

# Midland Newsletter



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## School Registration

All parents are required to register their students for the 2021-22 school year through your parent account in PowerSchool, please be sure to give complete updated information for all of your children. Parents of returning students will just proofread the information we currently have on file for your child and make any necessary updates. *PLEASE be sure we have complete CONTACT information this year!* New parents please contact the office at 563-488-2292 to get your account set up.

Registration can be completed online on any computer at <http://midland.powerschool.com/public> starting July 20. Parents are encouraged to e-register from home when possible. For those without internet access, you can utilize your local library internet or call for an appointment.

**ONSITE REGISTRATION DATES – PLEASE CALL 563-488-2292 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**On-site help available from 10am-5:30PM - OJ dates July 22 & Aug 4; Wyoming dates Aug 9 & 11**

*HS scheduling help – Grades 11, 12 use Mrs. Lasack's scheduler at <https://www.myscuta.com/appointment/LasackM>*

*Grades 9-10 - Mrs. Schnepfer will be setting up a scheduler soon and we will email that out.*

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade new students needing a schedule or a tour can call 563-488-2292 to schedule an appointment.*

Both school offices will be open Mon-Fri from 8am-3pm to drop off payments

or they can be mailed to MCSD, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362.

**SCHOOL BEGINS Monday, August 23rd running a 1:00 dismissal schedule!**

*(More registration info. page 2)*



## Administrator's Message

by Superintendent Bonjour

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! This year promises to be an exciting year for the Midland community. I am truly honored to serve Midland as Superintendent and thank you for the genuine support you have extended to me as I transition to my new role. As an eastern Iowa transplant, I have been able to see and hear nothing but amazing things about our wonderful district and the people that make it so special. I have a deep commitment to continue to strengthen the educational opportunities we provide all students while continuing to unite our Eagle family and celebrate the truly amazing things that take place daily in our schools and communities.

There have been many changes within staffing and other aspects of our district. While change at times can be tough, it also provides tremendous opportunities to continually assess where we are and plan for where we want to go. Coming off an incredibly difficult year of Covid protocols and a lot of new things for schools, we have all had to reflect on the important things and the big rocks that are essential to providing the best opportunities for our students and Eagle communities. It is my hope that as the year goes on we are able to continue to garner feedback in specific areas such as district communication, and then build strong systems that will allow us to best serve all of our students, parents, and community members!

Every step of the way as we continuously look to improve we are going to want feedback from you. As an active member of our school community your support and feedback is essential to the success of our schools and students. We know that surveying isn't fun but we encourage your participation in any surveys that come out or would love to have you on our teams. Whether it be our School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC), a planning committee, the Midland PATS, or another group, we would love to have your help. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please don't hesitate to reach out!

It is an incredibly exciting time to be a Midland Eagle and with your support and help we will continue to soar!

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont.):

### SCHOOL FEES 2021-22:

**Textbook Rental:** (Maximum \$175 per family) PS 4 year olds \$0  
PS 5 year olds \$55.00 K-5 \$55.00  
6-8 \$65.00 9-12 \$70.00

**School Meal Prices:** PS-5 \$3.25 per meal / 6-12 \$3.50 per meal  
PS-12 Breakfast \$2.50 per meal

Milk \$0.50 per carton (PS-12) Extra Entrée \$1.90 each

Ala Carte Items – market price (*please discuss with your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders if you want them to purchase these*)

**DHS Wrap Care** (opposite of PS class time) **\$300.00/month** – due 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month Sept.-May

**Drivers Education** \$450.00 - *Must be paid by the first day of class (summer 2022)*

**Instrument Rent** \$55.00 per year

**\*Technology Insurance** available to K-12 - \$25.00 for first issuance / \$50 for subsequent issuances *\*optional*

1. Please be sure to use the **child's complete legal name** when entering it in PowerSchool. These will go on all records at school, it is important to have the correct name on their transcript when they leave high school. Please include both your **street AND mailing address**. **CAREFULLY COMPLETE THE CONTACT SECTION!** We need a correct info to be sure you receive all mailings sent to you during the year. Be sure to sort parents in the sequential order that you want to be called in contacts. Also please be sure to include an **emergency name and phone number**, this must be someone OTHER than the parent, someone we can contact if we cannot contact you in case of emergency.

