

Panther News

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Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to Jack Ferriday on receiving Bergen County Teacher of the Year for the high school and Jackie Goodell for the middle school.

Their interactions with the students, staff and parents are positive while functioning as frontline advocates for the students between home and school. They foster an appropriate environment for learning and explore creative alternatives to enable all

students to achieve their fullest potential.

They interact with students in ways that demonstrate professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion, and concern for the whole child. They support student achievement of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards while addressing the educational, social, and emotional needs of all students.

Guidance Corner

The Guidance Department is proud to announce that we will be offering two new classes next year: "Astronomy," which is a semester class open to all juniors and seniors, and "Digital Design," which is a new 8th grade exploratory class that will encompass internet safety and social media etiquette.

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.

Please take advantage of the Dual Enrollment classes being offered at the high school. The program has been in effect for two years now. These are weighted honors classes, where students have the potential to earn college credits. The 2018-2019 course selection has now expanded to the following classes:

- Computer Programing Honors - Seton Hall
- Web Design Honors - Seton Hall
- Holocaust Studies Honors - Kean University
- Dynamics of Health Care- Rutgers University
- Medical Terminology Honors - Rutgers University



April

- Apr 25: Spring Choir Concert
- Apr 23-27: Cultural Awareness Week
- Apr 26: World Language Honor Society Induction 2:00 pm
- Apr 26: NHS Induction 7:00 pm

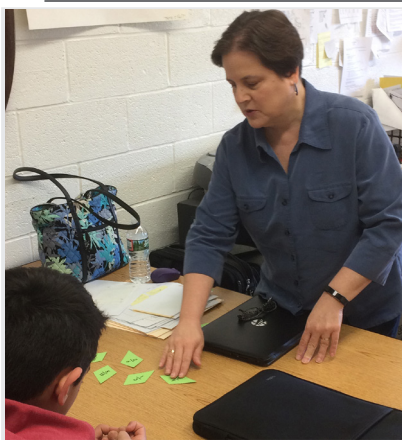
May

- May 2: 7th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm
- May 3: Jr. High Spring Concert 7:30 pm
- May 23: Band Spring Concert
- May 25: Car Crash Simulation 2:00 pm
- May 30: Senior Awards Dinner at The Tides 7:00

National Honor Society Inductions

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 in Memorial Hall:

Matthew Bonnacaze
Eric Borntrager
Matthew Canellas
Michael Folignani
Aidan Friars
Madeline Fuhr
Katy Hartmann
Meaghan Healy
Jillian Hosier
Emma Lein
Colleen Long
Timothy Meima
Noelle Mena
Mackenzie O'Hanlon
George Schmidt
Parker Shapiro
Claire Sheridan
Joseph Tuosto
Helena Van Vliet
Sabrina Vander Wiele



Meet Mrs. Seiders

Mrs. Therese Seiders grew up in Cresskill, NJ, the fourth of six children. She graduated from Marywood University, in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a degree in Special Education. She earned her Master's degree in reading at William Paterson University. Mrs. Seiders began her career in Midland Park, where she met her mentor and future mother-in-law Arlene Seiders. She introduced Therese to her son Jay, a graduate of Midland Park High School, and they were married two years later. They have one daughter Kaylee, who is currently

a sophomore in college.

Recounting her life-long desire to be a teacher, Mrs. Seiders explained, "Ever since I can remember I wanted to be a teacher except for a short period of time when I wanted to be an astronaut! It wasn't until high school that I learned about Special Education and that there were alternate ways of teaching students who struggle with learning in traditional classrooms. I knew immediately that was the area I wanted to study."

During her career at Midland Park, she has taught in grades 7-12, mostly as a pull-out teacher of English, math and study skills. Mrs. Seiders said, "What I enjoy most about my job is that by working with smaller classes, I can get to know my students very well. They are always challenging me and pushing me every year to be better than the last."

Mrs. Seiders stated, "My favorite teaching moments are those that happen when my students are able to make connections between content we are learning in class to something in their lives. They are motivated and excited when they see the purpose in what they are learning, and this inspires me to continue to be creative and work hard for them."

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Midland Park High School recently held its 4th Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 24th, 2018. Inductees ranged from administrators and coaches to alumni athletes. The celebratory evening was a great success. Honorees and guests shared many heartfelt stories of the new inductees. The Hall of Fame Committee will begin its search for the Class of 2020 inductees this summer.

Golf Team

The Boys' Golf Team began this season right where they left off in 2017! The Golf Team is currently 8-0 and are not only looking to repeat as League Champs, but also to make some noise at the state level. Due to their strong season last year, the team qualified for both the Garden State Cup (top 30 teams in the state), and the Arcola Invitational on April 30th. With top four players senior Corey O'Keefe and juniors Michael Folignani, Joe Furlong, and Kyle Sansone, this team could set a precedent that would be very hard to achieve again.

World Language Honor Society Inductions

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into the World Language Honor Society on Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 in Memorial Hall:

Spanish Honor Society

Gustave Bickert
William Bonnacaze
Ciara Caraballo
Matthew Diani
Emilie Ghalam
Deborah Gonzalez
Mackenzie Kamp
Megan Lawton
Emma Lein
Kate Leonard
Gillian Luberoff
Benjamin McDonald
Olivia Mancuso
Liza Miller
Mackenzie O'Hanlon
Christa Sasso
Adham Samour
Claire Sheridan
Emily Tannler
Lindsay Vreeland

French Honor Society

Nicholas Fastuca
Ludovic Guerdat
Elizabeth Herlihy
Daniel Keegan
Andrew Krag
Theresa Olson
William Schmidt
Ronald Sgambati
Hannah Zbierski