

Midland Newsletter



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Administrator's Message

by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

Dear Midland Eagles,

There have been so many things to celebrate as of late. We had a tremendous homecoming, our elementary students are rocking some of their assessments, our FFA chapter is continuing to accomplish some amazing feats, our student body is celebrating each other and the activities they are all involved in, Joe Beckman gave a great presentation, and one absolutely amazing thing is that our students out sick at our MS/HS building have come back down.

We had a couple of scary days a couple weeks back that I know we are still trying to recover from. Students are trying to catch up, staff are trying to stay caught up and healthy, and overall we are all trying to learn from that and look at how we can improve going forward to ensure that we do all that we can to keep our school community safe and healthy, while also keeping our school doors open. With approval from the board, we have purchased HEPA filters for every classroom and office. An agreement was made with the HEPA filter company to allow our staff and community to purchase equipment at the same price as the school too. Information will be included in the newsletter but you can go to <https://hathaspace.com/> and use MIDLANDEAGLES to get a discount. We have also continued to increase our cleaning efforts.

In addition to this, our school board also took action to allow our nursing/health staff to mask a student that is showing minor symptoms so that they can stay in school. We are also having our health staff work with students and families to mask at appropriate times if they are returning from being home sick, or have a family member ill at home too. Ultimately whether it is covid, the flu, strep throat, or any other illness or bug, we want to be able to keep kiddos in school and ensure that we have enough staff to make that happen, especially as we enter the time of the year known as flu and cold season.

At this time, other than the ability for nurses to require masks, our masking protocols are remaining as they have been with masking being optional. Please continue to keep an eye on our building illness numbers and data to make the best decisions possible for your family. When numbers begin to creep up we may advocate for more masking when students socially distance, but this will still be optional unless our board decides otherwise.

Thank you all for your continued help and support as we continue to navigate this new and ever changing reality.

Take care, stay healthy, know "I love your face," and GO EAGLES!

Caleb Bonjour
Superintendent of Midland CSD



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our fall conferences will be held on Tuesday,
October 12th from 4–8pm and on
Thursday, October 14th from 1:30–8pm.
Please be looking for specific conference information
from each building as we get closer.

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ACADEMICS:

Parent Teacher Conferences are held twice a year. Our fall conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th from 4–8pm and on Thursday, October 14th from 1:30–8pm. This year we will be reaching out to the parents we need to talk to and setting up appointments for conferences. There will be some open appointments for parents who want to come visit with teachers as well.

NO SCHOOL – Friday, October 15th!

Remediation Day – October 18

The secondary will be having a Remediation Day for students in grades 6– 12 on Monday, October 18. This is a day for students who are struggling to meet learning targets in courses to get extra assistance from teachers and staff before we move into the second half of the semester. Teachers will be meeting with students the week before to let them know if they need to attend Remediation Day. Students who are at proficiency in all learning targets in all courses will receive a “Gold Letter” indicating that they are excused for the day. Students who are not yet at proficiency in their learning targets will receive a “Purple Letter” indicating that we want them here for Remediation Day to receive additional assistance. If a student is required to come for Remediation Day and finishes all learning targets during the day, he/she is free to leave the building if they have transportation home or live in Wyoming. All students are required to sign out in the office if they are leaving the MMHS building that day.

Parents, check your Parent PowerSchool account on October 21st as that is the mid-point of Semester 1.

National Honor Society application materials are available from Ms. Kaftan starting Mon, Oct 4th and are due back to her by 3:30PM on October 22. The induction ceremony is Thursday, Oct 28 at 2:30 in the black gym.

ACTIVITIES ENTRANCE AT MMHS

When attending events at Midland High School the only doors that are open are at the South Activities Entrance by the PPF. Parking available both south and west of the entrance.

2021 Homecoming Court



Congratulations to our 2021 Homecoming Court Members: Front L-R: Bailie Uppena, Jamisen Dodge and **Princess Chiara Dusanek**. Middle: **King Trent Rickels**, **Queen Allison Paulsen**, Elizabeth Soper, **Prince Lane Lasack**. Back: Jonny Thomsen and Cayden Miller. Absent: Laura Ruley

LIVE STREAMING WITH STRIV

Midland's new live streaming platform is up and running!!! The new link is striv.tv/channel/midland-ia All Midland streaming will be done from this link! Our first broadcast was human foosball to kick off homecoming week!

It will provide us with a place to live stream events and along with being to archive events to watch later on. As we become more comfortable with it, we will be able to broadcast the events along with the streaming.

We will be looking for and working with local businesses on creating advertisements to use during streaming.

We also are looking at implementing a class where students will learn the skills needed to produce the live stream at a quality level.



Picture retakes at both buildings on Thursday, October 28th in the morning.

