



MIDLAND

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where Everyone Belongs!

October 2023

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"We have had an excellent 1st quarter at Midland Schools! I am pleased to report our students are making academic gains and our dedicated staff are working hard for all students. A special thank you to all of the Midland community for your partnership.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On October 19th, the Midland administration team were joined by community members, parents and staff to review district student data and collaborate on school goals. Great ideas were generated on how to reach out to the Midland Community of learners. Great ideas generated were Before/After School Daycare, Welcome Baskets at City Halls, Leader in Me Days, Movies & Popcorn Events for Families, Town Nights at Ball Games and more! A huge THANK YOU to all participants!



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Please don't hesitate to reach our or ask a question! **GO EAGLES!**

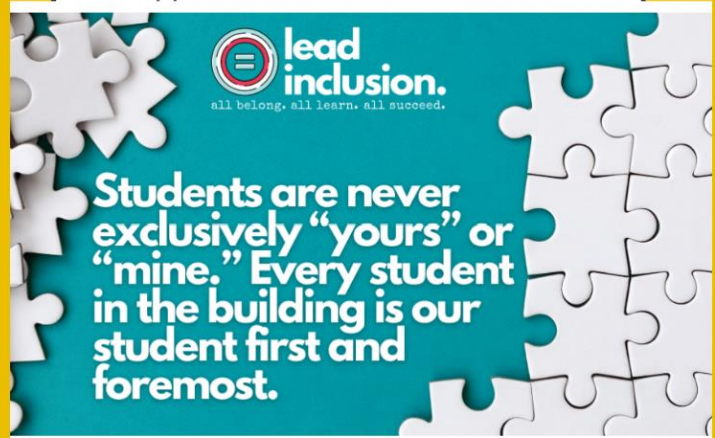
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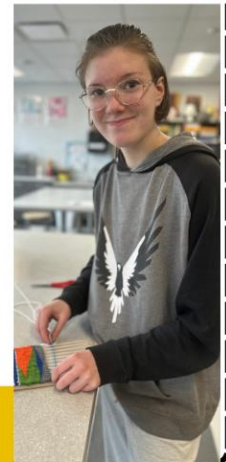
"WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS!"

Midland Community School District practices "Inclusive" learning supports. Simply put, what that means is that we are going to accommodate student needs in order for them to do their very best work! We want our students to be able to show us what they know and are able to do. For some students that means some additional time or a quiet setting, free of distractions. For others, it may mean additional supports by allowing them to exceed through mastery on Teaching Standards.

Additionally, Inclusion is also evidenced through our Leader in Me and PBIS frameworks that believe in, support and expect great things from our students! All staff support all students. GO EAGLES!



"Midland Schools has the best behaved students and most positive culture!" The comments (or similar) have been stated to me this first quarter by countless people from state legislatures to substitute teachers. It's true - our students, teachers, staff & community make Midland a great place to learn and to grow. Thank you, everyone!



THINK. LEAD. SERVE.

**EIGHT INDUCTED INTO NHS**

Midland's chapter of the National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony on Sunday, October 22nd. Eight new members were inducted, joining the three returning members. Midland NHS qualifications include: must be juniors or seniors, have a GPA of 3.25 or above, be involved in community service, show good leadership skills and have good character.

Congratulations to Makenna Brown, Alyssa Eckhardt, Jordyn Ellefson, Addi Franzen, Bryce Leeper, Olivia Paulsen, Haleigh Payne, Emmaleigh Soper. Returning members include Anna Bartels, Gracie Harrington and Coy Petersen.



Congratulations All District Football: 1st – Keegan Rushford Defensive Tackle; 2nd team Jordan Buford, Ty Jensen, Matt Sauer, Dane Ballou; Honorable Mention Kael Cress, Sawyer House

JOSTENS MEETINGS

All seniors will meet with a Jostens rep at 8AM on Friday, Nov 3 in the cafeteria to get information on graduation gowns and other senior items. They will return the following week to hand out any in stock items students ordered, other items come in later.

All freshmen as well as any other HS students interested in class rings can attend a meeting on Fri, Nov 3 during 2nd block in the cafeteria. HS students let Michelle know if you plan to attend this meeting and are not in 9th grade.

**PBIS NEWS:**

PBIS Day is Wednesday November 15th! All students are expected to attend and we have fun things planned for them!

At the beginning of the month, members of our Tier 2 team presented at the **Iowa BEST Conference** in Des Moines. They had over 100 educators from across the state attend. They presented about the different interventions and supports we have in place for our Middle/High school students. Our Tier 2 team consists of our building principal, dean of students, counselor, social worker/mental health therapist, student success coordinator, nursing staff, special education teacher, and AEA supports.

Congratulations to **TriRivers Conference Middle School Honor Band** members Hailie Thein, Kylee Smice and Aleah Clark. The concert was held Oct 19th.

Congrats to St. Ambrose Honor Band members Kylee Smice, Kam Smith, Logan Gravel, BayLee Feckers, and Landon Moore, that concert was Oct. 24.

