

Panther News

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Teachers of the Year



Congratulations to Raina Parvanov-Dawson receiving Midland Park High School Teacher. Dr. Raina Parvanov-Dawson has been teaching biology at Midland Park High School for 13 years after completing her Education degree at Seton Hall University. Dr. Parvanov-Dawson grew up in Germany near the French border in a beautiful wine-growing region well-known for producing Riesling white wines.

While completing her Masters of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Dr. Parvanov-Dawson conducted a nine-month field research project on the Pacific Island of Samoa. Her doctoral work in Agricultural Sciences focused on helping farmers dispose animal waste products in an environmentally friendly and cost-efficient manner.

Dr. Parvanov-Dawson enjoys working with students in both the Recycling Club and Science League, and she has been an active member of the school's Green Team Initiative. When not teaching, Dr. Parvanov-Dawson is active outdoors (hiking, biking, cross-country skiing), visits historical museums, and travels.

Guidance Corner

Reminder: Student preliminary schedules will be mailed Memorial Day Weekend for students in grades 9-12 (without teacher's names). Please use the month of June to add/drop.

Summer school options are posted on the guidance website.

Check this website for summer assignments.

Guidance Summer Hours:

June 27- 29	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
July 30	11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
July 31	8:00 AM - 11:30 PM
August 1	11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
August 2	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 28-31	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Craig Rush Summer Hours:

12:00 – 4:00 PM
July 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8, 20

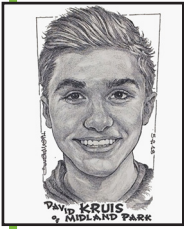


June

May 31	Holocaust Study Tour to Washington DC
June 6	County Band Festival 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
June 7	Eighth Grade Trip Junior/Senior Prom
June 8	Eighth Grade Moving Up Ceremony 2:00 PM
June 8	Eighth Grade Celebration - Highland Gym 7:30 PM
June 13	Underclass Awards Ceremony 7:00 PM Spring Athletic Awards 8:00 PM
June 14	Q4 Marking Period Ends
June 15	Student Government Elections
June 20-22	Graduation Practice
June 22	Graduation 7:00PM
June 27	Q4 Grades Posted

Athletes of the Week

David Kruis



Sport: Baseball

Class: Junior

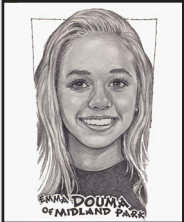
Age: 17

Accomplishment: As a pitcher, Kruis threw 2 shutouts in one week, striking out 11 and

allowing 10 singles and 2 walks in 12 innings combined. Defensively as a right fielder, he threw out the potential go-ahead run at home plate in a 3-3 tie game in the bottom of the fourth inning against Dwight-Englewood in a game that Midland Park eventually won, 6-4, in a five-inning rain-shortened contest. Offensively, he reached base in eight out of 11 plate appearances during the week.

"David is a quiet competitor. He has a lot of confidence. He's not afraid of the moment. He's a coach's dream."

- Coach Frank Clark



Emma Douma

Sport: Softball

Class: Freshman

Age: 15

Accomplishment: Douma, a pitcher, struck out 30 and

allowed just two earned runs for an 0.67 ERA in going 3-0 for the week, including fanning 10 in leading Midland Park to a 3-1 upset win over Hasbrouck Heights for the team's first Bergen County tournament victory in three years. Offensively, she batted .409 with six RBI's and no strikeouts for the week.

"She is one of our up-and-coming stars. She is a very talented freshman. She is definitely hitting her stride right now."

- Coach Dino Eliopoulos



Meet Mr. Ferriday

Mr. Ferriday graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1970. Coming from a class of 750 students, where he felt like a number, he chose small Waynesburg College in the quiet hills of western Pennsylvania. At Waynesburg he majored in English. He also ran cross country and track, secured the lead roles in several theatrical musicals and he went on long bicycle rides through the beautiful landscape of Appalachia. "I saw

many poor people in New Brunswick while I was growing up, but the poor people of the coal-producing Appalachian Mountains, many who lived in houses no bigger than a storage shed, really opened my eyes to the world. It affected how I've viewed everything since."

Upon graduation, Mr. Ferriday taught English at Bridgeton High School in Cumberland County, South Jersey. After a disastrous first year of teaching, where three of his five classes didn't even have books, he got a job in the credit department of Englewood Hospital. "Everyone in a hospital is there to make the patient feel better - except the people who call about your hospital bill. The credit department wasn't my cup of tea." So he left when his daughter was born in 1980.

