

CARDINAL CONNECTION

IMPORTANT DATES:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING :

WEEK OF MAY 07 - MAY 11
WEEK OF MAY 14 - MAY 18
Various Locations

[Testing Schedule Link...](#)

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

MAY 16: 7:00 PM - PAC

MHS PROM

MAY 19: 8:00 - 11:30 PM AT
MONONA TERRACE
(Student ID's Required)

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

MAY 22:
Grades 9, 10: 6:30-7:15
Reception for all recipients:
7:15-7:45
Grades 11,12: 7:45-9:00

UNITED WAY PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING

MAY 23: 5:00-7:30 PM
MHS COURTYARD

SPRING PEP ASSEMBLY

MAY 25: MHS STADIUM

NO SCHOOL: MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 28

SENIOR CLASS TRIP TO GREEN LAKE (all day trip)

MAY 29

SEMESTER 2 EXAMS

JUNE 06 - JUNE 08
[Exam Schedule Link ...](#)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/4TH QUARTER ENDS

JUNE 08

GRADUATION

JUNE 10 (Sunday): 2:00 PM
ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER
COLISEUM

For dates/times/locations of more MHS events such as plays and concerts check the MHS Calendar of Events on the main page of the MHS website:

www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us/mhs

UPDATE FROM PRINCIPAL HERRMANN

Middleton High School Receives Green Ribbon School Award

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, together with White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, announced last week that Middleton High School is among 78 schools named U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. The Green Ribbon School Award recognizes schools that save energy, reduce costs, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protect health, foster wellness, and offer environmental education to boost academic achievement and community engagement. This recognition award is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about practices proven to result in improved student engagement, academic achievement, graduation rates, and workforce preparedness, as well as a government-wide aim to increase energy independence and economic security.

This award represents the work of many people over many years including, environmental science teachers in the classroom, club advisors at national competitions, students and staff using energy efficient practices, buildings and grounds using environmentally-friendly maintenance procedures, and administrators making decisions that support environmental stewardship. We are very proud of this award and are very thankful to Debra Weitzel for serving as lead author of the Green Ribbon application.



A recognition ceremony for winning schools will be held in Washington, D.C June 3rd-4th. To learn more information about the Green Ribbon Award visit the following web site: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/factsheet.pdf>

Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.)

On Friday, May 4th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm MHS will host the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) for all 10th grade students. We are proud to partner with the following local agencies that are coordinating the event: UW-Hospitals, UW Medical Flight Team, doctors and nurses from the UWH Trauma Center, Middleton Police Department, Middleton Fire Department, Middleton Emergency Medical Team, and the Zander family. The program will be a simulation of an alcohol-related car accident where students will follow the path of a trauma patient from the time of injury until discharged from hospital. Within the re-enactment, students will hear from a number of guest speakers/experts about the consequences of risky behavior. The program is structured to bring students face to face with the reality of poor choices. Learning is inherent because of the powerful combination of program content and hospital environment.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) remodel at MHS

Increased enrollment in *Project Lead the Way* Engineering, *Project Lead the Way* Bio-Medical, Engineering Graphics, and physics classes prompted the renovation of the traditional woods shop and adjacent classrooms to be transformed into a 21st century, high-tech, learning space. The woods program will be relocated to the small-engines area and will be upgraded over the next few years to become a Material Processing Lab. Construction on the STEM area is scheduled to start June 11th and be complete by August 30th, 2012.



MEETINGS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

Parent Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events:

May is a busy month for Middleton High School.
Parent Volunteers, We Need Your Help!

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Parents are needed to drop off breakfast treats, set up, clean up, or coordinate food drop off.

Academic Awards Night Reception (May 22, 2012)

- We would like to add a homemade touch to our awards ceremony. We would like a variety of treats: cookies or bars and punch. If you are able to donate some items, please indicate what you will bring and how many.
- We also need some volunteers to monitor the food table.
- Parents of Juniors/Seniors can help at 6:45pm with set up and monitoring, then go to their ceremony.
- Parents of Freshmen/Sophomores can help with clean up after their ceremony.

Tools for a Successful Transition Event (May 23, 2012)

If you are interested in welcoming parents of future freshmen to the high school, please volunteer to be a facilitator for this event! You will sit with a small group of parents. Questions will be provided, and you will make sure everyone in your group has a chance to answer. You will also record the answers given.

Please contact Lisa Le Mieux, Parent Engagement Coordinator, if interested in volunteering.
LLeMieux@mcpasd.k12.wi.us or 608-829-9858.

Seniors' Last Day Meeting - Seniors & Parents Are Invited!

Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to a planning meeting for Seniors' Last Day:

- Tuesday, May 1
- 7:00 pm
- MHS LMC.

Ideas for a celebratory Seniors' Last Day will be discussed. (See complete information on page 3.)



In addition:

All parents/guardians are invited to volunteer to help staff supervise and celebrate Seniors' Last Day on Tuesday, June 5th.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day from 7:00 am-3:45 pm.

Please contact Patti Nicholson at PNicholson@mcpasd.k12.wi.us or 829-9919 if you are interested in helping during any part of the day.

Volunteer Host Families Needed

Foreign exchange agencies occasionally contact us looking for families who are interested in hosting foreign exchange students who will attend Middleton High School.

