

# Midland Newsletter



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## School Registration

All parents are required to register their students for the 2022-23 school year through your parent account in PowerSchool, please be sure to give complete updated information for all of your children. Parents should receive an email with registration information or you can come to the onsite dates at either school listed below by calling for your personal appointment. New parents please contact the office at 319-259-5340 to get the preregistration link to start this process.

Registration can be completed online on any computer at <http://midland.powerschool.com/public> **starting July 25**. 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.

After logging into your parent PowerSchool site click on FORMS and complete the registration forms as applicable labeled 1-8. Step-by-step directions: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/22.23EregistrationParentInstructions.pdf>

**ONSITE REGISTRATION DATES – PLEASE CALL 319-259-5340 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**At OJ on Aug 3 from 10am-6pm and Wyoming on Aug 10 from 10am-6pm**

Both school offices are generally open during summer Mon-Fri from 8am-3pm to drop off payments or they can be mailed to MCSD, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362.

**SCHOOL BEGINS on Tues, Aug 23 for grades K-12, full school day.** (More info on page 2)



## Administrator's Message

by Superintendent Bonjour

It is incredibly hard to believe that it is that time of year again. Supplies are lining the aisles of stores, backpacks are getting prepped, and the excitement and nervousness is setting in. Early in the summer I always try to reflect back on what last year was like. What were the highlights, the low points, the relationships built, and the memories made? Getting to know our students and community members was by far one of the best and most rewarding experiences I have had in my years in education. Midland is a gem of a district and I am incredibly grateful to be able to keep leading here.

As July begins, I start to shift the reflection phase to that of looking forward and I cannot express my excitement enough for where we are going as a district. We have hired some amazing staff members and continue to work to promote the amazing things happening here to recruit some more. We are digging into our planning for this year and beyond with the development of a 1 year strategic plan that will help our teams build a facilities plan for the next 5-10 years, a communication plan, and strategic goals and action plans to focus in on our teaching and learning and our climate and culture in and out of the building. I greatly look forward to helping to lead this work but cannot do it alone and will be looking for a variety of stakeholders to assist in this work!

I am reminded on a daily basis by the small things that our school community does that makes Midland the special place that it is. This summer as we were honoring Lincoln Gravel at the baseball and softball games I was hit with an “ah-ha” moment. A lot like the “If you build it, they will come,” quote from Field of Dreams, I started to have a saying resonate through my thoughts continuously:

“Special communities create special moments.”

This next year is going to be filled with special moments for our school community and it is because Midland is a special place to be! I cannot wait to welcome all of our students and staff back and continue to create special memories together in our 2022-23 school year!

#GoEagles #IntheNest  
Superintendent Bonjour

Bookmark us: [www.midland.k12.ia.us](http://www.midland.k12.ia.us)

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont.):

### SCHOOL FEES 2022-23:

**Textbook Rental:** (Maximum \$185 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 \$3.40 per meal / 6-12 \$3.65 per meal  
PS-12 Breakfast \$2.75 per meal

Milk \$0.50 per carton (PS-12) Extra Entrée \$2.00 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 2023)*

**Instrument Rent** \$60.00 per year

**\*Technology Insurance** available to K-12 - \$30.00 for first issuance / \$60 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 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 **emergency name(s) and phone number(s)**, 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 12<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. There is no free meal program for all this year, so be sure your child has money in their account as needed.

**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/2022/07/22-23LunchApplicationForm.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.**

| Household Size                 | Federal Income Chart |         |                 |                 |        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
|                                | Yearly               | Monthly | Twice per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
| 1                              | 25,142               | 2,096   | 1,048           | 967             | 484    |
| 2                              | 33,874               | 2,823   | 1,412           | 1,303           | 652    |
| 3                              | 42,606               | 3,551   | 1,776           | 1,639           | 820    |
| 4                              | 51,338               | 4,279   | 2,140           | 1,975           | 988    |
| 5                              | 60,070               | 5,006   | 2,503           | 2,311           | 1,156  |
| 6                              | 68,802               | 5,734   | 2,867           | 2,647           | 1,324  |
| 7                              | 77,534               | 6,462   | 3,231           | 2,983           | 1,492  |
| 8                              | 86,266               | 7,189   | 3,595           | 3,318           | 1,659  |
| Each additional family member: | 8,732                | 728     | 364             | 336             | 168    |

