

McPherson High School



Home of the Bullpups!

MHS	620-241-9500			
Career/Tech Ed Office	241-9530	School Safety Hotline	877-626-8203	Kitchen
Activities/Athletics Office	241-9510		www.mcpherson.com/418/	MHS Fax
Guidance Office	241-9520			Athletics & CTE Fax
				241-9525
				241-9506
				241-1309
Bryce McFarland, Principal		Shane Backhus, Asst. Principal		Brandi McWilliams, Asst. Principal

WELCOME TO MHS!

Please welcome our new faculty and staff members for the 2018-19 school year!

- Joseph Ruppert - School Resource Officer
- Ashli Corbella - Language Arts Teacher
- Rebecca Pflughoeft - Language Arts Teacher
- Jerrad Willis - Language Arts Teacher
- Jessica McNally - FACs Teacher
- Adam Long - Special Education Teacher
- Mike Walline - Automotive Teacher



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FYI - OFFICE HOURS

The daily office schedules are as follows:

Front	7:20 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Activities/Athletics	7:20 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Bookkeeping	9 to 11 a.m. - 12 to 1:45 p.m.
Career & Tech Ed	7:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Guidance	7:20 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Library	7:35 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

MHS Phone Directory

In an effort to cut down on phone calls in the Front Office, please use the direct lines whenever possible. Thank you.

241-9500

Principal - Bryce McFarland
Secretary/Registrar - Carolyn Mathis
Attendance Secretary - Anita Muhs
Bookkeeper - Tracey Wedel
Nurse - Deb Stucky
Psychologist - Jennifer Fisher
Library - Caley Cole-Robinson

241-9510

Asst. Prin., Activities/Athletics - Shane Backhus
Secretary - Tennille McCormick

241-9530

Asst. Principal, CTE Director - Brandi McWilliams
Secretary - Jodi Cheek

241-9520

Guidance Counselors - Sylvia Ehrlich & Melissa Loibl
CCR Advocates - Stephanie Hamilton, Jeanne Zeitlow & Anna Berg
Guidance Secretary - Lori Unruh

Food Service - Deb Friesen**241-9525**

MHS FAX Machine.....**241-9506**

Athletics & CTE FAX Machine.....**241-1309**

Other district numbers that might be helpful....

McPherson Alternative Center.....**241-9507**

Student Transportation.....**241-6830**

USD 418 Central Office.....**241-9400**

School Safety Hot Line

877-626-8203



FALL HOMECOMING
ACTIVITIES
FRI. Oct. 5th



Students planning on participating in athletics, band, choir, orchestra, KAY, scholar's bowl, Stuco, National Honor Society, debate, or forensics must consent to random drug testing prior to participating or by Oct. 1st. MHS has a new substance abuse policy that requires participants to consent to random drug testing. The policy can be found on the district website, www.mcpherson.com. If a student wishes to participate in these activities at any point this year,

a consent must be on-file by October 1st.

If you have questions, contact Shane Backhus, MHS Activities Director at shane.backhus@mcpherson.com, or 241-9510.

2018-19 Schedules

Tuesday • Friday

1st Hr	7:50 -	8:38	
<i>Second Chance Breakfast during passing period</i>			
2nd Hr	8:44 -	9:32	
3rd Hr	9:36 -	10:24	
Advisory (24 min)	10:28 -	10:52	
4th Hr	10:56 -	11:44	
<i>1st Lunch</i>	11:44 -	12:14	
5th Hr	12:18 -	1:06	
5th Hr	11:48 -	12:36	
<i>2nd Lunch</i>	12:36 -	1:06	
6th Hr	1:10 -	1:58	
7th Hr	2:02 -	2:50	

Monday • Wednesday • Thursday

1st Hr	7:50 -	8:42	
<i>Second Chance Breakfast during passing period</i>			
2nd Hr	8:49 -	9:40	
3rd Hr	9:44 -	10:36	
4th Hr	10:40 -	11:32	
<i>1st Lunch</i>	11:32 -	12:02	
5th Hr	12:06 -	12:58	
5th Hr	11:36 -	12:28	
<i>2nd Lunch</i>	12:28 -	12:58	
6th Hr	1:02 -	1:54	
7th Hr	1:58 -	2:50	



Wednesday Early Release Bell Schedule

1st Hr	7:50 -	8:26	
<i>Second Chance Breakfast during passing period</i>			
2nd Hr	8:32 -	9:08	
3rd Hr	9:12 -	9:50	
<i>2-minutes added to 3rd Hour for announcements</i>			
4th Hr	9:54 -	10:30	
5th Hr	10:34 -	11:10	
6th Hr	11:14 -	11:50	
7th Hr	11:54 -	12:30	

