

Superintendent's Message

With fall in full swing, the weather changing, and Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is easy to forget that we are still early in the school year and the first day of school is not that far behind us. The opening of school presents the opportunity for new beginnings and exciting changes; for students, staff, families, and certainly the new school superintendent! After a summer spent recharging, resetting, and/or preparing, the first day of school was exciting for all of us because it marked the arrival of new chances to learn, grow, and succeed. New teachers, new grade levels and courses, new activities, and new friends are all examples of the exciting possibilities our students encounter each September. Even now, two months into the school year, opportunities continue to present themselves. We encourage all our students to remember that the story of their 2017-2018 school year is still theirs to write and they can continue to fill it with new adventures and accomplishments. With the support of parents and guardians, family and friends, community members, and school staff, we hope that all our students will continue to set ambitious goals, work hard, and embrace their new opportunities to learn and grow.

Having recently relocated with my family from Saratoga County to join the Midlakes family, I can relate to the wide range of emotions that can accompany a new adventure. The whirlwind of anticipation, activity, and possibility that has marked the past few months of our lives has also served as a reminder of the mix of excitement and anxiety our students sometimes feel when they encounter change. As the collective support system that makes our students' success possible, it is important for all of us to understand the challenges they face daily; academically, socially, and emotionally. Learning, in each of these contexts, can be demanding and uncomfortable for any student. Fortunately, our students enjoy the same benefit that has enabled my family to make a smooth and successful transition to Midlakes – an amazing community of caring and welcoming staff members, neighbors, and friends who take pride in supporting the success of others. I am confident that in this type of environment, all Midlakes students can enjoy success. As an educator, parent, and member of this community, I am excited to share in the work of supporting our children and helping them to achieve amazing outcomes.

It has been an exciting fall, filled with many examples of the supportive environment, hard work, and sense of pride that make Midlakes a positive place to learn and work. On September 19, all students from Kindergarten through grade twelve had the opportunity to attend assemblies presented by Sweethearts & Heroes, a character education program with a long history of combatting bullying in schools by teaching about the power of empathy and hope. With presentations customized to specific ages and grade levels, Sweethearts & Heroes provided our students with realistic strategies to become heroes to peers who feel isolated and alone and provide hope to those who are feeling hopeless. Throughout the first week of October, Midlakes pride was on full display as students and staff across the district engaged in spirit activities, leading up to Homecoming on Friday, October 6. For the second straight year, the Homecoming festivities were highlighted by a parade of floats, a performance by Downbeat Percussion, food trucks before and during the game, and fireworks immediately following. It was a great night of community building and celebration of Midlakes school spirit, and a tremendous example of student leadership and planning! On October 10, all staff participated in a Superintendent's Conference Day, featuring a simulation activity designed to help us better understand the challenges faced by students and families living in or on the edges of poverty. It was a valuable learning opportunity that will enrich our ability to educate and meet the needs of students from all backgrounds. Finally, groups of teachers throughout the district have continued to pilot our personalized learning initiative by engaging in professional development activities, collaborating with their colleagues, and experimenting with new teaching strategies to meet the unique learning needs of our students. The hard work and excitement generated by these teachers is a sign of great things to come as we continue to adapt and develop our instructional practices to prepare our students for the future.

These are just a few examples of the great things that have been happening this fall. Together, they represent the diverse types of work that help to create a positive and supportive learning environment and promote high levels of student achievement. The school year is off to a great start and our school community is dedicated to continuing this momentum. Thank you for your continued support of our work and we look forward to seeing you at school activities and functions in the months ahead!

With Midlakes Pride,
Matthew Sickles



Date: November 28, 2017
Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Midlakes High School Auditorium
Adult: \$8.00 (presale) \$10.00 at the door
Student: \$5.00

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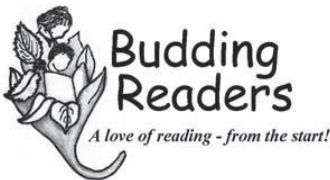
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Midlakes Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know of a Midlakes graduate who has made significant contributions to the community? The newly formed Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Applications are currently available in the district office or on our website at www.midlakes.org under the District tab. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction event next spring. Nominees to the Midlakes Graduates of Distinction program shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

- Nominees must have graduated from Midlakes High School at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. The committee may waive the graduation time limit requirement in certain circumstances, as it deems necessary.
- Significant achievement after attending Midlakes High School which include:
 - Educational achievements
 - Professional achievements
 - Job related achievements
 - Honors, awards, professional affiliations, publications
 - Civic or community involvement
 - Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration
- Guidelines for selection include:
 - Should be of high moral character
 - Should be a graduate of Midlakes High School
 - Committee could take into consideration candidates who have contributed to the school or community in a significant way as an honorary inductee even though the candidate may not have graduated from Midlakes

Nominations must be submitted by November 1 of each year to:
Graduates of Distinction Committee
Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD
c/o District Office
1490 State Route 488
Clifton Springs, NY 14432



FREE BOOKS
FOR YOUR BABY!!!

