

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 24, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BLACK HISTORY SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: (read by Ms. Guzman)

Widely recognized as the greatest female tennis player of all time, Serena Williams was born in 1981 in Saginaw, MI. When Serena was a young child, the family moved to Compton, CA. Along with her sister, Venus, Serena began to play tennis at the age of 4 under the training of their parents. She and her sister started to excel in the sport. The family relocated to Florida when she was 9 to provide the opportunity for the girls to attend a tennis academy. Serena continued to thrive, and her sterling performances surprised many in youth competitions. Experiences of racism and a desire to let his daughters have a regular childhood caused their father, Richard, to pull the girls from the tennis academy, which consumed so much of their time and assume the role as their trainer and coach. This unique story is documented in the 2021 film King Richard.

Her hard work and her father's training paid off as Serena Williams took to the professional tennis scene at the age of 14 and gradually climbed the ranks to a top ten player, then the most dominant player of all time. Williams won numerous grand slam titles in singles and doubles, Olympic gold medals, and many other tournaments. She continued to be a top player well into her thirties. At the age of 35, she took a pause to deliver her daughter and was confined to her bed for several weeks due to complications from the pregnancy. It was later revealed that Williams had won the Australian Open while 8 weeks pregnant.

True to her competitive spirit, Serena Williams returned to resume her career, eventually winning another singles title in 2020 at the age of 38. Williams is the highest-earning women's tennis player of all time, having collected nearly \$100 million in prize money.

Thank you for listening to today's Black History spotlight.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MUSIC:

This month we have listened to music that built the American music catalogue we know today. The creation of which, the African American community has played an integral role. Today's music played for Black History Month Music is from the 2000s.

In the 2000s, the music industry has sustained active musical growth in diverse genres including rock n' roll, hip hop, RnB, rap, soul, blues, jazz, indie rock, country, electronic, etc. In many cases, music artists now move between and mix genres, freely creating new sounds through inspiration, exploration, and collaboration.

Musicians on today's 2000s playlist include Alicia Keys, Beyonce, Darius Rucker, Frank Ocean, Janelle Monae, Jennifer Hudson, John Legend, Nelly with Tim McGraw, Rhianna with Calvin Harris, and Will-I-Am with The Script and with the Black Eyed Peas.

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Chemics, since this week is OBR week, we have decided to hold a rock and canvas painting event on Monday, March 3rd, after school. This will give you the opportunity to express your creativity and feelings towards domestic violence in the form of art. If you choose, you can have your art put into the art show as well. This activity is meant to be a fun event to relieve stress, express your creativity, and have fun. We hope to see you there from 2:30-4:30pm in the cafeteria, and there will be snacks provided. It will be a fun and relaxed time. So Chemics - bring your friends and get ready to paint!

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.

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If you are interested in joining the MHS Trap Shooting Club, you need to get a registration form from the main office this week. Registration is closing soon.

Mr. Midland High is back and better than ever! Are you a senior who identifies as male who wants to show off your hidden talent? Or have you ever had the urge to lip sync to "Fergalicious" in front of the whole school? Then this is the perfect event for you! Sign up quickly and give your fellow classmates a run for their money. Senior girls, we know just what you're thinking! You get to critique and judge these lovely fellows as they show the school what they're made of. And lastly, Juniors, we need you to strut your stuff in the prom fashion show, All sign-ups are outside the office next to the art display and are due at the mandatory meeting on Monday, February 28th after 6th and 7th hour.

Chemics - the annual Saginaw Valley Teacher of the Year Award will be presented this Spring. One teacher from each high school in the Saginaw Valley League will receive the honor. Your Midland High teachers who have previously received this award are Mrs. Monique Albright, Ms. Becky King, Ms. Amy Rankin, Ms. Katy Stearns, and Mr. Jeff Yoder. If you would like to nominate a teacher for the award. Please complete a nomination form and submit it **by Friday, March 11, 2022**. Nomination forms can be found in the main office, media center, counseling center, and on the MPS website.

IN SPORTS ACTION:

Last Friday night your freshman basketball team won a hard-fought game vs Lapeer 51-43. Leading the way for your Chemics was Liam Heinz with 20 points, while Noah Wall added 9 points. Playing hard on the defensive end was Matthew Swanson and Sam Rovoll. The Chemics next game is Friday VS Bay City Central.

ACTIVITIES:

Swim, Boys	Away	Thursday	2/24/22	SVL Prelims	3:00 PM	SVSU
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