If you are interested in the possibility of hosting an exchange student during the 2012-2013 school year, please contact Michele Dresen at MDresen@mcpasd.k12.wi.us or 829-9661. Your name and contact information will be added to a list of potential host families and shared with exchange agencies when we are asked for this information.

PARENT CONNECTION CORNER

The Parent Connection Program for May has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd (instead of the usual third Tuesday meeting) to take advantage of the United Way Parent Engagement Program scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Come for a light dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a brief review of the United Way work at MHS and dynamic speaker Scott Caldwell, educational psychologist. **Also, if you are interested, Parent Engagement Coordinator Lisa LeMieux is recruiting volunteers to serve as "discussion leaders" to facilitate discussions with a group of eight to ten new freshman parents.** Please contact Lisa LeMieux at: LLeMieux@mcpasd.k12.wi.us or 829-9858 if you are interested in volunteering.

There will be a teen breakout session featuring upperclassmen to answer questions teens have and small group discussions. The parent breakout session includes information on how teens think and learn, local data on challenges teen face, and tips on helping your teen manage stress.

If you plan on attending please RSVP to Lisa LeMieux as noted above by Friday, May 18th.

Parent Connection Contact Information:

Nancy Gunder, Parent Connection Chairperson
Email address: nancy@gunder.us
Telephone Number: 836-9250

Thank You, Parent Connection Chairperson, Nancy Gunder!

You have done an outstanding job as chairperson of the MHS Parent Connection!

We appreciate your efforts in scheduling interesting and informative presentations for parents throughout the year!



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIOR STUDENTS

We congratulate all members of the graduating class of 2012 on their upcoming commencement. The MHS staff is very proud of our senior students and their behavior, and as we wrap up the school year, we expect this to continue for the benefit of our school and our students.

On Wednesday, April 18, members of the senior class received their permission form for the upcoming Senior Class Trip to Green Lake on Tuesday, May 29. The Senior Trip is an MHS tradition that started years ago after risky skip day activities sadly resulted in the death of a student. Since then, the senior trip has grown into a positive event meant to give members of the senior class the opportunity to spend a fun day together relaxing and hanging out one last time as an entire class. Most seniors choose to attend, and we hope your senior will make the same choice. Please read all of the information regarding the Senior Trip carefully.

As part of the Senior Trip permission form, we are also asking all seniors and their parents/guardians to sign an acknowledgement recognizing the basic behavioral expectations that we expect of all students year-round. This form must be signed by seniors who intend to go on the trip as well as their parents or guardians (even if the student is 18 or older). We are also asking seniors who are not going on the trip to read and sign the acknowledgement.

The reason we are asking you and your senior to sign the acknowledgement is because, unfortunately over the past several years, the behavior of senior students on Seniors' Last Day (the last full day of class before exams) has had a significant negative impact on our learning environment. What should be a day of celebration and appropriate festivities has turned into a day when seniors have bullied and harassed younger students, treated staff members with extreme disrespect, caused damage to school property, and engaged in behavior that has put the safety of others at risk.

The staff at MHS believes that the Class of 2012 is ready to be the change. Members of the senior class have worked hard to transform our school. They have attended Challenge Days and pledged to treat classmates and fellow cardinals with respect. They have sponsored events like Human Rights Week to advocate for the fair treatment of individuals around the globe. They have mentored and inspired younger students during Youth Frontiers and served as role models through their many academic, co-curricular, and athletic accomplishments. Through their work in organizations like NHS, Best Buddies, the Alliance, BSU, Key Club, Student Council, FCCLA, Invisible World, and many others, they have advocated for all people to be treated with dignity and served our community with pride.

We expect that our seniors' core beliefs and values should not change simply because it is their last day of school.

We believe that seniors can and should be able to enjoy their last day in a celebratory manner that is also respectful to all individuals in the building. We are sincere in our desire to work with seniors and their parents/guardians to find ways to make seniors' last day fun. **We invite any interested members of the senior class and their parents/guardians to a meeting on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS LMC to discuss and plan ways to make Seniors' Last Day enjoyable for everyone.**

Please carefully read the forms that were sent home on April 18 and discuss and sign them with your senior. Seniors should bring the signed forms with them to Senior Trip bus sign up on Monday, April 30th or Friday May 4th during D-day resource time.

When going through the form with your seniors, please take special note of the fact that students who exhibit disrespectful behavior or other significant violations of the code of conduct risk losing the privilege of walking in the commencement ceremony in addition to other consequences. **In addition, please note that June 5 is also an election day, and Middleton High School is a polling place. Students whose behavior interferes with elections face significant legal consequences.**

We thank our seniors for everything they have done to better our school and community. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments at their awards and scholarship nights, on their Senior Trip, during their last day, and at the commencement ceremony.



