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Administrator's Message

By Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

This time of year always brings upon a lot of thankfulness, anxiety, and time to pause and reflect. Coming off Thanksgiving, I can't help but think of all the things that I am incredibly thankful for.

When it comes to school, I am beyond thankful for our students that make Midland the special place that it is. We have accomplished so much this past year and have also been through immense heartache and challenges. I am thankful that our students have continued to come together the way they have and continue to tackle the challenges that they face every day. I am also incredibly thankful for our staff. This year has been more intense than I think many of us thought it would be. Our staff has continued to come day in and day out, giving up their time and doing all they can to create the best learning environment possible. I cannot thank them enough for all that they have done in the face of these immense and ever changing storms that we are facing. Lastly I am thankful for our Midland community. I have worked in numerous districts throughout my career and there is just something incredibly special about the people of our communities. You continuously and tirelessly support our students and staff and this does not go unnoticed. Thank you so much for being the Eagle supporters that you all are!

When it comes to the anxiety that is felt it is because with time to reflect and be thankful, we also get a chance to catch our breath and look at the big picture. Our year is essentially half over. Are we accomplishing the things that we have set out to do? Are we doing all that we can in difficult circumstances to assist students, staff, parents, and our community? Are our students getting all they need? These questions are what all of us leaders are asking as we start to reflect on the rest of the year. It is our time that we begin to pause and reflect on any adjustments that we need to make for the spring.

We know our spring will bring about some changes. Through this time of pausing and reflecting we know that what we are currently doing isn't going to be a sustainable option with staffing shortages and the stressors that are piling up for our students and staff. We will be releasing some proposed calendar changes in the next couple of days that will aim to address these concerns and to help support our students and staff. As these proposals come out, please take the time to look at them and provide feedback through the accompanying surveys. We will then review this information with the school board to make decisions as we move forward into next year.

As 2021 comes to a close, please take a moment to think about this past year. All that we have overcome, all that we are continuing to tackle, and remember that the more we continue to work together, the higher we can continue to soar as Eagles. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be able to soar with all of you! I know I continue to look forward to soaring into the new year with this recharged Eagle team!



Happy Holidays from our family at MCSD to yours!

School dismisses for winter break on
Friday, December 17th at 3:20pm and resumes on
Tuesday, January 4th
with a full day for first day of semester 2 for MMHS.

Watch for more calendar info to be announced soon!



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NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



SEMESTER 1 REMEDIATION DAY IS DEC 17

MMHS will only have **ONE Remediation Day now, it is Dec 17**. All students will bring home a letter on Dec 16 showing if they are required to attend that day or not.

PAWS 4 A CAUSE



Can you PAWS 4 A CAUSE?

The Midland NHS chapter is raising money for Animal Welfare Friends in Monticello. This is our service organization for the school year. We would love your support at Christmas City in Wyoming on December 5th (4pm-7pm). All profits and donations go directly to Animal Welfare Friends. Thank you. Midland NHS

Spanish Club events:

- **Bake Sale** - Friday, December 3rd at 5:30 outside the Concession Stand during the basketball games. They are raising money to donate to the FFA little kids Christmas gift boxes.
- **Food Pantry Collection** will run Dec. 6-17. Donations of canned or boxed foods and toiletry items will be collected in each seminar to be distributed to local food pantries within our district. The seminar who collects the most items will have an ice cream party at the conclusion of the drive.

WINTER SPORTS PARENT REMINDER

Parents of all 6th-12th grade Midland athletes are asked to sign up volunteers for the food stand. One volunteer for each middle school athlete per sport and 2 volunteers for each high school athlete per sport. Sign up online at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caca92da4ffc25-booster>

MMHS Winter Concert is cancelled. Sorry, due to unforeseen circumstances there will be NO concert on Sunday, December 5th.

Christmas at the Wyoming Library

Come visit FFA members for kids games/activities and snacks during the Christmas City event on Sunday, December 5th from 4-7PM in the Wyoming Library.

Angel Book Drive

The Friends of the Wyoming Public Library is once again conducting their Angel Book Drive. All books donated at the local banks, Wyoming Library and both schools will be donated to the Midland students in grades PS-8 before winter break. To donate pick up a book and drop it off or order online from this Amazon

Wish List and have it shipped directly to the library:

https://www.amazon.com/.../2MEHBV.../ref=bnav_to_pnav_lists_3



ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL AWARDS

Congrats to our football players named to All District Teams: 2nd - Zain Sauer, Ty Jensen, Caden Ballou, Brayden Grau Honorable Mention: Shayden Hansen, Jamisen Dodge



ALL CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to volleyball players named to the 2021 TriRivers Conference Volleyball Team:

2nd Team: Allison Paulsen

Honorable Mention: Gracie Franzen

MIDLAND EVENTS LIVE ONLINE:

Winter sports season has begun, remember you can watch many home events by watching the streamed event on Striv.TV on our channel:

<https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/>

REMINDER!

Midland CSD's nutrition program is operating under the SSO (Seamless Summer Option) program for SY 2021-22. Students may receive up to 2 FREE school meals each day - 1 FREE breakfast and 1 FREE lunch.
(Ala carte items can still be purchased at full price)

This program is for ALL children ages 1 – 18.

Please contact Erika Tubbs with any questions @ etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us or 319-259-5340 ext. 1300



2021 Flag Essay Winners!



**Wyoming Post 259
awards Carter Lehrman**



**Wapsie Post 473
awards Hailie Thein**



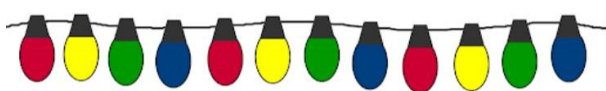
**Lost Nation Post 381
awards Adalynn Heinrich**



Preschool's CUTE little pumpkins!



