MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 16, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: (Kelly Murphy will read)

Today's featured black author is Jason Reynolds. Reynolds is a *New York Times* bestselling author, a Newbery Award Honoree, a Printz Award Honoree, a National Book Award Honoree, a *Kirkus* Award winner, a two-time Walter Dean Myers Award winner, an NAACP Image Award Winner, and a recipient of multiple Coretta Scott King honors.

Jason Reynolds has touched the hearts of many, though his path to becoming a published author wasn't always clear. As a young boy in Maryland, Reynolds found inspiration in rap music to write poetry. Poetry became his main focus for almost two decades and much of his time was spent reading and writing. Though he loved reading poetry, Reynolds didn't read a full-length novel cover to cover until he was 17. Once he did, he was hooked and began reading every book by African-American authors he could get his hands on.

Reynolds has written almost a dozen novels since 2014 and inevitably returned to poetic verse with *Long Way Down* in 2017. Reynolds first and foremost writes for Black children and intentionally includes portrayals of Black boys being vulnerable and experiencing a full range of human emotions so that, through his work, some children are able to see themselves reflected in literature for the first time. Though he may write for adults one day, Reynolds considers connecting with kids on the page his primary focus.

CHEMIC SALUTES:

Blood Drive - A tremendous thank-you goes out to all who donated blood at last Friday's winter blood drive! We collected nearly 40 donations which means nearly 120 lives will be impacted. A special shout-out to Mr. Younkin who hit the 5-gallon mark in blood donations; this means that over the course of his life Mr. Younkin alone is responsible for saving 120 people's lives!

Pierson Roberts - Thanks for spending well over 10 minutes helping to clean up Mr. Fox's classroom after someone had spilled food, pen ink, and a bottle of water on a desk and the floor!

Varsity Wrestling Team - Congrats to our Chemic wrestlers for winning their 5th straight district title last week. Also, a shout out to the four Chemics who qualified this past weekend for individual regionals!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Do you love to read? Are you interested in stories from people different than you? Join the MHS DEI book club to read diverse books by diverse authors. The club will be meeting this Thursday at 4:00 pm over Google Meet. For more information contact Ms. Murphy murphyke@midlandps.org or join the Google Classroom with code xptq74q.

Attention Juniors and Seniors! If you are a Junior interested in learning more about Saginaw Valley State University, stop by the Media Center Tuesday Feb. 22nd during 2nd hour! The SVSU Admissions Rep will there to tell you all about SVSU and able to answer any of your questions.
Seniors planning on attending SVSU next fall can stop by 3rd hour that same day, Tuesday Feb. 22nd! The rep will help you with what to do next to get you ready for your first year of college! Any questions, please email Mrs. Barnes! We hope to see lots of you there!

Chemics – are you in need of volunteer hours for National Honor Society or just looking to help out? If so, there are some upcoming opportunities at Central Auditorium. They are looking for help in the Box Office and Lobby for shows beginning as soon as February 16th. Please stop in the Main Office if you can help out.

Calling all artists! There will be a National Art Honor Society meeting on Tuesday, February 22 in room 320 from 2:30-4:00. We will be starting our FDR mural. New members are always welcome.

Attention all current members: there will be a MANDATORY meeting for the National Honor Society next Tuesday, February 22nd, at 7:15am. We will meet in the Cafeteria.

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Want to show off your table tennis skills? How about just bored after school? Come to eyeball after school, Thursday, to compete against your peers in the ping-pong club. Free to come and play ping-pong starting at 2:30 on Thursday.

Are you interested in joining the Trap Shooting club? If so, pick up registration information in the main office. Forms must be returned before Thursday, February 11th.

Did you know our school is working on learning about character strengths? Each week we are focusing on different character strengths to help build confidence in both the staff and students in our school. This week we are focusing on sharing the importance of knowing our character strengths and learning about them. It is important to be knowledgeable about each strength we have so that we can use them to our advantage and continue to grow not only as individuals but as a community.

IN SPORTS ACTION:
Last night the Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Davison 61-53. Jason Davenport led all scorers with 20 points and Drew Barrie added 16 along with 13 points from Collin Haddad. The Boys are at Lapeer on Friday.

Last night your Boys Freshman Basketball team lost a hard-fought game vs Davison 48-52. Leading the way for your Chemics was Noah Wall with 21 points, while Liam Heinz added 14 points each. Playing hard on the defensive end was Eli Kell and Zack Steger. The Chemics next game is Friday @ Lapeer.

Girls Varsity Basketball fell to Davison last night, 50 - 36. The Chemics started the first half with dominate defense shutting down Davison's key player. In the second half, the Chemics struggled to contain the perimeter. Jade Dawson scored 10 points and Morgan Williams and Abby Carroll each added 6 for the Chemics. Midland moves to 4-8 in the conference and 6-11 overall. The Chemics will host Lapeer on Friday evening and 7pm for Senior Night to celebrate seniors Jade Dawson, Renee Mulvaney, Kendall Wenzell and Sydney Miller.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball beats Davison on the road with a final score 47 - 36. The Chemics started off slow but kicked it into gear for the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Scoring leaders for the night were Maddie Page with 13, Avery Bilow with 11 and Emmalea TerBurgh with 10 points. The JV Chemics will play Friday evening at 5:30pm against Lapeer. The JV team moves to 10-5 overall on their season.

ACTIVITIES:

Hockey		**Home**	**Wednesday**	**2/16/22**	**Powers Catholic**	**7:15 PM**	**Midland Civic Arena**
Wrestling	Varsity	Away	Wednesday	2/16/22	MHSAA Team Regional	5:00 PM	Traverse City Central High School