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High school sports positively affect our entire student body and community, not just the student athlete. Involvement in marching band, journalism, photography, and being a fan of sporting events are some of the extra-curricular activities that support our teams. It is our goal to partner with the schools and parents to ensure that the Midland Public Schools' athletic programs remain strong today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

With school budgets being so tight, public school athletic programs in Michigan depend on the support of parents, fans, and donations. Each MPS athlete pays a \$150 *Pay-to-Play* fee that covers a portion of the costs associated with sports. In order to have successful and safe seasons, additional funding is required. 100% of the net proceeds from the Booster Bash event goes toward things such as team entry fees for tournaments, uniforms and equipment, facility improvements, scholarships and funding for students, education and training. Because of the generous support of our community in the first four years of the Booster Bash's existence, this event has raised close to \$275,000 for athletic programs at both public high schools in Midland. It is our hope that you will buy a ticket to Booster Bash 2016 and join us at the event, which is being held on Friday, March 18 at the Dow Diamond.

Each ticket is \$50, with \$25 being tax deductible.

Please partner with us to keep sports alive at both Midland public high schools.

Many communities in Michigan do not have the support that Midland offers its students. Let's keep this going!

We look forward to seeing the entire community at the event.

Thank you for your support,

Booster Bash Committee

Midland Public Schools' Athletic Costs

Athletic Expenses (not facilities)	\$1,142,358
Revenues (gate receipts, student participation fees, donations)	\$ 578,000
General Fund expenditure for athletics	\$ 564,358

As the 2015-16 1st semester concluded last Thursday, kudos MPS students for all of your hard work and achievements.
Best wishes for a very successful, goal-realized 2nd Semester.
Congratulations! Keep up the great work!

2016-17 Kindergarten Enrollment Plans are Underway!
If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2016 please plan to attend a parent orientation meeting at your child's school. If you know of a neighbor and/or friend's child who would qualify, please pass on this information. (Woodcrest's kindergarten meeting was last week. If you would like info on their kindergarten program, please call their office at 923-7940.) Thank you!



- February 2: 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Hill, Eastlawn, Plymouth
- February 2: 6:00 p.m. Carpenter, Siebert
- February 3: 5:30 p.m. Adams

Are you or do you know someone who is looking for work during the school day?

MPS is looking for ...

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Paraprofessionals
- Substitute Bus Drivers

For More Information contact Human Resources at 923-5021.



 When you are seeking information about the bond projects: current, completed and upcoming, check out the bond projects page on the MPS website: <https://new.midlandps.org/>

Have questions or comments?
Click on the **MPS Connect!** icon on our website (www.midlandps.org) or call our office at 923-5026.
Let's Connect!



Are you interested in finding out about our **4-year-old preschool** program for 2016-17? Attend the Preschool Orientation on Tuesday, February 2 from 5:30-6:30 at Adams Elementary.



MPS Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS staff member today. <http://midps.org/shiningstarform>

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Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Street	923-6411
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Eastlawn Elementary	923-7112
Plymouth Elem.	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elem.	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

“pearls” of wisdom ...

“It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.”
— Rene Descartes

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”
— Vince Lombardi

- Looking for more information about our Grade K-12 STEM Strategic Plan?
 - Would you like more information on the design/plans for the new STEM elementary school?
- Go to the MPS website. The front page has lots of great information!



Snow Sculpture Contest Photos ... If you are interested in seeing photos from this year’s Snow Sculpture Contest, go to the MPS website, click on District, Photo Gallery, Midland Snow Sculpture Contest. There you will find this year’s contest photos as well as photos from 2014 and 2015. Enjoy!



Saturday’s Michigan School Vocal Music Association’s Festival held at the CMU School of Music Info



It was a wonderful day with all events earning a medal! **Midland High** had three soloists sing earning two Superior ratings and one Good rating. **Northeast’s** after school ensembles both performed beautifully with Beyond Measure earning a Good rating and Sharp Attack earning an Excellent rating.



Here are **H. H. Dow High’s** results:

Good:

- Ensemble: Cortney Hayward, Sierra Westergaard, Rebecca White, and Abbey Peterson
- Ensemble: Emma Allington, Abby Carn, Amy Folkenroth, Maggie Reed, Katie Ellison, Lane Peters, Jacob Harnois, Jack Hunkins, accompanied by Carmen DeRuiter
- Solo: Jerod Javier

Excellent:

- Two Solos: Allie Trotter-Wright; Megan Dastick
- Three Duets: Katie Avery/Emily Reid; Maggie Reed/Jack Hunkins; Jerod Javier/Austin Poon

Excellent with Distinction -- Superior:

- Chamber Singers Men: Austin Poon, Jerod Javier, Justin Savage, Jack Hunkins
- Chamber Singers Women: Katie Avery, Jessi Brooks, Kinsey Davis, Heather Gosen, Mackenna Greene, Rachel Klein, Julia Lambert, Megan Makowski, Emily Reid, Brianna Tegen, Allie Trotter-Wright, Riley Voss, Ellie Webb, and Emily Webb.

All students earning a Superior or Excellent rating qualify for State Solo & Ensemble in March.

Onstage and off, our students were excellent MPS ambassadors!



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Did you know this is National School Counseling Week?

Thank you to our dedicated MPS guidance/school counselors— Doug Bradford, Nancy Bussineau, Jill English, Lori Hallberg, Craig Hawkins, Fran Martinez, Misty Theisen and Roxanne Weisend—for all they do each and every day for MPS students!

Thank You