Jill Schmidt, from Clinton County Conservation, visited Kindergarten to teach them about all things turkey before Thanksgiving break. Students got to feel feathers, feet and claws, and even use tools to make turkey calls!



Midland K – 5 Elementary Winter Concert

Monday, December 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Midland MS/HS – Black gym

All are Welcome!

NATIONAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the Midland FFA chapter on their OUTSTANDING results at the NATIONAL CONVENTION!

Midland Ag Issues Team started with 35 teams at the national level and finished 4th in the nation! Team members include Alivia Smith, Hannah Fishwild, Trenton Rickels, Kole Michaud, Chiara Dusanek and Isabelle Ricketts.

In the FFA Talent Competition Chiara was one of 20 to compete at Nationals and she finished in the top ten!

The Agronomy team finished in 12th place! Members were Jared Crock, Hope Saroka, Justin Agnitsch and Coy Petersen.

The chapter was named a 3 star chapter at nationals!

“This was a first for Midland to have any, let alone both, Ag Issues and Agronomy go past the first round. In Iowa there are 16,597 students involved in FFA. Nationally there are 735,038. To think that we currently have students that are on a team that is top 4 in the nation and another student competing in the talent portion solo and has made it to finals is nothing short of spectacular. Our FFA program is a very strong one within the state and is representing itself on a national level. I could not be more proud of our students representing our school in Indianapolis, the students back here that help to make our FFA program what it is, and our sponsors and staff that have poured in countless hours to help our students achieve these amazing feats.” Superintendent Bonjour

Congratulations one and all! You have set the bar very high for the next FFA chapters who follow, may they follow in your footsteps and work hard to achieve as well!



WE CARE PACKAGES

Midland FFA is continuing our tradition of giving back this holiday season with our We Care Packages. This year we are expanding this by adding We Care Packages for not only youth, but also adults. In the youth packages, we include various items such as books, toys, and clothing. In the adult packages, there will be hygiene products, clothing, and various other items. We Care Packages are made by members, and will be donated to local food pantries. We are looking for donations from community members, we appreciate any contributions that you may be able to provide!



WREATHS

Midland FFA members are busy making their annual wreaths. The funds from the wreaths go towards purchasing jackets for our Greenhand members. This allows them to complete their Official Dress. The Official Dress is worn at competitions and conventions. Thanks to all who ordered to support this worthwhile project, we hope you enjoy your wreath and have a happy holiday season!



MCSD THANKS RUSHFORD AND HANSEN

The School Board and Administrators thanked Nikki Rushford and Travis Hansen at their November 22nd board meeting as their terms on the School Board ended. Nikki served most recently as President of the board. We appreciate that they both put their time, talents and heart all in for the district and our students.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Fall PBIS Day: The counselors helped National Guard recruiter, SSG Paul Brack and five other members of the guard to set up and experience some activities that the Guard brought for our Jr. High students. Students were able to run the obstacle course, use a tourniquet to save the medical training mannequin, and operate the bomb finding robot! Some teachers and members of the guard ran the course with the students as well. It was a great experience and we are so thankful that the Guard came to celebrate with our students.



Schedule changes – Next week will be the time for students to make changes to their 2nd semester schedules. Students can sign up on the sheet in the office for an appointment. Appointments will be for groups of four students in 30 minute blocks. These appointments will be on Wednesday, December 1st and Thursday December 2nd. These will be the only days to change your schedule for 2nd semester so please don't miss this opportunity!

Seniors: There is a resource you can use to compare the cost of different colleges once you receive your award letter. Go to [Tuitionfit.org](https://www.tuitionfit.org) and set up an account. You upload your award letter and it is free! If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

FAFSA – All students heading to college next year should have their FAFSA form filed or be finishing it soon. The opportunity for scholarships is enhanced when this is completed early. There will be a FAFSA night on Wednesday, December 1st for parents and students that need help filling out the FAFSA. Mrs. Lasack and Mrs. Schnepfer will be in the library from 4-8 pm on Wednesday December 1st. Please bring 2020 tax information and social security numbers for parents and students. Appointments are not required but please create an FSA ID beforehand; both students and at least one parent/guardian must have an FSA ID.

Scholarships

Winter Break is a GREAT time to get a leg up!

- Work on your resume!
- Search the internet for scholarship opportunities!
- Gather letters of recommendation from those who know you.
- Save copies of all scholarship applications and essays you submit. Often you can recycle those with small changes for the next scholarship opportunity.
- Research school websites looking for their scholarship opportunities.

Juniors: This spring you should be setting up college visits. Start looking into places you might be interested in going to now, for when you graduate.

Kirkwood Classes - Sophomores and juniors who might be interested in taking any Kirkwood class for the 2022-2023 school year, NOW is the time to apply and begin the process. This is for students new to Kirkwood classes only. Some courses require placement testing before we can enroll you. Testing must be done before February 1st! Students can apply at www.kirkwood.edu/hscrcditapply. After this is complete, be sure to activate your k number and password from the welcome email. Call Craig or Lisa if you have any questions. 319.465.2302.

Underclassmen make good use of your time to look up careers and possible schools. Find ways to get job experience and volunteer hours (both look good on applications & scholarships). It is NEVER too early to start preparing for your future!

PATS BLOOD DRIVE



**Tuesday, December 28
in Black Gym, Wyoming
3-6:45 PM**

To make appointments
call Elisha Hansen at
319-480-4929

December School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 14
at 7PM in the Wyoming center.

NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER – 319-259-5340



Midland school has a totally new phone number. Some caller ID systems recognize it as an Iowa City phone number. Please be sure to update your phone or list as the 563-488-2292 number won't forward for long.

For new extension list go here:

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