



Panther News

The Newsletter of MPHS

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Calendar of Events

September

- 9th Marching Band Car Wash
9:00 – 12:00
- 11th Underclass Photographs
- 11th PTA and PAPS Executive meeting at 7:00 pm
- 13th Booster Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 14th Back to School Night at 7:00 pm
- 16th MPPEF 5K Race at 9:00 am
- 20th Senior Group photograph at 7:45 am
- 20th PTA, PAPS & Boosters Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 21st Rosh Hashana – No School

October

- 2nd – 6th Week of Respect
- 2nd PTA Executive Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 6th 60th Anniversary Celebrations
- 7th Varsity Football Game in Midland Park Stadium Field at 2:00 pm vs. Rutherford
- 8th Music in the Park at 1:00 pm
- 11th Senior College/Career Day
- 11th PSAT's Grades 9-11
- 16th – 20th Violence Awareness Week
- 6th PAPS Executive Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 18th Booster meeting at 7:00 pm
- 19th Financial Aid Night at 7:00 pm
- 27th – 30th NYSFBC Championships in Syracuse, NY

NEW STAFF & CLASSES FOR 2017-2018

MPHS is excited to welcome the following new teachers, pictured below, left to right:

Byron Blake – PE

Jessica Leigh – English

Frank Kurdyla – Special Ed

Marina Lenihan – Special Ed (not pictured)

Theresa Soda – Guidance Counselor (not pictured)

Kelsey Brentnall – Biology (Student Teacher)

Kathleen McKinless - Instructional Aide

Tim Hamilton – Instructional Aide – (Highland)

Kristin Mikolajczyk – Instructional Aide

Samie Zuidema– Instructional Aide



MPHS EARNS BEST AP SCORES YET!

Twenty MPHS students have been named as Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars, resulting in a new school record of achievement in this challenging field. Our school posted 9 AP Scholars with Distinction; 6 AP Scholars with Honor; and 5 AP Scholars. Students achieved a 92% passing rate and we congratulate our teachers and students on an amazing achievement.

TWO NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS FROM MPHS's CLASS OF 2017

A special congratulations to Will Krag and Tess Steuerwald, MPHS Class of 2017 graduates, who attained the highest Advanced Placement recognition accolade of National AP Scholar.



Welcome back! It's my privilege to serve our students and community as principal of MPHS. I look forward to seeing you at the many events offered this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns: ncapuano@mpsnj.org

NEW COURSES

MPHS continues to provide new courses to meet the needs of our students. This year, we will be offering several new classes to our students:

Introduction to App Design, a semester class taught by Mrs. Vandenberghe.

Accounting I, Business Finance, semester business classes taught by Mrs. Filev.

AP Microeconomics, a full year class taught by Mrs. Bellucco.



MPHS CELEBRATES ITS 60th ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 6-8

With its groundbreaking occurring in 1957, we are pleased to note that this year marks the 60th Anniversary of Midland Park Jr./Sr. High School! The MPHS community invites you to participate in the celebratory weekend events marking this significant occasion. Anniversary recognition events will begin on Friday, October 6th and conclude on Sunday, October 8th. The itinerary for the anniversary weekend is:

Friday, October 6th

"Dress Through the Decades"



The day will begin with current MPHS students coming to school wearing clothes befitting dress of the past six decades. Students may choose to wear dress exemplifying any time period from 1957 through today.

"Open House"

MPHS will host an Open House for alumni and retired staff who would like to visit the school. Guests may visit from 11:30 am through 3:00 pm, and all visitors must report to the Main Office and sign in before entering the building. The Open House Agenda is:

12:20 - 1:10 pm *Lunch in the Media Center*

1:10 - 2:00 pm *School Tours, conducted by our Peer Leaders*

2:00 - 2:50 pm *Fall Student Pep Rally & Broadcasting Program Video Presentation:*

The History of Midland Park



"Decades Dance"



Students in Grades 9-12 will be invited to participate in a "Decades Dance," 7:30-10:00 pm in the gym at High School.

Saturday, October 7th

"Home Football Game"



We're thrilled to host our first home football game in many years! Be sure to be in the stands of the MPHS newly-renovated stadium to cheer on the Midland Park/Waldwick Warriors football team as they compete against the Rutherford Bulldogs! Kickoff will be at 2 pm...you don't want to miss it!

"Alumni Band Pep Music Rehearsal"

From 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm - *Alumni Band Pep Music Rehearsal*. All former band members are welcomed to bring your instrument and sit and play with the current MPHS Marching Band during the home football game. The Alumni Band Members' Rehearsal will be from 12:30-1:15 pm at in the band room. Pre-registration is required, so sign up as an Alumni Band Member beginning September 1st through www.mphsarts.org.

Sunday, October 8th

"Music in the Park XX"



This year's much-anticipated marching band competition for the Donald S. George Trophy will take place on the MPHS stadium field at 1 pm. Twelve area high school bands are scheduled to participate in this exciting annual event, and guests will also enjoy a special exhibition by the Rutgers University Marching Scarlet Knights. Marching Band Alumni will be invited to the scoreboard at the end of the competition to lead out the drum majors for the presentation of the awards.