Wednesday early release dates

September 5th
 October 3rd
 November 7th
 December 5th
 January 9th
 February 6th
 April 3rd
 May 1st



**School will NOT be in session
LABOR DAY
Monday, September 3rd**

**Meal Tickets (\$1.90-breakfast/\$2.95-lunch)
may be purchased and added to at the Kitchen
(Room 92) BEFORE school each day.
NO MEAL CHARGING ALLOWED.
Checks should be made payable to USD 418.**

Reminder for unpaid school fees
Please make your payments in a timely manner.
Payments can be made either by mailing it to
the MHS bookkeeping office or sent to school
with your student.

Tracey Wedel - Bookkeeper

***Student Parking is available in both
parking lots. Students are NOT to park
in the Reserved, Seniors painted spaces,
Visitor parking stalls, or in the bus
loading zones.***



Students, don't forget you are required to complete a minimum of 40 community service hours before graduation. There are lots of great opportunities to get those on the bulletin board outside Ms. Shook's room. Stop by and check them out.

We want your child to join KAY (Kansas Association of Youth)!

KAY is a KSHSAA sponsored club that is open for any student grades 9-12. Our club's focuses are leadership skills and serving others. We focus on service to: school, community, nation, and world. Club dues are \$5. If you have any questions, or would like a membership form, please contact Emilea Harlin, KAY sponsor at emilea.harlin@mcpherson.com.

McPherson USD 418 Food Service would like to encourage Parents and Students to make payments on their Food Service account. Cash will still be accepted in line, however, making payments ahead of time will help streamline the lunch process. Checks can be dropped off in room 92 before school or credit card payments can be made at myschoolbucks.com. To make payments on-line go to Parents/lunch on line/breakfast & lunch payments.

Yearbooks
To buy a yearbook you can go to
www.jostensyear-books.com or see
Tracey Wedel, bookkeeper.

Back to School Offer: Now – August 31

Book Price: \$55

Personalization (Name Stamp, Monogram, or Crest): \$7.00

Icons: Up to 4 icons free with the purchase of any personalization option.

*Promotional flyer prints will be shipping to the school soon. You will also receive an electronic copy by email.

Fall Offer: September 1 – November 16

Book Price: \$55

Personalization (Name Stamp, Monogram, or Crest): \$7.00

Icons: \$5.00 with the purchase of any personalization option.

Winter Offer: November 17 – February 15

Book Price: \$60

Personalization (Name Stamp, Monogram, or Crest): \$7.00

Icons: \$5.00 with the purchase of any personalization option.

*Personalization, icons and accessories are only available until this offer ends. This is the LAST CHANCE to personalize books.

Spring Offer: February 16 – May 3

Book Price: \$65

Personalization, icons and accessories are not available during this offer.

*The jostens.com ordering site will close at midnight on May 3.

*You can view / review this information at any time by visiting: YBA/Sell/Setup Offers OR YBA/Sell/Sales Dashboard.

Test Preparation

The 2018 PSAT/NMSQT test date is Wednesday, October 10. This test is administered by high schools, not through test centers. If you would like to take the PSAT/NMSQT, contact your high school counselor or principal to find out about registering for the test. Also, contact your guidance office for a copy of the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT to help you prepare before test day. Test fee is \$16.

The PSAT/NMSQT is necessary for consideration in the National Merit Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition among high school students, for recognition & college scholarships.

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• All Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and •
• their parents are invited to attend: •
• COLLEGE FAIR •
• Wednesday, October 17th •
• MHS Roundhouse during afternoon •
• classes. •
• Students will be on a scheduled release •
• time. Parents or guardians can come to the •
• school during this time to talk with rep- •
• resentatives from two-year and four-year •
• colleges, technical/vocational schools, and •
• the armed services. •
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If there has been a change with Student Information, please bring the information to the Front Office as soon as possible.



PowerSchool Info

Many of you are familiar with PowerSchool and know how to use it. However, for those of you who don't use it, this is a tool that you won't know how you ever lived without. By using PowerSchool, you have access to:

- your student's grades
- your student's attendance/tardies info
- contact the teachers by email
- see if work has been turned in/graded
- get homework assignments
- view the Daily Bulletin (announcements)
- lunch menu
- etc.....

To access PowerSchool, you will need your Username and Password, which was handed out to your student.