STUDENT SERVICES

LAURI WEIS, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

SENIOR NEWSLETTER



Lauri Weis
Associate Principal

Red Maple
Attendance Line:
829-9925

White Spruce
Attendance Line:
829-9924

MASH
Attendance Line:
829-9971

**Senior Trip
Information**



Wednesday, May 16	Scholarship Night	7:00 PM MHS PAC
Tuesday, May 22	Academic Awards PAC: MHS Concourse: PAC:	Format: Grades 9, 10: 6:30-7:15 Reception for all recipients: 7:15-7:45 Grades 11,12: 7:45-9:00
Tuesday, May 29	Senior Trip	7:20 AM Green Lake
Sunday, June 10	Graduation	2:00 PM Veterans Alliant Energy Center Vet- erans Memorial Coliseum

SENIOR TRIP

(For more information, please see the "Senior Trip" section in the MHS Student Handbook and the "Information & Guidelines: Class of 2012 Senior Trip" handout received at senior trip bus sign-up.)

The senior trip to the Green Lake Conference Center will take place on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Students should report to the concourse between 7:20 AM and 8:00 AM. Breakfast will be provided. We plan to leave at 8:40 AM. We want the senior trip to be an enjoyable day for everyone. Students are reminded of the following:

- All students' **bags will be searched** prior to getting on the bus.
- All **detentions** must be served and all **LMC materials** returned to the LMC in order to participate.
- The senior trip is a school-sponsored event. Therefore, students may not possess or use drugs, alcohol, and tobacco while on the trip. **All students (including those who are 18) may NOT use or possess tobacco on the trip. Tobacco products found during bag searches will be confiscated.**
- Students are expected to behave appropriately. Poor behavior may result in being restricted from participating in graduation ceremonies.
- Students not attending the senior trip **MUST be in school that day**. Not following this policy could mean not participating in the graduation ceremony.
- Everyone is to bring a **bag lunch**. Students may order a lunch from Lunch Express prior to the trip. The lunch should be picked up from Lunch Express in the varsity gym on the day of the trip.
- **Dinner** will be provided as part of the trip.
- If you have not already paid for the senior trip through registration and billing, please see the Business Office Secretary to pay your \$30.00 senior trip fee. Payment must be received by Tuesday, May 22, 2012.
- There will be **soda and water** available all day. **NO bottled beverages of any type may be brought.** Students with unopened and/or opened bottles will be required to turn the bottles over to a chaperone or return them to their lockers. Beverages must be in **unopened cans only**.
- Buses will return to MHS at approximately 9:00 pm.
- Students are expected to be **in school on May 30 or have a written doctor's excuse.**

SENIOR TRIP BUS SIGN UP – Monday, April 30 and Friday, May 4

Any senior planning on participating in the Senior Trip **must have paid the \$30.00 senior trip fee before signing up for a bus**. Seniors who have not paid may do so with the Business Secretary, located near the North Ave. entrance and four corners. Please take care of this matter as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the senior trip, please see Ms. Domini in the Student Services Office.

Bus sign-up will be on Monday, April 30 and Friday, May 4 during the lunch periods in the courtyard. **Students must show their school ID card or driver's license to sign up** for the bus and will not be allowed to sign up for their friends. Permission forms need to be turned in by Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in order to attend.

STUDENT SERVICES

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Senior Skip Day and Pranks

The MHS staff wants the seniors to have an enjoyable and memorable end to their high school careers. Therefore, safety is a major concern for all students. The MHS Administration does not condone a Senior Skip Day or any end-of-the-year pranks which disrupt the educational process. Seniors involved in a skip day, pranks, or other disruptive behaviors may lose their privilege of participation in the class trip and the graduation ceremony. **Parents and guardians should have a dialogue with their graduating seniors regarding these issues. For more information please see page**

Important Note: Tuesday, June 5, 2012 is also an election day, and MHS is a polling place. Students whose behavior interferes with elections face significant legal consequences.

LEAVING MHS

Senior Responsibilities: Students are to have all LMC books and materials returned. All textbooks are to be returned to teachers, all fines paid, and all detentions served. **All of these responsibilities need to be completed by May 23, 2012. Not doing so may mean not participating in the senior trip and/or the graduation ceremony.**

Future plans: It is important to let Ms. Middleton (located in Student Services) know your plans for next year. There is a "yellow form" that needs to be completed by all graduates. On this form, please indicate which school you are attending, or if you will be entering the military or workforce. The form will be handed out during senior trip bus sign-up and after that, in Student Services.

Transcripts: Final transcripts must be sent to the school you plan on attending. Please make sure Ms. Middleton has the name of the school on file. When you request transcripts after graduation, the request must be made in writing by the student and signed. Transcripts will be mailed out once a week. We do not offer same day turn around. If you are playing sports in college, please let Ms. Middleton know if you need a final transcript sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Immunization records may be requested through the health office. The records may be necessary for entrance into colleges or other educational institutions.

GRADUATION PRACTICE/ PICTURES –

Sunday, June 10, 2012, at 11:30 AM in the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Please report to the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum promptly at 11:30 AM with your cap and gown. Directly after practice, students should plan to have their pictures taken for the class composite. There will be an alternative photo session available from 10:00 AM to 11:20 AM if you want to avoid long lines and have your picture taken early.

To encourage graduates to stay at the Coliseum between practice and the ceremony, the Senior class is providing refreshments catered to the staging area. Please plan to mingle with classmates and say good-bye to staff members during this time.

