills, and workplace experiences they need to succeed in the careers of their choosing. I cannot wait to welcome everyone back and begin an outstanding 2026–2027 school year!

A. Michael Durn

Administrative Director

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From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter July, I wanted to share the dates for events in the upcoming school year (see the calendar above). Please mark these on your calendars. I will also highlight events each month in our newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. A. Michael Durn as the new Academy Director. We are very excited to have Mr. Durn at the helm and look forward to continuing the fine work here at the Academy. Finally, I would like to share a few clerical notes for clarification:

1. Parking passes will not be issued until the start of school. Parking passes are issued for the Academy for those students enrolled in our co-op program, our after-school cosmetology clinics, students whose classes are all virtual, those students with documentation from an employer stating that their start time at work would be hampered by returning to their sending school and then leaving for work, and finally, homeschooled students.
2. Our summer office hours continue to be 7:30 AM-3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.
3. Final rosters for each program will not be finalized until the end of August.

As always, I count it a privilege to serve as your student's principal, and I look forward to a great school year. Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions. Have a great rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark A. Crosson
Principal