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES Effective 7-1-2022

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/2022/07/22-23LunchApplicationForm.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 Bobby Willms.
- 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 2022-23 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 1250 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.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE AT MCSD**

Midland is happy to announce we will be hiring our own mental health therapist who will be a part of the Midland staff and employed by Midland! Aspen Felton has worked with Midland for several years and we will be happy to have her full-time at the elementary school and assisting at the middle-high school as needed! In addition, Midland will be partnering with RISE Counseling & Consulting out of Anamosa for any additional mental health needs that arise for the 2022-2023 school year! RISE will be able to help with any overflow in person at their Anamosa office, at the school, or virtually. RISE accepts most major commercial insurances and check their website: [www.risecounselingandconsulting.com](http://www.risecounselingandconsulting.com).

## 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 JESSICA CURRENT

-Before School starts in August all kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have their respective immunizations per state law.

-All Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.

-All required forms can be found at [www.midland.k12.ia.us](http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/ListPDFs.asp?pth=Nurse%20Info) under pdf or <http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/ListPDFs.asp?pth=Nurse%20Info>

## 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/4mpj2wjz>

**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 2022-23



For the 2022-23 school year the following prices will be in effect:

The admission price for all VARSITY events will be \$5 for adults and students this year.

JV admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Middle school admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

**5-Event Passes- Varsity** (adult/student) **\$20, adult JV \$10, student JV \$5** - 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 2022-23 school year) - \$225
  - 2) School Year Family Pass (fall, winter, spring sports) - \$175
  - 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 so the passes can be created and valid when you want to use them!**

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

## 2022-23 MIDLAND CSD - SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

### 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

*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.*

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

All students will have a school issued laptop backpack to check out for this school year.

**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, 3 composition notebooks, 2 spiral single subject notebooks, 4 glue sticks, 4 pkgs. wooden pencils, 1 pkg. lined paper, 1 pkg. expo markers, 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 Science:** 6 large glue sticks, folder, a graph paper black composition notebook 9 3/4 x 7 1/2"

**7 ELA:** notebook

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

**7 Ag Exploratory:** notebook, folder

**8 US History:** yellow folder, yellow notebook

**8 World Cultures:** blue folder

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

**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

**Biersner's English:** Composition book, 1 pkg college rule lined paper, 1 black foam presentation board (preferably single panel), a few old magazines/newspapers, pencils [desired: 3x5 notecards, thumbtacks, clear scotch tape (or double sided tape), black & red pens, expo markers (any color)]

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

**Spanish-** red folder, loose leaf paper, 2 pkg index cards, 2 marker board markers & 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

**Health** – notebook, folder

**Ag Leadership** – folder

**All foods classes:** Need closed toed shoes and hair ties

**Kelley's classes:** notebook, folder, highlighters (pink, green, yellow & blue)

**Biersner's English:** Composition Book, 1 pkg college rule lined paper, 1 black foam presentation board (preferably single panel), a few old magazines/newspapers, pencils [desired: 3x5 notecards, thumbtacks, clear scotch tape (or double sided tape), black & red pens, expo markers (any color)]

**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:** paper, pencils, folder, highlighters (yellow, pink, green)

**H.S. U.S. History:** yellow folder, yellow notebook

**HERstory:** yellow folder

**Iowa History:** yellow folder

**U.S. History Through Film:** yellow folder

**African-Americans in U.S. History:** yellow folder

**World History:** green folder, green notebook

**Government:** purple folder, pack of index cards

**Psychology:** pink folder, pink notebook

**Economics:** red folder, red notebook



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## TIME CHANGES:

**MMHS school day runs from 8:00-3:20 this year!**  
**Early dismissals will be at 1:20!**

## OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 19

OJ 4-6PM

Wyo 4:30-6:30PM, 9<sup>th</sup> Orientation Meeting 6PM

## 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 1-3 Time: 8-10 am

Where: Practice football field behind High School

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

August 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 PM

Practice Football Field behind High School

First game is August 19<sup>th</sup> vs Lone Tree 7PM

**MS football** practice begins August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30

First MS game is Sept 6 vs Cal-Wheat 4:30



## VOLLEYBALL:



**No camp this year.** Open gym schedule can be found on the Midland Volleyball Facebook page

**HS VB practice** begins Aug 8 from 8-11AM

First games are August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Vinton Shellsburg at 5PM

**Middle School Volleyball** practice Aug 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30

First game is Sept 8 @ Clinton POP TBA



## CROSS COUNTRY: HS cross country practice

begins August 8th at 8AM MS practice begins after first day of school on 8/23. All who go out compete, if you're thinking about it – give it a try! Contact Coach Eganhouse

at [jeganhouse@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:jeganhouse@midland.k12.ia.us)

First HS meet is Aug 27th @ Anamosa at 9AM

***Good luck Eagles!***

## SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken by Halverson

Photography on **Thursday, September 22** at both centers in the AM. Picture retake date November 1. Elementary spring photos 3/10/23. Watch for information in your emails and on the school website this year. We will be using Halverson Photography, their website is: <https://halversonphoto.com/>

## MMHS COURSE SCHEDULES AND CHANGES:

Student schedules will be available in both student and parent PowerSchool accounts later in July. High school schedule changes can be made by scheduling an appointment with a counselor on one of the following dates: Monday, August 1st from 8am-1pm OR Wednesday, August 10th from 2pm-8pm. Please make an appointment with one of the counselors if you are planning to come either of these days. If you need a different date, please email a counselor with your request. We will take walk-ins if needed but understand that you may have to wait longer to make changes. Watch email for a link to schedule your appointment!

***All schedule changes need made by August 22<sup>nd</sup>***

## ATTENDANCE:

**Communication** between parent and school regarding attendance is **VERY IMPORANT!** 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- **319-259-5340 ext 9 for Wyo or ext 6 for OJ**, 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 319-259-5340 ext. 1200 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.

## **TENTATIVE MIDLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULES FOR 2022-23**

### **A.M.**

Routes in LN @ 7:27  
Routes in OJ 7:30  
Routes in Wyoming 7:30  
Shuttles leave Wyoming & OJ 7:35  
Shuttles in OJ 7:47  
Shuttles in Wyoming 7:55

### **P.M.**

Shuttles leave OJ 3:20  
Shuttle leaves Wyoming 3:24  
Arrive in Wyoming 3:32  
Arrive in OJ 3:34  
Arrive in Lost Nation 3:44  
PM routes leave 3:36

**Center Jct.** students will ride Scott Collins' 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 Scott Collins' bus #9, approximate pick up time 7:10. Both will drop off at 3:40.

**Monmouth** students will ride Brenda Current's bus #12, approximate pick up time 7:00. Drop off time 3:48.

**At Wyoming** - All 4th & 5th graders will ride Brenda Current's bus #12. 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 Lisa Wherry's bus #4.

After school all OJ students will ride Chad Christiansen's bus #3 and Lost Nation students will ride Denny Scott's bus #7.

**At OJ** - OJ 6-12 will load on Chad Christiansen's bus #3 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 routes are tentative due to new schedule**, please watch for changes. Once routes are established they will be available at either school office and posted on the school website at

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/transportation/>

***All new students should contact the bus barn at 319-259-5340 x 1350 to get on the bus list.***

If you have questions regarding transportation call Trans. Director John Stender at 319-259-5340 x 1350.

### **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:

[www.parentsquare](https://www.parentsquare.com) Midland ID is 12812

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*

Bobby Willms is our new Secondary Principal. "My name is Bobby Willms and I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of the Midland Middle School/High School. I am honored to have been selected to join Midland and be part of the Eagle Family. Personally, I am the mother of four beautiful children: Jane (20), Grace (19), Carter (13), and Reagan (8). My husband, Jared, and I look forward to joining the community and raising our children as Eagles. I have been in education for 18 years as a math and English teacher, an Induction Coach with Grant Wood AEA, and most recently as a principal at West Fork Schools. Throughout my career, my most important job is that of an advocate for all children. I am excited to spend lots of time with each student in order to get to know their personalities, interests, and strengths. I will encourage them daily to let them know that they are a valued member of our school community."

