



Panther News

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Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School Named to the College Board's 10th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success



We are pleased to announce that MPHS is one of 250 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 10th Annual Advanced Placement (AP)® District Honor Roll. To be included on the Honor Roll, MPHS had to, since 2017, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that our district is successfully identifying motivated, academically-prepared students who are ready for AP.

Midland Park Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marie Cirasella, spoke to the significance of this achievement. "As one of only 21 high schools out of 866 secondary schools in New Jersey named to the Honor Roll, we are gratified to have the outstanding work of our students, teachers, and administrators so recognized and honored. This important accolade represents a multi-year effort to improve student performance and expand access to AP courses, and we remain committed to continuing these efforts to benefit our students." Principal Nicholas Capuano said, "I couldn't be more proud of my students and staff. This honor is a true testament to their hard work and dedication." Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and Instruction at the College Board noted, "With more students participating and succeeding in AP in this district, more students are getting a head start on college by earning college credit during high school. We are pleased to honor the teachers and administrators who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to advance through AP."

For inclusion on the 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll, districts must meet the following criteria:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increase or maintain the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2019 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2017 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

The complete 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/awards/district-honor-roll>

January

- 15 High School Band Winter Concert
7:30 PM
- 20 Schools Closed – Staff
Development Day
- 24 2nd Marking period ends

February

- 3 12:30 PM Dismissal – Staff
Development
- 17 – 21 Winter Recess

March

- 5 9th Grade Orientation – 7:00 PM
- 27-29 High School Musical

April

- 1 High School Winter Sports Awards
7:30 PM

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Shannon Garrett, Mathew Umamo, Karalyn Hosier for making Bergen County Chorus.



Congratulations also to Jocelyn Triolo, who was accepted to the Bergen County Band for piccolo.

MPHS Ranks High in ELA Achievement

In the November 27th edition of *The Bergen Record*, MPHS's outstanding ELA achievement was included in a front page article.

Our high school ranks #2 in the county, second only to Bergen Academies, in ELA Grade 10 passing rate—at 94%. This is wonderful news and we congratulate our students, teachers, Mr. Capuano, and the administrative team on this significant achievement!

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/2019/11/26/njla-which-new-jersey-schools-improved-state-tests/4264829002/>

Guidance Corner: What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment is a unique opportunity for high school students to take college classes while earning their high school diplomas. Students are enrolled in both their high schools and, generally, nearby community colleges or other postsecondary institutions, where they take college courses. In most cases, earned college credits are transferrable and some of our students have graduated high school with 15 or more earned college credits. MPHS currently offers ten dual enrollment opportunities which address a variety of academic interests:

Course Title

Holocaust Studies
Medical Terminology
Dynamics of Health Care
Computer Programming, Honors
Intro to App Design
Intro to Web Design
Digital Journalism
Advanced TV Production
French 4
Spanish 4

Postsecondary Institution

Kean University
Rutgers University
Rutgers University
Seton Hall University
Seton Hall University
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Bergen Community College
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Meet Ms. Owen

I have been a school counselor for five years, and I just moved to New Jersey from my home state of Utah. If you like to hike and have a favorite, please tell me! My fiancé Steve and I will be getting married this summer in Hawaii. I love reading (currently rereading *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*), watching *The Office*, and singing really loudly in my car. Being a school counselor is my dream job, so I'm very excited to join Midland Park. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. As I learn about you, I hope to work together to come up with a post-secondary education plan that is the right fit for you and brings out the best of your talents, and, most importantly, your interests and passions. There is nothing I enjoy more than a good conversation, so please come and say hello!

Indoor Track Members Break Records

At the NJIC Indoor Track championships, Gus Bickert broke the indoor school record for shot put with a 45' 2" throw, and Kennedy Klinzing broke the indoor school record for long jump with a jump of 16' 1.25".



Boys Basketball Win Holiday Tournament

Boys Basketball won their holiday tournament beating New Milford in the first game and then defeated Park Ridge in double overtime in the final.



Pack the House Nights

Come out to show your Panther Pride. Stop by the Boosters table for food, FREE student raffles, and half-court competition.

1/30/20

MPHS Boys vs Bogota 6pm

2/6/20

MPHS Girls vs Park Ridge
5:30pm

2/13/20

MPHS Boys vs Waldwick 6pm

2/25 or 2/27 (TBD)

MPHS Girls Crossover Game