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Administrator's Message

by Carol Guenther, Secondary Principal

The second semester of the 20-21 school year is off to a great start at the secondary! This time of year is always a busy one for us as we work our way through one school year and begin preparations for the next. Mrs. Brokaw has been busy working with sophomore and junior students who are interested in taking Kirkwood academies next year at the Jones Regional Education Center in Monticello. The Kirkwood academies offer students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits as a high school student. The Liberal Arts "Pick and Choose" options allow students to get a jump on liberal arts requirements for college while building study skills and knowledge necessary for college. Meanwhile, the career academies like Auto Technology, Graphic Arts, and Computer Networking allow students to explore career options and "test the waters" to see if a career truly appeals to them. Another benefit of the career academies is that some academies like Welding and Health Sciences prepare students for vital career certifications. We are excited that the 2021-22 options include the new Dental career academy.

During the month of February, we will start the registration process for the coming school year for students in grades 8 – 11. We will hold grade level meetings with the students to go over the course registration handbook and the process for scheduling. To ensure we get accurate information, our scheduling process involves both a paper form which requires a parent signature and an online course request through PowerSchool. We utilize the course request information to help us determine next year's schedule. We look at which courses students are requesting so we know which courses to offer, how many sections are needed, and where to position courses in the day so that as many students as possible can get into their course preferences. We encourage parents to take an active role in this process to aid students in making wise course selections that will best prepare students for an intended career pathway. We recognize that the closer students get to their senior year, the scarier this process can be, and we welcome the opportunity to work with students and parents to answer questions. Feel free to reach out for an appointment.

On a final note, we are making preparations for our students to take the Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). Last year, our state testing was canceled due to Covid. This year will be especially important so that we can see what learning was missed during the Covid shutdown, what learning we have recovered, and what learning we still need to address. We have scheduled the ISASP testing for the middle/high school for March 23 – April 2. We ask that families please make these two weeks a priority by ensuring your students are in attendance, are well rested, and are prepared to give their best efforts on the testing. All students in grades 3 – 11 are required to take the ISASP. All remote learners are required by the state to come into the building to take the ISASP. We will be sending out information to our remote learners as to how that testing will look and the steps we are taking to ensure your students health and well-being during the testing situation.

Midland 2021 Hall Of Fame

A committee will be getting together in February to look over all nominations received this year for the Midland Hall of Fame.

To nominate someone use the form found at:
<http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/PDFs/HallofFame.pdf>
get that completed and returned to Midland High School ASAP. More info on presentation when available.

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M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



SENIOR PHOTOS: Please get all senior and baby photos turned in to the HS office ASAP for graduation slideshow purposes. Head and shoulders senior photo is preferred. Thanks!

IMPORTANT 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting Tues, March 9th @ 6:00 in the cafeteria to go over high school scheduling and student 4-year plans. Please add this to your calendar and try to attend. Held in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences.

Congratulations to Iziek Soper who was named to the 2020 Iowa Football Coaches Assoc. Academic All State Football Team!

PBIS INFO

In our Secondary Building, students are awarded Eagle Bucks for displaying respect, responsibility and personal best!

PBIS REWARDS FUN FACTS:

\$2,706.00 have been redeemed through our online store so far this year.

The TOP 3 items that have been purchased so far:

1. Blowpops 2. Airheads 3. Gushers

124 students in our building have purchased items through our store so far this year!

CALENDAR ADDITIONS provided Covid allows:

MMHS Prom is Saturday, April 17

MMHS Spring Concert is Thurs, May 13

SP3 – Student Planning Pointers for Parents

Studies show that parental involvement in their student's career and college planning significantly increases positive student outcomes. Preparing your student for life after high school can be overwhelming. Register now for monthly emails which will empower you to help your student by:

- 1) giving you timely information
- 2) prompting conversations with your student
- 3) helping you and your student plan for education and training after high school.

Sign up at <https://sp3.org/welcome>



CLASS RINGS: A Jostens representative will be here on Friday, Jan 29 during seminar to present class ring info to all freshmen & interested students. He will return on 2/5 during seminar to accept orders. *This is an **optional** service.*

Quarter 3 Remediation Day

March 5 will be Remediation Day for quarter 3 academics for grades 6-12. We will use the same format as always, students will bring a letter home on Mar 4th showing if they are required to attend school or not. This is a regular school day for all students who have not passed all of their academic standards in all classes.

2021 ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF THE YEAR – NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Midland Athletic Boosters are looking for your nominations for 2021 Athletic Booster of the Year. This can be a person, business, organization, etc. that in some way is currently or has in the past helped the Midland Athletic Program in an extraordinary way. Please submit a short letter of recommendation with the reasons you feel your nominee should be the 2021 recipient of this award.

Nominations are due by February 1, 2021 to any Booster Officer or you can mail it to Midland High School, ATTN: Athletic Boosters, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362.