HS Vocal Festival is November 13.

Winter concert is Sunday, December 3rd at 2PM in the Black Gym. This is also Wyoming's Christmas City Celebration day, so take that in afterwards for a fun winter celebration day!

Picture retakes at both buildings on Thursday, Nov 7 in the morning.

**QPR Training Held**

All students in grades 7-12 as well as MMHS staff members were offered Question, Persuade & Refer training which is a 2 hour suicide intervention training; an emergency response to someone in crisis that can help save lives. Thanks to all who attended! We hope you never need it, but if needed you too can make a difference!

Thanksgiving Break this year will be from November 21-24. We hope you and your family have a fun filled holiday!



Amanda Phanor visits Wrap Care

Students read books about pumpkins, learned how pumpkins grow and made pumpkin SLIME!



2nd grade field trip FUN



The 2nd grade class traveled to Mt. Vernon, IA and spent a beautiful, fall day at Kroul Farms

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



**SAVE THE DATE:
November 7 - Picture Retake Day**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Internships

Did you know that you can earn high school credits while gaining valuable work experience through an internship? If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Mrs. Lasack before Nov. 1st!

October was **National Manufacturing month** and we had two groups that were able to tour different industries. The 8th graders toured University of Iowa's Hydrosience Lab and Heartland Goodwill Oil Packaging Plant. Mrs. Lasack's How College Works class toured Metals Designs in Anamosa and Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

The Health classes have been participating in **Yoga and Mindfulness** and have been learning about the benefits of breathing and yoga, self-talk, positive affirmations, self-esteem, growth mindset, focus, gratitude, stress management, feelings and emotional awareness, core beliefs and values.

The **HOPE group** organized a coloring contest in honor of **Red Ribbon Week**. This year's theme was "Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free". The HOPE group's goal is to make more students aware of drug prevention.



ATHLETIC CLIPBOARD



Midland Hall of Fame Nominations: The Hall of Fame committee is in need of nominations for the hall of fame class of 2023. 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 2023 class with induction ceremonies being during events in early 2024. We know there are many 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

Midland will once again be using **STRIV for live events streaming** this year. All home varsity events will be live streamed and hopefully we can get some JV events streamed as well. Tune in at <https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/>

Postseason Athletic Information: Just to make everyone aware, both the IAHSAA and the IGHSAA 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.

HS Winter sports team photos will be taken on November 16th starting at 3:30. Coaches will hand out order forms.

Middle School Girls Sports: Our middle school girls will have a split season this year so they can play basketball before winter break and wrestle after break. Look for schedules on RSchool.

Bound Athletic Registration: All students that are planning to participate in any sport for the remainder of the year, must register for the sport through Bound. Please get registered for winter activities asap so coaches know who is planning to play.

HS boys basketball communication: Coach Harms will be using Bound for communication with parents and players throughout the season. If you do not have the Bound app on your phone, I would download it so you get immediate notifications for anything Coach Harms sends out. Also check your notification setting on your phone for the Bound app to make sure you are getting the notifications. Starting next year, Bound will be how all coaches communicate with players and parents.

Online ticketing: Midland now allows pre purchased tickets through Bound. You are also able to purchase passes through Bound. Some schools we travel to no longer accept cash at the gate and all tickets must be purchased through Bound ahead of time. Midland now accepts credit cards to purchase tickets at the gate.



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The public is invited to attend:

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL,
WYOMING, IOWA

Use events entry to Gold Gym



FRIDAY

10 NOV 2023

9:00 AM

Veteran's Brunch to follow.



WANTED: Photos of veterans from our community.
Send a photo with information including name,
branch, years served (if known) to
tzirkelbach@midland.k12.ia.us or drop off at the
HS office by Oct 20.



*NOTE: one assembly for our district this year,
all students will attend at the Wyoming center.*

NURSE NOTES

Please keep your student home when:

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Severe sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Red, itchy eyes that are draining/matted shut
- MULTIPLE flu like symptoms

Your child must be **FEVER FREE for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication** (Tylenol, ibuprofen, cold medicines with Tylenol in them etc.) **PRIOR** to returning to school. The same goes for **vomiting and diarrhea**—your child must be vomit and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If your child has one or more of the above symptoms, they most likely have a communicable illness. For State attendance records it is very important we receive a written note or phone call from you to define your child's absence. It is also very important that we have accurate and up to date phone numbers to reach you and/or an emergency contact in the event your student needs to be picked up from school or there is an emergency!

**** EVERY student must check in with the health office to be assessed and for health staff to determine if the student should stay at school or go home. Students should not text parents/guardians and leave without seeing the health staff. ****

Be sure to turn in dental screenings, vision screenings and updated immunizations to the health office so we are compliant with the Iowa Student Health Screening Requirements.



American Education Week

November 13-17, 2023

Thanks to all of our dedicated staff!

PowerSchool:

www.midland.powerschool.com

Lunch Menus:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/lunch-menus/>

RSchool Activity Schedules:

<https://www.tririversconference.org/public/genie/273/school/24/>

ParentSquare: <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

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