

Midland Newsletter



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Administrator's Message

by Superintendent Bonjour

Communication is often one of the biggest areas that schools can continuously improve on. As I surveyed staff, have talked with parents and students, and worked to increase communication on Facebook and through email for health updates, this area became a bigger focus of mine as one that we could work to improve on.

To do so we are going to work to do a couple of things as a district. First and foremost is to continue to become more unified in our messaging. To do this we will work towards combining our Facebook pages to have one district page that we can share from. This will allow all of our stakeholders to go to one spot to get information and see the great things taking place in our schools and with our students. The second thing that we are going to implement is the use of a program called ParentSquare.

ParentSquare is a tool that our district will be able to utilize to amplify our communication abilities. It will allow us to send two-way text messages between teachers and parents and students (at the HS level), send out mass messages to email, text, the app, and to Facebook and Twitter, and to have an all call system for emergencies and inclement weather announcements. All of this will be able to be monitored by the district and allow for more abilities for messages to reach our students, parents, and community members.

We are in the very beginning process of implementing this. We ask for your patience as we work out the kinks. The program will sync with PowerSchool so we should be able to transfer all of your content information over and allow for a seamless process (fingers crossed). We know that there will likely be some growing pains, but also know that increasing our ability to communicate with all of you is a top priority.

There will be more information to come as we work through the implementation of ParentSquare, but I wanted to let you know to be on the lookout for some messaging on this new tool. We will also be having a survey taken in the near future to gauge the effectiveness of our communication as a district and get information on areas that we can set goals around and improve on to better support our students and learning community. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I will do all that I can to answer your question or get the answer for you!

Take care and GO EAGLES!



American Education Week

November 15-19, 2021

Thanks to all of our dedicated staff
here at Midland.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



FFA FRUIT / MEAT / CHEESE

Midland FFA members are doing their fruit/meat/cheese fundraiser. All orders are due by Nov 8. Delivery is scheduled for Dec. 8. Order by contacting any FFA member or call the high school 488-2292 x 2240 or <https://sales.minntexcitrus.com/organization/midland-high-school/>



The **Art Club** has been re-envisioned for this year. Oct. 21st after school about 17 high school students participated in their first activity enjoying snacks and Gelli Printing.

Chiara Dusanek, senior, was named **KCRG Student of the Month** for October! Chiara is the daughter of Tara Hay and Chad Dusanek! She is very involved in FFA, NHS, Art Club, Student Council, Track, Band, Vocal and all types of music productions at Midland.

Congratulations to our **2021-2022 PBIS Committee!**

Middle School: Taylor Sproston, Nathan Dunfee, Crystal Schumacher, Emerson Huston, Gaby Franzen, Heyven Herman, Brandon Buford, Maleigha Yarolem
High School: Shayla Thomsen, Jada Kramer, Laci Rorah, McKenna Brown, Tylar Crowley, Jay Bentley

Meals for farmers 2021 was a great success! It takes a village to raise a student. FFA members gave back Oct 6 by delivering sack lunches to area farmers.



MUSIC NOTES



Winter concert 12/5 4PM



Congrats Ava, Jayden, Raiden, Max, Dakota, and Kaillen for being selected to TriRivers Conference Middle School Honor Band. The concert was held here on October 21st.

Help send our music kids to Nashville by participating in this new fundraiser. Please share with anyone who may be interested in a mattress and in helping Midland music!

1ST ANNUAL
MUSIC BOOSTERS
MATTRESS
FUNDRAISER

BIG SAVINGS
FINANCING AVAILABLE

Beautyrest.   
THERAPEDIC Adjustable Base Luxury Pillows Mattress Protector

SUN. NOV 21

10AM - 5PM

@THE HIGH SCHOOL

BENEFITS THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

tim.devoss@chsbds.com

For more info: bit.ly/beds4midlandmusic

Midland Fine Arts Musical

Annie Jr

Save The Date!

Saturday, February 12, 3PM & 6PM





Eaglet's Elementary View



5th Grade Golf Unit



5th grade students had the opportunity to learn golf terminology, etiquette, scoring, club types, shot types, and skill work during their PE golf unit. The students finished their unit by taking a trip to Little Bear golf course in Wyoming! **BIG THANKS** to Little Bear for allowing our students to apply the skills and knowledge they gained on a real golf course!

SAVE THE DATE

Midland K – 5 Elementary Winter Concert

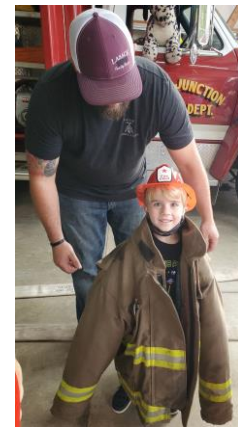
- ❖ Monday, December 13, 2021 – 6:00 PM
- ❖ Midland High School

More Information Coming Soon!

DON'T FORGET

Now that the cooler weather is here to stay - please make sure students are sent to school with warm gear!

