

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHEMIC SALUTES

Ben Bucci - Props to Ben for his hard work (and notable announcements!) on behalf of the MHS Chess Club! After the covid shutdowns did away with many of our school clubs and organizations, Ben was a big part of getting the chess club back up and running including planning chess tournaments like the one happening this week.

Campus Beautification Volunteers - A big thanks go out to the students, staff, and parents who put in hours of effort last week and through this past weekend to plant flowers and clean up the flowerbeds around MHS. From Mr. Edelbrock hauling multiple gallons of water, to the students planting hundreds of flowers, and the MHS parents & families who helped organize all of the plants, it truly was a team effort. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Senior Award Honorees - Congratulations to all of the seniors who were recognized at Tuesday evening's awards ceremony. Awards and scholarships for academics, athletics, musical accomplishments, journalism, volunteering, and leadership were on full display last night. What an amazing group of Chemics!

Seniors - It's impressive to see just how much time, energy, and talent has been poured into MHS by our graduating class. This year's senior class will be memorable for all that they've overcome during their time here at Midland High: working through covid; reestablishing important traditions while starting new traditions; giving tremendous amounts of time, energy, and financial support to those in need; being a part of impressive athletic achievements; and earning hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships. Thanks for keeping Chemic Pride alive - we will definitely miss you but are excited for what is waiting for you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Day 3 of Distracted Driving Awareness week! For today's fact: taking your eyes off the road for 5 seconds while driving 55 miles per hour is like driving the entire length of a football field with your eyes closed. This could lead to swerving, driving off the road, or potentially hitting other cars or things on the road. Remember to take precautionary measures, such as putting your phone away, eating before driving, and getting plenty of sleep so you don't feel fatigued or unprepared for your trip! Drive safe!

Chemics, come check out all the fun activities today:

- 1) During lunch, celebrate the warm weather with some friends by participating in Picnic Day! Come outside in front of Eyeball Alley with your lunch and a blanket during both lunches. Soak up the remaining moments of this school year, Chemics!
- 2) If you want to stay indoors, check out the rock, paper, scissors tournament TODAY during lunch. If you lose your beads during the competition, you will be able to purchase more during both lunch hours. The top 3 Chemics that win the most beads will win a gift card with the top prize of a \$25 gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings. Thank you to all of you that are participating and supporting Skylar and her family!
- 3) After school today, come by the Aux Gym for some fun at our Carnival from 3-4pm! Come have fun at the MANY carnival style games and activities. Purchase a ticket at the door and all proceeds benefit our very own Skylar Hintz. Tickets will be available to purchase to play the games at the event and some events like karaoke and the photo booth are free. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please see Ms. Albright in room 337 as we could use your help.

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Chemics, here is the most recent update on your classmate, Skylar, who is battling cancer. So much has happened in the last 2 weeks. After the first chemo and just before the start of the 2nd round of chemo, Skylar started losing her hair, so we decided to get it cut just above her shoulders and donated 15.5 inches to "Wigs for Kids". Shortly after that we were back in the hospital for round 2, a 5-day, two different chemo treatment plans. On the second day, her hair was really falling out and quickly. She made the decision she was done with that and wanted me to shave it. She was way more ready than I was. The nurse brought us the clippers and I shaved her head while she sat in a chair over top of a bed sheet, we'd spread out on the floor in her hospital room. As I shaved, I balled. I thought about all the things any parent would think of. "Why is this happening", "This sucks", "Should be me, not her"....and Skylar says, "It is what it is". Calm like a cucumber. She is strong, there's no doubt about that. Skylar's kindergarten teacher came for a visit and brought goodies. She just celebrated her 10-year anniversary of being cancer-free. During the visit she said, "You got this, Skylar. Cancer's not for wimps." She wasn't kidding.

The fun doesn't stop today Chemics. The MHS Chess Club and Student Leadership will be hosting a Chess Tournament on TOMORROW, in the Media Center from **5-7pm**. All grade levels and abilities of chess players are welcome to compete! Seniors, this is a great opportunity to go to your last MHS event. Contact Ben Bucci, Andrew Steger, or Cody Ridder for more details. Be there or be circle.

Curious about all of the colorful signs in Eyeball Alley? Each sign indicates the pathways our MHS seniors have decided to take next year. See names like Andrew Steger attending Purdue University and Laura Brookens attending Spring Arbor University. Along with many others! We want to celebrate our seniors, their high school journeys, and their future plans.

Chemics, you determine your legacy. What will it be? The senior class has provided several responses about what their legacy is at Midland High. This display will be presented in Eyeball Alley and around the school.

This month is Asian American Pacific Islander month. Now we are focusing on Fred Korematsu. Korematsu was arrested for refusing relocation to internment camps in World War 2. He then went to court to fight for his right as a citizen.

Start searching your homes, classrooms, and lockers for any missing library books. All library books are due this **Friday, May 19th**.

Seniors, if you received the wrong award certificate at the Senior Awards Ceremony, please stop by the counseling office. Mrs. Kirkman will exchange it for the one with your name on it.

POSITIVE THINKING

Wednesday Wisdom: Don't take criticism from people you would never go to for advice.

More Wisdom: The difference between school and life: In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Even More Wisdom: Don't expect front row seats if you are giving nosebleed effort.

WALK THE HALLS

SENIORS!!! Wear your cap and gown to the following Walk the Hall events occurring the week of graduation:

Monday, May 22nd:

Adams - meet in front of Adams promptly at **11am** for a group picture.

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Central Park (former Eastlawn and Carpenter) – meet in front at **10:30am** for a group picture.

Siebert – meet in front of Siebert at **10am** for a group picture.

Tuesday, May 23rd:

Chestnut Hill – meet in front of the building at **1:30pm** for a group picture.

Plymouth – meet in the lobby at **1:30pm** for a group photo.

Northeast Middle School – meet in front of the building at **2:15pm** for a group picture.

Woodcrest – meet in front of the sign at **3pm** for a group picture.

Friday, May 26th:

St. Brigid Elementary - Wear your cap & gown and meet in the lobby at **2pm** for a group picture.

After the group photo, you will be able to walk the halls for your respective elementary and middle school in celebration of your accomplishment.

Graduation Walk for Seniors new to Midland Public Schools: Did you not attend a local elementary or middle school? A group of students who moved to MPS after elementary school and/or middle school are meeting to take a group picture in their caps and gowns in front of Midland High School. If you would like to participate, please meet in front of the school on May 22nd at 11:30 am.

IN SPORTS ACTION

On Monday, 5 of the JV Boys Golfers played in a very competitive Varsity Tournament at Bay Valley and came in 11th of 15 teams. The medalist for the Chemics was Keith Peterson with a 92, followed by Matt Swanson with 93, Zach Webb, 95, and Jonas Lipovsky, 100. Rounding out the team was Porter Pritchard.

Tuesday, the JV Chemic golfers defeated Bay City Western in a dual match at Sandy Ridge. Medalist for the Chemics was Parker Weideman. Rounding out the winning team was Cody Smith, J.P. Salogar, and Aaron Grasman. Also participating in the match were Mason Castanier and Blake Snow.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Varsity Girls Tennis will host Flushing at 4pm.

JV and Varsity Softball are on the road to Bay City Central today with games at 4pm.

Boys Lacrosse will host Bay City Western today at 7pm.

9th Grade Baseball are on the road to play Bay City Western at 4pm.

Girls Varsity Soccer are on the road to play Carman Ainsworth at 4:30pm.

JV Boys Golf will play Dow and Heritage at 3pm at Currie Golf Course.

Varsity Boys Golf will compete in the SVL Valley Championship at the Fortress beginning at 9am.