

MHS English – Differentiated Instruction (DI) Workshop

Toilet paper, M&M candies and analytical academic vocabulary had one thing in common on Sept. 25 – they were integral parts to the art of DI in a workshop at Midland High. Several MHS English teachers participated in the workshop led by Amanda Miller, an English teacher from Flint Carman-Ainsworth. The MHS teachers attended the workshop as part of a Staff Development Proposal accompanying the integrating of all freshmen into non-tracked English classes. In previous years, freshmen were tracked into either English 9.2 (general) or 9.3 (accelerated) classes; however, now all freshmen take English 9.3.

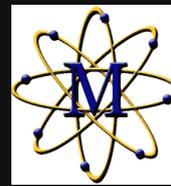
The Department asked Miller to share some strategies of differentiation so that English teachers could more efficiently challenge high-achieving students while also providing support for those who need it. Miller discussed the importance of community building, supports for direct instruction and ways of structuring small group work. The MHS teachers found it to be a practical and relevant afternoon of professional development.



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Another successful Chemic Challenge at Midland High

This summer Midland High School welcomed over 75 incoming freshmen to the second CHEMIC CHALLENGE. This is a month-long summer enrichment program designed to help reinforce and strengthen necessary skills for high school including a growth mindset, critical thinking, problem solving, perseverance and discovery learning. The program focuses around the eight mathematical practices but also includes a variety of course options including coding/Evobots, psychology, building trades, cooking and other STEM-related classes. Over 60 students attended daily and 48 students completed the “Challenge” and were eligible for school prizes, Chemic clothing and a final field trip to Michigan Adventure to put physics into practice by riding the rails! Thank you to all the Midland High/Northeast staff who gave their time and talents to teach this summer. Congratulations to our Chemic Challenge Students!



4th Athletic Hall of Fame Class Inducted at Midland High

MHS inducted its 4th Athletic Hall of Fame class on September 7 and 8. The inductees started the weekend with a tailgate picnic and pregame introductions at the Chemic football game on Friday night. A more formal banquet emceed by former Chemic Coach Tom Hursey was held in their honor at the Great Hall on Saturday night. Congratulations to the 2018 MHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees! (left to right)



- ⇒ Bobby Lanning Class of 1957 Community Member, Super Fan
- ⇒ Terry Wilczek Coach 1973-2007 Football, Baseball
- ⇒ Mark Braman Class of 1975 Football, Track
- ⇒ Ann Mattson Class of 1979 Softball, Basketball
- ⇒ Terry Collins Class of 1967 Baseball, Basketball, Football
- ⇒ Brad Money Class of 1985 Football, Baseball

Midland High’s first ever “Outdoor Classroom!”

This month MHS is celebrating its first ever “Outdoor Classroom.” The ‘Outdoor Learning Lab’ is the culmination of a collaborative project between MHS teachers and funded by the Dow WE Grant Foundation. Current research shows that outdoor learning and green spaces affect social, emotional, physical, and even academic health and wellness of students of all ages. Eco friendly spaces increase reasoning and observation skills, self-discipline and concentration, and decrease behavior problems.

The Classroom Space was a collaborative grant project between Angie Kerr (Science Teacher), Connie Beson-Steger (Learning Coach) and Brian Edelbrock (Science Lead Teacher). In total, the Dow WE foundation awarded over \$11,000 for the space, outdoor tables, flora/fauna and covered shades that will be coming this spring.

Many thanks to Mike Moeggenberg (MPS Facilities/Operations Director), the MPS Grounds Crew, Mike Servinski (MHS Science Teacher) and a crew of NHS Students who helped plant the trees and flowers around the Outdoor Classroom. As someone once said, “The best classroom is roofed only by the sky.” Please drive by the Exploratorium at MHS and come visit our new outdoor classroom!



MHS by the Numbers

1,331	Total enrollment for fall semester
539	CTE Program Participants (247 trades related; 274 business, health, other)
393	Fall student athletes (197 boys; 196 girls)
274	Business, Health or Other students
247	Trades related students
208	Marching Band members (111 underclassmen (Gr. 9/10); 97 upperclassmen (Gr. 11/12))
107	MHS school employees (80 certificated staff—administrators/teachers; 27 non-certificated (office/support))
22	IB Diploma Candidates (13 juniors; 9 seniors)