



RAIDER TIMES

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

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| 9-11:00a | FLBA PANCAKE BREAKFAST |
| 12:30p | HOMECOMING PARADE |
| 2:00p | FOOTBALL GAME
Raiders vs. Trinity
Homecoming Court at halftime |
| 6:30p | HOMECOMING DANCE |

GO HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



2023 HOMECOMING COURT

Pictured Left to Right:

Front Row: Addisyn Yospa, Natalie Carey, Jordan Hartwick, Melanie Langford, Riley Buffington
 Back Row: Adam Moore, Mason Gratkowski, Chance Sweeney, Luke LeKites, Micah Krajsa

IN THE
NEWS

Watch the news
coverage about
"Party in the Park"
then bring the whole
family to the event
on September 30th!

FOX43

HUNTERS KIDS HELPING KIDS
PRESENTS

2nd Annual Party in the Park



Food, Raffles, DJ, Dancing, Face Painting, Games, Water-balloon
dodgeball with 105.7 The-X, CMN Miracle Families



Requested donation of \$5.00 for anyone over 12. Attendees
will receive a meal voucher and 2 raffle tickets

Donors include but are not limited to: Crayola Factory, Longwood
Gardens, Jersey Mikes, Hetrick Center, Cherry Crest Farms, Spring
Creek Golf Course, Manada Golf Course, Pittsburgh Steelers,
Adventure Aquarium

Cibort Park
601 Penn St
Bressler, PA 17113

Saturday, September 30
1:00 - 5:00PM

Find all of our event details on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/27195798888344482>

**All funds will be donated through 105.7 The-X Peoples Pay4Play
November 16th.**



PennState Health
Children's Hospital



Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals





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ELA



MATT BARTH
LEARNING SUPPORT



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SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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LIFE SKILLS



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HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



ERIN WASHINGTON
BIOLOGY

CAREER PATHWAYS DAY

NOVEMBER 16 - A DAY-LONG CAREER READINESS EXPERIENCE

FRESHMEN

Freshmen will participate in the STEM Summit which is hosted by Junior Achievement of South Central PA. Students rotate between hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
If you would like to lend a hand at The STEM Summit, go [HERE](#) for more information.

SOPHOMORES

Sophomores will be participating in a Post-Secondary Summit. Students will visit either a post-secondary school or a business, or a half day at each. The Guidance Department will assist students in selecting their visit options for the day.

JUNIORS

Juniors will participate in Junior Shadow Day. Students will be assigned to a local business partner in their area of interest or Pathway choice. They will spend the day "shadowing" a professional so they can learn more about their field of interest.

SENIORS

Seniors will begin their day working on their Career Action Plan with the assistance of English teachers. In the afternoon, seniors will participate in multiple activities at the High School which will provide them with training in job interviewing.

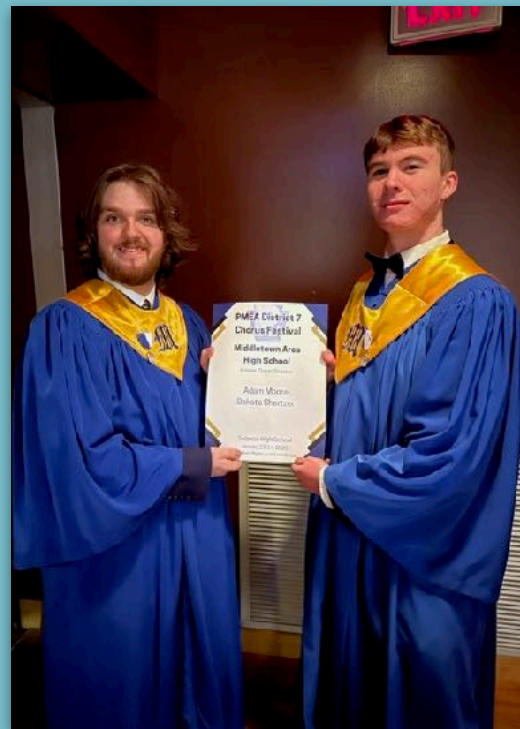
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

DAKOTA SHERTZER, CLASS OF '24

When it comes to music, you could honestly say that Dakota Shertzer does it all. The MAHS senior's instrumental career began in fourth grade when he picked up his first clarinet under the direction of Mrs. Kaslusk. He has since moved on to bass clarinet, alto sax, piano, guitar, euphonium, and his current favorite, baritone saxophone which he plans to play in college. By the end of this year, he hopes to have had experience with every instrument available to him. Not only is he an instrumentalist, but he is a vocalist and a leader. He has served as officer for both band and choir.

