

MIDLAND PARK JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Winter Choir and Madrigals



The Midland Park High School Concert Choir and Madrigals performed at the Winter Concert on December 14, 2017 at Midland Park High School. The Madrigals, a select group of singers also performed at Valley Hospital in December.

Winter Band Concert

The Band Program presented their Winter Concert on January 11. The night featured the HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, and a culminating performance by the combined groups. Throughout the night the bands featured a variety of music.

While some of the pieces were prepared just for that evening, others will be performed as part of the Wind Ensemble's upcoming performance with the New Jersey Wind Symphony and the entire programs concert tour to California in February.

Growing Toward Sustainability

We are proud to announce that the junior senior high school is working toward Sustainable Jersey For Schools certification. The students, staff, and other stakeholders within the community are actively taking on many actions to earn this honorable award. The district also adopted a Sustainability policy #7461 which is available on our district website. Please visit www.mpsnj.org or contact administration with any questions.



February

- Feb 1: Q2 Assessments
Science and Full Year
Electives
- Feb 5: Staff Development
Day 12:30 pm
Dismissal
- Feb 8: Science League
Competition at 4:00
pm
- Feb 9: HS Band Performs at
NJWS at 7:00 pm
- Feb 12: Brain Busters
Franklin Lakes
Middle School at
12:00pm
- Feb 13-14: Student Senate
Valentine's Bake Sale
- Feb 19-23: Presidents' Week
Recess
- Feb 26: Continuing Ed
Spring Semester
Begins

Winter Sports Update

Girls' Basketball is currently 11-5, and in 1st place in the league. They made it to the 2nd round of the county tournament, and they are hoping to enter the state tournament in a couple weeks as the #1 seed. They are celebrating their senior day on February 8th.

Boys' Basketball is currently 5-11. They are hoping to qualify for the state tournament for the 2nd year in a row. One of their most notable wins came against Waldwick in early January. They were also afforded the opportunity to play a league game at The Barclays Center (home of the Brooklyn Nets). They will be celebrating their senior day on February 14th.

Wrestling is struggling as a team; however, they have had a number of individual accomplishments, including Joseph Parsons approaching 100 victories.

Bowling will compete in their state tournament matches this Saturday, February 3rd at Bowler City in Hackensack.

Winter Track has had a strong season for individual competitors. A number of athletes have broken personal records and won multiple medals at race events.

Spring Sports Update

Registration for spring sports will begin this Saturday, February 3rd.



Meet Mrs. Marks

Mrs. Marks grew up in Verona, NJ and attended Trenton State College, majoring in Biology with a concentration in Secondary Education. She earned her master's degree in Educational Technology from Ramapo College.

Mrs. Marks believes with education comes freedom – freedom to overcome challenges you may be facing and freedom to go after your dreams.

Mrs. Marks began her career teaching at Midland Park in September, 1995, teaching 7th grade Life Science. Over the years she has taught a variety of classes, including 8th grade Earth Science, 8th grade Physical Science, 9th grade Physical Science, and 10th grade Biology. For many years she taught 8th grade science and Environmental Science. Teaching middle school was not Mrs. Marks's original plan when she was in college, but she shared that it was a great experience because she enjoyed watching the amount of growth and learning for students in the middle school years.

In recent years, Mrs. Marks has taken on the challenge of teaching all high school courses. Her main concentration has been Physics, Environmental Science, and Robotics. Mrs. Marks is very excited to be developing our newest science offering – Astronomy.

Parent/School Connection

While speaking with students, we find that the most popular type of e-cigarette used is called a JUUL. The JUUL looks like a flash drive and also charges using a USB port on a computer/laptop. The junior senior high school is taking many proactive approaches to address our concerns with student use of e-cigarettes and vaping. An e-cigarette/vaping assembly was scheduled on February 7, 2018 for the entire student body. Our Broadcasting class also worked in conjunction with administration to create an informative public service announcement (PSA), which will be aired on the Midland Park public access channel and through our school.

Please log onto our district website at www.mpsnj.org. Here we provide links to resources, the assembly PowerPoint presentation, and the student-created PSA.

Guidance Corner

To all high school students looking for a job: please come to the Guidance Office and check out the bulletin board with latest job opportunities; working papers are available in the Main Office.

To all students planning to take the March 10th SAT: the online registration deadline is February 9th and the online late registration deadline is February 28th.