Midlakes parents of babies under 12 months old can receive a “bundle” of free books and a parent guidebook by contacting the Budding Readers Program at:

EMAIL: midlakes@buddingreaders.org
PHONE: Janice at 315-462-3217
WEB SITE: www.buddingreaders.org

Budding Readers is a local non-profit organization founded in 2007. Our mission is to educate, encourage and equip parents of Ontario County to read with their infants and young children as a natural part of their daily routine.



MIDLAKES POOL
POOL SCHEDULE

Open swim - Wed. Fri. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
\$1 students/\$3 adults/\$5.00 family/\$2 Senior lap swim
Lap swim - Mon. Wed. Fri. 6:00-7:30 a.m.
Lap swim - Mon. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Tues. thru Friday 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Lap swim passes \$50.00 for 20 times
WATER AEROBICS
Water aerobics - Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Water aerobics - Tues. Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Aerobic drop in \$5.00; Passes for 20 Classes
Adult pass \$70.00/Senior pass \$60.00
BIRTHDAY PARTIES
Group pool parties - Saturdays 12:00-4:00 p.m. upon request
\$45.00/hour pool fee; \$25.00/hour room fee
Swim Boosters swim lessons
Registration date December 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the pool
Tentative lesson dates: Jan. 6, 13, 27 and Feb. 3 & 10
Pool Questions - call 315-548-6451

MIDLAKES PERFORMING ARTS
CALENDAR 2017-2018

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| November 2-5 | MHS Fall Theatre Show, Black Box Theatre |
| November 16 | Parent Night at MIS band room for instrumental music sign-ups, 7pm |
| November 17-18 | Sr High Area All-State (selected students only @ Batavia) |
| November 18- 21 | Senior Trip to Washington DC |
| Nov. 27 - Dec. 2 | Spring Musical Auditions in Auditorium |
| November 28 | MHS chorus with RPO, 7:30pm, MHS Aud. |
| December 1 | Volunteer musicians at Clifton Springs Festival of Lights, Time TBA |
| December 2 | Volunteer musicians at Phelps Tree Lighting Ceremony & Parade, Time TBA |
| December 9 | All-County auditions in Canandaigua, time TBA |
| December 13 | MMS/MHS Holiday Band & Chorus Concert, 7 pm, MHS Auditorium |
| December 14 | Snow date for winter concerts |
| December 19 | MIS Holiday Band & Chorus Concert, 7 pm, MHS Auditorium |
| January 12 | Cabaret Night, MMS & MHS Jazz Bands, MHS vocalists, 7 pm, MMS Cafe |
| January 13 | Cabaret snow date |
| January 26, 27 | Jr/Sr High All-County band & chorus |
| January 27 | Percussion Ensemble show |
| February 2 & 3 | Elementary All-County chorus & band Festival |
| February 3 | Percussion Ensemble Show |
| February 7-10 | MHS Band Trip to Florida |

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

With the approaching change in weather, it is important to dress your student appropriately. If a bus breaks down or they need to change from bus to bus, students need warmer jackets.

WELCOME - New Midlakes Staff

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| Melissa Kuter | .5 Art Teacher |
| Elizabeth Smith | .5 Elem. Music Teacher |
| Sarah Grossman | MS Sp Ed Teacher |
| Kristin Brunetto | HS Counselor |
| Brienne Stratton | Living Environment Teacher |
| Christian Conrad | Business Teacher |
| Aaron Austin | 6th Gr Sp Ed Teacher |
| Kayleigh Sheppard | 5th Gr Teacher |
| Elizabeth Grillo | .67 PE Teacher |
| Nicholas Smith | Cleaner |
| Genevieve Martin | Food Service Helper |
| James McBride | School Monitor |
| Taylor Warner | Teacher Aide |
| Melissa Tuccio | Bus Driver |
| Amber Wiebeld | MPS Office Secretary |
| Mary Jo Peake | District Office Secretary |
| Matthew Sickles | Superintendent of Schools |
| Tracy Marshall | Business Administrator |
| Melodie Yannotti | Transportation Director |

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Another reminder that Midlakes Schools are always collecting General Mills Box Tops. The box tops can be sent to the Intermediate School to the attention of Ms. dePorter. As always, please be sure to check the expiration dates as they have no value if they have expired. If you would trim around the dotted lines, that saves a lot of preparation time. Thank you all for your continued support of this simple and easy fund-raiser. All proceeds benefit the Midlakes students.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND NOTIFICATION

In a continued effort to improve communication with parents, please note that our district is now using School Messenger Parent Notification System. In the event of an emergency, we have the ability to reach all parents right away in a matter of minutes. The telephone system may also be used for announcements of school closings or general school news. In addition, the following will broadcast emergency closings: TV Channels: WROC8, NEWS10, WHAM13, WSTM3 & Time Warner Cable. Radio Stations: WHAM (1180 AM), WACK/WUUF (1420 AM/103.5 FM), Finger Lakes Radio Group, WARM/WPXY/WCMF/The ZONE (101.3 FM/97.9 FM/96.5 FM/94.1 FM), WYLF AM, K101.7 FM, WNYR (98.5 FM)