Dress:

1. The type of dress, apparel, activities, acts, behavior or manner of grooming displayed, reflected, or participated in by any student will not:

- a) lead school officials to reasonably believe that the behavior, apparel, activities, acts, or other attributes would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
- b) present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff, and other employees;
- c) create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture, or threat of violence;
- d) or imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design or emblem upon any school building, any personal property, or on one's person.

The principal, or his designee, shall take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action as necessary.

2. Clothing and apparel that bears offensive designs or language, advertisement of alcoholic beverages, drugs and/or tobacco products are prohibited at school and school activities.

3. Halter tops and spaghetti straps may not be worn unless they are worn over or under another shirt (not another tank top) and may not expose underclothing.

4. No shirt or blouse may be worn which allow exposed underclothing, midriffs, torso, breasts or cleavage.

5. No off the shoulder shirts or blouses.

6. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should adequately cover the buttocks and upper thighs.

7. Students are required to wear footwear for health reasons.

8. Pants and shorts must be worn fastened at the natural waistline, not exposing underclothing.

9. Clothing and apparel that is of such cut or design as to be considered immodest, shall be deemed inappropriate for wear at school and school activities. Given that styles change over time, the intent of these guidelines are to promote the purpose of the school and reduce potential distractions to the teaching and learning environment.

The administration reserves the right to add more guidelines, if deemed necessary.

Sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 10
(Practice SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

What is the PSAT?

The PSAT/NMSQT is a practice test for the SAT college-entrance exam AND the exam that enters students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, which is one of most respected and well-funded scholarship competitions in the country.

Who should take the PSAT?

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are in the top 10% of their class.

Because the majority of colleges now accept both the ACT and the SAT, (students can choose which to take) students do not need to take the PSAT or SAT for college admission. Most students at McPherson High School choose to take the ACT for college admission because the school pays for the ACT their senior year. **However, many high-achieving students still take the PSAT exam in order to enter the National Merit Scholarship Competition.**

Call the Guidance Office at 241-9520 by **Monday, September 10th** if you are interested in taking this test. The cost of the test is \$16, **SEATING IS LIMITED**. Payment may be made in cash or by check payable to McPherson High School.

Questions? Contact the Guidance Office at 241-9520.

New ACT Prep Resource—Naviance Test Prep

All MHS students have access to a new—and free—online ACT prep tool called Naviance Test Prep in their Naviance account. Students can access Naviance Test Prep from the home page of their Naviance accounts, (students will receive Naviance account log-ins at CCR appointments and in their advisory meetings). Naviance Test Prep includes diagnostic tests that allow the system to customize exercises for each student based on strengths and weaknesses. The program will also generate a study schedule if students enter the date they plan to take the ACT—this can be a helpful study tool for seniors under time pressure.

Important Dates

ACT Testing (Juniors & Seniors)

September 8, 2018

October 27, 2018

December 8, 2018

February 9, 2019

April 13, 2019

June 8, 2019

July 13, 2019



ACT Test Prep Class

Want to increase your ACT score? Apply for more scholarships?
Improve your chances for admission at your college of choice?
Then this class is for you....**Don't miss this opportunity!**

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 26
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

WHERE: McPherson High School

WHY: This class includes practical and relevant information on how to increase your ACT score. It shows you how to control the test and not let it control you! Because the ACT is predictable, it is highly susceptible to test-smart strategies. The class covers what will be on the test and how to master test-taking techniques.

This class is not a practice test!

Learn general ideas about the ACT as a whole and the individual tests:

- **English**- Learn what ACT test-writers are looking for and how to approach different types of questions.
- **Math**- Learn what problem-solving skills and math skills you need.
- **Reading** - Learn your best method for doing well on ACT reading.
- **Science**- Learn common question types and what's really required to do well.

COST: \$45 per student

Make checks payable to McPherson High School.

Pre-payment is necessary. Class size is limited, and a minimum number of students is required for the class to be offered. So register early! Return registration form below with payment to the MHS Guidance Office.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 19

For more information go to www.powerpreping.com.

Detach registration form here.

About the program – Carolyn Devane has been teaching ACT classes and helping thousands of students improve their score: since 1999. Here's what students are saying

"I took the class a week before the April ACT, and it improved my composite score by 3 points to a 30. I brought my English score from a 24 to a 31 and my Science from a 25 to a 31. The class really helped me with strategies."

—Bobby, Eudora High School (May 2018)

"I heard a lot about the class from my brother and, whi it helped him raise his composite score by four points, was a bit skeptical that one class could make such a difference. I was wrong! My composite score rose four points as well, and my science score went from a 22 to a 31 on the test right after I took the class! I am grateful that I was able to raise my score, allowing me to qualify for thousands more dollars in scholarships, and I credit all of this to the great class. Thank you!"

