



# Midland Public Schools

*Inspiring Excellence*

## Superintendent Communiqué

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### Midland Public Schools District Vision Statement

*Lead with respect, trust and courage.  
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and inclusive culture.  
Enable all to achieve success.*

(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)

### December School Days

We are looking forward to the in-person return of our F2F Elementary and Middle School students for 10 days before the holiday break:

December 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22

Holiday break: December 23-January 1

### January School Days, Semester Dates:

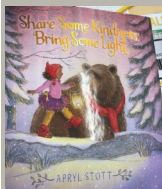
#### Elementary, Middle and High School:

- ALL F2F and Virtual Students will resume instruction January 4
- 1st Semester Ends January 14, 2021
- 2nd Semester Begins January 19, 2021

#### High School Students:

- According to today's Governor/MDHHS COVID briefing, the pause in F2F learning for Michigan high schools has been extended for an additional 12 days—through December 20. As a result, MPS high schools will continue in virtual learning through December 22. We will await further guidance/updates from MDHHS and/or the Governor's Office.
- Midland PS will not administer high school 1st semester exams. January 12-14 will be considered normal school days for students.

During the week of November 9, **Woodcrest Wolverine students and staff celebrated Kindness Week.**



During this special week, one way they celebrated kindness was WCE Media Center staff read the heartwarming book "Share Some Kindness and Bring Some Light" by April Stott to each classroom. They also celebrated Kindness with a bright, fun bulletin board celebrating the message of this special book.



Does your child ride the Midland PS SCHOOL BUS to/from school?

If so, this next announcement is **IMPORTANT** for YOUR FAMILY!

The district is excited to announce the roll out of a new **Midland PS transportation app** that will allow MPS parents to follow their child(ren)'s buses. The app is called **Parent Portal Lite**. When students return for face-to-face instruction, letters will be sent home with students who ride MPS buses. Your child's letter will include a bus specific registration code just for his/her bus. If you have more than one child who attend different schools and ride different buses, you will receive a letter for each child, each with their buses' specific registration code. This app will allow parents to set up alert zones that will enable them to know when the bus is approaching their home and school.



Would you like to take a look at the app before we go back to F2F? If so, we are providing a registration code that will allow families to follow the food delivery buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now through January 15 between 10:45 & 12:45. **The food service bus registration code is 47858280.**

This link will take you to the MPS Transportation page that has QR codes and instructions for downloading the MPS bus Parent Portal app. <https://www.midlandps.org/Content/transportation-parent-portal>

**MPSCoconnect** is a convenient communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day.

<https://www.midlandps.org/content2/706>

— Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent

## Midland PS Food Service Update

**December 7, 2020 through January 14, 2021**



With F2F students returning to the classroom December 9, traditional breakfast and lunch food service will take place in elementary and middle schools.

For high school and virtual academy students, the meal pick up times and places are as follows.

- ➔ **Meals will be available for pick up Tues. & Thurs. at all these schools from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm:**
  - Adams Elementary, Siebert Elementary, Woodcrest Elementary, Plymouth Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Central Park Elementary & Midland High.
- ➔ **December 8 ONLY—Meals will also be available for pick up at these bus locations from 11 am to 12:30 pm:**
  - ➔ Ingersoll Township Hall (3026 S Sasse Rd)
  - ➔ Westown Grocery (1013 E Isabella Rd)
  - ➔ North Midland Family Center (2601 E Shearer Rd)
  - ➔ E Free Church- 7221 N Jefferson Ave
  - ➔ Alpine Park Village- 3601 Alpine Drive
- ➔ **Every Saturday two (2) meals will be available for pick up at Central Park Elementary & Midland High School locations only, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

**Scheduled dates and number of free meals families may pick up per child:**

- ➔ December 8 (2 Meals) ➔ December 10 (3 Meals)
- ➔ December 15 (2 Meals) ➔ December 17 (3 Meals)
- ➔ Holiday Break December 22 (5 Meals)
- ➔ Saturday, December 26 (2 Meals) [Central Park & MHS only]
- ➔ Holiday Break December 29 (5 Meals)
- ➔ Saturday, January 2 (2 Meals) [Central Park & MHS only]
- ➔ January 5 (2 Meals) ➔ January 7 (3 Meals)
- ➔ January 12 (2 Meals) ➔ January 14 (3 Meals)

**Thank You, Midland PS Chartwells' Team!**

## WEEKLY COVID UPDATES

- ➔ **MPS Covid-19 Update:** Here is the link to the update from the Midland County Health Department\*:  
<https://www.midlandps.org/News/mps-covid-19-update>  
*\*While MPS is in full virtual learning, we will update these numbers weekly, rather than daily.*
- ➔ **Midland County COVID-19 Dashboard:** <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/abfabc9f43a74363b7ad28a763d4d2b6/>
- ➔ **Michigan.gov School-Related COVID-19 Outbreak Reporting:**  
[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163\\_98173\\_102480---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173_102480---,00.html)

## Dow High's Multi-Use Artificial Turf Field Status & Thanks

If you have driven by Dow High in the past several months, you've probably noticed a lot of work going on in the large field behind the gym-side parking lot. In mid-November, drainage field and site work was completed and the artificial turf was installed. None of this would be possible without the work of the Orchard Valley



Photos courtesy of Midland Daily News.



Event Center Committee that spearheaded the project and has done and continues to do fund raising. This committee is chaired by Kurt leuter. In addition, MPS alumni and community partner, Mr. Bill Schuette, worked with and coordinated very generous donations toward this project by our magnanimous community foundation partners—The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Gerstacker Foundation, The Dow Chemical Foundation, the Strosacker Foundation and the Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF). The next steps for this project are lighting & scoreboard. MPS thanks our wonderful community partners for bringing this facility to life for our students, programs, athletics, music, as well as community events and programs. For more information: <https://www.midlandfoundation.org/fund/mps-sports-facility-improvement-fund-for-youth-spiffy-618/>



## Broadband Survey from Midland County YOUR input is NEEDED!

Here is a link to the flyer with lots of information about the Midland County Broadband Initiative including the survey link: <https://www.midlandps.org/Midland-County-Broadband-Fact-Sheet>



**PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
DECEMBER 7TH, 1941



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## JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities>

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Position	Location
Bus Driver, Substitute	MPS Transportation
Coach, Assistant, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Coach, Head, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Electronic Learning Facilitator	MPS Virtual School
Enrollment and McKinney Vento Specialist	Administration Center
Paraprofessional, Special Education (4 positions)	District-wide
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District
School Psychologist	District
School Social Worker	District
Speech & Language Pathologist	Elementary Buildings
Teacher, Social Studies	Jefferson MS
Teacher, Special Education	District

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**SHINING STARS ...** If you would like to nominate a deserving MPS team member for a Shining Star, please complete the nomination form. <https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form>

### The CDC recommends the following for those who travel during this time:

- "Consider getting tested with a [viral test](#) 3–5 days after your trip and reduce [non-essential activities](#) for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, consider reducing non-essential activities for 10 days.

- **If your test is positive**, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.

Also take these actions for 14 days after you return from travel to protect others from getting COVID-19:

- [Stay at least 6 feet/2 meters](#) (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you, particularly in crowded areas. It's important to do this everywhere — both indoors and outdoors.
- Wear a [mask](#) to keep your nose and mouth covered when you are in shared spaces outside of your home, including when using [public transportation](#).
- If there are people in the household who did not travel with you, [wear a mask](#) and ask everyone in the household to wear masks in shared spaces inside your home.
- [Wash your hands](#) often or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#).
- Watch your health: Look for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, and take your temperature if you feel sick."

Excerpt taken from:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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### Wise words to ponder ...

"Pearl Harbor caused our Nation to wholeheartedly commit to winning WWII, changing the course of our Nation's history and the world's future." — Joe Baca