2. All fees are to be paid at registration or mailed in prior to the beginning of school. We need separate checks for textbook rent, school lunches and athletic passes. For those who qualify, the waiver of fees application form should be submitted at registration or prior to school, this is on the lunch application form.

3. Lunch/breakfast money should be sent to school by August 13<sup>th</sup> so the money gets into your child's account and is ready to use on the first day. Students will have a lunch account number assigned through PowerSchool.

**Free and reduced price meals:** Families who qualify are encouraged to fill out the application for free or reduced lunches at any time throughout the year, the application will be mailed to all addresses in July, can be found on our website at <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/21.22LunchApplicationForm.pdf> or you can pick one up at any time during the school year from the school office.

*Free and reduced price lunch recipients must apply each year to qualify, see page 9 for eligibility guidelines.*

Application forms should be completely filled out and turned in at registration, **BEFORE school starts**.

### Fees need to be paid by August 17<sup>th</sup> by cash or check

Separate checks needed for:

- 1) Textbook Rental & Technology Insurance
- 2) Meals
- 3) Sports Passes

Household Size	Federal Income Chart				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
For each additional person:	8,399	700	350	324	162

### **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES Effective 7-1-2021**

Completed applications are accepted at either school office and must be approved before they will be effective for the student.

Each household was mailed a lunch application form. You can pick one up at school any time or find them on our website...

For full lunch public release info: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/21.22LunchApplicationForm.pdf>

**OPAA! is our lunch provider!** Find menus online at: <https://midland.nutrislice.com/menu/>



## WHEN QUESTIONS ARISE, WHERE SHOULD ONE GO FOR ANSWERS?

Communication between the community and the Midland Community School District is a high priority. Questions and concerns from our public need to be heard and addressed. District patrons often wonder who they should talk to when a question or concern arises. This school district has a chain of command process to handle the issues citizens bring to the district. However, if doubts ever exist about the correct starting point for a particular question or concern, contact the superintendent's office. The following is the district's chain of command flowchart:

### Academic, Transportation, and Food Service Questions

- Teacher, **Initial Stage**: Questions or concerns regarding instructional practices in your child's classroom first should be directed to the teacher.
- Transportation, **Initial Stage**: Questions about transportation for your child first should be directed to the Transportation Director at the Wyoming center.
- Food Service, **Initial Stage**: Questions or concerns regarding the breakfast or lunch programs should be directed to the food service contact, Erika Tubbs at the Oxford Junction center.
- Building Principal, **Second Stage**: If more information is needed or you still have questions or concerns, schedule a discussion with your child's principal – PreS-5, Deanna Martens and Middle/High School Carol Reilly.
- Superintendent, **Third Stage**: A conference with the Superintendent is most appropriate when questions or concerns have not been adequately addressed at earlier stages.
- Board of Education, **Final Stage**: The last level of contact with the district about a question or concern is the board of education.

**Activity Programs Questions:** When questions or concerns exist having to do with an activity that your child is participating in outside the school day the proper chain of command progresses similarly to what is stated above.

The exact procedures of who to contact are the following:

- |                        |                       |                        |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Coach/ Sponsor      | 3) Building Principal |                        |
| 2) Activities Director | 4) Superintendent     | 5) Board of Education. |

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The deadline for Midland newsletter items during the 2021-22 school year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 20<sup>th</sup> lands on a weekend, the deadline is the end of the day on the previous Friday.

Newsletters are emailed out to all who request them and are posted to our website. Please get your email address to [mihansen@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:mihansen@midland.k12.ia.us) to receive it in your in box. If you want a hard copy mailed to you, please contact Michelle at 488-2292 x 1230 with your name and address.

### Annual Hearing Screening Notification

Grant Wood Area Education Agency will be providing the annual hearing testing during the upcoming school year at Midland. Routine screening is performed in grades ECSE, Kindergarten, 1, 2 and 5. Students in other grades may be tested if there is a known history of hearing problems or if the student is new to the school.

Parents who do **NOT** want their child's hearing tested will need to indicate **IN WRITING to the SCHOOL** at the beginning of the year.

### **THANKS TO SUMMER WORKERS!!**

The summers at Midland schools are never as quiet and boring as people imagine. When asked about summers, people often refer to those as "down time" for janitors, administrators and secretaries. That is a misconception as there is always plenty to do taking care of what happened the previous year and gearing up for the upcoming school year.