— Ben, Abilene High School (June 2017)

"I was able to increase my scores, with an overall 4 po increase in my composite. The test taking strategies helped me practice and manage my time. The class was worth the time and money."

— Anonymous Student, Pittsburg High School (December 2017)

"Thank you so much for coming to Sabetha High Scho I took the December ACT, hoping for a 29 or 30. The previous test I had gotten a 27. When I got my score back, I had gotten a 32!! A five point increase!! Thanks you for showing us testing skills and strategies; it help a lot!"

— Anonymous Student, Sabetha High School (December 2016)

"I took the ACT in April and wanted to improve my score. Then I took the ACT Power Prep Class in May and also did the timed practice tests at home to help prepare. On the June ACT, my overall score went up points and my science score went from a 24 to a 36! This class was the key! I truly learned the strateg needed to improve my score. Thanks for a great class —Jared, Thomas More Prep - Marian High School (June 2015)

"I relied on the strategies taught in this prep class to raise my score because I didn't have a lot of time to study the material that would be on the test. My composite score raised 3 points, and my science score raised 8 points alone. I now have the ACT score that I need to receive a much larger scholarship."

— Hannah, Salina South High School (April 2015)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____ Phone: _____

MHS ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Excellent attendance is a hallmark of a good employee. To that end, McPherson High School seeks to encourage excellent attendance through the use of the following policy. It is our goal for every student to be in class and on time.

What Absences are Excused and How

Illness (ILL)	Parent verification
Appointment (APP)	Documentation from appt. (medical/dental/legal etc. not hair appts. etc.)
College Visit (CLV)	Documentation from visit
Funeral (FUNER)	Parent verification
School Activity (ACT)	School
Guidance/CCR (GUI)	School
Personal/Vacation (PER/VAC)	Approved in advance by admin to be excused
Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)	Discipline assigned by MHS Admin.

Consequences for Unexcused Absences

1	ABU	Warning
2-5	ABU	Two (2) hours of night school
6+	ABU	Three (3) hours of night school

absence=15+ min. late to class
3 tardies=1 unexcused absence



Notification/Allowable Absences per Semester per Class Period

This refers to excused & unexcused absences per semester, excluding absences for school activities, guidance/CCR and documented college visits, and tardies per class period. When a student reaches the number of absences listed below, the outlined action/notification will take place.

- 5 AB Attendance clerk will notify parents by letter/phone & log contact in Power School
- 7 AB Attendance clerk will notify parents by letter/phone and log contact in Power School
- 9 AB Attendance clerk will notify parent by letter/phone and a log will be placed in PowerSchool
- 10 AB Student attendance will be reviewed by MHS Administration to determine if the student must appear before the attendance committee and may lose credit for the class.

The committee will have the power to allow a student to continue due to certain circumstances, or establish probationary terms for the remainder of the semester. The committee will be comprised of two MHS teachers, one MHS administrator and one MHS counselor.

When the school becomes aware of student led mass days of absence the policy regarding excused absences may change. Absences called in on those days would require verification for an attended appointment. All other absences, unless cleared by the school for school activities would be treated as unexcused absences.

Paint Your Space:

Our new seniors recently personalized the parking spaces they paid to reserve for the year as part of a class fundraiser. Underclassmen who park in a reserved senior space will lose the privilege of having their own space when they are a senior. Parents and visitors, please refrain from parking in these spaces when you come to the high school during normal school hours as some seniors may temporarily be away from the building attending internships or college classes.

Thank you!
Erica Shook
Senior Class Sponsor



M.H.S. Thespian Troupe #3796

Presents

Bullpups Got Talent



**VARIETY
SHOW**

It's Baaaaaaack

Coming SOON to a Theatre near YOU

Sept. 6th

(Auditions Aug. 28 & 29 @ 3:10 pm MHS auditorium)

Sign up outside the Main Office on the playbill bulletin board

Trophies awarded 1st-3rd & People's choice.

Email: greg.mcglynn@mcpherson.com for more details

MHS Fall play auditions

Sept.

4th & 5th

{after school In Theatre rm. #234 behind the stage}



MHS Main Stage Thespians will be holding auditions for

One Act Plays

(open to ALL MHS students)

To presented on

Sept. 27 & 28

Sign up for audition times on the white board outside rm. #234

Questions? See Mr. McGlynn

or

email: [\[greg.mcglynn@mcpherson.com\]](mailto:greg.mcglynn@mcpherson.com)