Last year, as a junior, every Monday Dakota had a 14-hour day at school due to after-school rehearsals for Select Choir, Jazz Band, and Percussion Ensemble. *"It might seem like I'm crazy for doing a lot of stuff,"* says Dakota, *"but honestly staying at school for 14 hours wasn't a stress at all for me. I just love music."* As a result of his dedication, he was selected for the PMEA District 7 Chorus along with two of his peers in his junior class. The chorus was directed by Dr. Robert Bigley, choral director at Lancaster Bible College, which Dakota describes as an overwhelming experience. *"He rewired our brains to sing in a completely different way than we had before. He taught us to sing thematically which was like singing with a little bit of acting."* The choir sang a spiritual called "Hold On" and Dr. Bigley instructed them to sing like James Earl Jones as a southern preacher. *"He taught us how to sing each word with a deeper meaning and the end result was like a story being told. This style of singing literally took my breath away. I couldn't finish one of the songs."*

Dakota has found a love for performing and says, *"Some of my favorite moments have been on stage."* Dakota played the role of Belle's father in the MAHS performance of Beauty and the Beast in the spring of 2023. He was easily identifiable as the actor on the giant tricycle. He has also played roles in productions at local theaters such as the Little Theater of Mechanicsburg and the Popovosky Performing Arts Center.



Dakota with Adam Moore at District Chorus. Ella Brandt qualified but was unable to attend.



"STAYING AT SCHOOL FOR 14-HOURS WASN'T A STRESS AT ALL FOR ME. I JUST LOVE MUSIC."

Continued...



DAKOTA IS THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL TO
EVER QUALIFY FOR ALL FOUR ENSEMBLES
ON THE SILVER TOUR.



Student musicians can go to
americanmusicabroad.com
to learn about next summer's tours.



Dakota had the incredible opportunity to take his talents overseas. In the summer of 2023, he was one of 126 musicians who were selected to participate in the "Silver Tour" with the organization American Music Abroad, which was a 3-week performing tour of Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France. Dakota is the first individual to ever qualify for all four ensembles on the Silver Tour: band ensemble, choir ensemble, vocal jazz ensemble, and jazz band. He had to master a total of 29 songs as a Tenor I and a baritone saxophone player.

With all those incredible experiences in his back pocket, Dakota has entered his senior year with great aspirations. He is an intern in Miss Kyzer's Music classes at MAMS and is having a blast. He has taught students guitar chords and even got to play the piano for the choir which was a highlight for him. He plans to pursue his dream to teach music and become a marching band director and direct productions. His music teachers at MASD have truly inspired him to pursue a future in music. *"Mr. Fisher taught me to stick with band and I'm very thankful for that. Mr. Hartman showed me how to have fun with band. Ms. Zlogar has given me so many opportunities and helps me get through anything and pushes me forward. This list wouldn't be complete without Mr. Landrum. He will not stop at adequacy. He wants you to get better and keep pushing. He is responsible for my dedication to band. He's helped me mature in other ways, too, not just band. He and Ms. Zlogar are like my secondary parents. They are amazing."*

Dakota aspires to reach state chorus this year. He hopes to be in both the fall play and the spring musical alongside of his talented group of peers who take their roles seriously and are dedicated to their craft. We can't wait to see them all shine along with Dakota on the MAHS stage this year!

NEW ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

ADVISORY PROGRAM

- This program is based on the idea that every student deserves an adult champion during their school day.
- This program happens two days a month during our Flex Period.
- Advisors (Homeroom Teachers) talk to their student about academic and personal goals.
- Advisors review student grades with them in a coaching meeting and make suggestions on how to improve their academic standing.
- We loop our homerooms so a student will have their Advisor for all four years of their high school experience.

