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## Tickets for Urinetown

Midland Park High School musical cast members rehearse scenes from this year's musical *Urinetown*. The show dates and times are Friday and Saturday March 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday March 18 at 1:00 p.m. Purchase tickets in person in advance March 1, 2, 6, 8, 12-14 in MPHS main lobby from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15, seats are reserved.

## Biology Team

The Midland Park High School Biology I Team came in first place during the January 2018 meet at Indian Hills H.S and the February meet at Ramsey H.S. The New Jersey Science League is an annual competition that meets four times each school year. Midland Park competes in Group 3 against Indian Hills H.S., Ramapo H.S., Ramsey H.S., Mahwah H.S and Northern Highlands H.S. The Science League is unique in both the State and our Nation. Having been started in 1962 by Dr. Mal Sturchio as a Chemistry League, the league now offers competitions in biology, chemistry, physics, Earth science, and environmental science. There are also competitions for AP levels in chemistry, biology, and physics.

We congratulate the following students for their achievements: Grace Adamo, Sarah Reicher, Mathew Umamo and Jocelyn Triolo. Sarah came in first and Mathew second.



## March

- Mar 2: Read Across America Day
- Mar 7: Boosters Meeting
- Mar 8: Science League Competition at 4:00 pm
- Mar 12: Staff Development Day 12:30 Dismissal
- Mar 16-17: Urinetown 7:30 pm
- Mar 18: Urinetown 1:00 pm
- Mar 19: Brain Busters 12:00 pm
- Mar 21: PTA, Boosters, PAPS 7:00 pm
- Mar 22: 9th Grade Orientation at 7:00 pm
- Mar 28: Winter Sports Awards 7:30 pm
- Mar 30: Spring Recess Begins



## Hall of Fame Inductions

Midland Park High School is proud to announce the 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees. The Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Brick House. Call Mr. Gaccione at 201.444.7400 for tickets.

The inductees are:

Kenneth Junta (1998)

Rachel Moquete (2004)

Matthew Bieszard (2008)

Kaleb Zuidema (2011)

Jeff Hackett (coach)

Steve Silver (coach)

Ed Salvi (athletic director)

1994 Girls' Soccer Team



## Meet Mrs. Vassallo

I grew up in Mahwah, N.J., graduating from Mahwah Junior/Senior High School. After graduation I attended Capri Beauty School obtaining my Beautician License in Cosmetology. I opened my own nail and skin care salon in 1983 until I sold it in 1993 to stay home to raise my family here in Midland Park.

I answered an ad for a part-time job in the Midland Park cafeteria in 2003 when it was run by the Midland Park Board of Education. In 2007 the board made a decision to have a food service company oversee the cafeteria—hence—Pomptonian Food Service, and I became an employee for Pomptonian. I was promoted to Manager in 2008 and given my most recent promotion to Food Service Director, in 2016, also overseeing the Waldwick School District's cafeterias. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the Midland Park school district running the cafeteria for more than 10 years. I am honored to work with all the students, watching them grow and seeing them graduate and being there for the faculty as well, always striving to make everyone's lunch break a positive one and hope to continue for many years to come!!

## Guidance Corner

Spring is a busy time of year for testing. This year, the PARCC test will be given in April and May. Please note, as of the 2017-2018 school year, students in the Class of 2021 need to pass PARCC Algebra I and PARCC ELA 10 as a graduation requirement. This year, there is a new science test for students in grades 8 and 11. As always, the AP Exams will be administered in the first two weeks of May (dates and times are pre-determined by the College Board). We understand this time of year may be busy and overwhelming, especially for those students preparing for the college admissions exams. Please feel free to reach out to the guidance counselor if there are any concerns or issues. The Guidance Department is here to support both the child and family. Please see below for a testing calendar.

March 10:	SAT
April 14:	ACT
April 17 & 18:	ELA PARCC (grades 7 through 11)
May 7-18:	AP Exams
May 21 & 22:	Math PARCC (grades 7 through 11)
May 30 & 31:	NJSLA-S (grades 8 & 11)

## Band Trip to Disneyland

The MPHS Concert Bands recently finished a 6 day tour of Southern California. During the tour the band performed a concert at Disney's California Adventure and participated in a variety of clinic experiences. In one clinic the band was asked to perform music to a variety of soundtracks that were recorded and synced with the original film and sound effects. Another clinic was with Composer and Conductor Sean O'Loughlin who is most recently known for conducting and arranging some of the music for the "Pentatonix" Christmas Special on NBC. The final clinic was with Disney Educators who explained the way music is used throughout the theme parks to create moods and environments which allow guests to feel like they are part of the story. The Band has previously done similar tours in 2006, 2010, and 2014.

## Girls' Basketball: A Promising Future

The Girls' Basketball season ended on March 5th with some disappointment, but overall had a great season and has a promising future. The Panthers made it to the Section 1, Group 1, State Sectional Finals where they lost to their divisional rival Cresskill. Despite the loss, the girls finished the year with 20 wins and only 8 losses. The Panthers also made it to the 2nd round of BCWCA tournament, the finals of the NJIC Conference Championship, and they won the NJIC Patriot Division league championship. Despite graduating 4 starting seniors, the Panthers are loaded with talent. Throughout the season, the Panthers were able to lean on their sophomores and freshmen to manage and help win games. There were even 2 sophomores with All-League honors.