Terese Jurgensen is our new Director of Student Services for the district. She has worked in education as an Administrator, Special Ed Director, Equity Coordinator and teacher across multiple platforms for over 20 years, most recently leading the work collaboratively for the prevention and intervention of bullying/harassment for the Iowa Dept. of Education. She is married and has 3 grown children. Prior to her career in education she worked as a social worker as a Prevention Specialist in Jones County with ASAC partnering with staff, students and families of the Midland Community. Welcome back Terese!

Tracy Zirkelbach joins us as a Level I Special Education teacher. She lives just west of Center Junction on a farm with husband Jon. She's been married 32 years and has 3 children. "My favorite things include mowing, quilting, reading mystery and historical fiction books, but most of all I love spending time with family."

Kirstie Dircks, special education teacher at MMHS is originally from Anamosa. She said "I have lived in Wheatland the last 4 years with my husband and our 2 year old daughter. I worked as a special education para for 5 years in the Davenport school district. I have recently graduated from Upper Iowa University and am very excited to start my career at Midland!"

Melissa Gruwell is our new preschool teacher. "I have lived in northwest Iowa for 17 years and a recent graduate from the UNI where I received a BA in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Early Childhood Special Education. I am so excited to start this new journey as a Midland Eagle as I've always had a passion in making a difference in young students' lives!"

Courtney Allan, former Midland student and Maquoketa graduate, returns to Midland to teach kindergarten. "This will be my 5th year teaching kindergarten. I graduated from University of Dubuque with elementary Ed, and endorsements in reading and early childhood. My husband and I just welcomed our first child this summer. I am excited to be back and teaching where I grew up!" Welcome back Courtney!

Emma Vacek, Midland graduate, returns to Midland to teach first grade. Emma graduated from the University of Dubuque. She enjoys riding horses, spending time with family and friends and hunting. She says "While I have been subbing over the last year and a half, I am looking forward to teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade full time."

Lori Bormann will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the Eagles this year. Lori, originally from the Preston area, is a U of Iowa grad who has taught for 27 years, the past 22 years teaching English in a Singapore school. She believes in empowering her students to achieve success, instills the love of reading and develop confidence to make them future leaders of tomorrow. In her free time she enjoys travelling, baking and spending time with family and friends. Lori is "excited to be part of the team and community of Midland."

Heidi Streets is our new K-8 Music teacher. "I'm so excited to join the Eagle family! I'm going into my 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching general and vocal music. Singing is my passion along with playing many different instruments. My husband is a teacher and a football coach and we have a farm with cows, pigs, and sheep. We have three awesome kids. In my spare time, I love to spend time with family, going to concerts and musicals, being outside, and watching football. I can't wait to meet everyone in August!"

Aspen Felton, who previously worked for Life Connections as a therapist seeing students in our elementary school, is our new mental health therapist.

Scott Collins and Brenda Current are new full time bus drivers and Brenda will work part-time as custodian.

Changing positions this year are: Cheri Ruley returns to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Charlene Tracy moves to the secondary to a special education position. Theresa Gravel transfers from Wyoming paraeducator to janitor. Marc Rood moves from elementary music to 9-12 vocal and 6-12 band position. Ryan Luensman will move to the Wyoming center part of the day to do ELP and some middle school classes there.

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

**School website:** [www.midland.k12.ia.us](http://www.midland.k12.ia.us) Hint: Use the search box to find info!

**Midland CSD Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MidlandCSD>

**Midland Livestream Channel** on Striv.TV: <https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia>

**Parent Square** – your first notification for school schedule changes and important information.

Create your account today!

[www.parentsquare](http://www.parentsquare) Midland ID is 12812

### **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!

## **Show your Eagle Pride**



**Students & Staff -**

every Friday is

**Eagle Pride Day**

wear black & gold to

school and

all extracurricular

events.

**Fans -** Wear black &

gold to all fall

sporting activities to

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