GRADUATION CEREMONY –

Sunday, June 10, 2012, at 2:00 PM in the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Graduating students are expected to meet in the lower level promptly at 1:30 with cap and gown. Proper clothing attire is expected (dress clothes/shoes). Students may not adorn their caps and gowns with special messages to friends and/or relatives. *(Parents/Guardians: Please do not provide your graduates with flowers for commencement.)*

The ceremony will be approximately 90 minutes in length and no tickets will be distributed for seating, as no limitations apply. Parking is included and currently no other events are planned at the Alliant Energy Center Veterans Memorial Coliseum for that day. However, the graduation invitation may be used as a parking permit if any questions should arise.

DIPLOMA PICK UP – Immediately following the graduation ceremony

The actual diploma insert is not in the case received at the ceremony. Graduates need to stop and pick up the diploma immediately following the ceremony. School counselors and teachers will be in the staging area (the same place the graduates line up) to distribute the diplomas. The lines are alphabetical. For students who do not attend the ceremony or who forget to pick them up, diplomas will be available in the MHS Administrative Office beginning Monday, June 11, 2012. We cannot mail diplomas; graduates must pick them up at MHS.

**About
Leaving
MHS...**



Graduation!

Seniors



*Summer School
Information:
See pages 9-10
of this newsletter*

Or go to:

[www.mcpcasd.k12.wi.us /mhs](http://www.mcpcasd.k12.wi.us/mhs)

*for information and a
summer school
application*



*Schedule change
request forms will
be available
during registration
in August on the
MHS website.*

*ALL schedule
change
request forms are
due to Student
Services by Friday,
August 17th*

STUDENT SERVICES

Senior's Final Transcripts:

1 In order to finalize the admissions process, all seniors need to complete the following two steps prior to graduation:

2 Login to the Parchment program at www.parchment.com to request a final transcript to the university/college/technical college of your choice.

Fill out the Post-Secondary Plan form that will be available to you during the sign-up for the senior trip. If you are not planning on attending the senior trip, see Ms. Middleton in Student Services to fill out the form.

***If you do not complete both of the above steps, a final transcript will not be sent.**

In addition, please remember to record your admissions decisions (acceptance, denial, wait-list) in Naviance at: <http://connection.naviance.com/mcphs>. If you forgot your username or password for Naviance, please see your school counselor.

Summer School Information:

Please look for the summer school information on pages 7 and 8 of this month's newsletter. As a reminder, summer school is available for credit recovery courses only and we do not offer elective courses. Any student who knows that they need summer school or who might need summer school for a second semester course should sign up immediately as space is limited. If a student signs up for a course that he/she ends up passing for second semester, there is no penalty for cancellation.

Summer Counselor Schedules:

How do I reach my counselor over the summer? If you have an immediate question or concern, Ms. Middleton is available in the counseling office throughout the summer. Ms. Middleton can be reached by phone (608-829-9917) or email dmiddleton@mcpcasd.k12.wi.us. Counselors will return to school in late August.

Schedule Change Procedures:

Students may request a schedule change by filling out a schedule change request form that will be available during registration and on the MHS website. All schedule change request forms are due by Friday, August 17th to the Student Services office.

Following are the schedule change criteria. Please note that we will not be making schedule changes that fall outside of the parameters of these criteria:

- Graduation requirement needed (12th grade only)
- College admission requirement needed (11th and 12th grades only)
- Career pathways requirement needed (11th and 12th grades only)
- Failure/need to repeat a class (10th, 11th and 12th grades only)
- Pre-requisite: do not meet course requirements (all grades)
- Lunch: medical need for a change in lunch hour (note: documentation from the doctor of record must be included)
- Irresolvable conflict with a teacher in previous school year (note: this must have been documented with your counselor and a Plan for Academic Assistance must be in place)
- Course selection form error (note: we will check your course form to verify)

Junior/Senior Timeline:

As summer approaches, juniors should start preparing for the application process. Please see the timeline (which was also handed out and covered in the Junior Student Planning Conferences) below to find out how to get a jump start on your post-secondary planning...

Junior Year:

- Review & understand high school graduation requirements and college admissions requirements.
- Attend the college visits in the Student Center
- Jumpstart your college search by reading about majors and careers (Career Cruising is a great resource)
- Log onto Naviance/Family Connection and enter 3-5 schools that interest you.
- Attend Post Secondary Planning night.
- Practice for your standardized tests
- Begin to familiarize yourself with college applications, what they require and what they ask.
- Visit websites of schools of interest and request additional information as needed.
- Attend college fairs and visit the schools that interest you.
- Review your financial aid options.
- In spring, take the ACT and/or SAT.
- In late spring, take the Advanced Placement (AP) exams and/or SAT subject tests (if needed).
- Plan summer activities early (March and April). Enrich yourself by volunteering, getting an interesting job, or internship, or signing up for special summer learning programs.
- Create a resume.

Senior Year:

- Meet with your school counselor prior to completing college applications.
- Create a master calendar of important dates, deadlines, etc. (UW system schools start accepting applications on September 15.)
- Update your resume/profile of activities, clubs, volunteer list, awards and honors, & work experience.
- Attend college visits in the Student Center.
- Ask teachers for recommendations if needed. Remember to allow 2-3 weeks for teachers to write the recommendation and follow-up with a thank you note.
- Log onto Naviance/Family Connection and enter the schools that you plan on applying to.
- Complete online applications & provide your counselor/teacher with supporting documents (high school report forms, teacher evaluations, etc.)
- Register for the ACT/SAT/SAT subject tests (if applicable) for the Oct. & Nov. dates.
- If you plan on attending a technical college, complete the COMPASS test.
- Narrow your list of school choices
- Each week, review Naviance scholarship opportunities and other scholarship searches.
- Submit the Local Scholarship application to student services.
- All college applications should be submitted to your counselor by December 1st.
- Upon completion of first semester, submit mid-year reports if needed.
- Attend Financial Aid night and complete the FAFSA after January 1st (you can apply for your pin ahead of time).
- Let your counselor know where you plan to attend college or what your plans are following high school.

Spring News from the High School Nurse's Office

Spring News Tidbits from the Health Office

Many students have seasonal allergies and spring is certainly a time that many symptoms present. To keep your child's allergy symptoms under control, we encourage having medications available for them here at school. Medication forms are available in the Health Office or on the MCPASD website. We do not have stock medications available, so all medication needs to be sent from home. Prescription medications require a signed order from the physician and must be in the current pharmacy labeled container.

Spring is also when bees start moving again. If your child has an allergy to bee stings, please ensure an EpiPen is in their backpack and/or kept in the Health Office.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires that all students through grade 12 meet a minimum number of required immunizations prior to school entrance. Below are the immunization requirements for the 2012-2013 school year. Please make sure that your child's immunization record at school is current. If you choose not to vaccinate your child, a signed waiver form is required.

WI STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW 2012- 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

AGE/GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES					
Grades 6 - 10	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Var
Grades 11	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	1 Var
Grade 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Var

The Health Office is open from 7:55 am – 3:25 pm on school days. Please feel free to call us or stop in if you have any questions, concerns, or health information you wish to share with us. We are located in Room 1208.

School Nurse: Laura Marty, RN (608) 829-9686

Health Assistant: Kathleen Vander Sanden (608) 829-9687

Fax: (608) 831-7920

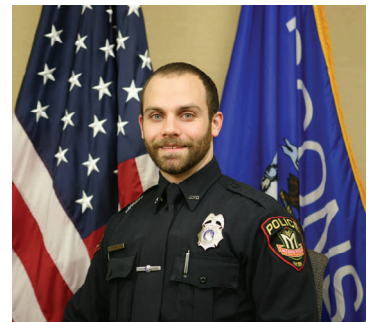
New School Resource Officer at MHS

In March, the new School Resource Officer (SRO) for Middleton High School was identified. Officer Scott Moen of the Middleton Police Department will replace Officer Travis Kakuske, who has been in the MHS SRO position since 2009. At MHS, the SRO's serve a maximum of three years in the assignment, at which time they are replaced by another Middleton police officer.

The SRO position has existed at MHS since the early 1990's and places a police officer in the school full-time to address police-related matters, and to proactively interact with students in an effort to "bridge the gap" between teens and law enforcement.

Officer Moen is currently in training with Officer Kakuske at MHS and will take over the position effective next school year.

If you would like to contact Officer Moen, he can be reached directly by phone at 829-9665 or via e-mail at smoen@ci.middleton.wi.us



JILL GURTNER, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

We are now accepting summer school applications for this summer. As has been true in the past, summer school will be credit recovery in nature and is designed to allow students who have failed a class or two the opportunity to stay on track and graduate with their class.

- All classes will be online and available to students anytime they have internet access.
- There will be two four week sessions. The first session will start June 18.

Because of the online nature of the courses, we are able to be more responsive to unique needs students and families have related to transportation, vacations, and health needs.

Please contact your child's counselor if you believe this may apply to you.

Summer school has historically filled up prior to the end of the school year, and students are placed on a first come, first served basis. If you are concerned that your child may fail a class this summer, we strongly recommend you sign your child up for summer school now in order to ensure a place if s/he does ultimately fail the class. Semester 2 grades will be reviewed prior to the beginning of summer school, and students who have passed classes for which they have registered will be notified.

Dates: June 18-August 9 Monday-Thursday

Session I: June 18-July 12 (No school on July 4 and 5)

Session II: July 16- August 9

*Students taking two classes must begin on June 18. Students taking only one class may state a preference for which 4 week session they would like to attend. We cannot guarantee placement in the preferred session.

Hours: 8:30am to noon Monday-Thursday

Location: Middleton High School Room: 1204, 1205, and 1207

Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation

Fees: There will be no fees charged for summer school this summer

Attendance Requirements: The Middleton High School summer school program will again operate using online courses.

These online courses will be self-paced and will be available to students at all times in any location in which they have internet services. This flexibility makes it possible for students to continue to make progress in their course even when they cannot physically attend summer school.

We have also found that student success in online courses in summer school increase dramatically when:

- Students are logging on to their classes on a regular basis. (4-5 days a week)
 - Students are completing and submitting multiple assignments each day they are logging in.
- Students are in regular communication with their online teacher about the course.

