



### Administrator’s Message:



Subject: A New Semester, A New Beginning

Dear Midland Community,

As we close the chapter on the first half of the academic year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. It has been a very busy period filled with countless achievements, both inside and outside the classroom. New opportunities for our students have led to some exciting learning experiences.

Our students have demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a thirst for knowledge, academically. Our talented athletes have showcased their skills and sportsmanship on the fields, courts and gyms. Our gifted artists have captivated audiences with their creativity and passion.

As we embark on a new semester, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. The new year brings fresh starts, renewed energy, and a chance to build upon our successes. We will return to school on January 3rd, ready to embrace the challenges and celebrate the triumphs that the coming months will undoubtedly bring. We know we will set new goals individually, collectively, and as a district.

I encourage you to continue to support our students and staff as they strive for excellence. Together, we can create a vibrant and enriching learning environment that empowers our young people to reach their full potential.

I wish you a happy holiday season and wish you well as we enter a new calendar year. Thank you for your support to our students and staff.

Sincerely,

John Zimmerman, Superintendent

#### Winter Break Info:

School dismisses 2 hours early on Friday, December 20

Thursday, Jan. 2 is a full Staff Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL.

**School resumes Fri., Jan 3**

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# NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



**Midland Middle/High School Semester 1 grades** will be stored on January 6th and be available for viewing in the parent/student PowerSchool account on January 7th.

**High School Art Club** made posters for business windows in place of window painting due to the cold weather leading up to Christmas City.

Our **NHS** students volunteered in the Wyoming Public Library during Christmas City. They did a great job of reading stories to the kids. Thanks one and all!

**Archery** is open to all students in 6-12 th grades this year. Practice has started and will begin tournament participation in January and February. If questions, reach out to a coach - Jon Eganhouse, Kellie Kelck or Jill Yousse.

**Midland Music Apparel** can be ordered online until January 8th at: <https://1800tshirts.chipply.com/midlandmusic/?action=viewall>

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Current Events students got an opportunity to visit the studios at KCRG TV-9 in Cedar Rapids. They got to see the office area where the personalities do their off air work, the electronics room where people monitor the nine stations that are working within the parameters of KCRG, the news studio where the live broadcasts took place. The class was also joined by evening anchor Jim Mertens who took the time from his busy day to discuss relevant issues with the students and answer their questions. The students that attended showed the respect, responsibility, and personal best that we at Midland have come to expect.



## FAFSA Night

- What: To help those complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for those planning on going to college
- When: Wednesday January 8th
- Time: 2pm-7pm
- Where: High School Library
- What to Bring: Social security number, FSA ID (create one before hand), W-2, 2023 tax information

**How College Works class** presented their future careers to the First Grade students in a fun/creative way. The high school students made paper career people that resemble their future career choices. These career choices included a nurse, massage therapist, barber, electrician, physical therapist, and business marketer.

## SENIORS:

Scholarship season is kicking into high gear! Be sure to check the scholarship webpage and watch ParentSquare for potential scholarships that we have received. Be sure to give your references plenty of time to write good letters of recommendation and give them plenty of information about yourself including all activities you are involved in, any work experience, all volunteer info, most importantly **WATCH THOSE DEADLINES!!!** Show the HS office any letters or emails you receive showing you've been awarded a scholarship so you can be acknowledged at graduation!

Members of the **HOPE group** spread holiday cheer by helping with holiday festivities at the Elementary!

Our **MHS Dance Team** had an opportunity to travel to Des Moines and watch the state dance competition. Thank you to all who made it possible. The team is hoping to make history for Midland next year and perform for the first time ever in 50 years of the competition!

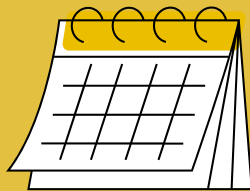




Preschool has been learning to build different structures with different tools, we had our Christmas party which included building snowmen out of marshmallows and linking candy canes!



**Put THIS  
on your  
Calendar!**



- January 2nd / 20th – No School
- January 2nd - Staff Inservice
- January 3rd – School Resumes
- January 8th, 15th, 29th – 2 Hr Early Dismissal

## Angel Books



Thanks to the Friends of the Wyoming Public Library and to all who donated to their Angel Books program. Each elementary student got to take home a book for the holidays and . Keep reading!



# INFO FOR EAGLES

## FOOD DRIVE

Midland HS Spanish Club and FFA joined forces to hold a school wide food drive during November-December. Winning seminars were Mr. Eberhard's for high school and Mr. Willms' for middle school. All items were donated to food pantries within our district.

**Thanks to all who donated!**



## Holiday HOPE

Members of the HOPE Group spread Holiday cheer by helping facilitate festivities with Elementary students.



# TEENS TEACH TECH

FREE

2/2/2025  
2PM - 3PM

AT THE WYOMING  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Why doesn't Mario like to use the  
Internet?

**He's afraid of the Browsers**

FURTHER INFORMATION: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING  
MORE ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY AROUND YOU? JOIN US FOR A  
FREE INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION! COMMENT OR SIGN UP AT THE  
WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY

## POSSIBLE TOPICS

INTERNET BASICS

CYBER-SECURITY

GMAIL BASICS

MOBILE DEVICE BASICS

# Homework Strategies That Work

## Completing Homework on Time Contributes to School Success

Homework reinforces skills learned in the classroom and provides additional practice. It allows students to be responsible and work independently. Homework maintains a link between home and school by engaging children to talk about what they are learning, while providing parents with an opportunity to see how their students are progressing. The following study tips can help students succeed in the classroom.

### Top 10 Tips for Studying

1. Don't leave revision until the last moment before an exam. It's best to look over your notes every day. The more you see it, the more you remember!!
2. Have a separate place for studying and another for relaxing.
3. Make sure that it is a quiet place to study.
4. Don't procrastinate. Get down to studying as soon as possible. The longer you put it off, the later you will get to bed.
5. Make sure that you have all the books that you need.
6. Read through what you need to learn.
7. Make notes on the key points.
8. Take short regular study breaks.
9. Ask yourself the sort of questions that might be in the exam.
10. Get to bed at a sensible time and sleep well!!



**Vision Statement**  
The vision of the Midland School District is to prepare students to think, lead and serve.



## Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment may allow parents/guardians to enroll their child(ren) into another Iowa school district under the terms and conditions of Iowa Code 282.18 and Iowa Administrative Code 281-17.

**Deadline to file is March 1st.**

## Never miss a Midland Event!



Midland events from sports to music can be streamed online from the comfort of your own home!

Midland Live Streaming Link: [midland.k12.ia.us/live-stream](https://midland.k12.ia.us/live-stream)

