

Midland High Friday Parent Email 10-06-2020

ATTENTION ... NEW ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE: Please call the Attendance Hotline number 989-923-5190 when excusing your student for ALL absences and LEAVE A MESSAGE. Please speak clearly and SPELL your child's first and last name, dates and times of the absence(s) and reason for absence(s). For EMERGENCIES ONLY, or if you need to speak to someone LIVE, the recording will prompt you to push #1 and the Attendance Office will answer. Please do not leave attendance related messages on the main high school phone line (989-923-5181).

NEW PROCEDURE for dropping off items to your student: Starting immediately, if you need to drop off any item to your student, for any reason (forgotten Chromebook, forgotten gym clothes, etc), you must place the item in a PAPER OR PLASTIC bag WITH YOUR STUDENT'S NAME on it and give to the Receptionist in the Atrium/Front Entrance. The bag with the item will be left on a table in the Atrium and it will be your student's responsibility to go to the Atrium and pick it up. Thank you!

Are you sad there isn't a **Rhapsody Rendezvous** this year? Surprise! We are going to put together a video Rhapsody!! If you are interested in auditioning to perform in Video Rhapsody Rendezvous 2020, please submit a performance ready audition video of your act to our MHS music directors via google form by Friday, November 6th! <https://forms.gle/6PRqxa3shzmYveQd9>

HOMECOMING!! While unable to hold the traditional homecoming coronation, parade, and dance, we plan to recognize the homecoming court during half-time of the Friday, October 16th, 2020, varsity football game. In order to begin this process, students nominated members of their class to the court this week. All students that attend MHS, including full-time, virtual, and hybrid students were on the nomination ballot and were able to participate in voting if they chose to do so.

Jefferson Middle School Chief Science Officer, Sahiba is hosting a **Virtual Math Festival for MPS Grade 6-12 students** on Sunday, October 18 from 12-3:00. You may have seen on the front page of the September 14 Communique, Sahiba hosted a similar International Math Festival in late August. Attached is a flyer we are asking that you include in your newsletters/emails home and in your daily student announcements this week and next. [math festival flyer.pdf](#)

VIRTUAL SENIORS can pick up their free senior t-shirts in front of the school on the following dates:
Monday, October 19th from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Wednesday, October 21st from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Thursday, October 22nd from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

School Picture Day for Hybrid students and Face-to-Face students is October 21st. Face to Face and Hybrid students with English classes will be released in their English class to have their picture taken. Hybrid students who do not take an English class in the building should arrive early and have their picture taken before their first class of the day in the building. You can order online at Lifetouch.com within 24 hours after the picture is taken with picture day code EVT682VWQ. MHS will not be handling money or picture packets. Proof packets will come back into the main office (hopefully before Christmas break) and distributed to students. There is a "Unique ID Code" in the proof packet that must be used to order pictures online at Lifetouch.com after proofs are received.

Picture Retake Day for ALL STUDENTS is December 2nd. Students who have not had their pictures taken or need to have them retaken will be called from classes alphabetically. Virtual students can come at their convenience between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm to have pictures taken/retaken.

It's time to register for IB testing: Seniors currently in IB courses who are interested in earning IB Certificates must complete the [registration form](#) by October 28, 2020. Good scores on these certificates earn students college credit. There is a \$95 fee for each IB exam. Students will receive an invoice for payment mid-November. For more information about IB testing, including the link to the registration form and the May 2021 testing schedule, please read [this newsletter](#) from IB Coordinator Kelly Murphy. Please contact Kelly Murphy (murphyke@midlandps.org) with any questions.

PARENTS OF SENIORS:

AP Exams: Any Junior or Senior interested in taking an AP Exam must register online by going to the Midland High School HomePage and clicking on the AP Exam Registration link. Absolutely NO late registration will be accepted after October 30th.

- \$95 Per Exam (If you receive free or reduced lunch you are eligible for a fee reduction)
- \$40 additional charge if you pay after deadline (10/30/20)
- AP Exams will be full-length, traditional AP Exams administered in the school.

For more information go to the Counseling Center. Parents, do you have questions about AP exams? This link, [Parent Resource: Understanding AP](#), answers basic questions that parents of AP students have for the 2020-21 academic year.

October is College Application Month. During the month of October, many colleges will waive their application fees. If you have not already started, this is an excellent time to begin your college applications and submit them by October 31st. [Click here](#) for helpful information as you are beginning the College Application process.

Parents of Face to face Seniors: The Counselors and College Advisor will be meeting with the Senior English classrooms on October 13th & 15th. Please make sure your child knows their Social Security Number (for College Applications and creating their FSA-ID), has charged their Chromebook, and some paper and pencil that day.

It's SCHOLARSHIP time! Notifications of open scholarships are trickling in! We suggest getting into a habit of checking the Available Scholarships regularly on the scholarship link on the MHS HomePage. The deadline is fast approaching for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship which is October 31st.

Senior Parents: After you and your child have created your FSA-ID, you are encouraged to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) as soon as possible to apply for financial aid for their first year in college. Oakland University is committed to helping students and their families get professional assistance in completing the FAFSA and would like to remind you of the Financial Aid Outreach Services they provide as a public service. Students and parents are invited to participate in a private Virtual FAFSA Appointment or a Virtual FAFSA Group Workshop. Students can reserve an appointment online: <https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/events/>.

Senior t-shirts are available to all seniors. Seniors who are in person that have not received their shirt can contact Mrs. Dammann in room 244. Virtual seniors can pick up their t-shirt at the senior sunrise, or will be available for pick up at a later time.