Coats – hats - gloves – snow pants - boots



THANK YOU
to the Oxford
Junction and Lost
Nation Volunteer
Fire Departments for
providing **Fire
Prevention Week**
‘FUN’ to our Wrap
Care students!



Midland High School National Honor Society
2021 Veteran's Day Assembly



The Midland High School National Honor Society would like to invite community members and **veterans** to their annual **Veteran's Day** assembly.

Hosted by: Midland National Honor Society Chapter

Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Time: 1pm

Place: Middle/High School Black Gym

The guest speaker for the assembly is scheduled to be Staff Sergeant Paul Brack, of the Iowa National Guard.

The assembly will be live streamed through <https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/>.



We encourage guests to park in the west parking lot (by the creek). This will allow you to directly enter the black gym.

We will have priority seating (folding chairs) for **veterans** and **active duty service members** on the gym floor, west side.



We would love to include your **veteran(s)** in the digital presentation. If you would like, submit any veteran's military information (**provide a photograph, name, years of service, branch, and highest rank**) by Friday, November 5th, 4pm: skaftan@midland.k12.ia.us.

NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Midland will hold their 2021 NHS Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, November 2 at 2PM in the cafeteria. Congratulations to National Honor Society 2021 inductees: Hannah Fishwild, Gracie Franzen, Karley Schaefer, and Zain Sauer. All high school students will attend. Families of NHS members current and future are invited as well.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



JREC Tour and Parent Meeting

On October 12 the sophomore class toured the Kirkwood Jones County Regional Center and got to experience some hands-on virtual welding. A parent meeting was held that night with representative from Kirkwood providing parent information.

College & Career Application Day!

On October 22 we hosted College Application Day. There are 15+ seniors who are one step closer to their postsecondary plans. We helped students fill out applications, review applications, and answered financial aid information. Sergeant Brack of the Iowa Army National Guard also helped us with the process. In the spring we will do a Decision Day Celebration to celebrate whatever career pathway the students have chosen: military, apprenticeship, college, and employment.

FAFSA

FAFSA is now open for students to fill out! If families are needing help they can contact ICAN and make an appointment here: [ICAN Appointment Link](#). Keep a heads up for more information in regards to us hosting a FAFSA night for families.

LOST NATION HIGH SCHOOL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

The LNHS All-School Reunion is planned for Saturday, May 28, 2022. Invitations will be sent out in January, however they need your help! They want to compile an updated mailing list. To get on their list you can email your contact information to Tammy Carter olive at tammyolive@aol.com or send her a private message on the LN facebook page or mail your info to Sally Schroeder, PO Box 194, Lost Nation, IA 52254. Thanks for your help with this mission! Enjoy the reunion!

FFA Degree Banquet on November 8th for all Discovery (8th grade), Greenhand (1st year members), and Chapter (2nd year members) Degrees and their families. Be looking for an invite in the mail.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be in our district on Nov 9 at Onslow City Hall 1-2pm and Nov 23 at Olin Elementary from 3:30-4:30

ATHLETIC CLIPBOARD

Midland will be using this as their live events streaming site this year. All varsity events will be live streamed and hopefully we can get some JV events streamed as well. Stay tuned... <https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/>

STUDY TABLES begin November 17th and will be each Wednesday until end of semester. This is extra study time for athletes who are not meeting academic standards. A report is run each week.

Winter sports team photos will be taken on November 18th. They will start with middle school teams a little after 3:00. Coaches will hand out order forms.

Basketball apparel orders are available online at <https://midlandbasketball21.itemorder.com/> thru 11/7

Post Season Athletic Information: Just to make everyone aware, both the IAHSAA and the IGHSAAU have gone to online ticket purchasing for post-season events. As postseason events approach, please check your email, the school website, and the high school Facebook page for information on how to purchase tickets for the event.

Midland Hall of Fame Nominations: The Hall of Fame committee is in need of nominations for the hall of fame class of 2022. If you know anyone who you believe should be in the Midland Hall of Fame, please make sure you nominate them. The committee will be meeting in early November to select the 2022 class with induction ceremonies being during events in early 2022. The committee currently has less than 5 nominees for the hall of fame, we know there are many more people and teams that deserve to be part of the hall of fame! The nomination form can be found on the school website <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HallofFame-2.pdf> . If you have any questions, please email midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us

THANKS NURSE GENT

Good byes are hard. October 28th the district staff said good bye to Nurse Christine Gent who recently resigned and is moving on to a new chapter in her life after 19 years as a dedicated school nurse at Midland.

Maybe for the first time ever we saw Nurse Gent speechless, for a bit. Then she had to do some jumping jacks to keep her emotions in check. Just shows how much she loves our district, our kids and staff.

Thanks for her dedication and hard work keeping our students, staff and community healthy over the past 19 years! We wish her well and hope she's not a stranger to our buildings!

Jessica Current will be our new school nurse beginning November 1. She will be located at the Elementary School.



Nurse Gent and Nurse Assistant Kayla Paulsen