We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all summer staff, without their hard work we would not be ready to open school on time.

## IMPORTANT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

All **Kindergarten students** must submit an up to date immunization record showing proof of having received all 4 year old boosters; Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella. All Kindergarten students must also submit a current dental certificate (signed in the past 12 months).

All **7<sup>th</sup> grade** (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.

All **9<sup>th</sup> grade students** must submit a dental certificate signed by a dental health professional showing proof of a dental screening in the last 12 months (after August 2020)

All **12<sup>th</sup> grade students** must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.



## NURSE NOTES

BY CHRISTINE GENT



## ATHLETIC PHYSICAL REMINDER

Middle school and high school athletes are reminded to get your athletic physical **BEFORE** the first practice of your sports season. Athletes must have a current physical form AND a concussion form on file **at the school office** before being allowed to participate in practices or games. Physicals are valid for 13 months from completion date.

Remember that **a doctor AND a parent must each sign the form** for it to be valid, if turned in incomplete the student will not be allowed to participate until completed.

Physical forms are available at registration or at the high school office or on the web at <https://tinyurl.com/4mpj2wiz>

**INSURANCE:** The School District's insurance policy does not cover injuries incurred by your child at school. We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their children prior to participating in any sports or school sponsored activity. Student Assurances provides coverage with low premiums.

For more information, visit [www.sas-mn.com](http://www.sas-mn.com)



## Take Advantage of Athletic Passes Offered for 2021-22



For the 2021-22 school year the following prices will be in effect:

The admission prices for all VARSITY events will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

The admission prices for all JV events will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

**5-Event Passes-** The cost of these will be: **adult varsity \$20, student varsity \$15, adult JV \$10, student JV \$5.**

These are available from the high school office.

**Family Athletic Pass** is available to families in the district allowing all members of your immediate family who live at home (only students currently enrolled at Midland will be included) to be admitted to ALL home athletic events except state tournament games. The cost of this pass is a one-time charge payable in the business office in Wyoming. All members of your family who will be using this pass will be issued a permanent pass to use at the ball games, so we will need the names of each member of your family. This pass may be used for JV events as well as varsity events.

- Levels available:
- 1) Year Round Family Pass (fall, winter, spring & summer 2020-21 school year) - \$200
  - 2) School Year Family Pass (fall, winter, spring sports) - \$150
  - 3) Summer Only Family Pass - \$75
  - 4) Single student (includes college student) - \$50

**Senior Citizen Pass** – Midland District residents 62 or older can contact the HS office to get their free lifetime senior citizens pass. Must live in the district or own property paying taxes on in our district. We appreciate our senior fans!

**Please order/pay for these ahead of time, our part time HR person issues passes and is not in the office every day!**

*If you have any questions related to admission issues, please feel free to contact AD Ryan Steines.*

## 2021-22 MIDLAND SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

**\*\*NOTE:** *If any student desires to wear a facemask for the upcoming year they will need to provide their own. Masks will NOT be provided at either building.*

### **ELEMENTARY @ OJ** – PATS will supply ALL classroom supplies for students. THANKS PATS!

Each elementary student will need to provide: Full sized book bag  
Preschool and Kindergarten also need a complete set of extra clothes (pants, shirt, socks, underwear) to leave at school

### **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL @ Wyo**

*We recommend purchasing the small inexpensive notebooks instead of big bulky 5 subject ones.*

*Book bags are optional to carry materials from home to school and back, but **will not be allowed in classrooms.***

**ALL - 6-12** Ear buds or headphones required for all 3 large boxes Kleenex (take to office, all classrooms share)

**Fit for Life/Athlete Development/PE:** Daily clothes for activity, gym shoes a must

**All Ind. Tech classes** must have close toed shoes (same shoes as PE is fine) & hair ties for those with long hair

**6-12 Vocal** students need a black 1" 3 ring binder and pencils that stay in the choir room

**6th** (In addition to items in ALL 6-12): 6 – 3 prong folder, 2 composition notebooks, 4 glue sticks, 4 pkgs. wooden pencils, 4 pkgs. lined paper, 1 pkg. expo markers **Technology:** ear buds/headphones required

**Beginning band:** lesson book, stand, instrument

**7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade** (In addition to items in ALL 6-12): 2 red ink pens, 1 pkg. wooden pencils, 1 pkg. mechanical pencils, eraser, zippered pencil case