The Chemic Champion Campaign is going on now! Be a Chemic Champion by making a financial contribution of any amount to the MHS Athletic Booster Club. Go to www.ChemicGear.com today to donate online with your debit or credit card and for more details. Find the Booster Club on Facebook and Instagram to follow the progress! Thank you in advance for your ongoing support! GO CHEMICS!

FREE MEALS FOR ALL MPS CHILDREN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

Meals will be provided to children ages 18 and under at no cost to the families through the end of 2020, or until available COVID funding runs out.

A couple of points of clarification:

\ All students who take a FULL meal will not have to pay for their meal.

\ Families only have to put money in their school pay meals account in the following circumstances:

Elementary students: If a student takes just a milk to go with their sack lunch, they will have to pay for the milk.

Secondary students: Any food/beverage from the ala carte line or an additional meal will need to be paid

for.

Families are asked to still complete the free/reduced price meal application for the 2020-21 school year.

Applications can be completed online: (www.lunchapp.com) .

FOR MPS SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS: <http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/MidlandPublicSchools>

No need to fill out a pre order form at this time. A request signature of confirmation of meal pick up will be provided at each location.

****Meal pickup days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm****

Meals will be available for pick up at the following schools on Tuesdays & Thursdays: Adams Elementary, Central Park Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Plymouth Elementary, Siebert Elementary and Woodcrest Elementary.

****Meal pickup days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm Tuesdays: 2 Meals breakfast & lunch Thursdays: 3 Meals breakfast & lunch Saturdays: 2 Meals breakfast & lunch**

****Saturday Pick up locations: Central Park Elementary & Midland High School only 9:00 am-11:00am**

Your Midland High School Counselors are excited to report that beginning this month we will be releasing a monthly newsletter to inform Chemic parents and students about upcoming events, deadlines, resources, etc. Here are just a few items you can expect to see in these monthly communications from your counseling office: testing information, College and Career Readiness, resources to support the Social and Emotional Wellbeing of MHS students and much, much more. Please [click here](#) to view the October Chemic Counseling Department Newsletter.

The Chemic Yearbook Staff would like your help collecting photos of the 20-21 school year. Simply download the Yearbook Snap App on your smartphone. Our password is "chemics"(all lowercase) and your photos can then be sent directly from your phone to our publisher! We want to include ALL Chemics, whether they're taking virtual, in-person, or hybrid classes.

Senior photos are due to the Yearbook Staff December 1 - see specifications here [yearbook 2021 senior specs.pdf](#) & email the jpg files to 2021ChemicYbkSeniors@gmail.com.

Order your 2021 Chemic Yearbook today at www.yearbookforever.com - prices increase throughout the year & this will definitely be a year to remember!

Below is contact information for Virtual, Hybrid, eLearning, and PATHS learning:

Virtual Learning are courses taken (all day) by students all off-site. Courses are supported by Seth Gronski. His email is GronskiSA@midlandps.org

Hybrid Learning is (1-5) courses taken onsite at Midland High School, the rest virtual. Courses are supported by Seth Gronski (GronskiSA@midlandps.org) and Darla Ball (BallID@midlandps.org)

ELearning is the normal online courses taught onsite (hours 2-7) at Midland High School. ELearning is taught and supported by Darla Ball (BallID@midlandps.org). (These courses were previously instructed by Frankie Ardelean and before him, Lee Leffingwell.)

PATHS is an alternative program taught and supported at MHS Rooms 95 and 96 by Jennifer Frazee (FrazeeJL@midlandps.org) and Jeff Lauer (LauerJM@midlandps.org)

This link contains instructions that show parents/guardians how to create observer accounts in CANVAS: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M5fnLqRhO7ss6Pr7ZuJgHDNjmVKd_aZZfdMJwpqAac4/edit?usp=sharing

For the health and safety of our students, the local public health department requires students be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the school. [COVID19 Screening Guide.docx](#)

Please complete the steps of the student screening attached prior to sending you child to school or any school activities or sports.

What happens when someone at school gets COVID-19? Please see the attached document for an explanation: [Process for a COVID19 Case at School \(1\).pdf](#)

Why do I have to wear a face mask at school? Please see this presentation: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vqZ9KROBNanIOSRWdu9HdesuCiqRB87J/view>

Considering a tutor for your child? A Community Tutor List is at this link: <https://www.mhs.midlandps.org/userfiles/4/My%20Files/Midland%20High/Forms/Tutor-List-2017-18.pdf?id=1224>

Parents! This week YOU can earn a \$100 GIFT CARD!!!! Just comment on our Distracted Driving video on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/project111midland>) and YOU could earn a great incentive at our Spotlights & Headlights VIRTUAL fundraiser coming up on Thursday, November 5th at Noon! Visit us today on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to win!

Most of us would NEVER consider drinking while driving! Yet! Texting while driving can put you at a higher risk for an accident than drinking and driving. Project 111 wants YOU to pledge to put your phone AWAY while driving! Here at Project 111 we know . . . the temptation to check those notifications is TOO BIG! #putitawayorbeputinthegrave!

Please set a good example when you drive AND please encourage your teen to put their phone in the glove box or center console when they drive. Let's all put our phones somewhere that we won't be tempted! Even checking your phone at a stoplight hinders your safety! When you start driving – your mind is NOT on the road!

We ALL need to drive with HEADS UP and EYES UP! Drive Safe! Project 111 Cares!

Parents/Guardians! Please check Home Access and make sure your child's contacts, address and phone numbers are up-to-date. It is required that schools have "proof of residency" on each student every time they move. A copy of a bill with the parent/guardian name and address on it would serve as the proof. It is very important that this information is kept up to date so you don't miss any correspondence from the school or we need to contact in case of emergency. If you have any questions please call Cheryl Gardner, Registrar, at 923-5188 or email her at GardnerCL@midlandps.org

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