SWEETHEARTS & HEROES

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PRESENTATIONS
AT MIDLAKES

On Tuesday, September 19, former UFC fighter Tom Murphy and Army Veteran Rick Yarosh visited Midlakes bringing their message of Sweethearts and Heroes. This program’s goal is to educate society about the impact bullying has on all our schools, our neighborhoods, and individuals. Their unique perspective, action plan (for every member of the bullying cycle), and unmatched ignition to make change puts Sweethearts and Heroes at the top of the list when it comes to changing schools’ climates.

Midlakes Middle School has already begun the initiative to create this climate by implementing initiatives such as 1st Fridays, motivational displays, Welcoming Committees, Peer Leader initiatives, Sweetheart and Hero nominations, and practicing bully drills in Physical Education. The message that was brought to Midlakes is something that we would like to see sustained within our school. Staff and students have embraced the message and are working together to create a culture of tolerance and positivity.

For more information on the Sweethearts and Heroes program, check them out online at www.sweetheartsandheroes.com



SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING
DRUGS & ALCOHOL

Student health and safety is our highest priority. We will continue to work proactively and respond swiftly to any situation that interferes with this goal.

The Midlakes School District has a zero-tolerance policy regarding drugs and alcohol on school grounds and at all school-sponsored events. We are committed to providing a safe, drug-free and alcohol-free environment for all our students. Students who possess, use, or distribute drugs and/or alcohol on school grounds or at school-sponsored events are subject to serious consequences according to our Code of Conduct. Incidents involving illegal substances are referred to local law enforcement. The district also works collaboratively with local agencies to access resources to promote a drug-free and alcohol-free environment and support our students as they encounter these challenges.

When a student violates any aspect of the Code of Conduct, our administrators communicate confidentially with the parent/guardian of that student. We are bound by law and respect the privacy of our students and their families. We also believe that while students make mistakes and must deal with the consequences of their actions, they must also be given the opportunity to learn and recover from those mistakes. Confidentiality regarding student behavior and discipline is an essential part of the learning and recovery process.

Please be assured that if any situation or incident threatens the health or safety of our school community, the district will communicate appropriately to all parents while still protecting the privacy of individual students

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we work to keep our students safe and promote a healthy and productive learning environment.

MIDLAKES HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Midlakes was the proud host of the Special Olympics New York Super Regional Softball Tournament and skills competition on September 30th. The show of support from the community and local organizations who came out to volunteer and cheer on the participants was outstanding. The event was a huge success for all who participated.

The competition had over 200 athletes participate in the softball tournament and the skills competition. The skills competition consisted of a softball throw, a timed trip running the bases, hitting, and fielding skills. There



was an athlete who struggled to get themselves to their feet and hold their balance to participate in the events. It would have been easy for them to just give up and not come out, but they persevered and pushed on to compete. The will and determination of the athletes competing in the individual skills competition took your breath away. We had 15 teams compete in a round robin style tournament to determine who the regional champions would be for the season. The teams that participated this year were the LAI Swingers, LAI Trash Talkers, Finger Lakes Panthers, Finger Lakes Jaguars, Great Tigers, Genesee Valley Splash, Holcomb Rockets, Allegany Green Machine, Lancaster Cardinals, Canisius, Cheektowaga, Broome-Tioga Phantoms, Broome-Tioga Panthers, and Onondaga. The Finger lakes Jaguars won gold and were coached by Midlakes own Skip Vine. He has dedicated his time for many years to help coach this fine group of athletes. It was an outstanding day to watch each one of these athletes compete for the love of

the game. The athletes embody what sportsmanship is all about. When an athlete was running to the wrong base, the catcher on the other team helped them by guiding them to the correct base. This lead to them being safe and not getting the out. To watch them cheer on their teammates and the opposing team when they made a great play and pick them up when they made a mistake was heartwarming. These athletes overcome great odds every day and still have a great outlook on life. They are role models to many of the volunteers that take the time to help them in their daily lives. It was an honor to host such an amazing event and we look forward to host many more just like it.



Special
Olympics
New York

PTO NEWS

Midlakes Parents Teacher Organization (PTO) was excited to kick off another great year this fall. On October 6, some of our students donned handmade costumes that resembled characters and enjoyed the homecoming parade as part of the PTO’s float modeled after “It’s The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.” Later in the month, PTO members delivered pumpkins to all of the classroom teachers in the Primary School and sponsored a decorating contest. Each classroom was challenged to create a favorite literary character. The students voted on winners, who received books for their classrooms. Also this season, the organization held its annual Spirit & Pride sale, supported funds to help purchase the Kindergarteners’ tee shirts, held a candy guessing game in the library at MPS/MIS, and participated in Board of Education appreciation activities.