For a list of previous winners check:

http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/default.asp?NewsCategory= Athletics_AthleticBoosters

FFA GREENHAND FIRE UP

Sunday, January 31 at 4PM in the black gym. RSVP ASAP.

THANKS COUNSELORS!

Thanks to Mrs. Brokaw and Mrs. Lasack for all of the help they give our students and staff each day. National School Counselor's Week is February 1-5, but we appreciate them each and every day! If they have done something to help you, brighten their day with a card, an email, etc. ☺





Eaglet's Elementary View



2nd grade Gum Drop Stem Challenge

2nd grade students were challenged to create a standing tree with as many toothpicks and gum drops as possible. Many students ended up using over 100 toothpicks and gum drops!

Great Job 2nd graders!



Wrap Care students celebrated MLK Day by reading the book, *I Am Martin Luther King Jr.* followed by decorating paper hearts with positive quotes.



Ms. Cannon's 1st grade class enjoyed reading different gingerbread stories. At the end of the unit, students had to create a safe way for the Gingerbread Man to escape without getting eaten!





Counselor's Corner

February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week
Thanks to Mrs. Brokaw, Mrs. Lasack & Mrs. Hein
for all they do for our Midland students!

SENIORS ~ Scholarship season is kicking into high gear! Be sure to check the scholarship binder in the office, check the scholarship webpage and watch your email for all potential scholarships that we are informed on. Be sure to give your references plenty of time to write good letters of recommendation for you and give them plenty of information about yourself including all activities you are involved in, any work experience, all volunteer info, most importantly **WATCH THOSE DEADLINES!!!** Show the HS office any letters or emails you receive showing you've been awarded a scholarship so you can be acknowledged at graduation!

- ~ **FAFSA** financial aid form should already be submitted!
- ~ Remember, **2nd semester grades are important** and can affect your scholarship eligibility, finish **STRONG!**

JUNIORS: ~ If you are considering going to college, try to schedule two college visits this spring.
~ **Make sure your senior year includes the credits you need to meet the college entrance requirements.**
~ **Put together a resume** listing your activities, volunteer experiences, academic achievements and employment.
~ **Register if planning to take the April ACT test.** April is a good time as you can retake it in fall if needed.

ALL STUDENTS:

- ~ **Investigate colleges or post-high school options** – talk to your parents, counselor, relatives, friends!
- ~ **Investigate careers.** There is a link to various careers at www.icansucceed.org.
- ~ **Finish your year strong,** make S2 2020-21 your best academic semester yet!
- ~ **Discuss your future plans and dreams** with your parents, counselor, teacher when we start the 21-22 course registration process so you sign up for the right courses to set yourself up for future success.

SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR PARENTS JOIN US FOR: COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING AND FINANCIAL AID MEETING

March 3rd @ 5:30 via Zoom College Planning: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8616100288478/WN_IAH1wiUIRi-0pWXs-kXyQg
Life After High School: Career & College Planning

There are many post-high school options available to students through education and training programs. This program engages students and parents in a discussion of recent employment trends and industry growth outlook to provide insights into the developing a post-high school plan for both college and career.

This program covers:

- Career Exploration & Assessment
- Economic Trends & Goal Setting
- Academic Preparation & Requirements
- Admission Process & Requirements
- College/Training Program Selection

March 3rd via Zoom @ 6:30 Financial Aid: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/9416100290180/WN_68QIAHnwSiaemCfWfvZ-iQ
How to Pay for College: Understanding the Financial Aid Process

The financial aid process can be daunting. From completing the application to understanding award letters, developing a plan to pay for college is one of the most important steps in the college process. This program covers:

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding the Results of the Application
- Understanding Costs - College Comparisons
- Aid Options
- Scholarship Process
- Where to Go For Help

The FAFSA is available October 1 each year. 12th grade students and parents should attend a financial aid seminar as juniors, or early in their senior year.

8th GRADE PARENTS – 4 YEAR PLANNING NIGHT/COURSE SCHEDULING

All 8th graders and their parents are required to attend 4 Year Planning/Course Scheduling Night on Tuesday, March 9th at 6PM in the commons. **PLEASE** mark this on your calendar and plan to attend!

Midland Middle/High School – Semester 1 Honor Rolls 2020-21

Superior Honor Roll (GPA = 3.85 or higher):

12th: Jacob Fuehring, Arianna Hacke, Bryce Hagen, Damon Huston, Kole Michaud, Jensen Orr, Ethan Paulsen, Maisie Paulsen, Callie Petersen, Alexandria Rupert, Hope Saroka, Iziek Soper, Lillian Strait, Alyssa Streets, Jordan Tjaden

11th: Justin Agnitsch, Chiara Dusanek

10th: Allison Paulsen, Cheyenne Albin, Caden Ballou, Sophia Coates, Hannah Fishwild, Gracie Franzen, Jaden Gatts, Isabelle Ricketts, Karley Schaefer, Amaya Terrell, Jayda Thomsen