**7 & 8 Health:** notebook, two-pocket folder

**7 & 8 Math:** notebook **7 ELA:** notebook

**8 Science:** folder, a lined composition notebook

**7<sup>th</sup> science:** 6 large glue sticks, folder, a graph paper black composition notebook 9 3/4 x 7 1/2"

**7 Geography:** blue 1-subject notebook, 1 - 12 pack colored pencils

**8 US History:** blue 2 pocket folder

**7-8 Band:** flip folder and musical lyre for instrument (can be purchased at local music stores); t-shirt will be purchased through an order form at beginning of year

*Locker padlocks can be checked out for free at the office for grades 6-12  
\$5 replacement fee if not returned.*

*\* Most students do NOT use them as we have security cameras.*

**9th-12th Grade** (In addition to items in ALL 6-12) Pens, paper, pencils, highlighter, flash drive highly recommended

**Spanish-** folder, pencils, 3 pkg. 3x5" lined notecards, planner **Eckhardt's Student Success Class** - a planner

**Ceramics**—plastic ice cream bucket w/ lid, plastic garbage bag **GAP** – flash drive strongly recommended

**Steines' Classes-** pencils and a notebook **Algebra I** – expo markers, pencils, notebook

**Geometry/Algebra II/Precalculus/Calculus** – notebook, TI-30X IIS calculator (or equivalent)

**Eganhouse's Science Classes-** gridded composition notebook 5x5 grid

**Precalculus/Calculus:** binder, 1 pkg looseleaf paper **Calculus** – 1 pkg 3x5 note cards

**Ag Business Classes-** 1 1/2' binder w/ binder tabs **CLD & Ag Leadership** - folder

**CASE Food Sci Safety-** gridded composition notebook 5x5 grid **All foods classes:** Need closed toed shoes and hair ties

**CASE AFNR, Zoological Science, Botanical Science**— 3" binder and 8 binder tabs

**Health**— notebook, folder

**HS Band-** flip folder and musical lyre for instrument (can be purchased at local music store);

t-shirt will be purchased through order form at beginning of school

**BUOL classes:** Language Arts Lab, Practical Reading –paper, pencils, folder, highlighters (yellow, pink, green)

**Messenger's classes:** pencils, paper, and expo markers

**Brown's classes:** 1 notebook

**Kaftan's classes:** Current Events – orange 2 pocket folder

**HERstory** – purple 2 pocket folder

**Modern US History** – yellow 2 pocket folder

**History Through Film** – red 2 pocket folder

**Government-** green 2 pocket folder

**Iowa History** – black 2 pocket folder

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

MMHS school day runs from 8:10 to 3:20 this year!

## FALL SPORTS INFO:

All athletes must have a current athletic physical AND concussion form on file in the office to practice or participate.

*Both must have proper signatures.*

*Physicals are valid for 13 months.*

Form available at: <http://tinyurl.com/4mpj2wiz>

## FOOTBALL:



**Youth Football Camp** Grades: 3-8

Dates: Aug 2-4 Time: 8-10 am

Where: Practice football field behind High School

**High School Football Camp** Grades 9-12

August 2-6 Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Practice Football Field behind High School

**HS football practice** begins August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

First game is August 27<sup>th</sup> vs English Valley 7PM

**MS football practice** begins August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:20

First MS game is Sept 7 vs Cal-Wheat 4



## VOLLEYBALL:

**Volleyball Mini Camp** is Aug. 5/6, 2 sessions based on grade levels entering 7/8<sup>th</sup> 8-9:30AM and entering 4-6<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am, watch for fliers soon.

**HS VB practice** begins Aug 9 8-10:30AM

First games are August 24<sup>th</sup> at Anamosa at 5PM

**Middle School Volleyball** will begin practice 8/24 3:20pm



## CROSS COUNTRY: HS/MS cross country

**practice** begins August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8AM at high school (*MS strongly suggested to attend-or Aug 24*). All who go out compete, if you're thinking about it – give it a try!