It’s never too late to join the PTO! The group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Board Room (103) at MPS. Email midlakespto@gmail.com for more details. Follow us on Twitter & Facebook for updates on all of our activities.



NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED

Tracy Marshall has joined the Midlakes staff as the district’s new Business Administrator. Tracy’s first day at Midlakes was October 16. She comes to the district from the Geneseo CSD where she was in her 8th year as business administrator. We are thrilled to have found someone with Tracy’s qualifications and experience. In addition to her experience with budget development and school finance, she was also responsible for the general supervision of the buildings and grounds, transportation, and food service departments. We wish Tracy the best in her new position at Midlakes.

ONE EAGLE / ONE HEART



This fall the Middle School Art club hit the ground running with a school wide installation focusing on school unity. Students, faculty, staff and some younger siblings all pitched in to help create the colorful eagle wings entitled “One Eagle One Heart.” Students from 7th through 12th grade, whether Art students or not, had a chance to design and contribute an individual feather to the installation. Other students helped to cut out and assemble the hundreds of original feathers. The end result was assembled in time for the Middle and High School open house night, for the whole community to see.

DISTRICT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Superintendent 548-6420
District Office, 1490 Rt. 488, Clifton Springs
Business Administrator 548-6434
Payroll Clerk 332-7436 CBO-Newark
Tax Collector 548-6437
Buildings & Grounds 548-6465

Committee on Special Education, 1554 Rt. 488, C.S.
Special Programs & Services 548-6440

Midlakes Primary School, 1500 Rt. 488., C.S.
Main Office 548-6700
Nurse’s Office 548-6720
BOCES 548-6760

Midlakes Intermediate School, 1510 Rt. 488, C.S.
Main Office 548-6900
Nurse’s Office 548-6920
BOCES 548-6760

Midlakes Middle School, 1550 Rt. 488, C.S.
Main Office 548-6600
Nurse’s Office 548-6320
Guidance Office 548-6600
Food Service 548-6415
BOCES 548-6631

Midlakes High School, 1554 Rt. 488, C.S.
Main Office 548-6300
Nurse’s Office 548-6320
Guidance Office 548-6310
Athletic Director 548-6450
Pool Director 548-6451

Bus Garage, 2117 Rt. 96, Clifton Springs
Supervisor/Office 548-6400

MHS INTERACT CLUB (Clifton Springs Rotary)
SKATING PARTIES SCHEDULE FOR 2017-18

The MHS Interact Club and the Clifton Springs Rotary Club will sponsor the following roller skating parties at the Midlakes Intermediate School Gym for the 2017-18 school year from 6:00-7:30pm at a cost of \$5.00 on the following dates:

Tuesdays Gr. K-2, Wednesdays Gr. 3-4, Thursdays Gr. 5-6
Tues, Nov 28; Wed, Nov 29; Thurs, Nov 30
Tues, Jan 23; Wed, Jan 24; Thurs, Jan 25
All proceeds go to community projects.

The Midlakes High School Interact Club is sponsored by the Clifton Springs Rotary Club for students Grades 7-12. The Interact Club’s purpose is “Service above Self” providing student led community projects with Rotarian & School support. Interact meetings are monthly after school in Mrs. Erin Everson’s room at Midlakes High School. Check it out!

If you would like more information,
email one of the following advisors:
Tina Bounds at Tina.Bounds@communitybankna.com
Theresa Dorgan at Theresa.Dorgan@communitybankna.com
Linda Lindner at blindner@fltg.net

HOMECOMING 2017



Homecoming was a resounding success again this year. Advisor Donna Borrelli, Teacher Aide, lead a group of MHS students, Coby Reals, Katie Bennett, Jacob Wright, Samantha Geisel, and Aidan Cort for this event.



The group started their planning months in advance to put on another stellar homecoming event.



Homecoming festivities included Downbeat Percussion (the official drumline of the Buffalo Bills), food trucks, fireworks, and a huge, appreciative crowd.

Thanks also to the Football Boosters, Youth to Youth, Student Council, and the students and staff for helping to make this event a success. Everyone is already looking forward to Homecoming activities next year!



Elementary School News & More

PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The annual Parent Volunteer Training was held at Midlakes Primary School on September 26 and 27. Thank you to the 36 parents who were able to attend. Anyone who received training this year or in the past is welcome to volunteer in the Primary building. Please contact the office (315-548-6700) or your child’s teacher directly to volunteer. An area of need, in addition to the classroom, is the cafeteria. Please come and be a part of the MPS community.



FIRE PREVENTION AT MPS

Students had an opportunity to learn about fire prevention at Midlakes Primary School on October 11. The district is thankful to the Clifton Springs and Phelps Fire Departments for volunteering their time to spend the day with the students. Students enjoyed the safety presentations and the opportunity to tour the fire trucks. They also loved the fire hats and bags

containing magnets, stickers and informational pamphlets that were so generously provided.



INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS



We have the most amazing library in the world, and it just got even better. With the addition of the Arts and Crafts Island in the library, and the Makerspace, which includes the Lego wall, Ozobots, Magnetix, Gears, Snap Circuit Boards, and the News Studio, the library has become a place of scientific and creative discovery. It is amazing to see the process involved in making and designing, as if we are witnessing scientists and mathematicians in the making! It’s all about active learning, which makes our library the heart and soul of our schools. The excitement is contagious.



CLASS TRIP TO FISH HATCHERY

Mr. Sleeman’s aquaculture and agriculture business classes traveled to Pulaski, NY on October 18, 2017. They visited the Salmon River Fish Hatchery run by the New York State DEC. The students learned about the science and technology involved to maintain the chinook and coho salmon species in Lake Ontario. They were able to witness an unbelievable run of salmon in the fish ladder located at the hatchery. Students were up close and personal with the world class fishery.

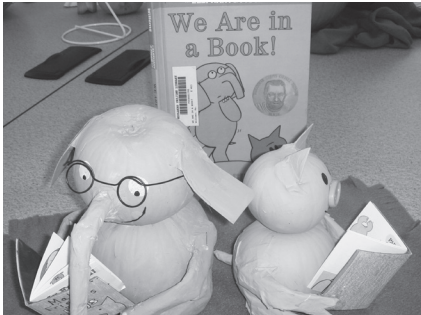
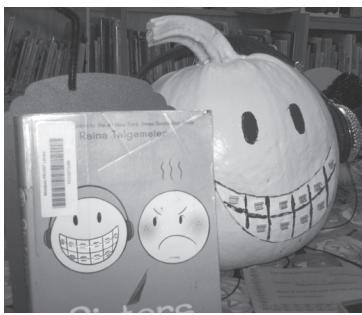


They enjoyed watching the thousands of fish enter the hatchery to be spawned out. We also learned that the fishing industry in lake Ontario is over a 200 million dollar industry. Overall it was an incredible experience!

MIS MUSIC NEWS

Midlakes Intermediate Band will have a Parent Information Night on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm in the MIS Cafeteria. This meeting will introduce parents to lesson and band requirements. We will also highlight the instrument rental program. Anyone with an interested child is encouraged to attend.

PUMPKIN DECORATING AT MIS



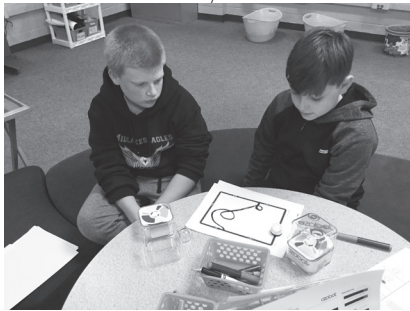
The Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest was held again this year for students in grades 3-6. Students chose a character, title or theme relating to a book or a series of books from the library or from home. Pumpkins or gourds were decorated to look like a character, or to relate the title, theme or series from their chosen books. The children were able to use a multitude of supplies such as paper, felt, cloth, props, markers, paint, etc. However, they could not cut their pumpkins. Winners received a gift certificate to the book fair in November.

Coby Reals, a Midlakes high school student, recently donated Tops gift cards to the Oncology Unit at the Clifton Springs Hospital. Coby raised the money for the gift cards by creating and hosting “Night Terrors - A Bone Chilling Charity” in downtown Clifton Springs this past October. What a fine young man and an example for all of us to follow.



MIDLAKES MAKERSPACE NEWS

There's so much for students to do in the new Makerspace! Building with Legos, coding with robots, and creating SNAP circuits are just some of the things students are busily doing in the new Makerspace at the Primary/Intermediate building. Each morning the Intermediate school broadcasts their morning announcements live from the Makerspace, which allow students from the hallway to see the live recording happen in real time. The Makerspace extends into the library with markers, paper, scissors, and so much more all waiting for students to unleash their creativity. Makerspaces are popping up across the country in communities, libraries, and even schools.



Various tools are made available to Makerspace visitors along with workshops that can potentially range from stained glass to welding, felting to woodworking, and 3d printing to Legos. Makerspaces encourage innovation and recognize that

everyone has the ability to create. Midlakes collaborated with Leah Hamilton of the Phelps Library, which has a Makerspace available to the public. At Midlakes we can’t wait to see the amazing things that students create in this new space and with the tools that they have been given.





Middle/High School News

2017 Midlakes Athletic Hall of Fame

The Midlakes Athletic Hall of Fame would like to congratulate its 2017 inductees:
The 2006 boys’ volleyball team, Zach Maslyn, and coach Carl Spoto. The 2006 Boys’ Varsity Volleyball Team were Finger Lakes League champions with a record of 10 wins, 0 losses and Section V champions with a record of 22 wins, 5 losses. They also won the Central Western Volleyball Officials’ Sportsmanship Award. The team was coached by Kyle Salisbury and included sophomores Jake Clyde, Erin Kelly, Dan Mowrey and EJ Wells-Spicer; juniors Josh DeBoover, Tyler DiCicco, and Tony Mineo; and seniors AJ DeSain, Peter Fellenz and Neil Scheible.

