



Midland Public Schools

Inspiring Excellence

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From an MLive article by Scott Levin dated May 7, Midland Public Schools' students are among the top schools that tested college ready in the SAT for the Class of 2019 ...
in fact, among the top 6% in the State!

**I AM
COLLEGE
READY!**

"In Michigan, 96 schools out of 811, had students meeting or exceeding the national requirements to be fully "college ready" based on SAT scores. ..."

H. H. Dow High ranked #17

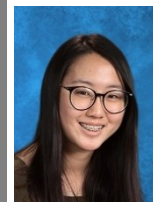
School: H.H. Dow High School
District: Midland
County: Midland
Number students tested: 266
All subjects percent ready: 68%
Avg. SAT score: 1160.5
Avg. Reading/Writing score: 573.1
Reading/Writing percent ready: 84%
Math avg. score: 587.4
Math percent ready: 72%
Total rank SAT avg. score: 16
Total rank percent ready: 17

Midland High ranked #50

School: Midland High School
District: Midland
County: Midland
Number students tested: 316
All subjects percent ready: 58%
Avg. SAT score: 1110.2
Avg. Reading/Writing score: 558.3
Reading/Writing percent ready: 78%
Math avg. score: 551.9
Math percent ready: 59%
Total rank SAT avg. score: 47
Total rank percent ready: 49

Here is the link if you would like to check out the article and list of 811 schools:
<https://expo.mlive.com/news/g66l-2019/05/ca5c03514c9137/here-the-top-schools-that>

CONGRATULATIONS to H. H. Dow High Freshman, **Madeleine Hong**, whose



proposal on promoting a more circular economy was selected as a winner of the

"2019 WE ARE INNOVATORS Challenge."

As a result of her efforts, Madeleine, along with GO GREEN club advisor, Ms. Cyndie Roberts, will be traveling to Kenya this summer as part of an international service-learning team.

Our most recent **Our Schools** quarterly newsletter for the

2018-19 school year was an insert in this past weekend's (Saturday, May 11) *Midland Daily News*. This is the final edition for the 2018-19 school year. Here is the link if you would like to check it out online! <https://www.midlandps.org/our-schools-may-2019>



This past week, **Midland High** Campus Pride and the Green Club combined forces to host a Clean Up Event at the high school. Over 18 students and parents came to weed, plant flowers and pick up trash around the grounds. Thanks to all the parents and students who donated their time!



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Paper Arts in the Community

On May 4, a paper arts workshop was held at Creative 360 and supported by the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society. Two **HH Dow Art students: Junior Claire Newman and Sophomore John Schriber** helped guide ten teens and adults through a paper mache sculpture, a playing card sculpture, and paper quilling. The participants made decorative bowls, three-dimensional flowers, and practiced quilling patterns during the 2 ½ hour workshop. Thank you, Claire and John, for your dedication and commitment to the arts in our community.



Congressional Art Awards

On Friday, May 3, The 2019 Congressional Art Awards were given out at the Midland Center for the Arts. This year, two HH Dow High students were recognized: **Morgan Gary and Ana Tucker**. Ana was awarded the highest honor as the top winner of the Art Show, and her work, shown here, will be on display in Washington, D.C. for one year. Congratulations to Ana and Morgan for their great artwork.



MPS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Nicholas Berchert is a 2017 Midland High Graduate. Nicholas currently attends Ferris State and looks forward to earning his degree in Welding Engineering Technology in 2021. Nick wanted to swim in college, however, after finding out that Ferris no longer offered a collegiate swim team, he got busy organizing a club swim team. History was made this past year with 27 individuals who took part in the first ever FSU club swim team. Great job, Nick!



Congratulations to **Josh Strike**, HH Dow High Senior, who took 5th place in Automotive General Knowledge, 4th place in Mathematics, 5th place Overall and 4th place in Suspension Steering at the recent MITES Automotive State Level Competition!

We may be a day late, but we hope our MPS moms had a ...

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

This past week, **Midland High celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week** in grand style. The MHS Parent Partners group planned a Week of Appreciation Events including a mobile coffee cart, muffins & gift cards and a huge luncheon. There were snacks galore all week long, and even the most experienced teachers remarked that it was the most elaborate and generous Teacher Appreciation celebration they had witnessed.

Thanks to **ALL** the Chemic Parents and Grandparents who donated towards making this event so memorable and heartfelt! As well, thank you to our local community businesses (Bigby & Staples) who donated towards this great event! MHS Teachers and Staff send tremendous thanks!