Contact Coach Eganhouse at [jeganhouse@mid](mailto:jeganhouse@mid2.ia.us)

First HS meet is Aug 28<sup>th</sup> @ Anamosa at 9A



***Good luck Eagles!***

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** will be taken by Halverson Photography on **Tuesday, September 14** at both centers in the AM. Picture retake date 10/28/21. Elementary spring photos 3/18/22. Watch for information in your emails and on the school website this year. We will be using Halverson Photography this year, their website is: <https://halversonphoto.com/>

## MMHS COURSE SCHEDULES AND CHANGES:

Students in grades 6-12 can access their schedules in their PowerSchool account or pick up a hard copy on the first day of school. Schedule changes will need to be made with the appropriate counselor:

**Grades 11-12** w/ Mrs. Lasack using her scheduler at <https://www.myscuta.com/appointment/LasackM>

**Grades 9-12** w/ Mrs. Schnepfer – she will be setting up her scheduler and we will email that out soon!

All schedule changes need made by 3:30PM on Aug 25.

## ATTENDANCE:

**Communication** between parent and school regarding illness will be **VERY IMPORANT THIS YEAR!** If you know your student will be absent from school beforehand, please call, email the office or send a note. If a student is absent unexpectedly, please call the office by 8:30AM if possible - **488-2292 – extension 9**, this message center is open 24 hours a day seven days a week, if you cannot call, please send a note with your child when he/she returns to school.

Parents should read the **Family Handbook** for specific attendance rules for each building.

At the Wyoming center students are expected to know and follow the attendance rules, just like you would at your job. Our attendance rules for students closely mirror those for staff members as we are trying to get kids ready for life in the real world.

If you have questions, please ask.

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

The Midland School District is always looking for dedicated individuals who would be able to substitute as needed at any or all grade levels. If you have a teaching certificate, or know of someone who does, and would be available with either advanced or little notice, **please call the high school office at 563-488-2292 ext. 1230 to get your name put on our substitute teacher list.**

We are also in need of substitute janitors, secretaries and paraprofessionals. To apply for non-certified positions please complete a staff application at: <http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/PDFs/Application%20Classified%20Staff.pdf>

## Annual Student Records Notice

Midland Schools maintains records on each student served in order to facilitate the instruction, guidance and educational progress of the student. The records of each student are generally located in their most recent attendance center. The Midland policy on student records can be secured upon request, a more complete description can be found in the 19-20 school activity calendar.

Student records are reviewed and inappropriate material removed periodically. Those records not of permanent importance are destroyed, if not accessed within the previous five calendar years, or at the student's attained age of 21 years. Authorized persons wishing to review purged records prior to destruction must contact the records technician prior to June 30, 2022 at Midland High School, 106 W Webster Street, Wyoming, IA 52362 or call 563-488-2292 ext 1230.

Students over age 18 and parents of students under the age of 18 may exercise the opportunity to review education records of the student or to obtain copies of the records.

Dear Parent:

Below you will find some basic rules for students riding buses. This list does not pretend to cover each and every possible prohibited behavior. Common sense must still be the determining factor in the safety of our students while riding the buses. It would be helpful to us if you would go over these rules with your children, and try to stress the importance of their cooperation with the bus driver.

Driving a bus in a safe manner takes all the attention of the driver. The rules are not to punish students for misbehaving, but to allow the driver to drive without distractions. Good conduct on the part of the riders will help the driver do his/her job of safely driving the bus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John Stender, Transportation Director

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## MIDLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUS RULES

### GENERAL

1. Please obey the bus driver. He/she is responsible for both the students and the safe handling of the bus.
2. When being picked up on a route, please be ready to board the bus when it arrives. Buses are not required to wait for late students. The buses run on a tight schedule, and waiting at one stop causes inconvenience all the way down the line.
3. Conversation with the driver when the bus is in motion could be distracting. When the bus is in motion, speak to the driver only if absolutely necessary.
4. Common sense dictates that there are many substances and articles that should not be taken on a bus. Some of the obvious ones are alcoholic beverages, tobacco, any controlled substance, matches, lighters, glass containers, and non-human critters in any form. If in doubt about what is acceptable, call your bus driver ahead of time.
5. All except the youngest students know what is acceptable behavior in a contained area such as a class room or a bus. "Horseplay" often gets out of hand, and can result in injury, or if it distracts the driver, many injuries.
6. For your own safety, please keep hands, feet, and other body parts inside the bus. Nothing is to be extended or thrown from the bus. Remember, your school's name is on the side of the bus, and any littering is a reflection on the whole student body.

### BOARDING AND/OR LEAVING THE BUS

1. Students are to enter and leave the bus at the right front entrance. If they are to cross a traveled roadway, they should wait until they are signaled to cross by the bus driver and pass in front of the bus.
2. While waiting for a bus, please do not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
3. While on the bus, students are to remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop.
4. If a student is to be dropped off at a place other than the regular school or home bus stop, he/she must have a written request from a parent. The student's teacher or principal should also be notified. This will save us from losing someone.

## MIDLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULES FOR 2021-22

### A.M.

Routes in LN @ 7:27  
Routes in OJ 7:30  
Routes in Wyoming 7:30  
Shuttles leave Wyoming & OJ 7:40  
Shuttles in Wyoming & OJ 8:00

### P.M.

Shuttles leave OJ & Wyoming 3:19  
Arrive in OJ & Wyoming 3:23  
PM Routes leave @ 3:26  
Buses in LN @ 3:42

**Center Jct.** students will ride John Stender's bus # 9, approximate pick up time 7:00. Drop off time 4:00.

**Onslow** students: West side students will ride Sue Pestka's bus #5, approximate pick up time 7:20 in front of the bank. East side students will ride John Stender's bus #9, approximate pick up time 7:10. Both will drop off at 3:40.

**Monmouth** students will ride Lisa Wherry's bus #4, approximate pick up time 7:00. Drop off time 3:48.

**At Wyoming** - All 4th & 5th graders will ride Lisa Wherry's bus #4. All 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will ride Nancy Collins' bus #2. All preschool, kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will ride Patty Podhaski's bus #12.

After school all OJ students will ride Jim's bus #13 and Lost Nation students will ride Denny Scott's bus #7.

**At OJ** - OJ 6-12 will load on Jim Bicknese's bus #13 for Wyoming.

**At LN** - South side by the Presbyterian Church - All 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders will ride Denny Scott's bus #7. All PS-5 will ride Bruce Petersen's bus #1.

**Please be ready at least 5 minutes early the first few days until schedule is established.** Students need to be ready at your stop when the bus arrives. Buses are NOT required to wait for late students!

**All specific bus route lists and times (tentative) will be posted on the school website at <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/transportation/> and at the registration centers.**

***All new students should contact the bus barn at 488-2292 x 1140 to get on the bus list.***

If you have any questions regarding transportation call  
Transportation Director John Stender at 488-2292x1140.

## TRANSPORTATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Weather conditions change quickly and can vary greatly across the Midland School District because of fog, snow, freezing rain, etc. Because of the overall size of our district the weather may seem fine at one end and be very treacherous at the other.

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you sign up for **free alerts** directly to your **email** or a **text message** at:

**<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU4269/subscriber/new>**

This will be the **FIRST** place we notify, so you will get the most updated notification from them!

The following are the Midland weather contacts for late starts, cancellations, etc.:

Radio station: KMAQ 1320 AM / 95.1 FM Maquoketa

TV stations: Channel 6 KWQC Quad Cities

Channel 8 WQAD Rock Island

Channel 7 KWWL

Channel 9 KCRG Cedar Rapids

**OLIN sharing students will ride Olin transportation.** We are working with Olin to come up with a schedule as our calendars don't match and will send that out to all Olin resident parents via email as soon as finalized and will post to <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/transportation/>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mike in the Olin transportation department.

## *Welcome New Midland Staff Members*

**Sara Schnepfer** will be a career counselor at MMHS, shared with Olin she will be here part time. Sara recently got married and is a mother to a senior and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. She was a recruiter for internships and a paraeducator before getting her counseling degree. She has a BA in Psychology from U of Iowa, MS Education – School Counseling from Buena Vista Univ. She says “I am excited to meet everyone and work in the district.”

**Gen Schroeder** will return to MMHS to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Gen was a paraeducator here until last year when she got married and got her teaching license. Gen will also be our head volleyball coach and continues as assistant softball. Welcome back!