Zach Maslyn won two varsity letters in baseball, two in basketball and three in golf. In baseball Zach had a team high .377 batting average, won the team MVP award and played in the Exceptional Seniors Game. In basketball he won the Most Improved Player Award and the Midlakes Athletic Association Coaches Award for outstanding skills, sportsmanship, coachability and dedication in 2006. In golf Zach was 1st Team All League twice, 2nd Team All League once, qualified for the League Tournament all three years and played in the State Qualifier at Oak Hill.

Carl Spoto will enter the Hall as a coach. He was coach of the year in Boys’ Track three times and led the Midlakes Track Team to league championships nine times. He was coach of the year in Girls’ Soccer in 2010 and led the girls to 3 out of 4 sectional semi-final berths in Midlakes history.

This year’s inductees were recognized at halftime of the homecoming football game on October 6 and were formally inducted at a dinner on October 7 at the Historic Phelps Hotel.



ACHTUNG:
Calling all world travelers!

Coming Summer 2019... Please join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore three European countries; Austria, Germany, and Switzerland! See and experience the majestic Alps, tour the beautiful towns and quaint country sides, smell the fragrant flowers in bloom, taste the local specialties, learn about the history of the regions, and immerse yourself in the culture!

Chaperone Mr. Tyler Roberts, a Midlakes High School social studies teacher, along with EF Tours will lead you on an experience you will never forget. Students and their families wishing to express an interest in this opportunity and to get more information can contact Mr. Roberts at: troberts@midlakes.org contact Head Coach Kyle Salisbury at ksalisbury@midlakes.org.

NATIONAL FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY STARTS AT MIDLAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

The American Federation of Teachers of French has created a new opportunity for middle school students called Les Jeunes Amis du Français (Young Friends of French). MMS French students are eligible for French Honor Society if they have an average of 90% or above and participate in one project or activity that promotes the language and French-speaking cultures and/or a service-learning project. This year, students plan to participate in Trick or Treat for UNICEF, teach French to younger students, organize cultural celebrations, and more. The first Midlakes chapter of Jeunes Amis du Français (J.A.F.) inducted 15 members in October and will induct more eligible students in the spring of 2018.



2017 MMS French Honor Society Inductees: Row 1: Abigael Smith
Row 2: Jeffrey Wodenscheck, Morgan Cowan, Alaina Krenzer, Sky Liu, Madison Crowley
Row 3: Leah Boylan, Brigget Cooley, Lexi Waite, Payson Nield, JoAnne Gilbo, Katelynn Dinehart, Payton Dunn. Not pictured: Madison McNicholas, Jennifer Petracchi.

MHS PUPIL SUPPORT NEWS

Please sign up for REMIND text notifications to keep up with important information from the High School PSO. Reminders will be distributed by graduation year. To sign up for your specific class reminders, see below:

Seniors: Text @midlakes18 to 81010 to receive text messages
Juniors: Text @midlakes19 to 81010 to receive text messages
Sophomores: Text @midlakes20 to 81010 to receive text messages
Freshman: Text @midlakes21 to 81010 to receive text messages

JUNIORS

- VISIT COLLEGES! Look on-line for open house dates, or call the admissions office to set up visit/tour.
- Take PSATs in October (at MHS - 10/11/2017)
Cost is \$16.00
- Prepare to take the SATs and ACTs in SPRING 2018!!
- Use www.collegeboard.org (SAT) and www.actstudent.org (ACT) to prep
- Results of the PSAT should be back in December for those who take it. You may also use this score report to help prepare for testing in the spring
- Remember to keep your grades up and do your best!

SENIORS

- Start/complete college applications
- We recommend that you have your college applications done by the time you go on the senior trip (11/18/2017) – If you have NOT started, start soon!!
- Complete a transcript release form for EVERY college you submit an application to – Release forms (pink sheets) can be picked up in the PSO

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid forms may be completed as early as October 1st this year, based on “prior, prior income”. Additional resources for financial aid can be found on our Presentation Materials/Handouts page on the MHS website.