Students have access to "just in time" support from a local teacher when they have a question or difficulty. For these reasons, the MHS summer school program requires regular attendance. Due to the abbreviated length of summer school in relation to a traditional class, students are not allowed to miss more than three days of summer school. At the same time, the availability of the course work to students anytime and anywhere they have internet access means that we can be more responsive to personal needs and schedules than we have been in the past. If you have a need to be absent from summer school for a portion of the time please see your school counselor prior to the end of the school year to complete the approval form. In very unique cases, it may be possible for a student to earn summer school credit without physically attending summer school.



*Jill Gurtner
MASH / CSCS
Principal and
Online Learning
Coordinator*

Summer School Dates:

June - Aug.

Monday - Thursday

*The link to the
application is available
on the main page of the
MHS website.*

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Course Completion: Due to the self paced nature of the courses and the fact that students will have access to the courses outside of scheduled school times, the following procedures will be in place:

- Students will have a maximum of 4 weeks to complete a course unless a completion contract has been established based on the student's learning needs.
- Students who complete a course in less that 4 weeks will no longer have to attend summer school. Students wishing to take 2 courses who complete the first course in less than 4 weeks will be able to begin the second course upon completion of the first.

Course offerings: Available courses are listed below. All courses will be online and self-paced. Summer school is designed to give students who have fallen behind on their core requirements an opportunity to catch up to their peers. Students may only earn credit in a summer school course if they have previously taken the course and failed it. Students may take a maximum of two semester long classes in summer school.

MHS Summer School 2012 Course Offerings

English (grades 9-12)

Biology

Social studies 9 (World History)

Social studies 10 (US History))

Health

Phy. Ed (may only be taken once in summer school)

Algebra

Geometry

Algebra II

SUMMER SCHOOL APPLICATION:

The application is available on the MHS website or at the following link:

<http://www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us/mhs/documents/Summer.School.Application.2011>

END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS & INFORMATION

From the LMC:



Students must return all books and materials to the LMC by May 25th, unless arrangements are made for a different due date.



Seniors: Remember to return your materials and pay any fines due before the Senior Trip bus sign up.

FINAL EXAMS AND SKINNY DAY SCHEDULE

Time	Tue 6/5
8:00 - 8:55	P1 Review
9:05 - 10:00	P2 Review
10:10 - 11:05	P5 Review
11:15 - 12:10/ 12:20 - 1:10	P3 Review / LUNCH
11:15 - 12:05/12:15 - 1:10	LUNCH / P3 Review
1:20 - 2:20	P4 Review
2:30- 3:25	P7 Review

Review/Skinny Day: Tuesday, June 5, 2012

On the skinny day schedule the periods are in a different order due to the lunch schedule.

Final Assessment Schedule: (Wednesday, June 6 - Friday, June 8)

Time	Wed 6/6	Thur 6/7	Fri 6/8
8:00 - 8:25	Homeroom/Announce	P2 EXAM	P1 EXAM
8:35 - 9:30	P6 Review		
9:40 - 11:10	P5 EXAM	P3 EXAM	P6 EXAM
11:20 - 12:05	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:15 - 1:45	P7 EXAM	P4 EXAM	Make-Up
1:55 - 3:25	Make-Up	Make-Up	Make-Up

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Summer Opportunities:

Summer programs on college campuses offer students the opportunity to explore new interests, strengthen skills, and meet other students with similar goals and interests.

Opportunities range from pre-college programs in specific academic areas, to college-level coursework, to sports clinics, to internships and research opportunities. Many college campuses throughout the United States have summer programs. Please view the list of opportunities available for students at <http://www.mcpsd.k12.wi.us/mhs/guidance/guidancenews.cfm> (under Summer Opportunities at the bottom of the page).



We encourage you to go to the individual web sites for additional information and application materials.

If you are interested in a college that is not on the list, visit their website to research summer opportunities/pre-college programs.

Drivers Education

The summer Drivers Education class schedule is set!

Students can take 2 classes from June 11th - June 29th.



- 7:30am 10:00am is the first class
- 11:00am - 1:30pm. Is the second class

Both classes are offered at Middleton High School. The classes are taught in the Health Room (room 1701).

In July there are 2 options for drivers education classes:

- July 9th - July 27th at Middleton High School from 7:30am - 10:00am.
- July 9th - July 27th at Glacier Creek Middle School from 8:00am - 10:30am.

For more information you can access the schedule or the registration form at the CESA #2 website at: <http://cesa2drivered.org>

Any other questions email Mr. Brad Rogeberg at: brogeberg@mcpsd.k12.wi.us

Growing Food and Sustainability Program

This summer, there is a new opportunity for middle and high school youth in Middleton!

Growing Food and Sustainability is a hands-on program that incorporates food production, cooking, nutrition, art, biking, and more!

Our Summer Program combines workshops, hands-on garden work, and harvest days for a truly dynamic experience. Each summer program group will meet twice per week for three hours. We also have high school [internship opportunities](#) and we can work with students to fulfill service learning hours!

For more information and to register your student, [please click here](#).

In case that link doesn't copy, here is the address: <http://growingfoodandsustainability.wordpress.com/summer-program/>



MHS NEWS

MHS Wins Green Ribbon Award



Middleton High School was one of three state schools to be named a Green Ribbon Schools award winner by the U.S. Department of Education on Monday. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, together with White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, announced that 78 schools received the award. "Middleton High School is an exemplar of efforts across the district to be energy efficient, engage students in relevant environmental curriculum, and provide a

healthy place to learn," MCPASD Superintendent Don Johnson said. "The students and staff of MHS are the foundation of our collective success. We are clearly proud of all, and celebrate this well-deserved recognition!"

Wisconsin is among 29 states and the District of Columbia with schools receiving the first-ever awards.

"Science and environmental education play a central role in providing children with a well-rounded education that prepares them for the jobs of the future," Duncan said. "Green Ribbon Schools demonstrate compelling examples of the ways schools can expand their coursework while also helping children build real world skill sets, cut school costs, and provide healthy learning environments."

The other state schools honored were Dimensions of Learning Academy in the Kenosha School District and Purdy Elementary School in the Fort Atkinson School District.

The recognition program recognizes schools that save energy, reduce costs, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protect health, foster wellness, and offer environmental education to boost academic achievement and community engagement.

The program, which was announced on Sept. 29, 2011, should also increase STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills and ensure students' college and career preparedness.

MHS applied for the award in early February and Debra Weitzel was the main author of the application. Each state was allowed up to four nominees. MHS found out it was a finalist in late March.

"It's the culmination of a number of years of effort," Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Tom Wohlleber said at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

A team of educational consultants for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction reviewed the applications and picked the three schools. According to DPI, the schools were evaluated on the following criteria:

- The school has a net zero environmental impact.
- The school has a positive impact on the health and performance of students and staff.
- One-hundred percent of the school's graduates are environmentally and sustainability literate.

A ceremony honoring the winners will take place in Washington, D.C. in early June.

The 78 awarded schools were named winners from among nearly 100 nominees submitted by 30 state education agencies, the District of Columbia and the Bureau of Indian Education. More than 350 schools completed applications to their state education agencies. Among the winners are 66 public schools with around 50 percent representing high poverty schools.

"Congratulations to Middleton High School, Dimensions of Learning Academy in Kenosha, and Purdy Elementary School in Fort Atkinson for being recognized for their efforts to improve the overall health and environment of their greater school communities," State Superintendent Tony Evers said. "Yesterday was Earth Day and tomorrow is National Healthy Schools Day, so it is very appropriate that today these three schools are recognized nationally as Green Ribbon School awardees."



MHS is one of 78 schools in the nation receiving the first-ever Green Ribbon Award!

MASH HAPPENINGS

Community Agreements

Mutual Respect
Right to Participate

Attentive Listening
No put downs / share appreciation

Senior Celebration

Mark your calendars for the MASH senior celebration. The celebration is scheduled for the evening of May 30. This is a great opportunity to recognize all of our seniors and celebrate all they have accomplished! Those who have attended in the past have really enjoyed the evening and we hope to have another great crowd this year. Family and friends are all welcome to join in the celebration. Watch for more details coming home from school soon.



Summer School Registration

Now Available:

Summer school registration and information are included in this newsletter on pages 9 and 10. If you are unsure about whether or not your child should sign up for summer school, please contact your child's life skills teacher. If your child is planning to participate in summer school please complete and return the registration ASAP as summer school will fill up.

CLARK STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The teachers, community partners, as well as future students and families of Clark Street Community School (CSCS) have been busy working and planning for our new school which will open for the fall of 2012-13 school year. Some of our planning highlights include:

On January 9th, the MCPASD school board unanimously approved the CSCS charter contract! We are grateful to the school board members and our community partners for the interest and support in CSCS.

Building Redesign Group: There are currently a group of future CSCS students working with Robyn Acker, CSCS teacher, as well as community partners to envision a remodeled building design to accommodate the types of working and learning we hope for at CSCS. Some changes will likely be made to the current building over the summer. Students also have a hand in determining furniture and finishing for our new school.

Family Connection Meetings: If you are interested in learning more about some specifics about CSCS, consider attending one of our Family Connection Meetings. All are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month (of the school year) from 5-6:30 PM at 2429 Clark Street, Middleton. Each meeting addresses a specific topic related to learning and organization of CSCS. May 2nd will feature a presentation and discussion on the CSCS project process. All are welcome!

Planning Meetings: If you would like to be involved in the planning process of CSCS, please join us at one of our upcoming planning meetings Thursday, May 26th 4:30 – 8:30 PM or Saturday, May 12th 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM at 2429 Clark Street in Middleton.

CSCS will likely have some spots available for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested in applying, please complete and return the application posted on our web page.

If you are interested in learning more about CSCS, check out our web page:

www.clarkstreetcommunityschool.com and follow us on FaceBook: www.facebook.com/clarkstreetcommunityschool

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MHS STUDENT NEWS

MHS Hosts French Exchange

Middleton High School welcomed nineteen visiting French students and two of their teachers from La Ciotat, France, as guests from April 12-20, 2012.

The French students attended classes with their MHS exchange partners, while their teachers, Anne Perrier and Pascale Maestri, visited classrooms. The students and teachers were involved in class discussions and activities.

The French guests lived with twenty host families and participated in the daily lives of the families, which included activities such as attending athletic events and practices, visiting a cabin in the north woods, and going on a college visit.

To learn about Wisconsin and the Midwest, the French students spent one day touring the Wisconsin Historic Museum and the Capitol with a guide, and one day at the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque. For fun, the students spent an afternoon at the Middleton Sport Bowl together and families planned joint outings to the Dells, a Brewers game and Vitense to play mini-golf.

In June, the MHS students who participated in the exchange will spend twelve days living with the French students' families and two days exploring Paris.



MHS French teacher Stephanie Bartholomew is passionate about the French exchange program and has coordinated it for several years. She notes that students who participate in the exchange benefit from the experience in a number of ways; not only do they chat on-line with their new friends in "franglais," share music, and gain a better understanding of the language, but they make potentially lifelong friends, gain a second family, understand their own lives better by having something to compare them to, and feel proud about sharing their community with newcomers.

Ms. Bartholomew emphasizes that students who do not host the exchange students also benefit by feeling a new connection to the visiting French students, and she attributes the success of the exchange to everyone who has supported it over the years.

Four 9th Grade MHS Students Advance to the Future Problem Solving State Bowl

Congratulations to Heidi Knoche, Eric Chen, Ivraj Seerha and Amanda Powers on their advancement to the Future Problem Solving State Bowl Competition!



The mission of the Future Problem Solving Program International, Inc. (FPSPI) is "to develop the ability of young people globally to design and promote positive futures using critical, creative thinking".

The 9th grade students have been working with the Kromrey Middle School Future Problem Solving Club each Wednesday after school.

MHS Music Awards

On Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m., students from band, choir and orchestra, along with their families, are invited to gather for refreshments, award presentations and senior send offs in the MHS Student Center/Courtyard.



Students who participated in solo and ensemble will receive their medals.

Participation letters and summer camp scholarships will also be awarded.

Student Places 2nd in Chinese Language Contest

MHS student Hayden Johnston finished second in the beginner-non-heritage category of the Wisconsin Association of Chinese Language Teachers Speech & Pronunciation Contest.



More than 100 students from across the state participated in the 9th annual event, which was held on the University of Wisconsin Madison campus.

Johnson is a first-year level-one student at MHS. "Hayden has been working hard in and outside of class," said Piyanut Sripanawongsa, who teaches Mandarin at MHS.

Contestants had to deliver a speech on a topic of their choosing or recite a poem, song or story. More specific details of the contest and story can be found on the MHS website MHS News page at:

<http://www.mcpsd.k12.wi.us/mhs/news/news.cfm>

You can also watch his presentation on [You Tube](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

.JAZZ TRACS 2012: Friday, May 18th, 7:30 pm in the MHS Performing Arts Center

Middleton High School Jazz Tracs 2012

Friday, May 18, 2012

Middleton H.S. Performing Arts Center

This annual Jazz Concert features the Middleton High School 7 O'clock and 6 O'clock Jazz Ensembles, under the direction of Brad Schneider. These talented students showcase their musicianship by performing a variety of jazz standards, Latin and funk styles.

This year's concert will feature these ensembles performing a variety of jazz standards including Dizzy Gillespie's "Salt Peanuts", Duke Ellington's "Rocks in My Bed" and "It Had Better Be Tonight" made famous by Michael Bullie.

Special guest artist this year is The Big Payback.

The Big Payback is a hard-hitting nine-piece band from Madison, WI, featuring a smoking four-man horn section and a soulful female vocalist. Exploring everything from funk-laden and world-beat originals to soul and R&B b-sides, The Payback will leave the crowd as exhausted as the musicians themselves.

Tearing up stages in the Midwest since 2009, the funk juggernaut has been a repeat offender at many Madison venues. In 2011, they were named best live band in The Isthmus' Band to Band contest. 2011 also saw the release of Overture, the group's debut album featuring all original music.

In addition, The Payback pays back by teaching young musicians in Madison and across the Midwest. Between The Big Payback's collaborative compositional processes highlighting the talents of each musician, their raw live sound, and their non-stop high-energy show.

Advance general admissions tickets can be purchased from:

MHS Jazz Ensemble musicians;

Middleton Community Bank, 3207 Parmenter St., Middleton; or

parent volunteer, Mary Lou Essert, by calling (608) 833-4279

Ticket Prices: Adults - \$8 advance (\$10 at the door)

Students: \$5 advance (\$7 at the door)



Spring Choir Concert

The Middleton High School Choral Program presents its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the MHS Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the talents of the Cardinal Chorale, Cantus, Concert Choir, and the Chamber Singers with a special send off to graduating seniors. Students should be dressed and on stage at 6:45 p.m. at the PAC.



Attendance at this concert is mandatory for course completion. A volunteer recognition reception will also be held in conjunction with this concert. If you have volunteered to help out the choral program in any way, please join us!

Spring Band Concerts

On Wednesday, May 9th the MHS Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will present their annual Spring Concert. Curtain is 7:30 PM in the MHS PAC (Performing Arts Center). Works will include: the Finale from Dvorak's New World Symphony, and Elegy for a Young American by Lo Presti.



On Thursday, May 10th the Cardinal Band will join the Wind Ensemble in the second Spring Concert. Works by Ticheli, Holst, and Lloyd Weber will be on the program.

Both concerts will be followed by a reception in the PAC lobby.

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wellness and wonderment,
developing citizens who make a living, a life,
and a difference.*