CLUBS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- We are working to add a club program during the school day. We hope to start clubs around 11/1/23.
- Clubs will run once a month.
- The club program is designed to provide high interest, pro-social activities to students to help them feel more connected to their school.
- Teachers and students are planning the clubs. We have everything from kickball, to guitar, to coloring, to calm, to walking, to adventure board gaming. We are even hoping to offer an Esports club.

PBIS ACTIVITIES

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health.
- Our PBIS Committee here at MAHS is working to educate our students on building wide expectations and provide guidance on positive character-based education action items.
- We support and teach PERSEVERANCE, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE AND EXCELLENCE.

ACADEMIC AND CREDIT RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

- We will be offering Intensive Flex.
 - This support will be offered to students who need support in recovering credits toward graduation.
 - This runs every Wednesday and Thursday.
- We will be offering “9th Period” supports.
 - This support will be offered to students who need support in recovering credits toward graduation and keeping up with their present academic load.
 - This program runs each Tuesday and Thursday after school.
 - This program provides transportation home via school bus.

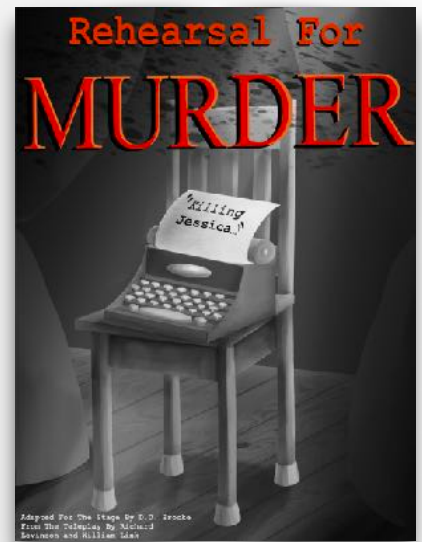
LIMITED OPEN CAMPUS FOR 11TH & 12TH GRADERS

- Students who are in good academic, behavioral and attendance standing can apply.
- Students who have a 1st period, or a 1st and 2nd period Study Hall can come to school at the beginning of their first academic period.
- Students who have a 8th period or a 7th and 8th period Study Hall can leave school at the end of their last academic period.
- Students must maintain good standing to continue to be eligible for this privilege.
- It is our hope that this program will also motivate 9th and 10th graders to build an academic foundation in success so that when they are in 11th grade they may apply for the program.



MAHS FALL PLAY

NOVEMBER 17 & 18 @ 7PM
NOVEMBER 19 @ 3PM



Design by Tyson Bomberger

Students Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Two MAHS seniors, Aaliyah Allensworth and Layla Wall, earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. Allensworth and Wall were awarded the National African American Recognition Award. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.



Aaliyah Allensworth and Layla Wall

The criteria for eligible students include:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade.
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native.

Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the start of the next school year in time to share their achievements in high school as they plan for the future. We're thrilled to celebrate these two students and recognize them for the great work they have accomplished. Congratulations to Aaliyah and Layla for representing MASD with Raider Pride!

INTERNS IN THE DISTRICT

Seniors who have met all their course requirements have the option of participating in the internship program. The students are assigned to positions within their Pathway during their afternoon class schedule. This fall, MAHS has 14 interns and 13 of them are volunteering at MASD schools. Pictured here are the interns serving at Reid and MAMS.



@ MAMS

Top Row, Left to Right:
Dakota Shertzer in Music;
Aaron Nordai in Social Studies;
Front Row, Left to Right:
Ella Brandt in Music;
Riley Buffington in Art and ELA



@ REID

Left to Right:
Taylor Witmyer with Reading Specialists; Julia Templeton in 4th grade;
Chance Sweeney in Physical Education; Charles Lawrence in Learning Support



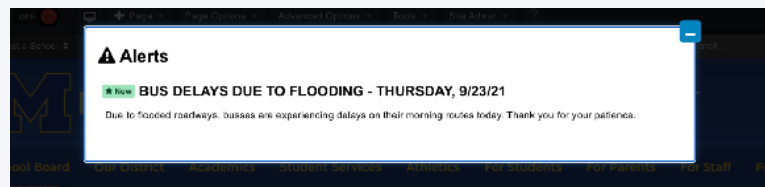
HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Communications regarding District news and announcements, emergency alerts, school closings, delayed starts, and early dismissals are distributed in each of the following ways:



RAIDERWEB.ORG

For emergencies and closings, a pop-up alert will be posted on our website preventing users from accessing the website until the alert is viewed. Here is an example:



FACEBOOK

Middletown Area School District



X (TWITTER)

Middletown Area SD



RECEIVE A CALL, TEXT AND EMAIL BY SETTING UP SCHOOLMESSENGER IN YOUR PARENT PORTAL

 Account Preferences

 SchoolMessenger

While you're there,
be sure you have
completed your
FORMS section.

 Teacher Comments

 Forms

 Balance

Be sure to complete both of those steps FOR EACH STUDENT.

WHY AM I NOT RECEIVING SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS?

There are several possible reasons why you aren't receiving our communications:

1. Your SchoolMessenger section in your PowerSchool Parent Portal has not been completed (see red arrows above).
2. There is an error in the information you entered in SchoolMessenger such as a mistyped email or phone number.
3. You did not select all three types of notifications: call, text, and email.
4. Your contact information changed and you updated it in PowerSchool, but you did NOT update it in SchoolMessenger.
5. Our emails are going to your junk folder. You will need to mark our emails "not junk."
6. Someone at your account clicked "unsubscribe" at the bottom of one of our emails so your email address is now on our "Blocked List."

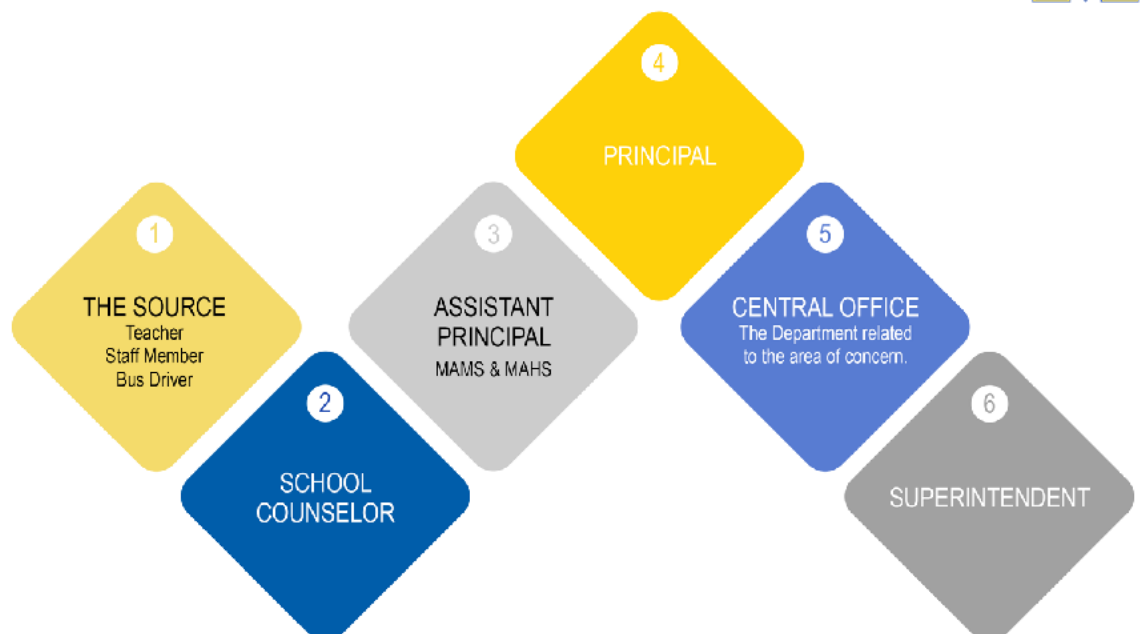
If you have addressed all of the above issues and still aren't receiving our messages, please contact communications@raiderweb.org for assistance.

WHAT IF I HAVE A CHANGE IN MY PHONE/EMAIL/ADDRESS/CUSTODY INFORMATION?

- All contact and demographic information such as phone numbers, email addresses and mailing address, can be updated directly in your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Remember to also update the SchoolMessenger section so our notifications reach you. You no longer need to contact your school office to provide this information.
- If you move to a new address in the District, enter it in the Portal and you will be instructed to upload a primary proof of residency.
- If you have a new custody order, please submit a copy to your school office.

Chain of Communication

Middletown Area School District



You're invited!



To FBLA's 2023
Pancake Breakfast



Two ways to purchase tickets:

- From FBLA members
- Using the QR code

~*~ Pre-paid Tickets: \$10

\$6 for students, alumni, and 12 and under

~*~ Tickets at the Door: \$12

\$8 for students, alumni, and 12 and under

~*~ Club and team discounts available

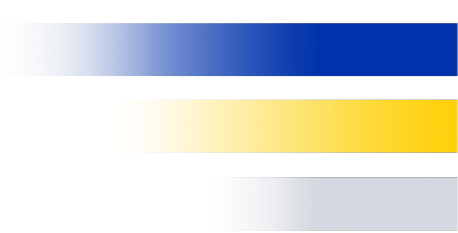


Who: You, your family, and friends,
as well as the community of Middletown.

When: Homecoming Day!
Saturday, October 7th, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm

Where: MAHS Café

Why: Money earned from this fundraiser will assist us
in paying for our members to compete at their regional
and state competitions for the school year.



NURSE NOTES

- Physical exams will be held December 5 and December 12, 2023 for:
 - Any 11th grader who did not turn in a private form or have a sport's exam
 - Any new students
 - Any students who did not receive an exam in 11th grade.
- Please remember to update your contact information in Power School.
- Any student needing medication throughout the day must have a doctor's order on file. Parents must bring the medication into school.
- Please contact your school nurses with any questions at 717-948-3333.



MASD Hires Additional Safety & Security Personnel

Middletown Area School District is continually working on providing safe and productive educational environments for students and staff. In addition to several recent building security enhancements, the MASD Board of School Directors has approved the hiring of three armed personnel to monitor our schools. In the coming days, three School Safety & Security Specialists will join Mr. Randy Fox, the District's Safety, Security & Student Support Administrator, to provide an additional layer of protection for our students, staff, and visitors. The School Safety & Security Specialists will assist in providing, maintaining, and enforcing a safe and secure environment by building relationships with students, staff, and the community.

The District will be introducing Justin Edwards, Greg Stone, and Donna O'Connell to Raider Nation on raiderweb.org in the coming weeks. Please welcome them to our community as they work together with our staff to provide safe and positive learning environments.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This would be a great page to print and post!

OCT 3 HOMECOMING BONFIRE
5:30 p.m.

OCT 7 HOMECOMING DAY
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Parade - 12:30 p.m.
Football Game - 2:00 p.m.
Dance - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

OCT 9 MASD CLOSED, Columbus Day

OCT 12 PSAT

OCT 20 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Staff Development Day

NOV 2 End of 1st Marking Period

NOV 7 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Election Day, Staff Development Day

NOV 16 Freshmen - STEM SUMMIT
Sophomores - POST-SECONDARY VISITS
Juniors - JUNIOR SHADOW DAY
Seniors - CAREER ACTION PLAN PREP

NOV 17-19 MAHS FALL PLAY
17 & 18 @ 7:00 p.m. | 19 @ 3:00 p.m.

NOV 22-27 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess

DEC 7 ASVAB

DEC 21 MAHS BAND & CHORUS WINTER CONCERT
7:00 p.m.

DEC 25 - JAN 1 NO SCHOOL
Winter Recess

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Committee meets regularly to provide an open forum for parents to provide input and feedback to school Administrators for the purpose of improving the success of the school.

All meetings are held in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

10/18 | 12/20 | 2/14 | 4/17

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS

Middle and High School will begin virtual learning at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

Elementary Schools will begin virtual learning at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

When the District communicates a **DELAY** and then needs to pivot to a **VIRTUAL DAY**, students will need to be ready to start their Virtual Day at the scheduled time listed above, regardless of the length of the Delay.

Breakfast is **FREE**
for all students
in grades K-12.