Early planning is helpful in navigating the vast amounts of information associated with the financial aid process. Students and parents should begin making financial preparations for college as early as possible, but please keep in mind that financial aid is intended to help defray the costs associated with college based on numerous factors (such as financial need, academic ability, special talents, etc.), so it’s never too late to get started. Although a crucial piece of the college selection process, financial considerations should not be the paramount factor when initially considering college choice. It is not until one has gone through the entire financial aid process that you can truly know what your actual costs to attend a particular college will be. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s counselor at Midlakes High School.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for college is a concern for everyone. There are several scholarship opportunities to assist students and their families with educational expenses. Many of the scholarship announcements received in the beginning of the school year tend to be more regional and national in scope. As the year progresses, more and more of the scholarship opportunities become locally focused. Please check the MHS website often for updates. In addition to these scholarship announcements, there are many other scholarship resources that students may find beneficial. One good, and free site, is www.fastweb.com. FastWeb is nice because students fill out a questionnaire and they are matched up with possible scholarship opportunities. There are also ways to receive e-mails as new scholarships become available and when application deadlines are approaching. Students may also use the scholarship search function in their Naviance accounts. If your child cannot remember their login information for Naviance, please have them see their counselor. Please be wary of any scholarship service that requires a fee. There is a wealth of information that is available free-of-charge. Many of the services that require a fee are nothing more than scams. When in doubt, check with your child’s counselor to see if they are familiar with the service that you are using.



Middle/High School News

MIDLAKES STUDENTS ABROAD

Natalie Amidon and Magdalen Hamilton (pictured L to R) became the first Midlakes students to spend an entire academic year abroad in over 20 years when they each spent the 2016-17 school year in a foreign country. Natalie received a scholarship through the Youth Exchange Study (YES) program, which is committed to building bridges between citizens of the U.S., and countries around the world, particularly those with large Muslim populations. She spent the year in Indonesia. Magdalen spent the year in Poland through the Rotary Exchange Program. Each student faced the challenge of being immersed in an environment where English was not the primary language spoken. Although at times frustrated, the students feel that it was a great growth experience. Natalie reports the highlight of her stay was her school experience, which was focused on culinary skills. Magdalen's favorite aspect of her year was the ability to travel. She visited 21 different countries during the year. Both are strong students and will be able to graduate with their class in June.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Phelps-Clifton Springs Schools continue their 50+ year tradition of hosting foreign exchange students for the 2017-18 school year. This year's students / home country / and host families are: Bela Freiwald / Germany / Shecklers (Chad, Diane, Grace, Will, & Nate), Antonia Schumacher / Germany / Cheney's (Michael & Stephanie), Sule Berberler / Turkey / Amidons (Jacob, Wendy, Jose, Natalie, & Nathan). Pictured L to R, Bela, Antonia and Sule. Antonia and Sule are here via the AFS (American Field Service) program, while Bela is the second Rotary Exchange student Midlakes has hosted in as many years. All three of the students are involved in a fall sport and plan to try more in the remaining seasons. The students are enjoying their experience of being in America. They have been impressed with the friendliness of our students and community, the availability and enthusiasm of our teachers, and the extracurricular activities to participate in. If interested in hosting an exchange student in the future, contact Joe Hezel at 462-9717, or Richard Jones at Midlakes High School.



BON VOYAGE EN FRANCE

Dreaming of French food? Longing to explore Paris and western France? Experiencing wanderlust? Wishing you had a safe, fun and affordable way to take in France?

Renew your passport! High school students taking French (and seniors who have taken French level four) and their parents are invited to join Midlakes High School French teacher, Monique Jones, and Midlakes High School Social Studies teacher, Angela Simmons as they tour France. Throughout the trip we will



experience traditional French cuisine, go shopping, and visit museums and national monuments. Our itinerary includes sites in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Versailles, the catacombs, the Arc de Triomphe, the tomb of the unknown soldier, and much more. We will also travel to the west and northwest of France to see castles, an abbey in the ocean, and the American cemetery at the beaches of Normandy. This 9-day trip will cost between \$2435 and \$3000 depending on the number of participants. This cost includes airfare, travel insurance, breakfast and dinner, hotels, and site-seeing activities. The High School French Club will be fundraising throughout this school year to offset the cost of this trip. Please email Monique Jones at mjones@midlakes.org or call at 315-548-6300 ext. 3230 to find out how to sign up and with any questions about this adventure of a lifetime.

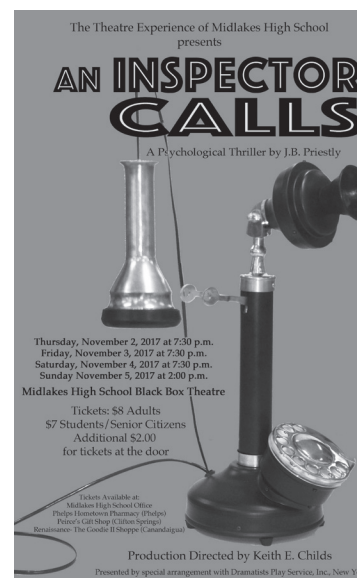


MIDLAKES THEATRE NEWS

Midlakes Theatre Experience Presents

A Psychological Thriller

"An Inspector Calls", a psychological thriller by J.B. Priestly, presented by the award winning Midlakes Theatre Experience opens the theatre season in the high school Black Box Theatre on Thursday through Saturday, November 2, 3, and 4 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 pm. The action of the play occurs in an English industrial city, where a young girl commits suicide and an eminently respectable British family is subject to a routine inquiry in connection with the death. An inspector calls to interrogate the family, and