CONNECTED WITH FACEBOOK

Catch all of our latest news, “**Like**” **Midland Middle / High School** page on Facebook!

Want to follow Fine Arts News?? Please “**Like**” the **Midland Fine Arts** page on Facebook



Eaglet's Elementary View



Happy Fall Y'all from 2nd grade!

Our 2nd grade students
enjoyed decorating
their bulletin board with
colorful scarecrows!



Friendly Reminder!

Midland CSD is participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program and offering **FREE** meals to children ages 1 - 18. This program will run through the end school year 2021-2022. Contact Erika Tubbs @ 563-488-2292 ext. 3270 with any questions.



PATS (Parents And Teachers for Students) – ALL are Welcome!

All Midland Elementary
parents/guardians are invited to
participate in PATS! If you are
interested in helping students, PATS is
for YOU! Elementary teachers, staff
and students appreciate the wonderful
things PATS is able provide for us!

Elementary Schedule of Events:

October 12th – Parent/Teacher conferences
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

October 14th – Parent/Teacher conferences
1:30 PM – 8:00 PM

***More information on P/T conferences will be
available soon!**

October 15th – NO SCHOOL

October 28th – Picture Retake Day

**National Custodial Workers
Day is Oct 2**

*Thanks to our custodians who
clean up after all of us on a daily
basis!*

We appreciate your efforts!



*October 18-22 is
School Bus Safety Week
Thanks to Mr. Stender and
our transportation department
personnel who take such good
care of our students each and
every day!*

Air Purifiers Offered at School Discount

Midland has arranged with the distributor of our air purifiers to offer our community members the same discount as the school received. If you know of anyone interested here is the information to order:

Website: <https://hathaspace.com/>
Discount Code: MIDLANDEAGLES

HSP002 Unit = ~~\$399.99~~ \$352
Midland Community Savings: \$48.00



Thanks to all who helped make Homecoming 2021
fun for all in any way!

Including Mr. Park who served as our Grand Marshall.



Mr. Park was
Grand Marshall as
well as 2021
Midland Hall of
Fame Inductee.
Here in parade

HOMEcoming FUN....



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HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to Shirley Petersen, Kirk Park and Phil Coppess all 2021 Inductees into the Midland Hall of Fame.

Shirley Petersen taught in the Midland District for a total of 38 years (5 in Wyoming and 33 in Lost Nation). She retired from teaching in 1994 and has remained active in our community helping others in countless ways. She is 91 years young and still volunteering when needed.



She has been involved with the Zion Lutheran “Piecemakers” for 21 years, making quilts for those in need. She has been involved in the local food pantry and in serving “Sparks” kids supper for the past 9 years. She has volunteered for Community Vacation Bible School for as long as she can remember.

She says her biggest contribution to the Midland School District has been her family. Five children graduated from Midland, 5 of her 8 grandchildren are Midland grads as well. Two great grandchildren are current Midland students with 2 more in the near future.

We thank Shirley for her efforts in the Midland District for all of these years! We love to see her out helping!



Kirk Park came to Midland in 1974 and taught business, computers and PE over his 39 years here. He also coached football, boys’ basketball, softball and golf. He became Athletic Director in 1983 and served as Dean of Students for a couple of years.

Kirk’s football teams participated in the Class 1A football playoffs in 1983, 1985 and 1994. As a golf coach he has had state qualifiers two years.

Kirk is currently the boys’ golf coach and officiates in both basketball and softball. He has officiated in the Iowa girls’ state softball tournament for 14 years and the Iowa girls’ state basketball tournament one year.

Kirk was a Class 1A Athletic Director of the Year in 2014 and was inducted into the Iowa Girls Coaches Association Softball Officials Hall of Fame in 2020. Kirk also currently mows all of the athletic fields for Midland.

Thanks for your efforts over these past 47 years Kirk, you have touched a lot of lives here!

Phil Coppess will be inducted at a home football game later this fall. He graduated from Oxford Junction High School in 1972. Phil was a runner! There was a rumor that after track meets the bus would drop him off in Lost Nation and he would run home to OJ. Phil held 5 state individual titles in track and cross country. Phil won the Class C outdoor 2 mile run in 1971 and 1972. He won the Class E one mile and Class D 2 mile in cross country in 1971 and the indoor Class C 2 mile in 1972. He held the state indoor 2 mile record 9:56.9 and 2 mile outdoor run 9:45.1.

His love for running continued into his adult life winning the Drake Marathon and Chicago Marathon (beating Olympic champion, Frank Shorter) and the Huntsville, AL Marathon in 1981. In 1985 he was ranked #1 marathon USA runner by Track & Field News and ran the Twin Cities Marathon where he set a record that stood until 2016 at 2 hr. 10 m 5 sec. He also set course records in the Lincoln Marathon and the Winstone People’s Marthon in Auckland, New Zealand. In 2014 Mr. Coppess was inducted into the Iowa Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame.

