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Marching Band Wins!

The Midland Park High School Marching Band just completed their first championship season in the 63 year history of the school. The Marching Band won the New York State Field Band Conference Championships that were held at Syracuse University on October 27th. While the MPHS Marching Band has had 7 top 4 finishes in the past, the band never won the title before. Prior to the band competing at the Dome for the past 16 years, the band competed in other competitive circuits in the Northeast. During all the years of competition, no band from MPHS has ever won a Season Championship. These dedicated 50 students spent over 300 hours preparing and performing since August to reach this goal. Sign ups for 2020 are already underway.



November

- 16 & 17 Fall Drama
- 20 Fall Athletic Awards
- 21 12th Grade Orientation
- 27 7th Grade Community Service Project Linus
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Schools Closed

December

- 12 Jr./Sr. High Choir Winter Concert
- 13 12:30 PM Dismissal – Staff Development Day
- 23 12:30 PM Dismissal
- 24-31 Winter Recess

January

- 1 Winter Recess
- 2 Classes Resume

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year the Student Senate, National Honors Society, and Interact Organizations coordinated their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many items were donated by students, parents, and faculty including canned goods and non-perishable items. The collection took place from November 11th until November 22nd and donations were dropped off in the main hallway of the High School. All proceeds were donated to CUMAC of Paterson and the Social Services Association of Ridgewood, which directly services families in need in Midland Park, Ridgewood, Wyckoff, Waldwick, Glen Rock, and Ho-Ho-Kus. The Student Senate, NHS, and Interact organizations are extremely thankful for all the support from the families of Midland Park in helping to contribute towards this great cause.



Congratulations!



Mr. Michael Gaccione

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Gaccione, who was named NJIC Patriot Division Athletic Director of the Year.

2019 Fall Sports Awards

On November 20th, Midland Park celebrated another successful fall sports' season with the fall sports awards evening. Our community celebrated many team highlights including state tournament entries for all of our teams, Girls' Soccer making it to the NJIC Championship, the Volleyball team advancing all the way to the State Group 1 semifinals, and the Warriors Football team winning the NJIC Colonial Division Championship. We also celebrated numerous individual achievements including 1-1st Team All-County winner, 1-2nd Team All-County winner, 13-1st Team All-League winners, and 16-2nd Team All-League winners. Our student-athletes are now setting their sights on replicating all of their success for the upcoming winter sports' season.



Meet Ms. Manicone

Ms. Manicone grew up in Lodi, New Jersey, and attended Rowan University, majoring in English and Secondary Education with a minor in Reading. She later received her Masters in Education in Educational Technology. She was raised in a family of educators and is an advocate for public education.

Ms. Manicone believes that mutual respect is the foundation for a successful classroom. She hopes

that every student who enters her classroom feels comfortable, confident, and ready for a challenge. Since Ms. Manicone loves reading newspapers, Twitter, and other news media sites, students can expect present-day connections in her classroom, even as they study ancient literature. Ms. Manicone is also a diligent researcher regarding NJ state testing and high school graduation requirements. She helps MPHS students meet their requirements and obtain their high school diplomas.

Ms. Manicone began her teaching career in September 1994 at Midland Park High School. She has taught primarily 9th and 10th grade English, occasionally teaching middle school Exploratories and English 8 and 11. Ms. Manicone's classroom door is always open, and students frequently drop in for a visit; some visit to do homework, some visit for extra-help, and some visit to take a break from the whirlwind of the day. It is one of the many benefits of our small school environment.

She credits her hard-working students and supportive staff and administration at Midland Park High School for a wonderful 25 years of educating, and looks forward to many more at MPHS.

Guidance Corner

We had a wonderful turn out for 12th Grade Orientation Night that took place on November 21st. This special night was the "kick-off" of the College Process for the "Class of 2021". We reviewed the course selection opportunities for their upcoming senior year. For those of you who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation is available on the high school website (click on Resources > Guidance). Students will begin to register for classes at the end of January.

We will continue to have admissions representatives visiting from various colleges throughout the country. Both juniors and seniors should take advantage to this wonderful opportunity to gain insight and information about perspective colleges and programs and to make that very important personal connection with college staff. Some colleges who have already visited this year include: Penn State, The University of Connecticut, The University of Maine, Manhattan College, and Bryant University. Still to come is Seton Hall University on Tuesday, November 26th. Upcoming college visit information can be found in the Guidance Department, in the Senior Lounge, on the front sign, and in the daily bulletin.

Presentation from Narcotics Task Force

On Friday, November 22, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, made a Drug Awareness (Narcotics/Heroin) prevention presentation to our ninth and tenth grade students. Each school year, the Narcotics Task Force is invited to present to our ninth and tenth grade students on this very important topic. We very much appreciate the collaborative relationship we have with the Midland Park Police Department as well as the Prosecutor's Office, as we make every effort to care about our student's well-being and encourage them to make healthy life choices and decisions.