during the course of his questioning, all members of the group are implicated lightly or deeply in the girl's undoing. The family, closely knit and friendly at the beginning of the evening, is ultimately shown as selfish, self-centered or cowardly, its good humor turning to acid, and good fellowship to dislike, before the evening is over. The surprising revelation, however, is in the inspector — a mysterious individual with full knowledge of everyone's connection with the suicide. "An Inspector Calls" is an effective presentation of the strange twists that take place in human beings when their consciences are affected. First presented in 1946 in London and on Broadway the following year, many of the ideas presented in the play still strongly resonate in today's society. Theatre-in-the-round staging techniques are being used for this production. The seven member cast includes senior Trevor Barcomb playing the role of Arthur Birling and junior Annaleigh DeBoover as his wife Sybil. Juniors Sarah Byron and Robert Halladay appear as the Birling children, Sheila and Eric, with Samuel Liberati, a senior, playing Gerald Croft, the fiancé of Sheila. Freshman Merrick Van Meter portrays the family's maid Edna. Spencer Bonawitz, a junior, is the title character.

"An Inspector Calls" is being directed by Midlakes High School English teacher, Mr. Keith E. Childs. Student directors are juniors Emily Frasca and Jeanne Durham. Erik Dillon, a sophomore, is the stage manager. Mrs. Nancy Denisi, Mrs. Carol Byron and Mrs. Susie Bonawitz are designing the costumes. Mr. Charlie King and Mr. Childs design the set and King serves as the technical director for this production assisted by Mr. Jason Dunham. Mr. Ross Gifford serves as lighting designer while Mrs. Mary Quinn designs the publicity graphics for the show. Presale tickets for "An



Inspector Calls" are available at the Midlakes High School Office, Phelps Hometown Pharmacy, Peirce's Gift Shop in Clifton Springs, and Renaissance — The Goodie II Shoppe in Canandaigua at the cost of \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets purchased at the door cost an additional \$2.00. Due to the limited seating in the Black Box Theatre the purchase of presale tickets is strongly suggested.

The Midlakes High School band is sponsoring a pasta dinner in the high school cafeteria from 5:00-7:00 pm before the Friday evening performance on November 3. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children age 10 and under. Tickets are available at the high school office or from band members. Proceeds from this dinner will help offset the cost of the band's trip to Disney World in February.

MIDLAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND COMPOSER RESIDENCY

Middle School Band students worked with composer, Steve Melillo, in a 3-day residency October 23 through October 25. Mr. Melillo is a creative, highly regarded, and internationally known composer who taught our middle school students composition techniques so that they may create their own original music. Students will continue to work on composition throughout the school year to finish an entire piece of music which will be performed in an end-of-year recital series. Mr. Melillo has also written three original, world-premiere pieces for our band the last two years titled "It Came From Outer Space," "Veteran," and "Arland D. Williams: Anthem for the Souls You've Never Heard." The middle school band members were very excited to work with Mr. Melillo and learned how to be creative in a very authentic, educational way. Check out Steve Melillo's music at www.stormworld.com.

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November 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Black Box Theatre Show 7:30 pm | 3 Black Box Theatre Show 7:30 pm | 4 Black Box Theatre Show 7:30 pm |
| 5 Black Box Theatre Show 2:00pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 1/2 Day K-6 Parent/Teacher Conf. | 10 Veteran's Day Holiday - No School | 11 |
| 12 | 13 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS | 14 | 15 1/2 Day K-6 Parent/Teacher Conf. | 16 | 17 | 18 Senior Trip |
| 19 Senior Trip | 20 Senior Trip | 21 Senior Trip | 22 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL | 23 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL | 24 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 1/2 Day K-6 Parent/Teacher Conf./RPO Concert | 29 | 30 | | |

December 2017

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Half Day Supt. Conf. Day | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS | 12 Cabaret Night 7pm MMS Cafe | 13 MMS/MHS Band/Chorus Concert 7pm | 14 Snow date for winter concerts | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 MIS Band/Chorus Concert 7pm MHS Aud. | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 Holiday Recess - No School | 26 Holiday Recess - No School | 27 Holiday Recess - No School | 28 Holiday Recess - No School | 29 Holiday Recess - No School | 30 Holiday Recess - No School |

January 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Holiday Recess - No School | 2 School Re-opens | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS | 9 | 10 | 11 Eighth Grade Orientation | 12 Cabaret Night 7pm MMS Cafe | 13 Cabaret Night Snow Date |
| 14 | 15 Martin Luther King Holiday NO SCHOOL | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Regents Exams | 23 Regents Exams | 24 Regents Exams | 25 Regents Exams | 26 Jr./Sr. High All-county | 27 Jr./Sr. High All-county |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |