

# YSC PROGRAMS

**Mercer County Schools' Annual ReadiFest**-The district Family Resource Centers and Youth Services Centers sponsor an annual back-to-school ReadiFest at Mercer County Senior High School for all district families. This event is held before individual schools' open houses and features local community agencies providing free information and services to Mercer Co. students. This event is targeted to help prepare families for a successful school year by offering FREE physicals, eye screenings, school supplies, haircuts, dental screenings and other health information needed to start a child in school. These services are provided in one location for easy access and convenience.

**Student Council**- KMS students are selected in October of each school year via teacher recommendation. These students serve as representatives to their peers and participate in monthly meetings. Students will serve during the year in school-wide and family events. Community service projects are selected throughout the school year for the students to lead and to learn the importance of giving back to their community and their world. A Student Council board is displayed to honor the students and their accomplishments.

**Career Day**- The YSC coordinates a career day at both KMS and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy having different community professionals come in and talk to the students who are interested in those careers.

**Clothing Closet**-The YSC provides clothing items to students when an "emergency" arises during the school day. This prevents the need to call home or to check out of school. We also can refer families to clothing resources in case there is a direct clothing need.

**Back to School Night/Open House**- The YSC helps to coordinate back to school events to help ease the transition into starting a new school year.

**Attendance & AB Honor Roll**-The YSC recognizes the importance of attendance and stresses the value and connection of coming to school to achieve good grades.

**School Supply Closet**- The YSC provided school supplies to students who may need supplies during the school year.

**Birthday Board**-The YSC sponsors the birthday board displayed outside the school cafeteria. All students and staff will have their names posted during their birthday month.

**Red Ribbon Drug Prevention Fair**-The YSC collaborates with the Mercer Co. Extension Office in putting together a "Truth and Consequences" program promoting an anti-drug message to students. Community organizations will set up booths that students will visit for information on how to avoid drug use and the consequences if used. The YSC also has many activities throughout Red Ribbon Week during school to promote being Drug Free.

**Snack Pack Weekend Food Program**- The FRC helps supply food for children during the weekends. This is the backpack program.

**TITAN PROUD (Student Award)**- The YSC supplies the District Public Relations Department the name of the monthly Titan Proud award winner for students who are to be recognized at the Board of Education meetings.

**Anti-Bullying Education Programs** – The FRC collaborates with the guidance counselor to help bring programs to the school to teach our students the dangers of bullying and the positive character traits that we all hope to exhibit in everyday life.

**Guest Speakers/Performances** – The FRC sponsors guest speakers and performers in music, math, science, nutrition, dental health month, reading and writing, character education, anti-bullying, and theater performers to meet classroom core content/SB1 core standards curriculum. These events are intended to enhance student learning in areas targeted on their KCCT testing.

**Titan Warehouse**- The YSC provides prizes to open a school store every Wednesday during all lunch periods. Students earn "Caught being Good Coins" to turn into the store in exchange for a prize. The student council runs and operates the store.

**Reality Store/Operation Preparation**- The YSC in collaboration with the Mercer Co. Extension Office prepares a reality fair. Community vendors participate and set up booths such as Uncle Sam, Bank, Clothing, Insurance, Childcare, etc... Students are given a career based on their ILP career interest and GPA. They are given a family drawn at random. They have a monthly salary and bills. They experience what the real world is like with responsibilities as an adult or parent. Students will have a greater knowledge on what type of career they would like to have and hopefully set goals to achieve that career.