2019

Summer Program

Summer eLearning Opportunity — Once school has ended for the year, Midland Public Schools will once again offer the Summer eLearning Program. Through this program, online courses are available to high school students who wish to earn either initial credit or credit recovery in select courses. While these courses do not require students to attend classes daily, students must take all tests and exams onsite at the PATHS Learning Center

located in Midland High School. Students should expect to invest 45-60 hours to complete each course, but may work on their course any place that they have an internet connection. Courses will begin on June 17, 2019 and must be completed by August 15, 2019. Students may only register for one course at a time. The cost for each course is \$150 for Midland Public Schools' students, and \$175 for students outside of the MPS district. If you would like additional information or would like to register for a course, please visit www.midlandps.org/content/Summer%20Program.

On May 8, we hosted the final **Parent Information Committee (PIC)** for the 2018-19 school year. The topic presented was "Student Success" by Penny Miller-Nelson, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and Melissa Toner, Instructional Technology and Media Curriculum Specialist. As has been our practice, we videotaped the May presentation for those who weren't able to join us in person but would like to view the presentation. Here is the link to the May PIC presentation:

<https://youtu.be/wQliOnF5oLg>



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Check out this important info about the free meals available for children 18 years old and younger in Midland this summer!



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MEET UP and EAT UP™

Healthy food
to fuel your
summer.

FREE SUMMER MEALS

Midland Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site(s) listed below:

Site Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Begin Date	End Date	BRK	BRK END	Lunch	END
Midland Curling Center	2009 Jefferson Ave	Midland	MI	48640	06/10/2019	08/30/2019	7:45 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:30 PM
Plymouth Park	4501 Plymouth Park Drive	Midland	MI	48642	06/10/2019	08/23/2019	N/A	N/A	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Gerstackers Spray Park	201 Wyman St	Midland	MI	48640	06/10/2019	08/23/2019	N/A	N/A	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Plymouth School	1105 E Sugnet Rd	Midland	MI	48642	06/10/2019	08/22/2019	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Central Park Elementary	1400 Rodd St	Midland	MI	48640	06/10/2019	08/22/2019	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM

Closed July 4th all sites

Curling Center, Plymouth Park & Gerstacker Spray Park Monday-Friday Service.

Central Park Elementary, Plymouth Elementary Monday-Thursday Service.

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Jaylyn Seybert, Plymouth Elementary 2nd Grade student, was nominated for the Make Midland Beautiful contest to represent Plymouth. This is a district-wide contest for 2nd and 5th grade in Midland. The winners were chosen by a panel of judges and honored by the Mayor and City Council. Jaylyn had shown such quality work and dedication, not to mention a great, positive attitude!



Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings:

<https://www.applitrack.com/mps/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp>

Position	Building	Posting End Date
Administrative Assistant	Central Park ES	5/14/19
Coach, Assistant, Pom Pon, Fall/Winter	HH Dow HS	5/14/19
Coach, Assistant, Tennis, Boys'	HH Dow HS	until filled
Coach, Assistant, Cheer	HH Dow HS	until filled
Coach, Head, Cheer	HH Dow HS	until filled
HVAC Technician	District-wide	until filled
Instructional Technology & Media Specialist II	District-wide	5/21/19
Mechanic's Assistant	Transportation	until filled
Paraprofessional	Central Park ES	5/13/19
Preschool Teaching Associate	Carpenter School	until filled
PYP STEM Coordinator	District-wide	5/21/19
Sign Language Interpreter	District-wide	until filled
Teacher, Industrial Education	District-wide	until filled
Teacher, P.R.O.D.I.G.Y. Program (3 positions)	ADE, PME, WCE	until filled
Teacher, Summer School (32 positions)	Elementary	until filled
Teacher, Summer School (6 positions)	Central Park ES	until filled

In addition, **we are always looking for
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS & BUS DRIVERS.**

Click on this link for information about these opportunities:

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

Important End of Year Dates...

- ⇒ No school: May 27 (Memorial Day Holiday)
- ⇒ High school exams: June 5, 6, 7
- ⇒ Last day of school: June 7
- ⇒ Teacher work day: June 10

Please keep the **nominations** coming in for MPS staff members you believe are

Shining Stars!

Link to Shining Star nomination form:

<https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form>

Midland Public Schools now has **TWO FLYER BOARDS!**

- ✓ **Student Flyers:** Fun activities, events and opportunities for students:
<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/>
- ✓ **Community Flyers:** Information and events that may be of interest to parents & adults : <https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>

Check back often. Flyers are coming in all the time!

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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 thought to ponder ...

*"If you want the rainbow
you've got to put up with
the rain."*

— Dolly Parton