"My wife had a much better job than mine at the time. She was the city editor of the Morristown Daily Record, so I became a 'stay-at-home' dad." While "daddy-ing," Mr. Ferriday earned a masters degree in art at William Paterson University. "I often brought my one-year old daughter to sculpture class on Saturday mornings because my wife had to work." Eventually, after his daughter had grown a bit, Mr. Ferriday was hired by Midland Park High School in 1983 to teach art and English. "I'm very proud and appreciative of this school system. Both of my kids graduated from MPHS. It has prepared them extremely well for life. It's a great school system."

Since 1983 Mr. Ferriday has been a cross country and track coach at MPHS. "Being a coach has helped me get to know so many students over the years. There's a lot of 'down' time at track meets, and that's when you get to chat and simply be with people." During his tenure at MPHS, Mr. Ferriday earned a masters degree in English, and then created and taught several new courses: Film and Literature, Creative Writing, Sculpture, and a Modern Art History class.

When asked what he'll miss the most after he retires, Mr. Ferriday paused and said, "After 35 years I've gotten pretty used to the routine. But I'm not like Brooks in the Shawshank Redemption. I mean, I am a bit 'institutionalized,' but I'm also like Tim Robbins's character. So don't be surprised if you get postcards and invitations from New Mexico, not the coast of old Mexico, like Morgan Freeman does. Plus, I'm not much of a fisherman - the desert is fine for me."

Biology Team

The Biology Team fosters interests in life sciences and participates in competitions throughout the year. The Biology Team recently won first place for the year within their division:

- 1st Midland Park
- 2nd Indian Hills
- 3rd Northern Highlands
- 4th Ramsey
- 5th Ramapo
- 6th Mahwah



Green Challenge

Our school community saved 19,248 one way plastic bottles from December 2017 to May 2018 by using the new water fountains. The challenge to reduce the use of one way plastic bottles was presented during the December 2017 Pep Rally, and the results exceeded our expectations. The challenge will help to work towards our school's goal to reduce the amount of waste produced!



A Small School Powerhouse

MP Golf Team members Corey O'Keefe (Sr), Mikey Folignani (Jr), Kyle Sansone (Jr), Joseph Furlong (Jr), and Matt Diani (So) were joined this year by freshmen John Skudera and Sean Furlong. This seven man team push and support each other on and off the course. After a stellar 2017 Golf Season (20-0, NJIC Division 2 Championship),

MP Boys Golf continues to earn the "powerhouse" label in 2018. The 2018 season continued to surprise the North Jersey Golf Community and was filled with firsts.

The team started the season with a first – an exclusive invite to compete in the 15th annual Garden State Cup at Blue Heron Golf Club along with 21 of the best teams in New Jersey on April 9th. The prestigious tournament is one of the premiere annual events on the NJ high school golf scene. The Panthers carded a shoot-five, count-four score of 343 to finish in a tie for 12th in their first big 18-Hole Tournament. Congratulations to Joe 82, Mikey 84, Kyle 84, Corey 92, and Matt 93.

Next came the team's debut at the Arcola Boys Invitational at Arcola Country Club on April 30th. In a 14-team event that featured most of the Bergen County elite, Midland Park finished 4th! Congratulations to Joseph Furlong 78, who tied for 6th Best Individual Score, Mikey 89, Corey 90, Sean 94, and Matt 95.

After a 1 point 9-hole loss to Dwight-Englewood (170-169) on May 3rd to end MP's 31-0 undefeated run, the Panthers came out strong on May 7th at the 8th Annual NJIC Golf Championship at Valley Brook GC. MP carded a shoot-four, count-four score of 318 (second best score in NJIC history) to repeat the Division 2 Title Win, finishing 21 shots ahead of Dwight-Englewood. Joseph 74 – Best Individual Score, Mikey 78 – 3rd Best Individual Score, Corey 80 – 5th, and Kyle 86 – 9th. All four Panthers placed in the top nine in the 8-team Division 2 category!

Final Exam Schedule

Senior Exams

Day	Exam 1	Exam 2
Tuesday, June 12	Review Day	
Wednesday, June 13	Review Day	
Thursday, June 14	Period 1	Period 2
Friday, June 15	Period 3	Period 4
Monday, June 18	Period 7	Period 8
Tuesday, June 19	Period 5	Period 6

Underclass Exams

Day	Exam 1	Exam 2
Monday, June 18	Review Day	
Tuesday, June 19	Review Day	
Wednesday, June 20	Period 1	Period 2
Thursday, June 21	Period 3	Period 4
Friday, June 22	Period 7	Period 8
Monday, June 25	Period 5	Period 6
Tuesday, June 26	Make-Up	Make-Up