We welcome Phil to the Hall of Fame, he has shown other Midland athletes that you can stay competitive for many years and should always give your best. We hope your love of running goes on and on and on...

What is PBIS?

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a system that Midland Middle and High School has in place to increase positive behavior within the school setting. PBIS is a framework for all involved, students and staff, that will integrate behavioral interventions to enhance academic and social behavior outcomes for all students.

PBIS consists of three different intervention tiers:

- Tier 1- Universal Interventions (80-90% of students)
- Tier 2- Secondary Interventions (5-10% of students)
- Tier 3- Tertiary Interventions (1-5% of students)

Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best are the three pillars of the secondary PBIS program.

EAGLE BUCKS:

Eagle Bucks are awarded for meeting expectations and exhibiting positive behaviors. When Eagle Bucks are handed out by teachers or staff members, it is done at random and common language is used with students.

For example: Thank you for showing respect and picking up the paper that your classmate dropped.

We utilize [PBIS Rewards](#) for teachers and students to manage their Eagle Bucks. Teachers award Eagle Bucks through PBIS Rewards to specific students. Students can utilize their own login to view their balance and purchase items from the School Store.

Items purchased from the School Store through PBIS rewards are distributed after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MEET OUR STAFF



Angie Sconsa is our Transition Alliance Program Coordinator at Midland Middle/High School.

She can work with any student over 14 with an IEP, 504, or suspected disability. She is a contracted employee through Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Services include:

- job shadows
- career exploration
- career readiness training
- preparation for the permit test
- self-advocacy instruction
- counseling on opportunities

WINTER IS COMING...



We are always taking donations of new or good condition used winter coats (adult small on down), waterproof gloves or mittens, boots, hats, scarves. Donations can be dropped off at either school office.

Thanks for caring Midland Community!





Job Shadow

The counseling department secured job shadow experiences for 8 students in September. The job shadow experiences are provided through Kirkwood's Workplace Learning Connection. This program is available to sophomores through seniors and allows students to explore careers of interest and gain useful information about what it will take to succeed in these careers. Opportunities include careers in Ag, Engineering, Health Science, Human Services, Information Solutions, and Business.

Suicide Prevention Month

September was suicide prevention month. While the topic is scary, it's something that should be discussed so you know what to do should your friend or family member ever confront you with suicidal thoughts. In 2020 there were 536 deaths from suicide in the state of Iowa and 5 of those were from Jones county (Iowa Public Health). A message from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is to #BeThe1To. This includes being the one to ask how someone is doing, be there for them, keep them safe, help them to stay connected, and follow up. The number to call is 1-800-273-8255. There is also a crisis text line (text HOME to 741741) and apps such as NotOK and suicide safety plan. Your counselors, teachers, paras, and administration are all here for you no matter what. If you or a friend need help, reach out!

SENIOR MEETINGS

All seniors need to make an appointment with their counselor in order to discuss after high school plans. These meetings include important information like confirming credit count to graduate, important dates for ACT, FSA ID, FAFSA, and Application Day. We can also help you look at colleges of interest, answer questions about credits transferring, give tips for scholarship essays, and help schedule campus tours. Please **DO NOT** make an appointment for the same day. Also, Mrs. Schnepfer is **ONLY** here on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

If your **LAST** name begins with A-L: make an appointment with Mrs. Lasack [on her link](#)

If your **LAST** name begins with M-Z: make an appointment with Mrs. Schnepfer [on her link](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR SENIORS

ACT: Sign up by November 5th, test on December 11th

Sign up by January 7th, test February 12th

FAFSA: Opens October 1st, 2021

FSAID: Create your ID any time before completing FAFSA

Application Day: Friday, October, 22nd, 2021- All day in the Midland JR/SR High Conference Room - Counselors will be available all day to help students complete college applications, answer questions about FAFSA, and our National Guard rep will be available as well!

2021 ROYALTY

Homecoming Queen is Allison Paulsen,
King is Trenton Rickels,
Princess is Chiara Dusanek,
Prince is Lane Lasack

All Homecoming Photos by Kim can be located on our website at

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/middle-high-school/mmhs-in-photos/>

Just click Homecoming Photos.

Thanks Kim!



rSchool

http://www.tririversconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=273&school_id=24

This is a calendar 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.

To view a particular sport click on that under View Schedules, then click on VIEW.

You can print any of these as well.

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 account for a notification directly to your email or cell 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!



SAVE THE DATE – PROM 2022 is Saturday, April 23



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