9th: Anna Bartels, Cale Crist, Coy Petersen, Keegan Rushford

8th: Braylynn Hendley

7th: Aiden Dettbarn, McKenna Doll, Gabriella Franzen, Sophia Hunter, Emerson Huston, Christian Peterson

6th: None

Honor Roll (GPA = 3.75-3.849):

12th: Carson Hunter, Madisyn Kreel

11th: Aaliah Claycomb

10th: Dalton Davis, Zain Sauer, Alivia Smith

9th: none

8th: Olivia Paulsen

7th: none

6th: none

High School Improvement Honor Roll (Students who had a higher GPA than S2 last year):

12th: Aaron Bixler, Alexis Dirks, Cael Eganhouse, Lucas Ervin, Jacob Fuehring, Bryce Hagen, Azure Helmke, Damon Huston, Madisyn Kreel, Kole Michaud, Ethan Milder, Ethan Paulsen, Maisie Paulsen, Callie Petersen, Iziek Soper, Lillian Strait, Alyssa Streets, Dakota Tracy

11th: Justin Agnitsch, Jenna Eldred, Lane Lasack, Alex Lehrman, Carson Markmann, Cayden Miller, Laura Ruley, Bryce Rushford, Larry Williams

10th: Cheyenne Albin, James Baker, Logan Bicknese, Lawson Brandenburg, Sophia Coates, Faith Davis, Sara Derby, Warren Etten, Hannah Fishwild, AJ Frandsen, Gracie Franzen, Alexis Galloway, Jaden Gatts, Lincoln Gravel, Isabelle Ricketts, Zain Sauer, Ben Shoaff, Alivia Smith, Amaya Terrell, Jayda Thomsen, Emma Tracy, Bridgette Velasquez

High School Academic Awards (3.75 GPA or higher; bold = 1st Academic Award):

12th: **Jacob Fuehring**, Arianna Hacke, Bryce Hagen, Carson Hunter, Damon Huston, Madisyn Kreel, Kole Michaud, Jensen Orr, Ethan Paulsen, Maisie Paulsen, Callie Petersen, **Alexandria Rupert**, Hope Saroka, Iziek Soper, **Lillian Strait**, Alyssa Streets, Jordan Tjaden

11th: **Justin Agnitsch**, **Aaliagh Claycomb**, Chiara Dusanek, Allison Paulsen

10th: **Cheyenne Albin**, Caden Ballou, Sophia Coates, Dalton Davis, Hannah Fishwild, Gracie Franzen, **Jaden Gatts**, Isabelle Ricketts, **Zain Sauer**, Karley Schaefer, **Alivia Smith**, Kalie Stoll, Amaya Terrell, **Jayda Thomsen**

9th: **Anna Bartels**, **Cale Crist**, **Coy Petersen**, **Keegan Rushford**

FOUNDATION 2 MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH

*** (319) 247-0030 ***

Are you or someone you know experiencing a mental health emergency or family crisis? Call MCO!
Issue we can help with include: depression, self-harm, family conflict, substance abuse and thoughts of suicide

24/7/365 Mobile Crisis Response

Serving all ages in Jones, Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Delaware, and Linn Counties
Mobile Crisis Outreach counselors respond to homes, schools, agencies & businesses

On-Site Crisis Intervention

MCO counselors will attempt to defuse the crisis and stabilize the situation

Suicide risk assessment, if applicable

Transportation to the hospital or a crisis stabilization placement if necessary

Support and advocacy for those awaiting inpatient psychiatric committal

Alternative to ER/Law Enforcement/DHS

Case Management

Follow-up after crisis. Coordination of services
Connecting to local resources. Setting up appointments.

Referrals to Other Services

Contacts with many resources, programs, and services. We are here to help!

Preschool and Kindergarten sign-up for 2021-22

The Midland District would like to have information on the number of **Preschool** and **Kindergarten** students to be enrolled next fall for the 2021-22 school year. A preschool student must be 4 years old by September 15, 2021 and a kindergarten student must be 5 years old by September 15, 2021 to attend school.

Information will be sent to you regarding Preschool and Kindergarten round-up once the date is set.

Please contact Erika at the Elementary School by calling 563-488-2292, extension 3270 or email the information below to etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us.

Child's Name

Date of Birth

Parents' Names

Email address, Phone number, Address, City/Zip

SAVE THE DATES:

MMHS Remediation Day – Friday, March 5th – watch for a letter coming home with your 6th-12th grade student on March 4th!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Tues, March 9 from 4-8 and **Thurs, March 11th** from 1:30-8PM

Watch for more info as those dates get closer

NO SCHOOL – March 12, 15, 16 – Enjoy your spring break!

CALENDAR CHANGES DUE TO NO SCHOOL 1/26: Last day of school is now Mon, May 24 with 12:00 dismissal.

MMHS Remediation days are now May 21 all day and May 24 until noon.