**Rio Del Rosario Demiao** will be coming to Midland from Quezon City in Metro Manila, Philippines to teach middle school math. He has been teaching math and English for 12 years and has a doctorate in Educational Management from Polytechnic Univ. of the Philippines. Mr. Demiao views teaching as “a challenging and tough yet rewarding career that isn’t for everybody.” His end goal is “to create passionate student leaders and responsible global citizens in the future.” He hopes to share all of the things he learns about education at Midland with those in his community back home. Welcome to Iowa Mr. Demiao

**Peter Perez-Weirup** will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Born and raised in the Maquoketa area on the family farm, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin Platteville. He enjoys spending free time with family & friends, watching movies, hunting and watching sports. “I am excited to start my teaching career here at Midland Elementary. Go Eagles!”

**Mallory McDermott** is a recent University of Dubuque graduate who earned her BS in Elementary Education and endorsements in Reading and Instructional Strat 1 will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. She is from Cascade. In her free time she enjoys family and friends and going out on the boat. “I am looking forward to my first year of teaching at Midland.”

**Christy Stankee** will be a floating sub/para PS-5 building. She has 4 children, the youngest a senior this year. She is a Wheatland city council member, Wheatland Ambulance volunteer, coaches Speech team for Cal-Wheat, sells Paparazzi jewelry and was an LPN with certificate from Kirkwood Comm College. She says “I was able to be in Midland Elementary last year as a substitute and interventionist. I loved being in such a positive environment helping young minds learn and they helped me feel happy with their smiles and laughter. I am excited to return to this loving supportive environment.”

**Lacie Potter** will be working in our district office as Human Resource, athletic director’s assistant and will be in charge of fitness center memberships. Lacie is a 2010 Midland graduate. She received her Associates degree in Administrative Assistant program from Kirkwood and her Bachelors in Business Administration from Capella University. “After working in healthcare for the last 10 years, it’s exciting to come back ‘home’ to familiar faces and work for/give back to the school and community I grew up in!”

**Cheryl Bickford** is a new elementary paraeducator this year!

Changing positions this year are: Cheri Ruley moves from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to MS special education. Mrs. Heins will add teaching art to her schedule this year at the elementary.

*Best wishes to all for an outstanding school year!*

## **COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE AT MIDLAND SCHOOLS!**

Midland will continue to partner with Life Connections for the 2021 - 2021 school year to provide confidential counseling services to students within our walls.

At the Elementary School Aspen Felton will be available Monday - Thursday to provide counseling for students. To schedule please contact Aspen at [a.felton@life-connections.org](mailto:a.felton@life-connections.org).

At the Middle/High School Jessica Dvorak & Bridget Kleitsch will be available Monday - Thursday to provide counseling for students. To schedule please contact Jessica at [j.dvorak@life-connections.org](mailto:j.dvorak@life-connections.org) or Bridget Kleitsch at [b.kleitsch@life-connections.org](mailto:b.kleitsch@life-connections.org).

If you, your child, or even someone else you know seems to be struggling with behavioral issues, extreme anger, life stressors and adjustments, anxiety, depression, lack of motivation, low self-esteem, or any other mental health or behavioral concerns, reach out to Life Connections to learn more about getting started! Most insurances accepted, including Medicaid. If insurance coverage or financial hardship may be a barrier to your loved one receiving counseling support, Life Connections team can offer a \$25 flat rate fee for any student to see a masters level therapy intern in lieu of using insurance.

## rSchool

We strongly suggest parents create an account and use rSchool:

[http://www.tririversconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=273&school\\_id=24](http://www.tririversconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=273&school_id=24)

This is a web based activity scheduler program which will show all school related events (early dismissals, holidays, concerts, school board meetings, etc.), activities (sports, club events, camps, etc), as well as full athletic schedules, sports rosters, building/gym usage, etc. There is also a map which will show you how to get to the athletic field in use for each event.

You can find an **rSchool Made Easy Guide** which will help you set up & navigate:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/rSchool20Made20Simple.pdf>

You can get any game/event changes, cancellations sent to your phone or email instantaneously. Be in the know, sign up today!

### GOV DELIVERY SCHOOL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

District members can sign up for free text or email alerts with school news, weather related school schedule changes, and other items by setting up an account at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/IAEDU4269/subscriber/new>

to get cancellation / postponement notifications directly from school administrators.

### Sharing school news on social media, check us out...

Midland Middle/High School Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/Midland-Middle-High-School-1389591114592674/>

Midland Elementary Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/midlandelementaryoj/>

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every Friday is

### Eagle Pride Day

wear black & gold to

school and

all extracurricular

events.

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